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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

#### **December**

1<sup>st</sup> Aus Music T-shirt day

7<sup>th</sup> December Year 6 to 7 step up

8<sup>th</sup> Booklist need to be finalise online.

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 (Yr 5 - 12) 7pm**

18<sup>th</sup> Celebration Afternoon (F - 4) 2pm

### Principal's Report

#### Fees/Booklists/IT Agreements

All information went home last Friday regarding booklists and fees. Any fee contributions should not be paid until 2024 and information will go out once school returns regarding how payments may be made. All **IT Agreements** will be completed online, via XUNO, so parents only have to tick a box to approve the Acceptable Users Agreement. This will occur early in 2024.

#### Final Weeks of 2023

As this year draws to a close, I would like to point out events coming up.

Activities Programme starts on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December for all Year F-9 students. Information will go home soon. **Presentation Night** will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December starting at 7.00 pm, in the Stadium, for all Years 5-12 students.

**F-4 Celebration afternoon** is to be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December. This will be held in the Stadium and parents/carers are invited to attend. Reports will be given out for F-4 students. Santa will visit and Zooper Doopers will be given to all children.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Students on-site will be supporting staff as they clean the rooms, desks and straighten out supplies and materials for 2024.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December** – Pupil Free day. Staff will be on-site. Students are not required.

#### Finish of school year

Year 11 students officially completed their Kickstart programme last Friday and have finished school classes for this year.

Year 10 students officially finish on 8<sup>th</sup> December and assessment tasks will be set and completed over the next week and a half before they are finished.

All Year F-9 students will complete classes on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December before moving into an activities programme on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> and Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Their official activities will conclude on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

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

### Consultation on Child Safe Policies

We are asking for feedback from all families regarding the Child safe Policies on our website – specifically the Child Safety policy and the Child Safety Code of Conduct.

Please read the policies and send us back any suggestions you may have.

Email: [boort.district.p12@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:boort.district.p12@education.vic.gov.au)

Subject: Policy Feedback

### Parent Use of the Staff Car Park

There has been recent occurrences of some parents dropping their younger students off in the clearly marked **staff carpark** at school. This is not the area for parents to be driving nor dropping off their students. The staff car park is often quite full, and there are cars moving in and out particularly in the morning and afternoon, which could pose a dangerous situation for children. It is a no-go zone for all students. **Parents are reminded not to use this area** at all for dropping off and picking up their children. Your cooperation in this manner would be appreciated in making the area safe.



The SRC are running one final event for 2023! This Friday will be **Aus Music T-shirt Day!** Student may wear an Australian music t-shirt if they have one, but it's not necessary.

To celebrate, we will be playing Australian music throughout lunchtime, and enjoying a very Aussie lunch of sausage in bread and lamingtons. SRC are providing lunch, but we would appreciate a gold coin donation to Support Act, who fund Crisis Relief services, Mental Health and Wellbeing services and support First Nations music workers.

<https://www.ausmusicshirtday.org.au/>



If you would like to do some cuttings of plants or make some pot plants up for the School Fete next year on 1st March 2024, now is the time to start.

Any donations of plants next year for the Plant stall would be appreciated.

Regards Parent's Club

The graphic contains two illustrations of potted plants. The top one is a red flower with green leaves in a red and white patterned pot. The bottom one is a yellow flower with green leaves in a yellow and white striped pot. To the right, there are several large, light-colored leaves with dark veins, possibly from a Monstera plant.

### Booklist Help.

If parents/carers would like some help completing your student's booklist, please call into the office between 10am -11.30am on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. 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.

### Library Books

The library will close on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December, so that a stocktake can begin. Please encourage your child to return all their library books and readers by this date.

## 2023 END OF YEAR DATES

### 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 5-12

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – 7.00pm

### Celebration afternoon F-4

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Years F – 4 -Celebration Afternoon – 2.00pm

### Step up F-5

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December - Year F-5 step up.

### Finish

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December (Student free day)

## *STUDENT OF THE WEEK*

Foundation/1	Ephraim	For his great 'patterns' work.
	Esther	For her fantastic pattern making.
	Whyatt	For his great fact-finding efforts!
Year 1/2	Kiarah	For amazing work in Minilit.
	Luca	For fantastic estimation work.
Year 3	Annalise	For great efforts on her diorama.
	Zoey	For her hard work in classes.
	Jayden	For his amazing spelling achievements this week.
	Shelby	For her cheerful demeanour and home reading achievements.
	Wafa	For all her amazing work in classes.
Year 4/5	Pearl	For all the hard work and organisation she did with the junior social.
	William	For all the hard work and organisation he did with the junior social.
Year 6	Chelsea	For amazing work helping out with the junior social

## **BDH 16 Days of Activism**

Last Friday, staff members from Boort District Health came to school to give a short presentation on the 16 Days of Activism and to have our students participate in a drome image as we all spelled out the word 'UNITE'.

Thanks to Mubarak, Dee, Marie, Tarmeka and Sam who came over, dressed in orange, and organised everyone into the letter shapes then handed out icy poles to everyone who was there. We appreciate you taking the time to involve us in your events and to speak to the students about the important cause of helping to prevent violence against women and children.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

We are pleased to announce the **Big Summer Read** is taking place at Boort Library Agency these summer holidays!

The Big Summer Read aims to arrest the 'summer slide' by engaging children and their families in a fun and dynamic campaign through public libraries, to encourage children to read and log at least 10 books!

A competitive element with prizes provides added incentive for participation, while distinctive state-wide branding encourages participation in the program, whether children are at home or on holidays elsewhere in Victoria.

The BSR runs from 1 December 2023 until 31 January 2024. Registrations can be completed online at <https://plv.beanstack.org> or by visiting a local public library!

For more information please contact [shaeh@ncgrl.vic.gov.au](mailto:shaeh@ncgrl.vic.gov.au).

With thanks, Elise Wright  
Community Based Services, Boort Library Agency

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# BIG SUMMER READ

**JOIN. BORROW. READ. WIN!**

December 1 - January 31

Register for the Big Summer Read at <https://plv.beanstack.org> or visit your local library to find out more.

Goldfields Libraries  
Public Libraries Victoria



Join us for the

# Community Christmas Carols

December | 17 | At 7pm

Nolen's Park, Boort  
Everyone welcome!

Let's celebrate!

## LODDON LIGHTS UP ORANGE

16 Days of Activism Campaign

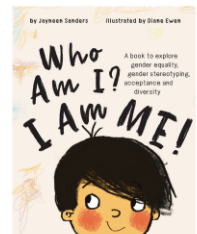
25 Nov-10 Dec

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

SAFE + EQUAL

Respect  
Victoria

RESPECT  
WOMEN  
CALL  
IT OUT

NDCH

"Wizard of Oz"



**DANCESCAPE  
DANCE PRODUCTION  
2023**

**THURSDAY 30th NOVEMBER 7.00pm  
FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER 7.00pm**

**MEMORIAL HALL  
NOLAN ST KERANG**

**Adults \$10 Students/Children \$5  
Cash Only Sales**

Boort Baptist Church & Bendigo Chistian Union  
invite you to...

# CHRISTMAS KID'S CLUB

**PREP - YEAR 6**

**WHEN:** Friday, 8th  
December  
@ 3.30 - 5.00 pm

**WHERE:** Boort Baptist  
Church,  
23 Armstrong Street

**FREE EVENT!  
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

BOORT BAPTIST CHURCH & BENDIGO CHISTIAN  
UNION

INVITE YOU TO...

# YOUTH NiGHT

HIGHSCHOOLERS

**WHEN:  
SATURDAY  
9TH DECEMBER, 2023  
@ 7-9 PM**

**WHERE:  
JAMES BOYLE HALL**

**FREE EVENT!  
EVERYONE WELCOME!**

GAMES

SNACKS

& MORE!

FUN