



# 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: Displaying a sense of Fairness**

We ask that students are not on the school grounds before 8.40am each day as supervision is not provided before this time.

### DIARY DATES

#### May

- 24<sup>th</sup> Gateways Exc
- 25<sup>th</sup> Inter School Cross Country
- 29<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> Driver Ed

#### June

- 1<sup>st</sup> Biggest Morning Tea
- 1<sup>st</sup> Whole School Assembly 1.55pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Parents' Club Meeting
- 7<sup>th</sup> Pie Collection
- 8<sup>th</sup> Year 11 Exams start
- 11<sup>th</sup> Queen's Birthday Holiday
- 15<sup>th</sup> School Council Holiday

### Principal's Report

#### Report Writing Day

This is forward notice that there will be a report writing day on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> June. This will be a pupil free day. This date was endorsed by School Council at the last meeting.

#### Biggest Morning Tea

This whole school event will take place on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June at recess time. The theme is 'Come as Something Starting with the First Letter of your First Name' so students can use their imagination to come up with a fabulous costume. All families can provide a plate of food to share and the gold coin donation will go to the Cancer Council. Please remember that we try to avoid nuts in our food to prevent any allergic reactions. A note will be sent home to remind everyone of this activity.

### Update of phone numbers

Last week each family was sent a form to complete to update mobile phone numbers to allow for SMS contact regarding absences. Please return these forms as soon as possible, so we can make sure all families have correct details to enable us to send messages to notify of unexplained absences. Thank you to all those families who have already returned the forms.

### Assembly

Our next whole school assembly will be held on Friday, 1<sup>st</sup> June at 1.55pm in the Stadium. All are welcome to come along.

### Illness

It is that time of year again! Colds, bugs, gastro and other illnesses are starting to creep in. If you believe your child may be ill, please let them stay at home to rest. If your child has been vomiting, they must stay away from school for 48 hours after the last occurrence. If children come to the sick bay advising us of feeling sick, we will ring home and ask that they be picked up. We thank everyone for trying to keep on top of illness and especially to all families who ring us each morning letting us know that their child will be absent due to illness.

Lee-Anne Sherwell Principal

### Principal's Availability over the Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School	At School	Melbourne - meeting	At School	At School

## Parents' Club Meeting

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> of June at 9.00am at Maddy Scott's. All welcome. If anyone needs directions or a lift please contact Varlea. Apologies to Varlea on 0409 189 591. Thank you!

# 2018 SRC PIE DRIVE

All orders need to be returned to the school office by this Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> May. Pies will be delivered to the Boort Sporting Club on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> June for collection at 3:30pm. Any further information please contact Sarah Featherby

## THIS WEEK IN PEER SUPPORT...

### Session 4 - Make the change

Our session this week in Stronger Together - our Peer Support module encourages students to identify any behaviours or actions they feel are unhealthy in themselves or in others. Skill building in identifying behaviours, inclusive practice, and developing empathy assists students to transition into making positive decisions to change. This might be an opportunity for parents of participating students to remind your child about when they have handled change well and the skills they used.

### REWARD!

The students in Year 3 were most appreciative of their 'hot chip and gravy lunch' last Friday in recognition of their NAPLAN efforts. The Year 2 and 4 students joined them as they were most responsible and worked quietly whilst NAPLAN testing was undertaken.



## Let's Get Cooking Vietnamese Cuisine

The students, in Let's Get Cooking have been investigating Vietnam and the different cuisines of the north, south and coastline. Students were required to view an episode of Luke Nguyen's Vietnam on You Tube and complete set tasks related to the area and recipes produced. The class then produced chicken and broccoli rice paper rolls with peanut and hoisin dipping sauce, as well as Vietnamese crispy pancakes with Nuoc Cham sauce.

It was a delicious meal, with all students trying the foods.



## Cleaner's Award *Mrs Featherby's 3/4 room*

## Student of the Week

Foundation	Sunny Soumelidis	For working hard to model addition with the toy animals.
	Bridget Perryman	For forming her numbers correctly and neatly.
	Xavier Junor	For his excellent recall of facts about planets in our Solar System.
Year 1/2	Indie Gooding	For working hard to improve her punctuation in her writing.
Year 2/3	Abby Potter	For trying her best when completing multiplication tasks.
	Laci Streader	For giving her very best during NAPLAN testing.
	Jesse Fuller	For listening well during Maths instruction.
Year 3/4	Phoebe Henderson	For working hard at times tables.
	Emma Young	For always being honest.
	Aiden Doolan	For a consistent effort in learning time.

## Chaplain Chats

### Boort school values are:

- thinking creatively and independently,
- showing tolerance and respect to others,
- acting in a safe and respectable manner,
- resilience,
- acting with integrity and honesty,
- fairness,
- pursuing excellence in all areas and

*I hope you enjoy the moral to the story.*

Once there were two neighbours living next to each other. one a retired teacher the other an insurance agent. Both enjoyed their gardens and recently planted new plants. The retired teacher was giving a small amount of water to his plants and didn't always give them the full attention one would expect, while the other neighbour gave them a lot of water and looked after them a little *too* well.

The retired teacher's plants looked simple but good, while the insurance agent's plants were fuller and greener. One night, there was a heavy storm and the next morning both of the neighbours came out to inspect the damage to their garden. The insurance agent saw that his plants came up from the roots and were totally destroyed, but the retired teacher's plants were not damaged at all and were standing firm.

The insurance agent was surprised to see it. On seeing the retired teacher he asked, "We both grew the same plants at the same time; I actually looked after my plants better than you did for yours, and even gave them more water. They were strong, lush and green, yet my plants came up from the roots, while yours didn't. How is that possible?"

The retired teacher smiled and said, "You gave your plants more attention and water, but because of that they didn't need to work for it. You made it easy for them. While I gave them just an adequate amount of water and let their roots search for more. And, because of that, their roots went deeper and that made their position stronger. That is why my plants survived".

Moral: This story is about parenting and children. Children are like plants. If everything is given to them, they will not understand the hard work it takes to earn things. They will not learn to work for themselves and respect it. Sometimes it's best to 'guide them' instead of 'giving to them'. Teach them how to walk, but then let them follow their own path.

Maureen Hurren -School Chaplain

## COMMUNITY NEWS



### Have your say on our region's future

The Mallee Regional Partnership is listening to our community and taking our views directly to the Victorian Government.

Come to our 2018 Regional Assembly in Kerang on Thursday 31 May and hear what has been achieved, and help shape our priorities and our region's future. We're listening and delivering.

**Date:** Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> May  
**Location:** Kerang Memorial Hall  
**Time:** 5:30pm to 8:30pm  
Registration begins from 5pm

It is important to hear from our young people about what matters and what the unique experiences are of living in the Mallee Region.

Please register your attendance by visiting our webpage:

<https://engage.vic.gov.au/mallee>

if you have any difficulty registering online please call (03) 4433 8044.

We look forward to welcoming you in Kerang to discuss our region's future.