



## 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 with Integrity and Honesty**

### DIARY DATES

#### **December**

18<sup>th</sup> Celebration Afternoon (F – 4) 2pm  
18<sup>th</sup> Presentation Night (Yr 5 – 12) 7pm

Principal's Report

#### Presentation Night

Presentation Night will be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> December. Students must

attend in full school uniform.

#### Celebration Afternoon

On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December, at 2.00pm, 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 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December) will be clean up days. No official classes will run on Tuesday and staff will be involved with clearing out areas within buildings, with any students present at school being asked to help with the cleaning. Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December is a School Council approved pupil free day (as determined in February this year).

#### Staff Changes for 2023

Grace Gilbert is leaving us to take up a position at Tyrrell College but we will welcome new staff: Cassandra Laphorne and Meredith Thompson will join us in the Primary area and Todd Woodfine will start as Principal from 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

#### Collection of Reports

Student reports will be available to be picked up from the General Office between 9.00am and 4pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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:

- Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January - Book Collection Day. 8.30am – 12 noon

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

Lee-Anne Sherwell  
Principal



Have a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.



**Fresh Fruit fundraiser - Mango Delivery.**

Mangoes will be delivered this Tuesday (19th December). Pick up will be from the stadium from 3.30 - 4.00pm

Any issues please contact  
Jo - 0408 578 211 or Kim 0447 554 203



# 2023 END OF YEAR DATES

## Activities Program

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

## Presentation Night 5-12

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

## Celebration afternoon F-4

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

## 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)

### GRADE 6 GRADUATION!

On Friday the Grade 6's celebrated their final year of Primary School with an afternoon tea with their parents and fellow teachers. It was great to see them all have a wonderful afternoon with a song and dance they prepared along with a speech about each of their years in primary school. They each received a graduation bear from Parents' Club. Congratulations Archer, Henry, Emily, Angel, Cleo, Indi, Indie, Zane, Jason, Noah, Liam, Chelsea and Amelia!





## Year 7 Home Economics

On Wednesday last week the Year 7 Home Economics class made gingerbread biscuits with a Christmas theme. On Friday Year 10 student Jessica McClelland was invited to demonstrate her piping skills and demonstrated a range of ways to decorate the different shaped biscuits; stars, trees, flowers and gingerbread men or creatively flipped upside-down- reindeers. Key skills of how to hold the piping bag properly, using a damp cloth to ensure the tip did not dry out and taking your time to ensure an even flow were demonstrated. The Year 7 students then carefully and creatively designed their biscuits. To their credit, they listened carefully to Jessica and their first piping experience was a positive one. Finally, students then gift bagged their goodies for family and friends, or they were thoroughly enjoyed by the students themselves.

Congratulations to Jessica and the Year 7's on a fabulous, shared experience.



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# COMMUNITY NEWS

Join us for the

## Community Christmas Carols

**New Time!**  
December | **17** | At 8pm

**Nolen's Park, Boort**  
Everyone welcome!  
**BYO CHAIR**  
*Let's celebrate!*

# POP-UP Christmas PANTRY

Bendigo Foodshare, with the support of local service clubs and community organisations, is providing free food relief this festive season to people doing it tough.

Date	Times	Location
Wednesday 27th Dec	Open from 1pm	St Pauls Cathedral Hall <small>6 Myers St, Central Bendigo (opposite Coles Supermarket)</small>
Thursday 28th Dec	Open from 1pm	Rotary Club of Eaglehawk <small>8 School Street, California Gully (the old Mechanics Institute Hall)</small>
Friday 29th Dec	Open from 1pm	Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat <small>26 High Street, Kangaroo Flat (opposite the APOO Patrol Station in K/Flat)</small>
<b>New Years Day</b> Wednesday 3rd Jan	Open from 1pm	St Pauls Cathedral Hall <small>6 Myers St, Central Bendigo (opposite Coles Supermarket)</small>
Thursday 4th Jan	Open from 1pm	Rotary Club of Eaglehawk <small>8 School Street, California Gully (the old Mechanics Institute Hall)</small>
Friday 5th Jan	Open from 1pm	Rotary Club of Kangaroo Flat <small>26 High Street, Kangaroo Flat (opposite the APOO Patrol Station in K/Flat)</small>

**BRING A SHOPPING BAG!**

With support from the following service clubs

**SO, POP-IN!**

SPECIAL STORY TIME WITH  
**AUTHOR SUSEA SPRAY**

Wednesday 17 January  
10.30am, Kerang Library  
2.30pm, Cohuna Library  
Bookings essential - call 5452 1546

Join us for a special Story Time session featuring award-winning children's author Susea Spray, reading her book *A Big Blue Boat*.  
Recommended for children 4-8 years of age  
Session includes an activity  
Book available for purchase

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# BLUE MOOSE BOORT SCOUT HALL

## Summer @ NOLEN'S PARK

**FOR TEENAGERS AND YOUNG ADULTS**

7pm until late

**FROM THE 29TH OF DECEMBER - THE 4TH OF JANUARY**  
COME HANG OUT WITH US OVER THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

**HENNA FUN**  
**GAMES FOOD**  
**HANG OUT SPACES SPORT**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT BRODIE ON 0437 129 098  
THIS IS AN ALCOHOL AND DRUG FREE EVENT

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

Dja Dja Wurrung and Barapa Barapa Country

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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



**GANNAWARRA LIBRARY service**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM**  
Adults to accompany children  
Bookings essential - Call 5452 1546

**THE ACTIVITIES**

**Sand Art**  
Kerang - 10.30am & 2.30pm, Tuesday 9 January

**Dinosaur Fossils**  
Cohuna - 10.30am, Thursday 11 January  
Kerang - 2.30pm, Thursday 18 January

**Australia Day Animals**  
Cohuna - 2.30pm, Tuesday 23 January  
Kerang - 10.30am, Wednesday 24 January

**SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES**

# The Importance of Dads

## Free Workshop

### Tuesday 19th December

### @ 12pm via Zoom

This workshop will explore fathers' unique role in their child's development. We will consider the benefits of play and learn how fathers can maximise their child's social, emotional and academic growth.

**Building meaningful connections | Understanding emotions**

**Location:** Online via Zoom

**Date:** Tuesday, 19th December 2023

**Time:** 12pm - 1pm

This is a **FREE** single-session workshop.

Early registration is encouraged.

[REGISTER NOW](#)

Please contact us for any queries:

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