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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: Thinking Creatively and Independently



DIARY DATES

December

7th December Year 6 to 7 step up
8th Booklist need to be finalise online.
11th Report Writing Day Pupil Free Day
11th -14th Year 6 Melbourne Camp
18th Celebration Afternoon (F - 4) 2pm
18th Presentation Night (Yr 5 - 12) 7pm

Principal's Report

Canteen

The canteen will close operation for this year on Wednesday 13th December. No purchases can be made after this date.

Absences

If families are aware of student absences ahead of time, please ring the Office or send in a note to avoid the stream of SMS messages that come home. This applies to both one day and extended absences.

Presentation Night

Presentation Night will be held on Monday 18th December, starting at 7.00pm. All Year 5 to Year 12 students will have their achievements noted and celebrated and we will see the Graduation of our Year 12 Class of 2023. We look forward to seeing you all in the Stadium on 18th December.

Celebration Afternoon

On Monday 18th December, at 2.30pm, we will have our Celebration of all things Foundation to Year 4. The Year 5 and 6 students will be attending also. There will be songs and fun and a visit from Santa. Parents are welcome to attend. This will be held in the Stadium.

Last days of School

The last two days of school (Tuesday 19th and Wednesday 20th December) will be clean up days. No official classes will run on Thursday and staff will be involved with clearing out areas within buildings, with any students present at school being asked to help out with the cleaning. Wednesday 20th December is a School Council approved pupil free day (as determined in February this year).

Collection of Reports

Student reports will be available to be picked up from the General Office from 9.00am - 4.00pm Tuesday 19th December.

Any not collected will be stored and available from the school in 2024.

January 2024 Start

School will start back next year on the following dates:

- Monday 29th January – All staff return to school
- Tuesday 30th January – all VCE students start classes
- Wednesday 31st January – All VM/VCE and Year 5-10 students begin classes, joining the Year 11s and 12s
- Thursday 1st February – All Year F to Year 4 students begin

During the Tuesday and Wednesday, interviews will take place for all F-4 students (English and Numeracy interviews).

Please take note of the staggered start to the year.

The canteen will open for students on Tuesday 30th January.

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

BLG Youth Awards – 24th November 2023

Congratulations to our students who were nominated for the Buloke, Loddon Gannawarra Youth Awards held on Friday 24th November 2023.

Our school was well represented as we had many students nominated as well as those who volunteered their time to support the event.

Thanks to Molly Meadows and Matt for organising the event on behalf of NDCH and the LLEN.



Lucy Malone (Emcee) and Eddie Moresi (Presenter)



Kaitlyn Broad



Grace Hall



Caitlyn Zanker

Not present but award winners – Emma Gawne, Sam Barraclough, Mia Braun.

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

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.



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



Save The Date

Friday 1st March
2024
4pm-7.30pm

**BOORT DISTRICT
SCHOOL
TWILIGHT FETE**



YOU'RE INVITED TO
BOORT DISTRICT SCHOOL
YEAR F-6 ART
ART EXHIBITION

THURSDAY 7TH 3.30 - 5.00 PM
FRIDAY 8TH 3.30 - 5.00 PM
SATURDAY 9TH 9.00-11.00 AM

ART BUILDING
BOORT DISTRICT SCHOOL

Library Books

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

Northern District Community Health

On Tuesday 28th November, Northern District Community Health, Health Promotion Worker Rachel visited our Year 5/6 students to deliver the module 'Making Informed Choices'. In this module, students investigated e-cigarettes, the laws around these drugs and the different ways they impact the body and brain. Key areas covered included:

- What's in e-cigarettes and the effects of these chemicals on the body
- Laws and marketing of e-cigarettes
- Strategies to deal with peer pressure
- Strategies to gather accurate and reliable information to help decision making

Rachel would like to thank the students and staff at Boort District School for the warm welcome she received. "The Year 5/6 students were a true credit to your school - very respectful, helpful, and showed great enthusiasm for learning. Thank you for having me".



2023 END OF YEAR DATES

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 5-12

Monday 18th December – 7.00pm

Celebration afternoon F-4

Monday 18th December – Years F – 4 -Celebration Afternoon – 2.00pm

Step up F-5

Monday 18th December - Year F-5 step up.

Finish

Wednesday 20th December (Student free day)

Work Placements and School Based Apprenticeships 2023

Over the course of the year we have had a number of our senior students complete work placements and school based apprenticeships. We thank all of the employers for participating and giving these young people opportunities to learn and grow within their workplaces.



Work Placements

Charlton and District Pre-School – Trudi Van de Wetering - Braedon Niven
Meran Grove Farms – Carl Chamberlain - Alex Chamberlain
Wondaphil Park Company – Lindy Wilson -Josephine Ceballos
Kerfab Industries – Robert Merkel - Alex Chamberlain
Boort District Health – Donna Doyle - Mia Braun
Streader Constructions – Justin and Ken Streader - Ella Streader
Southern Riverlands Poultry – Kane Arnold - Noah Perryman

School Based Apprenticeships

A.E Knight and J.D Knight and R.J. Knight – Alister Knight -Nick Scott
Leerson's Landscaping – Chris Leerson - Alby Bear
Streader Constructions – Justin and Ken Streader - Brady Whykes
Gredgeport Holdings Pty Ltd – Matt and Joe Kane -Jett Hird
Allunya Pty Ltd – Darren and Karen Allison – Charlotte Allison

Probability Games Session

Year 8 students have been learning about probability in their mathematics class and were given the challenge of developing a game based on chance. Last Tuesday they hosted the Year 6 class who enjoyed the chance to play the games. Counters were exchanged with the Year 8 students finding that most of their games came out in their favour. A great effort by these students to develop and host some entertaining games.



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.

With thanks, Elise Wright
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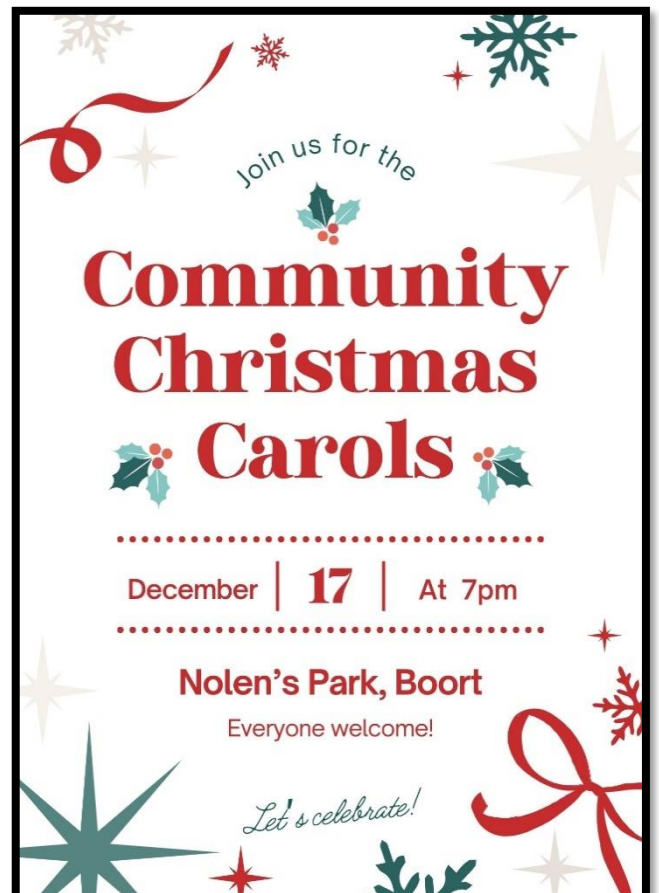
Join in the Fun!

For children aged 0-18 years

How to play:

- Scan the QR code below using a mobile phone or tablet
- Download and register your details on Beanstack
- Read or listen to 10+ books between December 1 - January 31 and log them on the Beanstack app
- Complete challenges to earn character badges
- Enter the Gannawarra Library Service prize draw for a chance to win a summer bumper pack!

Visit your local branch or call 5452 1546 for more details



LODDON LIGHTS UP ORANGE

16 Days of Activism Campaign

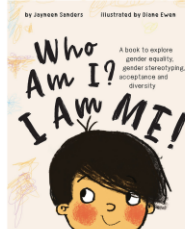
25 Nov-10 Dec

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 Kilodan
- > **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 WOMEN CALL IT OUT



Boort Baptist Church & Bendigo Christian 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 CHRISTIAN
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

FUN

& MORE!