



# Boort District P - 12 School

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## VISION STATEMENT

**Our vision is to empower our students and staff to work together to become active and valued community members. We provide a safe and supportive learning environment, which fosters independent, resilient lifelong learners.**

**BDS Motto: 'Achieving Excellence Together'**

**BDS Beliefs and Values: Displaying a sense of Fairness**



### DIARY DATES

#### **September**

7<sup>th</sup> Parent Teacher Interviews.

11<sup>th</sup> Primary LMR Athletics

13<sup>th</sup> Birchip Cropping Group Field Day

13<sup>th</sup> Finance & School Council Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> Gateways Dairy visit

15<sup>th</sup> Whole School Assembly

15<sup>th</sup> Last Day Term 3, 2.30pm finish

16<sup>th</sup> NCFL Grand Final in Boort

#### **October**

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Term 4 Begins**

3<sup>rd</sup> Business Management Bendigo Exc

5<sup>th</sup> Senior LMR Athletics

14<sup>th</sup> Boort Show

17<sup>th</sup> Dental Health Service Visit.

23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Halls Gap Exc.

### Principal's Report

#### Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher interviews are on tomorrow. If you haven't yet booked time slots to see teachers, get on to Xuno and book a place. If you are having trouble with bookings, please call the school and we will see if we can sort something out.

Bookings close online before midday tomorrow.

Please come and see me if you need some help setting up XUNO. I will be in the library and happy to sort out phone app or online issues.

#### Parent concerns and complaints

This policy has been uploaded to the website and it details what to do and who to call if you have an issue. Included in this newsletter is the flow chart at the end of the policy which summarises this information. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact us.

#### Subject Selection

Don't forget all forms are due back this Friday to Home Group Teachers. Thanks to everyone who came along to the subject selection/counselling evening last week. Please contact Tom Bleicher if you have any queries.

#### Year 6 to Year 7 2024

An evening/late afternoon information session will be held mid to late Term 4 for Year 6 students moving into Year 7 next year. Keep your eye out for information.

#### Moulin Rouge

Our Secondary students are having their theatre experience today as they see Moulin Rouge. Thanks to Merryn Rees for organising this and to Parents' Club for their support of this activity. Parents' Club paid for the cost of the bus to and from Melbourne.

We look forward to hearing about the trip and seeing a few photos.

Principal

Lee-Anne Sherwell

## Principal's Availability over the Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School	At School	At School	At School	At School

## Congratulations Vikki



We want to congratulate Vikki Couper on achieving 20 years with the Ambulance Community Response Team in Boort. Thanks for your efforts in supporting our community and giving up your time to help others.

We also acknowledge Dee Smith and Tamara Boyd for their similar contribution. Volunteering is a gratifying and productive contribution to any community and we all appreciate what you do.

## Australian Defence Force visit

On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> August members of the Australian Defence Force visited the school and spoke to interested Year 9-12 students for 45 minutes about possible career pathways within the ADF. Students found the talk interesting and informative, and had the opportunity to collect resources and ask any questions they had.

Drew Crilly  
Careers Coordinator



**AUSTRALIAN  
DEFENCE FORCE**



## **Sutton's Bus Handover**

For over 40 years Kevin and Sheryl Sutton have owned and operated Sutton's Bus Company providing a reliable, caring and safe service in transporting generations of students to Boort Primary School, Boort High School and now Boort District School.

Recently the business has been handed over to the next generation. Jamie and Jacinta Sutton have taken over the operation with Kevin and Murray Chalmers still serving as the main bus drivers.

The students, staff and current families of Boort District School, and the wider Boort and district community would like to take this chance to say thank you for their years of service to our students and families. They have been excellent operators and have been very accommodating to the needs of the school.

Pictured below are Kevin and Sheryl Sutton, and Kevin handing over to his son Jamie.



## Smile Squad is coming to our school

Dear Boort District P-12 families,

The Smile Squad team from Dental Health Services Victoria are coming to our school. We have tentatively booked for a visit the week starting **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October** and will add days according to the number of appointments needed.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

### How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form. A small number of paper copies of the consent form are available to those unable to go online. Please contact the school office if you would like to request one.

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages, and the paper form is available in 13 languages.

### Smile Squad dental packs

All children deserve a healthy smile, and the Smile Squad free school dental program is working hard to help make sure this happens. Your child(ren) will soon have received a free dental pack to bring home. The dental pack contains a toothbrush, full sized toothpaste, and an oral health brochure in a orange water bottle. Please take the time to read the brochure. It's full of helpful hints and tips to help your whole family eat well, drink well and clean well – for life. Our f-6 students have already received their water bottle package as part of Healthy bones week and prior to year 5/6 camp.

### Standard strength toothpaste

Smile Squad provides standard strength fluoride toothpaste that is generally used by ages six and over, unless recommended by a dental or trained health professional.

If your child is under six, please talk to a dental or trained health professional to find out if your child might benefit from using this toothpaste. You can also choose to put the toothpaste away until they turn six or give it to someone else in your family to use.

### **Do I need to attend my child's appointment?**

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to, and you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The team at Dental Health Services Victoria Smile Squad look forward to seeing you soon.

Kind regards, Jemma

## **2023 END OF YEAR DATES**

### **VCE Unit 4 (Year 12 and some Year 11 students)**

Last day Year 12	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October
Year 12 Study days	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October – Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
Unit 3/4 and VET exams start	Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November
Last Unit 3/4 or VET exam	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November
Year 12 dinner	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November

### **VCE Unit 2 (Year 11 and some Year 10)**

Last day of Year 11 classes	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November
Study day	Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November
Unit 2 exams start	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November
Unit 2 exams finish	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November
Kickstart program begins	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November
Kickstart program ends	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November
Last day for Year 11 students	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November

### **VET**

Last VET day for 2<sup>nd</sup> Year students who have completed certificates – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

Last VET day for 1<sup>st</sup> Year students – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November

### **Year 6 to 7 step up**

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

### **Year 9 and 10**

Last day for Year 10 students with employment is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December would be the last day at NCTTC for Year 9/10 students.

### **Correction / Report Writing Day**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December (Student free day)

Reports with Victorian Curriculum levels to go out Presentation Night and Celebration Day.

### **Activities Program**

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

### **Year 6 Melbourne Camp**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December

### **Presentation Night 7-12**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 7.00pm

### **Celebration afternoon F-6**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Year F-5 step up

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Celebration Afternoon – 2.00pm

### **Finish**

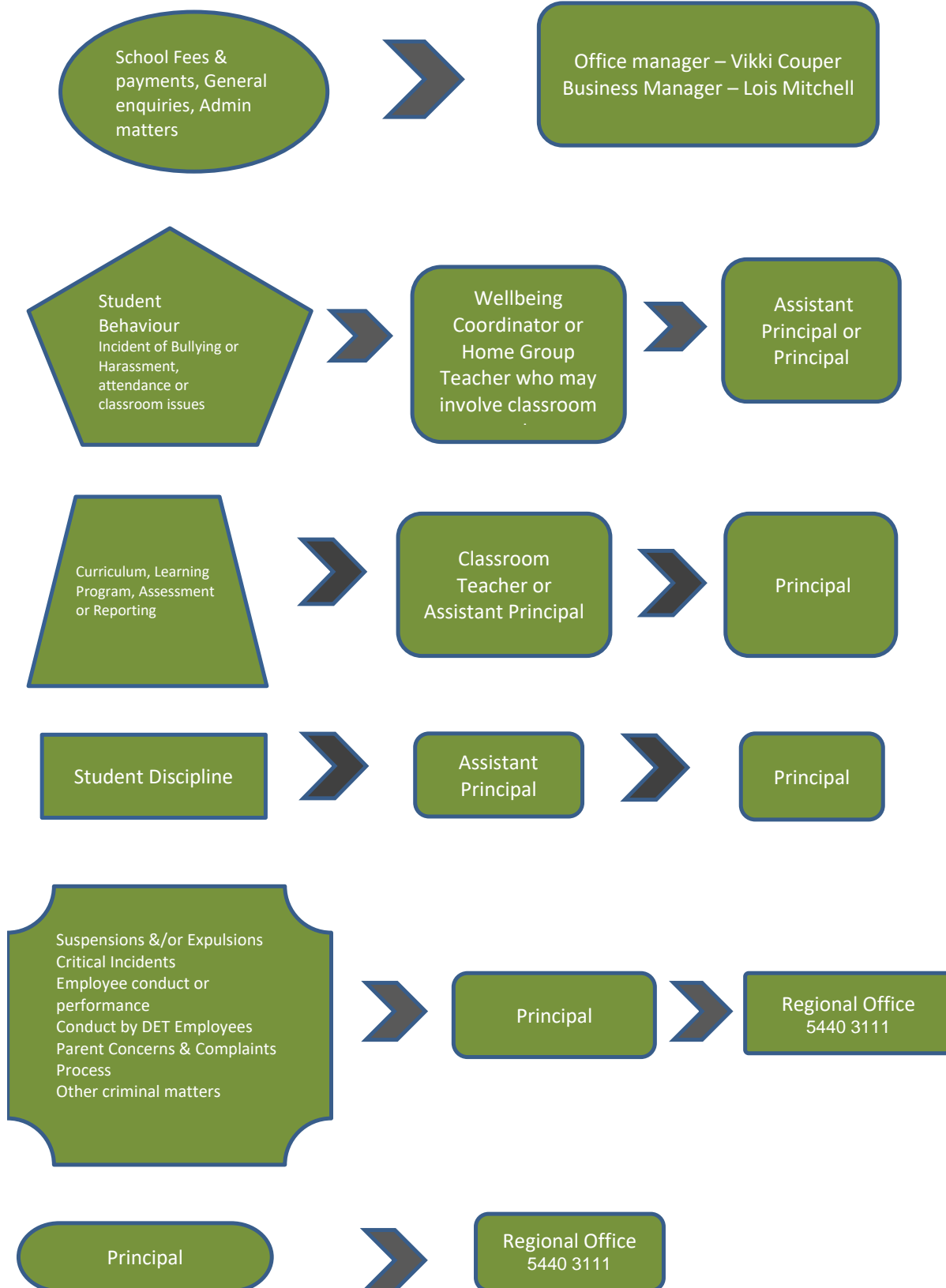
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December (Student free day)



# Parent Concerns and Complaints Flow Chart

## Issue

## Who can help?





## Father's Day Breakfast!



# Father's Day Breakfast 2023

What a wonderful morning, seeing all the Dad's & Special Friends turn up early this morning to enjoy breakfast by Parent's Club with your children!!!

**A HUGE THANK YOU to Tom Bleicher, John Buchanan and Sherryn O'Flaherty for cooking the eggs & bacon!**  
**Thank you to Kath Lanyon, Nikki Lanyon, Jacinta Sutton, Dawn Anderson & Lee-Anne Sherwell for all your help serving, setting up and cleaning up!**

**To the parent's and Jye & Kristy Arnold for donating eggs - THANK YOU; an egg and bacon roll wouldn't happen without eggs!**

Regards Kelly Henderson (President of Parent's Club)





# Egg & Bacon Rolls



**Thank you  
Parent's Club!**



# COMMUNITY NEWS

# 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

**CELEBRATING 150 YEARS OF  
BRIDGEWATER ON LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL  
~ EST. 1870 ~**

**IT'S OUR BELATED 150TH BIRTHDAY**

**WE'RE INVITING ALL PAST AND PRESENT STUDENTS, FAMILIES,  
TEACHERS AND THE COMMUNITY TO HELP US CELEBRATE  
AND TAKE A TRIP DOWN MEMORY LANE!**

**SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER 2023  
BRIDGEWATER ON LODDON PRIMARY SCHOOL  
10:00 AM - 2:00PM**

**CLASS PHOTO - MEMORABILIA - LUNCH - KEEPSAKES - BIRTHDAY CAKE**



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## Crow Kid

by Lemony S Puppet Theatre



**COMING Live**  
**Tuesday**  
**19 September**

**Workshop | 10am**  
**Show | 2pm**

**Tickets:**

**Workshop: \$10**  
**Show: \$15**  
**Family (show): \$40**  
**(2 children + 1 adult) save \$5**  
(Workshop: 90 mins | Show: 45 mins)

**Bookings: <https://events.humanitix.com/crow-kid>**

This project is supported by Regional Arts Victoria and Creative Victoria and was commissioned by Maroondah City Council and premiered in ArtSpace of Realm, Ringwood, Victoria



**Winner of ABC Trailblazers**

**WINGS  
WITHOUT BARRIERS**

**COMMUNITY EVENT WITH HAYDEN MCDONALD**

**MONDAY  
25TH  
SEPTEMBER**  
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

COME AND JOIN US AT THE REX THEATRE FOR AN INSPIRATIONAL COMMUNITY EVENT FOR ALL AGES. HEAR HAYDEN'S STORY AND ENJOY A FREE SCREENING OF TEMPLE GRANDIN WHO IS ALSO AUTISTIC WITH A POWERFUL STORY

Doors open at 1pm  
Starting at  
**1.30 pm**

AT THE  
**REX  
THEATRE**

Hayden McDonald is autistic and a pilot. Wings Without Barriers combines his passions for aviation and promoting real inclusion for people on the spectrum. Hayden wants to inspire young people, and show them that no matter what challenges you face in life, you can break down those barriers. Hayden's mission is to fly solo around regional Australia to speak about his inspirational life "Wings Without Barriers".



CREATIVE VICTORIA MUSIC VICTORIA LODDON SHIRE Mount Alexander Shire Council Lady Adventurers

**TICKETS FREE FOR LOCALS!**

**LIVE MUSIC FOR**

# WHOLE LODDON LOVE

**FLOOD RECOVERY**

**SAT 7 OCT RAILWAY HOTEL BOORT**

**QUEENIE DAN KELLY JESS PARKER BAND**