



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: Pursuing Excellence in all Areas



DIARY DATES

September

- 13th Finance & School Council Meeting
- 14th Gateways Dairy visit
- 15th Footy Colours Day.
- 15th Whole School Assembly
- 15th Last Day Term 3, 2.30pm finish
- 16th NCFL Grand Final in Boort

October

2nd Term 4 Begins

- 3rd Business Management Bendigo Exc
- 5th Senior LMR Athletics
- 14th Boort Show
- 17th Dental Health Service Visit.
- 18th Professional Practice Day Pupil Free
- 23rd-24th Halls Gap Exc.

Principal's Report

Subject Selection

Thank you to Tom Bleicher for organising the subject selection sessions and getting forms back in. We can now get down to the business of organising classes for 2024. Thank you to the staff who have offered advice and thank you to all the parents, carers and students who attended sessions and asked questions to get everything sorted out.

Xuno

Don't forget to check Xuno for all Term 3 tasks and comments, F-12. If you are having trouble finding your way around the system, please let me know and we can have a session finding information.

Staffing

I will be on Long Service Leave for the first three weeks of Term 4. Tom Bleicher will be in the Principal position while I am away. Sarah Featherby and Chris Hatcher will be absent on the first day of Term 4. During Term 4 we will be advertising any staffing positions we may

need for 2024 including the position of Principal as I will retire early next year. More about this during next term.

Whole School Assembly, Last Day Term 3

This Friday is the last day of school for Term 3. We will run our whole school assembly at 2.05pm and celebrate the achievements of our students. You are invited to attend our assembly in the Stadium.

Term 4

School will recommence on Monday 2nd October. Have a happy and safe holiday.

Lee-Anne Sherwell
Principal

Assistant Principal's Availability over the Next Week

Thursday	Friday	
At School	At School – Finish at conclusion of assembly.	Holidays

Professional Practice Day

The final professional practice day for staff for 2023 is to be held on

Wednesday 18th October

All staff will be at school, working on planning and curriculum documents.

There will be no classes on this day. Students will not be required at school.

BOORT SHOW

With the Boort Show fast approaching, on Saturday 14th October, Parents' Club will once again be running the show bag stand. We understand there are many jobs involved on this day, but if you could possibly spare a 1 hour shift during the day we would be greatly appreciative. Please contact Sherryn on 0427 506 538 if you are able to help us out. Students are also very welcome to do a shift.

12-1pm
1-2pm
2-3pm
3-4pm
4-5pm
5-6pm

Parents' Club



Footy Colours Day on Friday

We have decided to end Term 3 with Footy Colours day on Friday 15th September to support the Fight Cancer Foundation. Students are asked to dress in their team's colours (any footy code!) and bring a gold coin donation. SRC reps will collect the donations. There is also a fundraising page at <https://www.footycoloursday.com.au/fundraisers/Boortds/footy-colours-day-2023-school>

Thanks for your support!

Sharon Pickering and Grace Gilbert
SRC Coordinators



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

VCE Unit 2 (Year 11 and some Year 10)

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

VET

Last VET day for 2nd Year students who have completed certificates – Thursday 2nd November

Last VET day for 1st Year students – Thursday 23rd November

Year 6 to 7 step up

Thursday 7th December

Year 9 and 10

Last day for Year 10 students with employment is Friday 8th December.

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

Correction / Report Writing Day

Monday 11th December (Student free day)

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

Activities Program

Thursday 14th December – Friday 15th December

Year 6 Melbourne Camp

Monday 11th December – Thursday 14th December

Presentation Night 7-12

Monday 18th December – 7.00pm

Celebration afternoon F-6

Monday 18th December - Year F-5 step up

Monday 18th December – Celebration Afternoon – 2.00pm

Finish

Wednesday 20th December (Student free day)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Boort Basketball Club

Expressions of interest are being taken for the upcoming basketball season in Term 4. Dates to be confirmed.

Junior Basketball - students in Year 4 – 6

Senior Basketball students in Year 7 - 11

Students are asked to please complete the expression of interest form and return it to

boortbasketball@gmail.com It must be signed by a parent.

Depending on the amount of EOI's received the age groups may change to suit like they did last year.

Basketball Umpires –to ensure a successful season the Basketball Club is looking for people who are willing to umpire. Please contact Chris O’Flaherty or Jaime Henderson if you are able to help in any way.

Hoops Program – It is hoped that the HOOPS basketball program will run in Term 4. The Basketball Executive are seeking an expression of interest for someone to coordinate this program for students in Year 1 – 4.

Do you have time after school to run 45min-1hr skills and fun game sessions? **We need you!** Support and guidance will be offered.

Please contact Chris O’Flaherty or Jaime Henderson if you are interested.

Year 1 – Year 4 students stay tuned for more details.

Stay tuned for more information via Boort Basketball Face Book page, emails or school newsletter.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2023 season

Player Name: _____

School Year Level in 2023: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return by your expression of interest form by Friday 22nd September via email to boortbasketball@gmail.com

Kind regards,
Chris O'Flaherty
Boort Basketball Association
President

ADMINISTRATION TRAINEESHIP (CORPORATE SERVICES)

Loddon Shire Council & CVGT are currently seeking to recruit an Administration Trainee in the Corporate Services Department. This Business Traineeship will combine on the job training with a skilled professional employer in a supportive environment alongside structured learning with a registered provider to complete a Certificate III in Business.

- Full-time opportunity
- Immediate start
- Located in Wedderburn
- Gain a Certificate III qualification
- Earn while you learn on the job

<https://cvgt.workforceone.com.au/job-board/#/jobs/124>

ADMINISTRATION TRAINEESHIP (WORKS DEPARTMENT)

Loddon Shire Council & CVGT are currently seeking to recruit an Administration Trainee in the Works Department. This Business Traineeship will combine on the job training with a skilled professional employer in a supportive environment alongside structured learning with a registered provider to complete a Certificate III in Business.

- Full-time opportunity
- Immediate start
- Located in Wedderburn
- Gain a Certificate III qualification
- Earn while you learn on the job

<https://cvgt.workforceone.com.au/job-board/#/jobs/12>

Any questions please let me know.

Kind Regards,

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SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS



UTILITY BOXES 6+

Kerang - (x2)
10.30am, Tuesday 19 September
10.30am, Tuesday 26 September

FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS 6+

Leitchville -

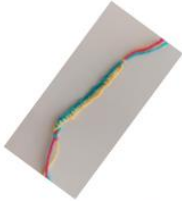
2.30pm, Tuesday 19 September

Kerang -

10.30am, Wednesday 27 September

Cohuna -

2.00pm, Thursday 28 September



POPCORN BLOSSOM TREES

Cohuna -

2.00pm, Wednesday 20 September

Kerang -

10.30am, Thursday 21 September



PHONE 5452 1546 TO BOOK

ARE YOU

AGED 16-25?

DO YOU LIVE IN:

- ST ARNAUD
- BULOKE SHIRE
- LODDON SHIRE
- GANNAWARRA SHIRE

APPLY NOW!

We need a group of young people to help us bring a local chapter of YouThrive's Rural Youth Network to our area.

You will have the opportunity to:

- develop your leadership skills,
- be a representative voice & advocate for change in your region
- develop shared interest groups to provide opportunities for connection

Contact our Project Officer for more information:
Tori Gentle | t.gentle@ncllen.org.au | 0490 840 182

THE RURAL NETWORK North Central LLEN **RURAL**



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".



For details please contact:
NCLLEN: 0354911144



KERANG LITTLE ATHLETICS 23/24 SEASON

Ages 5 -16 year olds

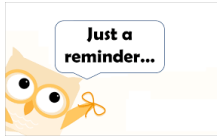
SATURDAY MORNINGS
OCT 7TH, 2023 - MAR 2ND, 2024
9 AM - 11 AM
KTHS MCLEOD OVAL, KERANG



We are looking forward to an exciting new Little Athletics season!
New and returning members all welcome! Come along and have a try the first week if you haven't been before and would like to have a go.
Registration info available on the day, registrations online.
Any enquires please contact kerang@lavic.com.au
Keep up to date on our Facebook page!

Careers and Pathways

Year 12 Students



EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

ACU Guarantee – Open Now, Close 18th September

Deakin Regional Access Scheme – **OPEN NOW**

RMIT Early Entry – Open Now, Close 17th September

Swinburne Early Entry – Open Now, Close 9th October

VU Guaranteed – Open Now, Close 8th October

Federation Uni Early Offer – Open Now, Close 1st December

VTAC COURSE, SEAS, & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Open Now, Close October 6th @ 5:00pm

ACU SEAS SCHOLARSHIPS

www26.uac.edu.au/esapply/

(Click on Start your application).

CASPer TEST (On-line) – Education Courses

Register for one of the following days to sit the test:

Sep 15, 2023 - 10:00 AM

Oct 15, 2023 - 10:00 AM

Nov 12, 2023 - 10:00 AM

<https://takealtus.com/casper/>

YOUTHRIVE RURAL CHANCES (TAFE) SCHOLARSHIPS



There are at least 10 Rural Chances scholarships valued at \$5000 on offer to assist young people to move away from their hometown or to assist with extensive travel required to complete **TAFE (Certificate III or above, including Apprenticeships) training qualifications**.

Applications for Rural Chances Scholarships are now open, and close on November 3rd, 2023.

For Further information or to apply Visit: www.youthrivevictoria.org.au/scholarships/rural-chances/

YEAR 12 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Scholarships ranging in value from \$600 to \$30,000 are available to support current Year 12 students intending to continue their studies next year. Applicants are encouraged to apply for as many scholarships that they may be eligible for. Scholarship applications for 2024 study are **OPEN 1st October**.

For Further Information Visit:

www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/scholarships/list.aspx?YearID=13

Latrobe University Melbourne School Holidays Campus Tours



Tuesday 19th - Thursday 21st September

We invite you to visit our Melbourne campus and take a guided tour with a La Trobe student. You can get a feel for the campus vibes, check out the facilities you'll be using and learn more about what it's like.

For Further Information Visit:

www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/melbourne-campus-tours

Deakin | Campus Tours



September 20th to September 27th, 2023

There's only one way to choose a uni – you've got to experience it for yourself. Join a 1-hour campus tour of your choice, guided by a current student, and have all your study questions answered. With a range of tour options available, you'll get a firsthand look into the study areas and facilities that interest you most.

For Further Information Visit:

www.deakin.edu.au/student-life-and-services/events/campus-tours

RMIT CAMPUS TOURS



Are you a high school student that wants to find out more about studying at RMIT? Come along to our tours during the school holidays and take a look around our City, Brunswick or Bundoora campuses.

For Further Information Visit:

www.rmit.edu.au/about/our-locations-and-facilities/campus-tours/high-school-students

MONASH CAMPUS TOURS



Led by our enthusiastic student ambassadors, come along to ask them questions and get a taste of life at Monash. With a tour duration of approximately 45 minutes, you'll tour the outside of our buildings and explore our world-class campuses.

For Further Information Visit:

www.monash.edu/discover/events

Sue Clay 
Careers and Pathways
Email: s.clay@ncllen.org.au

Buloke, Loddon, Gannawarra & St Arnaud (BLGs) Rural Youth Network(RYN)

The establishment of the BLGsRYN is a co-design project where the North Central LLEN will work with young people aged 16-25 across Buloke, Loddon and Gannawarra Shires and St Arnaud to design a local chapter of YouThrive's Rural Youth Network.

Building on the achievements of the YES Group (North Central Youth Advisory Council), a local presence of the Rural Youth Network will provide opportunities for young people who work, study, play, and stay in BLGs to thrive in education, work, and life by:

- Providing access to shared networks with opportunities and resources
- Establish shared interest groups, events and other opportunities for connection
- Provide social opportunities for young people to develop connections across BLGs and beyond
- Be a representative voice of young people across BLGs and provide opportunities for young people to respond to local/state/federal policies that impact them
- Facilitate discussions about issues impacting young people and advocate for change
- Develop and expand leadership skills

We need a Committee of Young People to help us take the first steps...

Who we want

- People aged 16-25 from a broad range of backgrounds. We are inclusive of all people and celebrate diversity!
- A committed, optimistic attitude, and willingness to "have a go"
- A readiness to share your ideas in a supportive environment
- Contribution to the conversation about how to make BLGs better for young people
- An ability to work collaboratively and effectively in a team
- Demonstration of values of the RYN and the North Central LLEN

What we need from you

- Completion of an online survey by 24 September 2023
- 1:1 meeting with the Project Coordinator (in person or online)
- Attendance at 2x online meetings with the Project team on:
Monday 16 October (6:30pm - 8:30pm) & Monday 30 October (6:30pm - 8:30pm)
- In return we will provide you with \$50 voucher and the potential for a paid ongoing role as a member of the Project Advisory Committee

To find out more, contact [Tori Gentle on 0490 840 182](tel:0490840182) or email t.gentle@ncllen.org.au