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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

February.

16th Whole School Assembly

19th F-6 Swimming Program

19th NCD Y7 -12 Swimming Sports

21st F-6 Swimming Program

21st -23rd Year 8 Surf camp.

23rd F-6 Swimming Sports

28th Y12 Look after your mates.

March

1st School Fete

1st Silver Assembly

1st Goldfields Y4-6 Swimming

6th School Photos

7th NCD Y7-12 Triathlon

11th Labour Day Holiday

12th LMR Swimming Swan Hill

Principal Report:

The Importance of School Attendance

I read an article recently on student absences. It stated; "Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. When you make school attendance a priority, you help your child get better grades, develop healthy life habits, avoid dangerous behavior and have a better chance of graduating from high school."

Furthermore, "As a parent, you can prepare your child for a lifetime of success by making regular school attendance a priority."

When students attend school on a regular basis, their performance and grades will often improve and they will feel more connected to school and their local community. Students will also develop important social skills and friendships and by attending school regularly, they will set themselves up for a strong future.

Bushfire Risk School

A reminder that we are a Bushfire at Risk Category 3 School. Our school will close when the Fire Danger Rating is Catastrophic.

School Facebook Page

I encourage families to regularly visit our school Facebook page to keep updated on all the learning activities, extra-curricular events and community notices that are happening in and around our school community.

Todd Woodfine

Principal



PARENT PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR CURRICULUM CONTRIBUTIONS

Payment for Curriculum Contributions, School Magazine & Parents club donation details are available on our website <http://www.boortds.vic.gov.au>. Payments can be made through Xuno, BPay or Cash, card or cheque at the school office. Bpay details will be sent home with students later this week.

For further information please contact the office.

2024 STUDENT UPDATE INFORMATION

This year the Student Update Information has been entered on Xuno.

We ask that all parents/carers please fill in the Student Update Information. This allows permission for various activities and permissions for the 2024 year. It also ensures changes of personal details/medical conditions are up to date.

Due to the swimming program starting next week, **we ask that you please complete these forms by Monday, 5th February 2024.**

If you have any questions in relation to the form, please contact the Boort District School Office.

Camps, Sports and Excursions fund eligibility

Below are the criteria used to determine a student's eligibility for the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF).

Criteria 1 – Eligibility

To be eligible* for the fund, a mature minor of sixteen years of age or over, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

- on the first day of Term one, or;
 - on the first day of Term two.
- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be a holder of Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
 - b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;
 - c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Mature minors or parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of (a) or (b) above.

Criteria 2 - Be of school age and attend school in Victoria

School is compulsory for all Victorian children aged between six and seventeen years of age inclusive.

For the purposes of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and eighteen years inclusive.

CSEF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooling, or TAFE.

Eligibility Date

For concession card holders, CSEF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian's concession card being successfully validated with Centrelink on **29 January 2024 and/or 15 April 2024.**

Payment amounts

CSEF payment amount

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.

- Primary school student rate: \$150.00 per year.
- Secondary school student rate: \$250.00 per year.

The CSEF is paid directly the school and will be allocated by the school towards camps, sports and/or excursion costs for your child.

Please contact Vikki in the office if you would like an application form.

SCHOOL FETE March 1st

SCHOOL FETE - AUCTION

At the Fete on March 1st, Parents' Club will be holding a LIVE auction, with Greg Boyd being our auctioneer on the night. If anyone or any business would like to kindly donate an item/voucher that we can auction off and the proceeds go to Parents' Club please contact Kelly Henderson (President of Parents' Club) on 0427 280 583. Parents' Club will do a list up and advertise the wonderful items up for grab closer to the date. Parents' Club also would like to thank all businesses/individuals that have already kindly donated.

Help Wanted

Parent's Club are looking for helpers at the Fete on March 1st.

We need help with the BBQ, drinks and Pizza including cooking, serving and sales on the night.

Or if this one isn't for you and you would like to help man a stall, please let us know we have other stalls that need some help. They can be 30 minute shifts.

If you can help us,
please contact Varlea McClelland on 0409 189 591

PRIOR NOTICE

Just letting ALL families know Parent's Club will be sending a plate/freezer bag and a note home with students starting Monday 19th Feb, so it can be filled with cakes/slices/biscuits/muffins and returned on Friday 1st March for the Cake Stall at the Fete. Please no cream or perishables. Any questions please contact Sherryn O'Flaherty, Varlea McClelland or Kelly Henderson

Meal Options AT THE SCHOOL FETE



BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
CASH OR EFTPOS PAYMENTS ACCEPTED

SCHOOL FETE March 1st

Boort District School

School Fete

Friday, 1st March

3:45 - 7:30pm



So many FREE & FUN activities. Bring family & friends!!!

FREE:

Laser tag
Rock climbing
Airbrush tattoos
Face painting
Safe archery
Jumping castle

Ice cream
Donuts
Pizzas
Baked Potatoes
BBQ
Market stalls

Arts & crafts
KIT Van
Boort Ambulance & CFA
Auctions
Raffles
Spinning wheel
Games & more!!!

WITH THANKS TO:



Fantastic fun in F/1!



We've been very excited about

starting school down in Silver 1 – with a busy first week including our first swimming lesson in PE and spending some time with our Year 6 buddies. The Preps have met our first Little Learners Love Literacy friend **Milo the Monkey**, who loves all things starting with the ‘m’ sound – but he **especially** loves munching on muffins! Our Grade 1's have been a HUGE help to Miss Mac this week, showing our Preps how to do things and where to go.

Thank goodness Foundation kids have the first few Wednesday's off for resting in Term 1, these busy bees haven't stopped!

Miss Mac



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Foundation/1	Miss Mac's Year 1 Students	Daisy O, Ephraim E, Juliette L, Gabriel G, Haylie N and Isabelle M - all for being such great helpers to Miss Mac this week!
Year 1/2	Lincoln M	For always collecting sports equipment in the yard.
	Emma S	For fantastic guided reading.
	Isabel C	For lending a hand in the classroom.
Year 3/4	Kylah B	For fantastic problem-solving skills using addition. Great work Kylah!
	Hayley M	For her hard work creating number patterns! Well done Hayley!
Year 4/5	Scarlett C	For being organised and helpful
Year 5/6	Year 5/6 class	For displaying patience and understanding when setting up our classroom in readiness for the busy year ahead.



KICKSTART THE YEAR WITH HEALTHY LUNCHBOXES

Brought to you by 

What makes a healthy lunchbox?

1. Grain Foods: Wholemeal or multigrain sandwich/wrap/roll, pasta, noodles, rice, crackers, rice/corn cakes

2. Fruit: Apple, orange, grapes, strawberries, cut-up watermelon, banana, mango, blueberries, peach, apricot, kiwi fruit, fruit salad

3. Vegetable: Cherry tomatoes, capsicum sticks, snow peas, carrot/celery/cucumber sticks

4. Dairy: Plain UHT milk, natural yoghurt, cheese cubes or sticks, smoothie, custard, yoghurt rice pudding, tzatziki

5. Protein: Chicken, egg, tuna, hummus, baked beans, lamb, pork, tofu, lentil pattie

6. Bottle of water




We know packing a healthy lunchbox can be overwhelming, there are small steps you can undertake like adding vegetable sticks like carrot or cucumber to your child's snack or hiding vegetables in a regular meal. We know what children eat during their day at school plays an important role in their learning, development and mood.

🥕 Lunboxes can be tricky, and small changes can have a huge impact 🥕

For more information and recipes please visit:
healthylunchboxweek.org.au

COMMUNITY NEWS

BOORT NETBALL CLUB INC.



We invite all interested players, both existing or new, to register for the upcoming netball season in 2024! Registrations are now open and we encourage you to click on the link below to get started.

- Senior players – born 2006 & onwards
- Junior players – born 2005 - 2014
- Net Set Go (born 2015 & younger)

Season Launch – Wednesday 21st February – more details coming soon!!

Any queries, please contact Roxy Train on 0423 383 264, or
email boortnc@gmail.com

<https://registration.netballconnect.com/appRegistrationForm>