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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: Developing resilience within individuals

RESILIENCE

DIARY DATES

October

5th Senior LMR Athletics

9th Parents' Club Meeting

14th Boort Show

16th F-6 Science Circus Incursion

17th Dental Health Service Visit.

18th Finance and School Council

18th Professional Practice Day Pupil Free

19th 5/6 Cricket @ Boort Park

19th – 220th Kooyoora Excursion

23rd-24th Halls Gap Exc.

24th Year 12 exams start

25th NCD Lawn Bowls/Shooting.

Acting Principal's Report

Grounds works

Over the school holidays we had a number of maintenance and grounds tasks completed. The concreters have been in and provided a pathway from Red to Grey buildings, concreted outside the main science room and finally fixed the hole in the driveway coming out of the staff car park. Easier access for students, less snake cover and fixing an OHS issue all taken care of! Our Classroom 21 building hasn't had a paint in a while and now looks fabulous inside and out, with new carpet also going in. Next on the agenda is the flooring and line marking in the stadium. Hopefully this will be done by the start of next year, fingers crossed!

Boort and District Sporting Achievements

At the end of last term Boort hosted the NCFL Grand Finals. It was pleasing to see so many of our staff, students and parents/carers involved in putting on this show. We also had a number of teams that were involved and we congratulate them all for getting that far, win or lose! We also had other students involved in Golden Rivers, Central Murray and Loddon Valley Grand Final days and congratulate these students also.



Study Skills, Practice Exams and Exam Lectures

As we move towards VCE Exams, the school invests heavily in preparing students for their end of year exams. Elevate provide some great tools for students to use for their study across the year and for exams, Connect provide subject specific revision lectures for students and recently, during the holidays, staff have been supervising practice exams. We hope that giving our students these experiences will allow our students to approach assessment in a confident and organised manner.

Boort Show Organisation and Entries

The Boort Show takes place on Saturday 14th October. This is a very important event for our community and we hope to see you all there. Congratulations to Jess Lee, Sharon Pickering and Lois Mitchell on their roles as Pavilion Secretaries. They are taking entries at lunchtimes and we hope that all students get on board and look to enter something in the show over the next week.

Tom Bleicher
Acting Principal

Acting Principal's Availability over the Next Week

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

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.

Parents' Club Meeting

Parents' Club meeting is on Monday 9th October at 7.30pm. Any new members are welcome to attend.

WebEx details are:

Meeting Number: 26540010725

Password: PC

BOORT SHOW - SHOWBAGS

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.

Set up - Sherryn O'Flaherty & Kelly Henderson

12-1pm Nikki Lanyon and

1-2pm Ryan O'Flaherty and Eddie Moresi

2-3pm

3-4pm

4-5pm

5-6pm

Parents' Club



2023 Australian Geography Competition

In Semester 1, students in the Geography classes running at the time took part in the 2023 Australian Geography Competition. Congratulations to all those who sat the 30 minute multiple choice online test. Some excellent results were recorded (please see below).

Credit	Distinction	High Distinction
Max Beattie Jonas Haw Harry Malone Phoebe Malone	Raphael Talaid	Eddie Moresi

Drew Crilly
Humanities Coordinator

HOW TO ORGANISE YOURSELF FOR EXAMS AND ASSESSMENT

In the last week of Term 3, Miab, from Elevate, spoke to our Year 11 and 12 students in regard to study skills in preparation for exams and assessment. Miab is a Science/Psychology student at Monash University. There was discussion around finding at least two or three strategies or techniques to take aboard that will help students to perform at the best. 100% of students recommended the program to other students and 86% believed that completing this program was time well spent. Information has been emailed to both students and parents/carers. Please use this material to engage in discussion with your son or daughter.



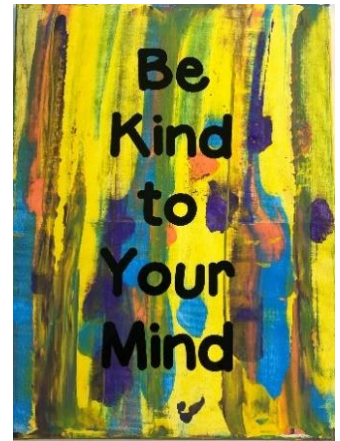
2023 Loddon Healthy Minds Network Art Competition

The network was very pleased to have Boort District School participating in this year's competition. The event would not be possible without the support of students and their teachers who have guided them through production of their artworks, and the network would like to extend its appreciation for their hard work and support of the event.

305 entries were received this year, and the quality of the work presented shows that there is exceptional talent within our Shire.

This year's judges were very impressed with the way entrants produced their artwork to the themes and the network would like to congratulate all participants in the competition, and announce the following winners from Boort District School

**Best In Schools: Bridget Perryman Year 5 – Theme Be kind to your mind –
Artwork titled No matter what, always be kind to your mind**



Years 9 – 12 Themes: Mental Health No More Stigma or Be Kind to Your Mind

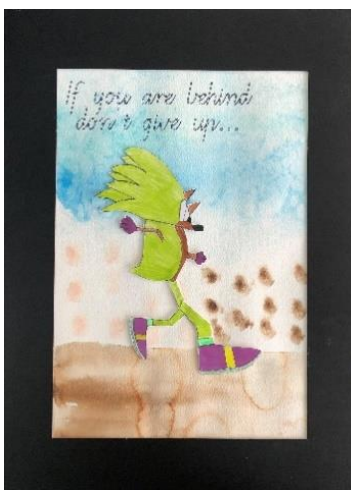


1st Prize Laci Streader – Theme and artwork title - Be kind to your mind

**2nd Prize Caitlin Zanker – Be kind to your mind – Artwork title - Smiley,
Things that make me happy**

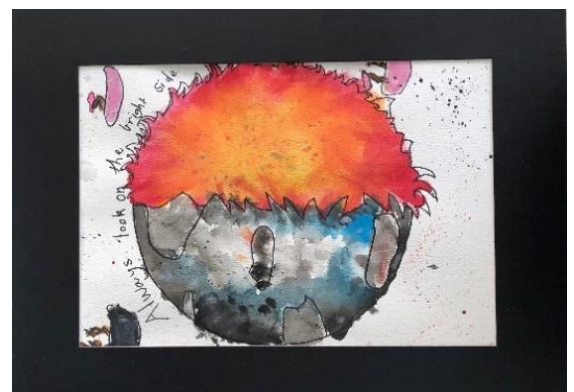


Years 5 – Yr 8 Themes: Be kind to your mind or Just don't give up



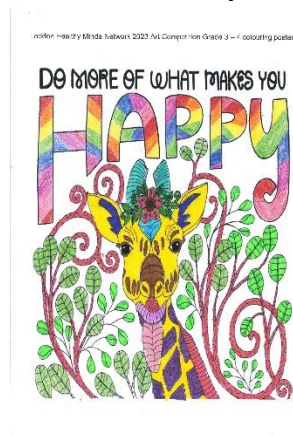
**1st Prize Archer Lee Theme - Just don't give up - Artwork titled Keep Going -
Even if you're behind, Just don't give up**

**2nd Prize Cleo Velleley Theme – Be kind to your mind - Artwork
titled –Always look on the bright side, even if you're going through
dark times, look for the light.**

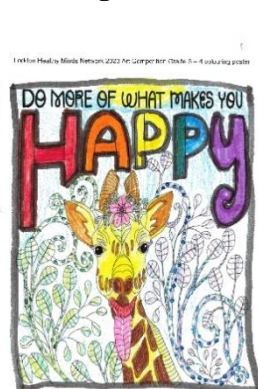


Years 3 - 4 Colouring Poster Theme: What makes you happy

1st Prize Carrie Byrne

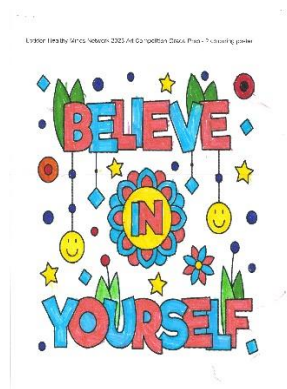


2nd Prize Indigo Soumelidis

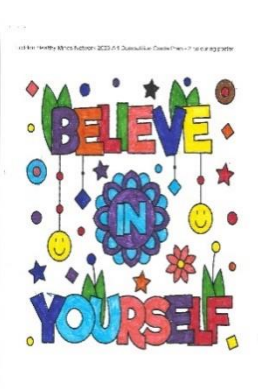


Years Foundation - 2 Colouring Poster Theme: Believe in you

1st Prize Sebastian Herrmann



2nd Prize Keira Henderson



Head to <https://www.loddonhealthyminds.com.au/events/2023-loddon-healthy-minds-network-art-competition-results> to see the competition results and view all the artworks.

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 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)

Dodge Ball



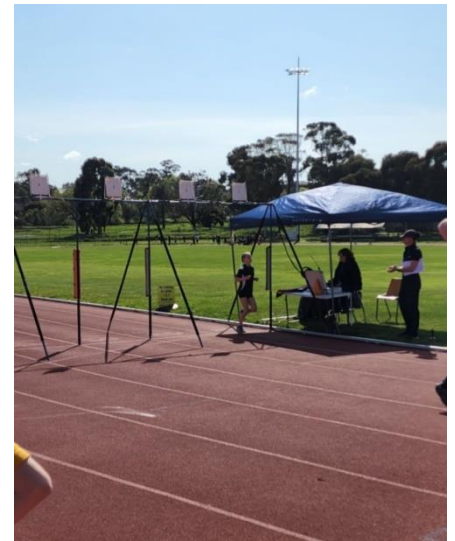
STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Year 1/2	Emmanuel	Putting in a fabulous effort learning new word.
	Kylah	Beautiful expression when reading.
	Jed	Fantastic work with addition.
	Kiarah	Working hard in all subject areas.
	Mae M	For always coming to class with a positive attitude and helping everyone.
Year 3	Wafa	For having such a great attitude to school and always giving 100% in all she does!
	Elke	For always being kind and considerate to others.
	Ceyon	For pushing himself to take on learning challenges.
	Jayden	For his happy, helpful and enthusiastic attitude to school
	Ava	Her beautiful creative flair that shines through in her outstanding work!
Year 4/5	Carrie	For always being organised and bringing her gold licence everyday this term
	Layla	For doing a wonderful job on her writing piece, 'The day I turned orange'.
Year 6	Archer	For positive comments made to his classmates
	Emily	For her innovative ideas when working with batteries and globes.

Primary LMR Athletics

At the end of last term on Monday 11th September, six Year 4-6 students from BDS travelled to Bendigo to compete in the Loddon Mallee Region Athletics event. Indie, Victoria, Bridget, Hayley, Pearl and Connor each competed in two individual events, along with four of the girls making up the 11 year old relay team. This is a fantastic achievement to represent Boort District School at this level and we congratulate these students on their efforts. A big thank you to the parents for transporting students to the event and for their support on the day.

April Hatcher & Hayden Rowley
F-6 Sports Coordinators



COMMUNITY NEWS

Boort Basketball News

Term 4 Basketball will begin on Monday 9th October with a training session to assist with team selection. This is open to anyone interested in playing in a team this term. Come and try if interested.

Year 4 – 6 students @ 3.45pm – 4.30pm and Year 7-9 students @ 4.30pm – 5.15pm

Competition will begin on Monday 16th October, with more information to follow.

The HOOPS program is still looking for a coordinator and parent helpers to assist the running of the program. Stay tuned for information in the coming weeks.

Please contact Chris O'Flaherty for further information or offers of assistance.

SATURDAY, 14TH OCTOBER

FUN FOR EVERYONE

RIDES
SHOW BAGS
DELICIOUS FRESH FOOD
SHEARING COMPETITION
HORSE EVENTS
PAVILION EXHIBITIONS
LIVE MUSIC
DOG JUMPING

DOG TRIALS
VINTAGE CARS
FASHIONS ON THE FIELD
LEXUS MELBOURNE CUP TOUR
REAL DINOSAURS
AMUSEMENTS
ANIMAL FARM
FIREWORKS
AND MORE!

135TH AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL SOCIETY INC.

BOORT SHOW 2023

Children aged 18 and under FREE!

PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE THROUGH THE QR CODE BELOW

OR AT THE GATE ON THE DAY

BOORT TRUCK SHOW

SCAN ME

@ BOORT PARK
GATES OPEN AT 7AM

SEE BOORT SHOW FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION



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!



Building Resilience in Kids

Resilience is the ability to cope with the ups and downs of life. Learn how you can help kids develop skills, habits and attitudes for building resilience.

Resilience is not just about managing current stressors, but also developing skills for dealing with challenges throughout life and enhancing mental health.

- Building good relationships
- Independence
- Confidence to face challenges
- Managing emotions

✓ Resilience ✓ Independence ✓ Managing Emotions

Workshop details:

Location: Korong Leisure Centre @
Wedderburn P-12 College
15-29 Hospital Street Wedderburn
Date: Tuesday 10th October 9am-11am

Please note that this is a single session workshop.

There is no cost for this workshop.

Supervised play will be provided for children, please ensure you RSVP your attendance for this.



Register:

Online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au/register or via the QR code or by contacting Kerry Walker | Wedderburn P-12 College P 5494 3011

www.catholiccarevic.org.au
(03) 5438 1300 | 176 – 178 McCrae St, Bendigo VIC 3550

LITTLE ATHLETICS

FUN · FAMILY · FITNESS

SEASON STARTS

Friday October 6th

Ages 5 years - 16 years

FREE TRIAL

Oct. 14th & 21st

Register now:
lavic.com.au/centres/bendigo

Learn the fundamentals of
Running · Jumping · Throwing

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME

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Registration fee \$135