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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: Pursuing Excellence in all Areas



DIARY DATES

MARCH

22nd Silver Assembly

25th-29th Yr10/11 Work Experience

27th Yr 5/6 Redball Tennis

28th Whole School Assembly

28th Last Day Term 1. Finish time 2.30pm

APRIL

15th Term 2 Begins

17th House Cross Country

23rd BDS Writers Festival

24th Parent Teacher Interviews (student free day)

25th ANZAC day

May

10th Mother's Day Breakfast.

Principals Report

School Council

The Annual meeting of School Council was held on Wednesday 20th March and the Executive Committee were voted in. I would like to congratulate the following parents:

President – Brenton Henderson

Vice President – Doug Perryman

Treasurer – Carl Chamberlain

I appreciate the ongoing support of our fellow and new school council members.

NAPLAN

Our NAPLAN tests have been completed for another year and I can assure you that the information we receive from the results is incredibly important for our planning. It should also be pointed out that the importance that is placed on these Numeracy and Literacy tests reflect how important building strong literacy and numeracy skills are for young people. They are the foundations to nearly all of

our learning. I am pleased to report that our students did a terrific job of focusing in on their tasks for their NAPLAN tests, which will give us confidence that the results that we analyse are valid and a good reflection of student achievement at that point of time.

Interim Reports

Interim reports will be available for students in Years 7 to 10 next Wednesday 27th March. I encourage families to work with your child's teachers to provide any necessary support and to attend our Parent Teacher Interviews that will be held on Wednesday 24th April. Please note that Wednesday 24th April is a pupil free day.

School Crossing Zone

Road safety is a shared responsibility and I would like to encourage families to discuss the importance of road safety with your child/children. It is very important that all students use the school crossing zone when coming to and leaving our school. It is also pleasing to see families use the designated drop-off and pick-up area that is located behind the Stadium.

Last Day of Term 1

Next Thursday is our last day of Term 1 and students will be dismissed at 2.30pm. Our school will conduct our end of Term assembly, starting at 2.00pm with a special guest – Mr Peter Walsh MP.

Todd Woodfine.

Principal



Boort District School is hosting our
FIRST Writers Festival on
Tuesday 23rd of April, 2024.

Featuring:



Fleur Ferris - Author
RISK, WRECK, BLACK FOUND
SEVEN DAYS, HELLAROO HELLARALOO



Amy Doak - Author
ELANOR JONES IS NOT A MURDERER
ELANOR JONES CAN'T KEEP A SECRET



Jack Henseleit - Author
THE WITCHING HOURS, CROSS BONES,
FAMILY ROAD TRIP GAMES



Chris Kennett - Illustrator
STAR WARS, SCHOOL OF MONSTERS,
THE NEED HERO, CROSS BONES



Connor Dougan - Artist
(Vocals/Guitar/Songwriter -
One More Weekend)



Kitty Rae - Artist
(Singer/Songwriter)

Writing Competitions with Prizes for All Year levels.
On the day gift bags and lunch included!



Writing Competition Categories and Guidelines

Foundation:

Category A- 'About Me'

In recognition of their developing skills, Foundation students are invited to submit an 'About Me' annotated illustration.

Years 1 & 2:

Category 1B/2B- 'About Me'- An A4 document, using illustration and sentences.

Category 1C/2C- A creative narrative

Category 1D/2D- A poem or song

Years 3-6

Category 3E/4E/5E/6E- Creative Narrative

Category 3F/4F/5F/6F- Persuasive Writing

Category 3G/4G/5G/6G- Poem or song

Junior (F-6) categories sponsored by BDS Parents' Club

Years 7-10

Category 7H/8H/9H/10H- Creative Narrative

Category 7I/8I/9I/10I- Persuasive Writing

Category 7J/8J/9J/10J- Poetry or Lyrics

The Senior (7-10) categories sponsored by NCLLEN and NDCH

Aside from Category A, each category will have one winner. Winners will be announced at the Writers Festival on Tuesday 23rd April.

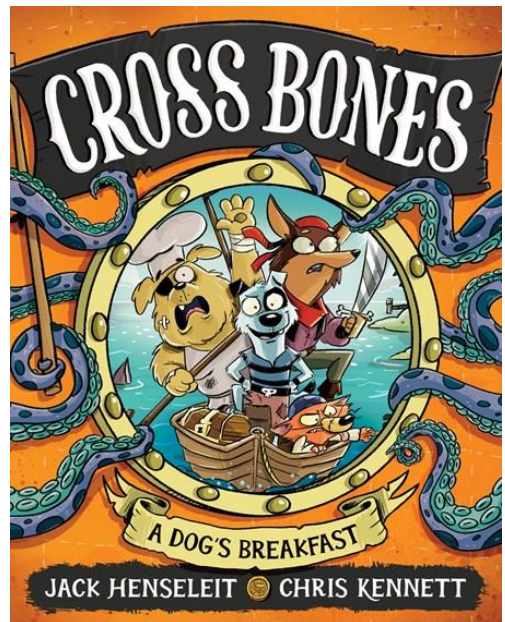
Submissions due Friday 29th March. Email entries to pickers@boortds.vic.edu.au or hand them to Ms Pickering at school.



ICT Acceptable Use Agreement

This week all families received a copy of the ICT Acceptable Use Agreement on Xuno and have been asked to read and approve their understanding of this document. This document should be discussed with your children with an increased understanding of how to use iPads, laptops and internet access at school. In classes and Home Groups at the start of Term 2, we will also discuss this document in more detail with students. If you have not accessed this from Xuno, please contact your child's Home Group teacher or the school office and we will supply a hard copy.

Tom Bleicher
Assistant Principal



Magnus, Daisy, Ed and Spot used to be the finest pirates on the great sea, until a run of bad luck took the wind out of their sails. Now, with a stolen map clutched in their paws, the dogs are looking for treasure again – but with endless dangers ahead, and with a mysterious new crew member lurking below deck, it seems their latest adventure might be their last. Can the wily pirates change their fortune, and come out top dogs?

Available in the Library.

**Boort District School Parents' Club
Tesselaar Bulb Fundraiser.**

Bulb orders close on the 29th March. You can view the catalogue and order online using the following link:

www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/BOORTDS



Year 6 Easter fundraiser

As in the past, Year 6 students are raising money for their end of the year trip to Melbourne via an Easter raffle. Tickets are \$1 each and can be purchased from any Year 6 student or the School Office.

There will be in excess of 10 prizes to be won.

Be in it to win it!

Thank you



The Simpson Prize

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The Simpson Prize is a national history competition available to Year 9 and 10 students that focuses on the services of Australians in World War I and World War II. It has a closing date of 8th November, 2024, and this year the competition's specific focus is Australia's relationship with Great Britain. Full details are available at <http://www.simpsonprize.org/>

Please contact Mr. Crilly for further information.



National History Challenge

The National History Challenge is a competition available to students of all ages that provides an opportunity for them to be historians, research world history, examine Australia's past, and investigate their community and family history. It has a closing date of 23rd August, 2024, and this year the competition's focus is 'Crisis and response'. Full details are available at <https://historychallenge.org.au/>

Please contact Mr. Crilly for further information.

PARENTS' CLUB REQUEST FORM

Attached to the newsletter is a Student/Parent/Staff Request form to Parents' Club, if you or your child/ren have an idea or see something that you think Parents' Club could help with; it could be around the school or an event that you think we could do or anything please let us know, we would love to hear about it! You don't have to put your name on it.

Please either email it to parentsclubbds@gmail.com or place in the box at school, marked PARENTS' CLUB!

If you have questions please contact Kelly Henderson (President) or Sherryn O'Flaherty (Vice President)



BOORT DISTRICT SCHOOL

Parents Club

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

STUDENT/PARENT/STAFF REQUEST FORM TO PARENTS' CLUB

Name of person filling out:.....

Year Level:.....

Date:

Please tell Parents' Club what you would like to request or see done within Boort District School:

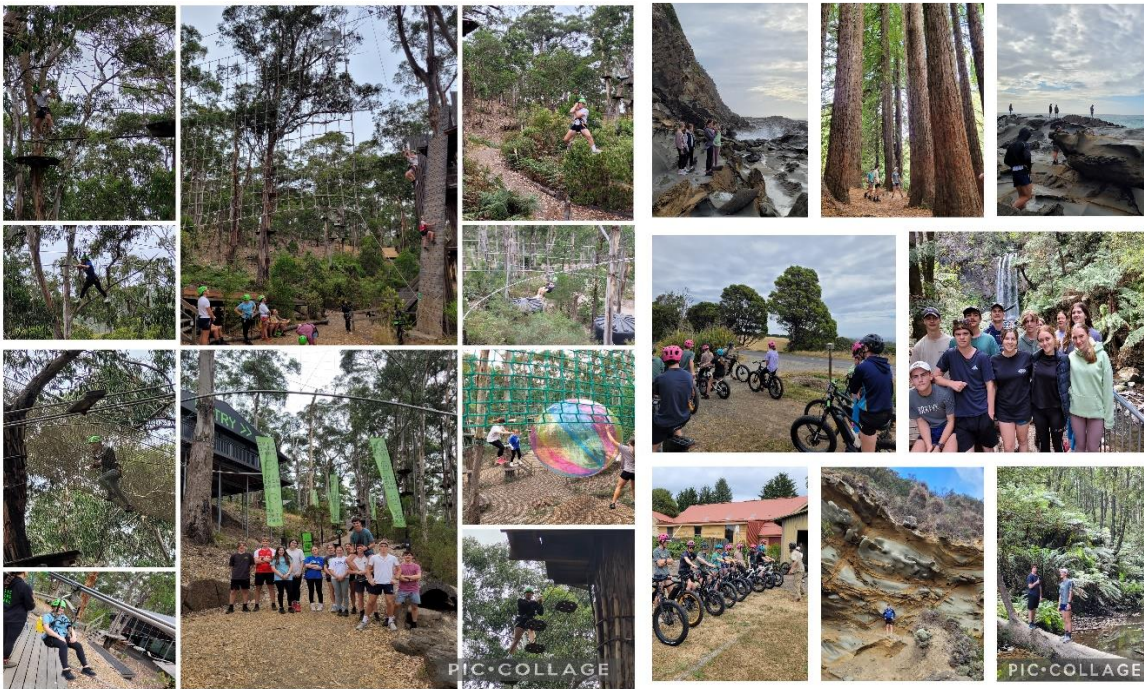
PLEASE EMAIL YOUR RESPONSE TO parentsclubbds@gmail.com OR PLACE IN BOX AT OFFICE

Are you happy for Parents' Club to contact you for more information? YES / NO



UNIT 3 OES OTWAYS CAMP

Last week, students from Unit 3/4 Outdoor & Environmental Studies attended a 3-Day camp to the Otway Forest, Cape Otway and Apollo Bay. We had amazing weather over the trip as students engaged in a variety of activities. Our trip began with driving the first section of the Great Ocean Road taking in the amazing cliffs and winding roads to Lorne via Eastern View, before taking on the adventurous challenges of Lorne Live Wire Park's high ropes course and zipline to analyse risk and adventure's impact on our relationships with the environment. We then headed west to Marengo to setup camp and explore the Apollo Bay harbour.



On our second day, we visited Blanket Bay, Parker Inlet, Point Franklin and Crayfish Bay along Cape Otway looking at the current environment and how it would have looked historically along with some rock pooling. We then travelled north to Beech Forest for an exploration of the Beech Forest Historical Society displays before enjoying e-biking around Beech Forest and investigating the history of the area around settlement and the current state of the environment. After a long day we returned through the ancient Otway Forest visiting the Otway Redwoods and Hopetoun Falls along the way.



For our final day we took part in some sea kayaking. Unfortunately, the wind was a little too strong to go and visit the seals at Marengo this year, so instead we paddled out through the surf beach at Apollo Bay into the harbour and the proceeded to catch some great waves on the way back in. Despite many capsizes in the process of surfing waves, it was an enjoyable way to finish our camp.



Overall, we had a great trip and brought back plenty of knowledge and experiences to apply to future assessments and exams at the end of the year. A big thank you to Sarah Featherby for her assistance on camp.



Hookin2Hockey – at Boort District School

Hockey Victoria and North Central Hockey Association are visiting Boort District School and Pyramid College on Tuesday 19th March for Years F-6 to run their Hockey Roadshow. Participants will be introduced to hockey through simple skills and drills and fun games.

Boort Hockey Club will be starting their Hookin2Hockey (Minkey) program in the stadium from **3.45-4.30pm** each **Wednesday** from **March 20th**. Students from Foundation and up are welcome to join our free **“Come and Try”** session on Wednesday 20th March. If your child is interested in playing, please register via - <https://www.hockey.org.au/hookin2hockey/> Choose Boort as your program when registering your child.

Sticks are available to borrow for the season with shin pads provided for new participants. All players must wear a mouthguard. Alternatively, a beginner’s pack which includes stick, shin pads and ball can be purchased for \$40 through NCHA

<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/northcentralha/shop/>

For further information, please contact Kelly Henderson 0427 280 583.

F-6 Hockey Roadshow

On Tuesday, students from Foundation to Year 6 were involved in our annual North Central Hockey Association Hockey Roadshow. This gave all students an opportunity to be introduced and develop their hockey skills in a fun and supportive environment. It was great to see and hear about the improvement of students in such a short period of time. A big thank you to North Central Hockey Association and their coaches Ella Lanyon and Emma Green for coming along to run this program. If your son/daughter would like to continue with their hockey journey please contact the Boort Hockey Club for more information or see the Hooked into Hockey flyer attached.



Charles Sturt University, Wagga Wagga

Eighteen senior students from our region including Kathleen and Chloe from Boort, recently attended the CSU Explore Day to discover more about Agriculture and Animal Studies courses.

The students from East Loddon, Boort, Birchip, Donald, Wycheproof and Charlton were fortunate to have current CSU students - Tadhg Lowry (Birchip), Zoe Lister (East Loddon) and Erica Payne (Birchip), available to give them a tour of the accommodation and provide them with an insight into the CSU student experience. Alyssa Boyd (Boort Year 12, 2023) is also an agriculture student at CSU.

CSU provided informative sessions about their courses and had staff available to help with specific questions about entry requirements and pathway options for students.

Many of the students attending the event felt that the campus had a very friendly rural atmosphere, and they could visualise themselves becoming students there.

This experience was supported by NCLLEN and SSAF 21st Century Agricultural Careers.

Sue Gould, North Central Local Learning and Employment Network



Fred Gjorup



Farwell to Fred Gjorup our exchange student from Denmark



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Year 3/4	Dahli	For having a wonderful Term 1. Your manners are an asset to our classroom.
	Lucy	For a fantastic effort on her 2D shapes poster. Great work Lucy!
	Luca	For a wonderful start on his 'passion project' about the Essendon Football club.
Year 4/5	Joan	His great work in mathematics. Joan is a great problem solver.
	Tyla	For working hard to infer when reading.
	Matthew	For tackling challenging questions in mathematics.
Year 6	Carrie	For her entertaining dance routine about the Easter Bunny
	Hannah	For her attention to detail when creating her 3D robot.
	Eva	For her willingness to help out within the classroom

Virtual Industry Careers Experience

NCLLEN staff visited the school on Tuesday to run a program- Virtual Industry Careers Experience. Students in Year 7 and 10 were provided this opportunity. They wore virtual reality headsets and were immersed into a range of careers from the Community Services, Food and Fibre, Health and Transport and Logistics sectors. Students commented that it was a fun way to learn about different careers. This program will continue next term for other year levels.

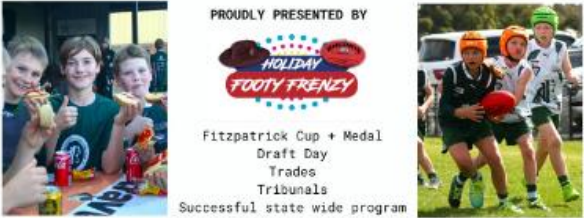


COMMUNITY NEWS

ECHUCA FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB

HOLIDAY FOOTY FRENZY

BOYS + GIRLS
5-14 YEARS OLD





PROUDLY PRESENTED BY

Fitzpatrick Cup + Medal
Draft Day
Trades
Tribunals
Successful state wide program

2 FULL DAYS

April 2nd + 3rd (Easter School Holidays)
8:30am - 5:00pm
\$80 for 1 day - \$150 for both days
Victoria Park, Echuca

BOOK NOW  

BOORT HOCKEY CLUB – REGISTRATIONS ARE OPEN!!

Boort Hockey Club is inviting all interested players, both existing and new to register for the upcoming 2024 Season!

Please register as soon as possible so we can gauge numbers for each level before our next league meeting. We are seeking registrations in all grades of hockey:

- Minkey (Foundation to Year 4)
- Under 12's (born 2012-2014)
- Under 15's (born 2009-2011)
- Women
- Men

REGISTER WITH THE LINK BELOW:
<https://www.revolutionise.com.au/boorthc/registration>

Any questions please contact:
Kelly Henderson 0427 280583





come find your awesome

JOIN YOUR LOCAL AUSKICK CENTRE TODAY!

REGISTER by the 1st April to be in the draw to WIN a signed 2024 Carlton Jumper plus tour of Ikon Park and 4 tickets to a mutually agreed Carlton Game in 2024.
Central Victoria Auskick Centres Only.
Winner will be contact by phone and email.

 play.afl/auskick 

April School Holiday Program

Meet me on April 8. Ask us how...

Bead Art
Kerang - 10.30am Tuesday 9 April
Cohuna - 10.30am Thursday 11 April
School-age children

Plaster Painting
Kerang - 2.30pm Tuesday 2 April
Cohuna - 2.30pm Wednesday 10 April
3+ Years

Story Time
Kerang - 2.30pm Wednesday 3 April
Suitable for preschool children

Adults to accompany children
Phone 5452 1546 to book
No booking required for Story Time



The link to register to Auskick is
<https://play.afl/play/auskick>.

Careers and Pathways

Remember!

School Holiday Uni Tours & Experience Days

Discover ACU – Ballarat

www.acu.edu.au/about-acu/events

Deakin University – all campuses

www.deakin.edu.au/student-life-and-services/events/campus-tours

Latrobe University - Bendigo

www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/bendigo-campus-talk-and-tours2

Monash University – all campuses

www.monash.edu/discover/events/campus-experience

RMIT University

www.rmit.edu.au/events

Victoria Police | Careers Information Session - Online Webinar



March 25th, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Victoria Police is hosting an online information session for members of the community who are interested in a career with Victoria Police. Hear from us about the recruitment process and training at the Police Academy. It's also your opportunity to ask questions you have about police careers and pathways.

To Register Visit:

www.police.vic.gov.au/find-police-career-information-session

Discover ACU Ballarat



April 12th, 2024

Join us for the 2024 Discover ACU. A free event tailored to your study area of interest; these sessions will give you an insight into life as a uni student.

Sessions include:

- Nursing and Paramedicine
- Occupational Therapy and Physical Therapy
- Education and Arts

To Register Visit:

www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/future-student-events/discover-acu/victoria

School Holiday Workshops



Music Theatre: April 8th to 9th

Performance & Songwriting: April 11th to 12th

AIM's holiday workshop is designed for high school students interested in theatre, performance, and songwriting. Created for students in Years 9-12, the two-day workshops provide incredible opportunities to experience performing and being mentored by AIM's own accomplished industry professionals.

To Register Visit:

<https://aim.edu.au/whats-on/>

AIE Industry Experience Day



Thursday April 11th 10:00am – 3:00pm

AIE's Industry Experience Day is a great opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to learn about the local and international game development, 3D animation and visual effects industries.

To Register Visit:

www.aie.edu.au/aie_event/industry-experience-day/

VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE



Discover the art of baking with the Year13 Bakers Delight Virtual Work Experience - an interactive exploration into the craft of baking, offering insight into a baker's daily life.

- Virtual Bakery Tour
- Quality Control Challenge
- Get Hands-On in the Kitchen

Visit:

<https://year13.com.au/virtual-job-experience/baking-apprentice/overview?preview>

Pam McConville

Careers and Pathways

Email: p.mcconville@ncllen.org.au

What's On: Term 2

All programs are delivered by our qualified and passionate facilitators.

Multi-Session Programs

Tuning in to Teens | 6 Sessions, Mondays

For parents and carers with teens aged 12 and over

The teenage years are among the most challenging for parents to navigate. This program helps parents and carers to build strong relationships and ensure positive interactions with their teens - even in difficult times.

FREE | Mondays, 22 April - 27 May | 10:00am - 12:00pm
Online, via Zoom



Tuning in to Kids | 6 Sessions, Tuesdays

For parents and carers with kids aged under 12

Kids with emotional intelligence have better concentration, make friends more easily, and are better able to regulate emotions. In this program you'll learn to help your child understand and manage their feelings.

FREE | Tuesdays, 23 April - 28 May | 10:30am - 12:30pm
In-person, CatholicCare Victoria Bendigo



Single-Session Workshops

Knowing your Teen

For parents and carers with kids aged 10+

This workshop aims to provide information, improve understanding, and explore strategies that focus on the strengths and challenges of this stage of development. Look at the latest research around teenage brain development and discuss peer relationships and tips for building and maintaining a positive relationship with your teenager.

Thursday, 18 April | 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Bendigo Library
FREE | Registrations not necessary



Single-Session Workshops

Tech Strategies for Families

For parents and carers with kids aged 0-10

Technology is a part of our reality, but setting boundaries around its use is not always easy. This workshop presents current research, helps you reflect on tech use in your family; considering both its challenges and opportunities and explores strategies that focus on creating a safe and healthy tech environment for your family.

Wednesday, 22 May | 1:00pm - 2:30pm
Gisborne Library
FREE | Registrations not necessary



Building Resilience with Kids

For parents and carers with kids aged under 12

Resilience is the ability to cope with the ups and downs of life. Resilience is not just about managing current stresses, but also developing skills for dealing with challenges throughout life and enhancing mental health.

Learn to help kids develop skills, habits and attitudes for building resilience, including how to:

- build good relationships
- develop independence
- build confidence to face challenges
- manage strong emotions



Wednesday, 1 May
9:00am - 11:00am
Quarry Hill Primary School, Bendigo
FREE | Register below

Tuesday, 21 May
1:00pm - 2:30pm
Bendigo Library
FREE | Registrations not necessary

Thursday, 23 May
10:30am - 11:30am
Boort Library
FREE | Registrations not necessary



Register online:
www.catholiccarevic.org.au/register