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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: Showing Tolerance and Respect for others



DIARY DATES

November

6th Canteen Closed

7th Melbourne Cup Holiday

8th Pyramid Hill Transition

10th Year 12 Dinner

10th Whole School Assembly

13th Parents' Club AGM

13th Year 7 Vic Market Exc.

13th Gold Mine Exc.

15th Finance & School Council

20th Kickstart program begins

Principal's Report

Kinder Transition

Last Thursday, we welcomed the kindergarten students to our school for a half day transition programme. They went on a tour of the school, did some PE, read stories, played at recess with the other students and had a lovely time.

We look forward to our whole day transition day on Thursday 9th November.

Snakes

We all realise this time of year brings out the snakes. We have had sightings at the school so we are cautioning everyone to be on the lookout for snakes and to report them but leave them alone, if seen.

Pyramid Hill Transition Visit

On Wednesday 8th November, students from Pyramid Hill will be coming over for a transition visit. They will get a tour of the school, meet some teachers and fellow classmates and have a lovely lunch. We look forward to seeing them.

XUNO

As we are now in Week 5 of this term, there will be reports on Xuno to be checked. If you are not able to see any feedback waiting, contact the classroom teachers.

Correction Day and Last day of Term 4

The staff will be involved in a correction day on **Monday 11th December**. This will be a pupil free day.

The final day of Term 4, **Wednesday 20th December**, has been approved as a pupil free day by School Council so there will be no students at school on that day.

Lee-Anne Sherwell
Principal

Principal's Availability over the Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School	At School	At School	Cup Day Holiday	At School

Canteen Closed Monday 6th November

Canteen News

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

Wednesday 8th November Hamburgers \$6



BOORT DISTRICT SCHOOL

Parents' Club

Alone we can do so little – Together we can do so much

BOORT DISTRICT SCHOOL PARENTS' CLUB AGM

Please join us for our
Parents' Club 2023

AGM

Monday 13th November

7:30pm

Via WebEx

Meeting number-2654 001 0725

Password - PC

For more information, please contact:

Kelly Henderson - 0427280583

Or Nikki Lanyon - 0487180067

2023 END OF YEAR DATES

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

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)

NCD Lawn Bowls

Nine senior students represented BDS last Wednesday in St Arnaud. Students played in a triple team against the other schools in a round robin format. The winning triple on the day was Wycheproof 2, and the overall winning school was Donald, who had a state lawn bowler representing their school. There were many close games and bowling strategies undertaken in a competitive and social day.

Boort came 5th overall. Thank you to the Boort Bowls Club for lending lawn bowls to our students.



Unit 2 Geography – Halls Gap excursion

On Monday, 23rd October Guessey, Danica, Chloe, Harry, Mrs. Rees and Mr. Crilly travelled to Halls Gap for an overnight camp. The purpose of the trip was to learn about tourism at Halls Gap and the Grampians for a VCE Geography fieldwork report.

Monday, was spent mostly at Halls Gap Zoo and also Venus Baths. Our time at the zoo included a keeper talk, students and teachers had the opportunity to handle a South American red-tailed boa constrictor. Not everybody elected to take up this offer.

Tuesday's fieldwork included time in the Halls Gap Township, a visit to Boroka Lookout and also a walk down to MacKenzie Falls. The Halls Gap ice creamery was a welcome relief after plenty of steps at the falls.

Students were able to complete plenty of fieldwork across the two days, and they enjoyed chatting to people visiting Halls Gap from across Australia and many different parts of the world.

Drew Crilly

VCE Geography teacher



Suitcase Series.

On Monday, the Year 8/9/10 Drama class attended the Suitcase Series at Malthouse Theatre. This program, run by the Theatre each year, forms the majority of the class's work for the semester. Boort has been involved since the program first began, but we have not been able to travel to the in-theatre performance day since 2019! Schools are sent a stimulus script, which always tackles the issue of climate change, and this year's script was 'Atlantis' by Chanella Macri.

The Boort cohort, made up of Caitlin, Emma, Dalys and Charlie, were the second group to perform, and they did so impressively, despite being one cast member short due to illness. They were complimented by Chanella herself on the personal connections they had made between Boort, the 2022 floods (which had stopped the excursion from going ahead last year) and the script.



With our version complete, the students were free to relax and enjoy the rest of the school performances, from schools such as Caroline Chisholm College, Melbourne Girls Grammar, Braybrook Secondary College and Viewbank College. Each school had a unique take on the play, and it was a very enjoyable experience to watch them all. After lunch, we watched three professional actors deliver the entire play. It was fascinating to see the similarities and differences between their interpretation and those of the students.

Thank you to Mrs Sherwell for accompanying us on our long day! I'm sure you agree that the 6am start was well worth it for such a great day in the theatre. We would also like to thank Jan Richards who has financially supported Boort's involvement in the Suitcase Series for many years!

Ms Pickering

COMMUNITY NEWS



SWIMMING LESSON REGISTRATIONS

Lessons will be Tuesday & Thursday nights from late November through to March (during school term)

PRIMARY & SECONDARY LESSONS \$80

KINDERGARTEN LESSONS \$45

(kinder children must be 5)- Day to be confirmed and the kindergarten lesson will be one lesson a week.

Registrations are to be completed online by November 10th 2023

<https://form.jotform.com/232877191588876>

LIMITED SPOTS ARE AVAILABLE - so prompt registration and payment will assist in ensuring a place will be available for your child.

Any queries contact Sharlene Stringer 0409866253
or Kelly Henderson 0427280583

QUAMBATOOK Show 2023

SATURDAY 4TH NOVEMBER
8am - 6pm
Quambatook Memorial Hall

**Featuring: Town Garage Sale
Chainsaw Sculptor, Free Airbrush Tattoos
Food & Drinks for Sale**

plus
Ride Like a Girl @Silo Cinema

See you there for a Quamby good time!

 Proudly presented by
the Quambatook Community Resource Centre
with support from Gannawarra Shire Community Grants

BOORT BOWLS CLUB INC

Social Night Bowls

Thursday 9th November 2023

Sausage sizzle on opening night
@ 6.30pm followed by bowls

**Come and try on our
NEW artificial green!**

Bowls available at Club House
Bar Open / Runners or Bare Feet

**Enter with team of 3 or single entries
\$5 per player**

Shayne Morris **0428 551 332**
Laurie Maxted **0428 551 332**
Ken Birt **5455 2224**

NORTHERN DISTRICT COMMUNITY HEALTH

TINS & TOYS DRIVE

NDCH are asking the community to donate non-perishable food and NEW toys which will be shared with local vulnerable people this Christmas.

Items to donate include:

- Canned Fruit & Vegetables
- Canned Puddings
- Canned Meat & Fish
- Jams & Spreads
- Tea & Coffee
- Rice
- Pasta
- Arts & Craft
- Board Games
- Baby Toys
- Sports Equipment
- Musical Instruments

Drop Off / Collection Points

NDCH Offices
33 Mildred Street, Quambatook
12 Victoria Street, Pyramid Hill
33 King Edward Street, Cohuna
24 Fitzroy Street, Kerang
• **NDCH Medical Clinic** - 34 Fitzroy Street, Kerang
• **Boort Resource & Information Centre** - 119 Godfrey Street, Boort



 **DONATION PERIOD**
6 - 18 NOVEMBER 2023

Are you interested in Youth Mental Health First Aid (YMHFA)?

DATES ARE:

- FRIDAY 24TH NOV
- MONDAY 11TH DEC

BOOK HERE: 

The Youth Mental Health First Aid Course is for adults working or living with adolescents (those aged between 12 and 18 years), however, the course can be relevant for those helping people who are a little younger or older.



   Loddon Mallee Public Health Unit

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BULOKE SHIRE COUNCIL
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH SERVICE

ELISE TOOMEY- BROWN - GESTALT MINDS

FIRST 1000 DAYS LECTURE

Critical learning for Parents and Carers

The First 1000 days seminar focuses on the developing brain of a child from the moment of conception to age 2. Elise will explain how the rapid growth of a child's brain is impacted by what we do, say, and feel during this critical time.

You will learn the power of relationships on the forming brain and how meaningful connections impact on brain development.

This is an opportunity to increase your understanding of the development of children's sense of self, social capabilities and how to help children learn.

PROGRAM OUTCOMES

- Understand children's stress response
- Gain greater connection with children
- The role of laughter and learning
- Love and connection as a preventative measure of learning limitations

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WEDNESDAY
8TH NOV
2023

7pm - 8.30pm
Charlton Park
Calder Highway,
Charlton, VIC, 3525



BULOKE SHIRE COUNCIL
MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
AND EARLY LEARNING PROFESSIONALS

GESTALT MINDS CONFERENCE

8.30am - 8.50am Registration - Tea /Coffee on arrival

8.50am - 9.00am Welcome to Country

9am - 0.30am Seminar - Elise Toomey - Brown

- Welcome - Introduction to Educational Neuroscience
- Growth of the baby brain
- The first 1000 days

10.30 - 11am Morning Tea

11am - 12.30 Seminar - Elise Toomey - Brown

- Trauma on the developing Brain and Adverse Childhood experiences
- The social brain
- The Amygdala, Hippocampus, and the Prefrontal Cortex and how these impact social and emotional health and learning

12.30 - 1pm Lunch

1pm - 2pm Seminar - Elise Toomey - Brown

- Collaboration and Group learning
- Plenary

2pm - 2.30pm Afternoon Tea (or to take)

2.30pm Program Close

THURSDAY
9TH NOV
2023

Charlton Park
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JOIN THE

Walk Against Family Violence

THIS EVENT MARKS THE BEGINNING OF CANNAWARRA GOES ORANGE for 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign

EVENT DETAILS

- WHAT:** 2023 Walk Against Family Violence
- WHEN:** Saturday 25 November - 10am
- WHERE:** Starting at the steps of Kerang Council Building, Victoria Street. Finishing at the Kerang Community Market, Atkinson park
- WHY:** We encourage everyone to wear orange if you can, symbolising our collective commitment to ending violence and fostering a safer community.

People of all genders are welcome.

You are welcome to join us at any point during the walk or meet us at the finish line, where we will gather at the Kerang Community Market near the sound shell.

We are thrilled to announce a special guest speaker at the Kerang Community Market, adding depth and insight to our cause.

Bring your workmates, friends, family, chosen family or come by yourself, your presence matters.



In 2023, The Rotary Club Kerang are partnering with Northern District Community Health and Cannawarra Shire Council to deliver and support local community engagement with the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence state-wide campaign.

Could you be a Foster Carer?



Scan me!

Find out more about foster care and how you can make a difference.

We want to work with you to make a positive and lasting difference to the lives of children in your community.

As a Key Assets foster carer we'll provide you with 24/7 support, a dedicated social worker and on-going training. If you're looking to provide love, safety and care for a child we'd love to hear from you.

