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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**

### DIARY DATES

#### **December**

7<sup>th</sup> December Year 6 to 7 step up  
11<sup>th</sup> Report Writing Day Pupil Free Day  
11<sup>th</sup> -14<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Melbourne Camp  
18<sup>th</sup> Presentation Night

Principal's Report

#### Fees and Booklists

Booklist information was packaged up and sent home with students early this week. If you have any questions, or if you do not believe you have received your pack, please ring the school and ask for Tom Bleicher (subject information) or Val Henderson (Booklists). Please have booklists completed **online** by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December (for Years 7-12 only). Booklist orders can only be completed online.

Information regarding payment of parent contributions has been included in the packs. Specific fee information will be sent home at the beginning of 2024 so no payment needs to be now.

#### CSEF (Camp/Excursion) Money

Any family who applied for the excursion money with their Health Care Card, will be pleased to know that any money still attached to their children at the end of 2023 will be rolled over into their family accounts for 2024. New Health card holders will be eligible for the CSEF upon lodgement of an application in 2024. Please see Vikki in the office who can help you with information about this.

#### Exams and Kickstart

Year 11 Exams finished on Monday and kick start commenced after lunch on that day. Year 11 students have their final day of school this Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> November. Year 10 students finish on 8<sup>th</sup> December as long as a note is supplied to the school stating students have gainful employment (stating business name and start date).

#### Correction Day

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December is a correction day. No students are required at school on this day.

#### Presentation Night

Presentation Night will occur on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7.00pm in the Stadium.

Lee-Anne Sherwell  
Principal

## Principal's Availability over the Next Week

| Thursday  | Friday    | Monday    | Tuesday   | Wednesday |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| At School | At School | At School | At School | At School |

Many thanks to Doug Perryman for sowing the last of our grass areas on the weekend. Doug has done the terraced area at the back of Silver and the front of the school, in front of Grey.

**Dress in orange this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November to support the BDH**

**16 Days of Activism**

**Wear a t-shirt, wear orange in your hair or choose yellow if you can't find orange. Be out of uniform to support this cause.**

**A drone photo will be taken of all of us on the oval spelling out the word**

**'UNITE'**

**Icy poles will be handed out afterwards.**



The school community was saddened to hear of the recent passing of Peter Coutts. Peter was a long-time former employee of the school back in the Boort High School and Boort Secondary College days. We remember him as a gentleman, always with a smile and a greeting for staff and students. We offer our thoughts and condolences to Heather and the family at this time.

### Booklist Help.

If you would like some help completing your student's booklist, the Library will be open to parents/carers and students on Tuesday afternoon 2pm – 3.30pm. Please bring in your booklist and subject selection print out.

If this time does not suit, please call the school and ask for either Merryn Rees or Val Henderson and we will arrange another time.



BOORT DISTRICT SCHOOL

## Parents Club

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

Parents' club held their AGM on Monday night.

It was great to see some new faces attend.

The Elections were held, and we welcome the 2024 Parents' Club Committee.

President - Kelly Henderson

Vice President - Sherryn O'Flaherty

Secretary - Nikki Lanyon

Parent Representatives - Kate Nelson, Sarah McNally, Varlea McClelland, Kathryn Lanyon and Trish Bird

Parents' Club are a small group of Parents who run events and fundraise for the Students, Families and Staff to improve facilities and wellbeing at the School.

**Friday 1st March 2024 will be the School Fete at Boort District School!!  
SAVE THE DATE!!!**



## 2023 END OF YEAR DATES

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

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)



## Year 7 Melbourne Trip.



### Queen Victoria Market

On Friday, the Year 7 Home Economics class travelled to the Queen Victoria Market to be immersed in the culinary delights it has to offer. Our first taste test was the Spanish donuts, Churros, where the owner spoilt us with chocolate dipping sauce. Lunch was purchased in groups and included a range of foods from all areas of the market; Turkish bread and baguettes, dolmades, spicy lamb boreks, dips, cheeses, stuffed bell peppers, fresh prawns, dragon fruit and raspberries. It was interesting looking at how store holders attract your attention with colourful designs, taste testing stands and hearing the chants and gimmicky songs to gain the attention of shoppers. New foods discovered by the group included; yellow watermelon, saku melon and white dragon fruit.

*A big thank you to Mr Grogan for joining us on this excursion, his input and knowledge about food was wonderful to share with the students.*



### Reflections from the students:

**Abby Potter**- It was a fun day, I learnt a lot and saw lots of different foods I hadn't seen before. I tried dragon fruit for the first time.

**Chaise Hird** -At the market we went for a walk in two separate groups, then we got sent off to buy lunch ingredients and we ate it together. The one food I really enjoyed was prawns as they were really fresh.

**Seth Muller** -I enjoyed eating the Turkish bread because it had a good savoury taste. Foods I had not eaten before that I tried were Olives stuffed with chilli and baguette.

**Asha** – One food I really enjoyed was dragon fruit as it was really sweet and tasted good.

**Desiree** – One food I enjoyed was eating the Churros because they were crunchy on the outside and gooey on the inside and they had a nice flavour.

**Mason** – One thing I learnt at the Vic Market is that the carpark was once a cemetery.

**Alena** – I had never tried Churros and they were sweet and sugary, but it was the perfect taste. It was a long piece of fried batter.

### Crazy Hair Day

Last Tuesday the SRC conducted Crazy Hair Day and hosted the Junior Social. We raised \$97.00 for Cystic Fibrosis Australia, simply from our hair spraying stall where students paid a gold coin donation to add some colour to their 'do!

The Social was a great time for both staff and students. Every student was supplied with some glow in the dark accessories, and a light afternoon tea was supplied.

Thank you to the F-6 staff who supervised for the afternoon, and the SRC reps for their efforts in hair spraying, nail painting and setting up the Drama Room.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## BOORT PRESCHOOL'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

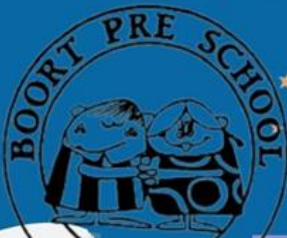

**All Welcome**

- COME AND CELEBRATE THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR PRE-SCHOOL
- CURRENT AND FORMER STAFF WILL BE SHARING THEIR RECOLLECTIONS OF THE PRE-SCHOOL OVER THE YEARS
- PHOTOS AND PAST STUDENT WORK WILL BE DISPLAYED
- FINGER FOOD, TEA AND COFFEE PROVIDED
- NEW BRICK MEMORIAL PATH TO BE UNVEILED

DATE OF EVENT :  
**November 28th**

DOORS OPEN:  
**2pm - 3:30pm**

EVENT PLACE :  
**Boort Preschool**  
Enter from King Street

## 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 LIGHTS UP ORANGE

16 Days of Activism Campaign

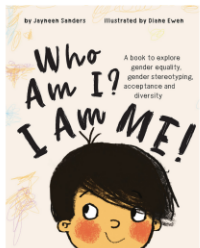
25 Nov-10 Dec

Each year Loddon Lights up Orange for the 16 days of Activism campaign against gender-based and family violence to raise awareness and say 'NO' to family violence. The campaign runs from 25 Nov to 10 Dec.

Rigid beliefs and thinking about men and women's roles and stereotypes are a key contributor to violence. You can make a difference by having conversations with the children and people in your life - that it doesn't matter what gender they are, they can like, do or be whatever they want. Together we can create a community where everyone is safe, equal and respected.

**Books that can help support these conversations:**

- > **Giraffes Can't Dance** by Giles Andreae and Guy Parker-Rees
- > **No Difference Between Us** by Jayneen Saunders
- > **Who Am I? I Am Me!** by Jayneen Saunders
- > **Hunting for Dragons** by Bruce Whatley
- > **I am Enough** by Grace Byers
- > **I Could Be, You Could Be** by Karen Owen
- > **Jacob's New Dress** by Sarah and Ian Hoffman
- > **Made by Raffi** by Craig Pomranz
- > **Introducing Teddy** by Jessica Walton
- > **My Princess Boy** by Cheryl Kilodav
- > **Pearl Fairweather Pirate Captain** by Jayneen Saunders
- > **The Paper Bag Princess** by Robert Munsch



Visit your local Library service to borrow books that promote boys and girls as equals or win one below.

**Activities happening locally for Loddon Lights up Orange**

- Pre-Launch at Boort District School on the 24th of November
- Walk Against Family Violence. Saturday 25 November, starting at 8am as part of Nolen's Park Parkrun.
- BDH are facilitating an awareness marquee in town on December 1st as part of our 16 Days, with NDCH's giant games
- Empower Her event, Friday 8 December, starting at 10am at Jen's on George Cohuna. Bookings essential. Call NDCH 5451 0200 or visit our Facebook page

