



# 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: Acting in a Safe and Responsible Manner**



### DIARY DATES

#### **October**

14<sup>th</sup> Boort Show

16<sup>th</sup> F-6 Science Circus Incursion

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

18<sup>th</sup> Finance and School Council

18<sup>th</sup> Professional Practice Day Pupil Free

19<sup>th</sup> 5/6 Cricket @ Boort Park

19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Kooyoora Excursion

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

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

24<sup>th</sup> Year 12 exams start

25<sup>th</sup> NCD Lawn Bowls/Shooting.

30<sup>th</sup> Malthouse Exc.

30<sup>th</sup> Bike Ed Years 3-6

### Acting Principal's Report

#### Litter Habits

As I walked around the football oval with a bin to clean up after the local Grand Final, I reflected on the type of attitudes that somehow make it ok for people to eat, drink and enjoy their day, and then leave their rubbish either where they are sitting or subtly move it behind them and leave it. It's not something that they would do at home probably, or maybe even with family while out and about? The passing on of these attitudes and behaviours from adult to child concerns me and hopefully concerns us all. We often have pride in our school and young people regarding the many skills, volunteering and effort that they put into being a part of the community however, recently, some of our students have made poor decisions regarding how they dispose of their litter. I had an interesting conversation with my Year 11 and 12 Vocational Major students regarding

how old are young people before they consistently make decisions regarding using a bin, challenging others or cleaning up after them, or simply taking rubbish with them if there is no bin in sight instead of leaving it. The answer was 16 or 17. I challenge our students and the parents of students to be better than this and to do the "right" thing more often regarding litter. It's a pretty simple one to follow if we all get on board!



#### Bucket Hats – Sun Protection

Australia has often been coined the skin cancer capital of the world. Finding ways to cover our faces, ears and necks during the summer months, especially, is an important habit for all of us to form. At Boort District School, the use of the school bucket hats will assist with early prevention. We ask our parents/carers to ensure that their children have these available and use them at school, instead of bringing peaked caps.



### The importance of reading

As we move towards the end of the year, VCE texts and other set texts for lower year levels are ready for purchase or go out on booklists. Parents and carers, other family members and teachers spend many formative years with students around developing reading skills and hopefully, a love of reading. Reading, whether it be hardcopy or electronically, is probably the most important skill that our young people need. It is vital that we find ways to keep the motivation, encouragement and modelling going as young people move into their teenage years and senior secondary schooling. Have reading material around the house, be involved in your child's school text reading, buy reading material for presents and encourage reading, not just viewing or scrolling of electronic material. Remember, "Reading to the mind is like exercise for the body." – James Addison

### Boort Show

The Boort Show is on this weekend, and we encourage all of our school community to attend, take part, assist and enjoy the occasion. A reminder that Sharon Pickering continues to take entries at lunchtimes, and we hope that all students get on board and look to enter something in the show over the next few days.

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	PP Day – Pupil Free Day

**Professional Practice Day**  
The final professional practice day for staff for 2023 is to be held on  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 - 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, Sarah McNally & Stacey Williams
- 1-2pm Ryan O'Flaherty, Eddie Moresi & Lucy Malone
- 2-3pm Sharlene Stringer, Tayla Gooding & Megan Crilly
- 3-4pm Brooke & Carl Chamberlian & Edwina Chalmers
- 4-5pm Meridith Byrne, Sharon Pickering & Drew Crilly
- 5-6pm Brooke Arnold & Kathryn Lanyon.

Parents' Club



## Scholastic Book Club

Issue 7 of Scholastic Book Club is now available. Orders for Issue 7 of Scholastic Book Club need to be completed by Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October. Please note that all orders need to be completed and paid for online. Payment cannot be accepted at Boort District School.

### Canteen News

As hot food has stopped for Term 4 the Wednesday lunch menu is as below.

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> October	Hamburgers	\$6	
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Hot Dogs	\$5	
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Chicken wrap (sweet chilli or Mayo)	\$6	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Hamburgers	\$6	



## 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 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

## Year 7 Home Economics

The Year 7 Home Economics students have been busy in class, in a lead up to the Boort Show this weekend. They were required to make two cooking items to enter in either Class U or O for the Boort Show. Last Wednesday most students made the NDAS Chocolate Cake (see photos included) and some will extend their skills, by decorating the cake too. Other items to be made this week in class are; Yo Yos, Rum Balls, Scones, Muffins and Uncooked Slice. It has been great to see the students interested and engaged to support the pavilion entries and also conduct their own assessments of each product, using the sensory analysis methods taught in readiness for judging.



# 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)

## Dodgeball

In Term 3, students from Year 7 to 12 had the opportunity to participate in an on-going lunch time dodgeball competition. Every year level entered a team in, with the Year 11's entering in two. It was a great success with many students also coming to watch from across all year levels in the school. The competition involved a small home and away season, followed by a knockout finals system in the last two weeks. With lots of entertaining games, ebbing and flowing, we got an epic grand final which crowned our Year 8's champions! Thanks to all the students who got involved and made it a lot of fun!



## Unit 2 Outdoor and Environmental Studies

On Monday, the OES class visited different sites in the area to investigate public and private land management. We are very fortunate to have private land purchased by Bush Heritage Australia and Trust for Nature that are preserving and protecting areas deemed significant to the region. Gus Gould from the Loddon Plains Land Care joined us to

highlight different strategies being done in the area too. First the class visited Buckrabanyule Reserve which was purchased by Bush Heritage Australia in 2021 and students learnt about the biosecurity threat of the Wheel Cactus to agriculture and the initiatives underway to combat the threat. Gus was able to show students the cochineal beetle that has been introduced to the area that eats the cactus and students witnessed evidence of the injection of roundup to kill the cactus. Next, we visited Nardoo Hills Reserve, Lawan site which the Gould family sold to Bush Heritage Australia approximately 10 years ago. This area protects rare grassy woodlands and threatened woodland birds, such as the Mallee fowl, *Lawan* meaning 'Mallee fowl' in the local Dja Dja Wurrung language. The area has undergone major plant revegetation, and the rain has struck native wildflowers in all their glory. Lastly, we visited Mount Egbert 'Granites' to investigate management strategies, specifically the storm damage/erosion that impacts access to the site and the spread of wheel cactus. Special thanks to Gus Gould for giving up his time to provide his wealth of knowledge of the area.





On Wednesday, the 4<sup>th</sup> of October we had a visit from St John Ambulance Australia. The F-6 students had the opportunity to participate in first aid sessions. These sessions were informative and fun. The students really enjoyed learning and get to practice apply some first aid.

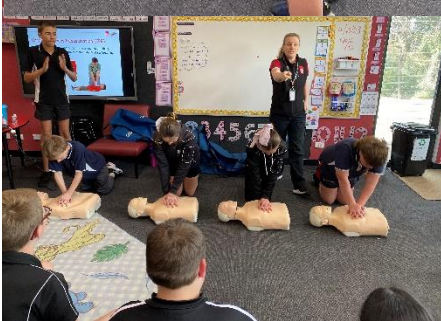
Daisy - I liked the first aid book she read to us.

Mae - I liked how she taught us about not panicking in an emergency.

Kylah - It was good to learn, so that if we ever need help, we know what to do.

Jed - I liked the special First Aid bingo that we got to play.

Ceyon - I liked learning how to do the first aid dab.





## Fresh Fruit Orders 2023

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Best Contact Details: \_\_\_\_\_

Reference Used to pay via EFT (fruit / family name) \_\_\_\_\_

<i><b>Produce</b></i>	<i><b>Cost</b></i>	<i><b>Quantity</b></i>	<i><b>\$ Amount</b></i>
Cherries	\$15.00 per kg		
	\$65 per 5 kg box		
Mangoes	\$27.00 per tray		
<i><b>Total Amount</b></i>			

Order information:

- Funds raised will assist Parent's Club in upgrading some play areas
- Cherries can be ordered in 5kg boxes or 1kg bags
- Tray of mangoes is approx. 7kg of 14-20 mangoes
- **Payments to BDS by Cash or eft to BOORT DISTRICT SCHOOL** BSB 063644 ACCOUNT 10067619
- **Payments must be made with the order**
- Orders returned to BDS **boort.district.p12@education.vic.gov.au** by **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> of October**
- Enquiries to Jo Bear 0408 578 211 or Kim Potter 0447 554203
- Separate delivery dates (dependant on when fruit ready so it is important to include contact details with order form)
  - Late November - Cherries
  - Early December - Mangoes

**Cherries** – locally sourced from Silverwood Orchard Pyramid Hill. The cherries are 1<sup>st</sup> grade cherries.

**Mangoes** – a family owned farm in Northern Queensland ([www.bowenmangoes.com](http://www.bowenmangoes.com))



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Boort Basketball News

Term 4 Basketball will begin on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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**

**135TH AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL SOCIETY INC. BOORT SHOW 2023**

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

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

**AND MORE!**

**Children aged 18 and under FREE!**

**PURCHASE TICKETS ONLINE THROUGH THE QR CODE BELOW**

**OR AT THE GATE ON THE DAY**

**BOORT TRUCK SHOW**

**@ BOORT PARK GATES OPEN AT 7AM**

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

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