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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

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

October

24th Last day of classes Year 12

24th Yr 12 Dinner

25th Year 7 Immunisation

25th LMR Hockey

26th Years 5 – 8 Games Day

26th Yr 12 English Trial Exam

26th Middle Years Games Day

26th Yr 9 Personal Development

Program

29th JMSS Exc

29th Malt House Theatre

30th - 2nd Year 6 Melb. Exc

31st VCE English Exam

November

2nd Clay Target & Lawn Bowls St Arn

2nd Whole School Assembly

5th Melbourne Cup Celebration

5th Kelly Sports F-6

5th Biology Exc

6th Melbourne Cup pupil free day

7th Years 10 & 11 Well Being

11th Open Garden Day 🍁

13th Pyramid Hill transition

15th Pre-School all day visit

19th VCE Unit 2 study Day

20th VCE Unit 2 exams start

23rd – 29th Kickstart Year 11

29th Last Day Year 11 & VCAL

30th Report Writing Day

December

10th Last Day NCTTC Year 9/10

18th Presentation Night Year 5 – 12

19th Celebration Afternoon F – 4

19th Year F – 5 step up

21st Last day term 4 Finish 1pm

Principal's Report

Transition

We welcomed our 2019 Prep students into the school last Thursday for their third transition visit. They did some reading activities, had a play and went for a tour of the school. Their parents had a short tour and information session. We look forward to their next visit.

School Captains 2019

It is with great pleasure that we will announce our School Captains for 2019 at assembly next week. They underwent an application and interview process involving speaking in front of a panel. They will be formally recognised and presented at Presentation Night.

Year 12 Last Week

Year 12 students officially finished classes today, Wednesday, 24th October. They will now be busily preparing for their end of year exams. We wish them all the best with their studies and look forward to celebrating their results with them in December. Their Graduation Dinner will be held tonight – a fabulous opportunity to mark the end of school life with them as well as their parents.

Working Bee

Thanks to everyone who came in last Friday for our last Working Bee for the year. The weeding that was accomplished has left the front of our school looking magnificent. The other work done has also been very much appreciated.

Congratulations

We would like to congratulate Mr Rowley and his wife Erin on the birth of their baby boy on Monday. We look forward to seeing the photos of the new addition to their family and we hope all is well with mother and baby.

Melbourne Cup Day Holiday

Don't forget that Tuesday, 6th November is Melbourne Cup Day and a Public Holiday. There will be no school on this day.

Lee-Anne Sherwell
Principal

Principal's Availability over the Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School				

Scholastic Book Club

Orders for Issue 7 of Scholastic Book Club need to be completed by Friday, 26th October. Please note that all orders need to be completed and paid for online. Payment cannot be accepted at Boort District School.

October is Walk to School Month

*Walk, ride or scoot this
October!*

*Walk to School 2018 runs from the
8th of October through to 2nd November.*

SRC Tea Towel and Apron Fundraiser

Our limited edition design will be made up of self-portraits drawn by all students and staff. The pictures and names will be arranged all together as a commemorative design for the whole school then screen printed in blue onto premium 100% white cotton tea towels and printed in white onto premium navy 100% cotton aprons.

Don't forget to order a few extras for family members for Christmas or pack one away for when your child leaves home. An order form will be sent home this week. It is a matter of completing the form and returning with the payment to the office in an envelope clearly marked "Tea Towel/Apron Order".

There is a sample of the apron and tea towel in the office for you to check out the quality. Aprons will be \$20 each or 5 for \$95 and tea towels are \$15 each or 5 for \$70.

Thank you for your continued support – Boort District School Student Representative Council.



TEA TOWEL & APRON ORDER FORM

Student Name: _____ Class: _____

Contact Name _____ Phone Number: _____

Number of Tea Towels Ordered: 1 2 3 4 5 6 or more → _____

Number of Aprons Ordered: 1 2 3 4 5 6 or more → _____

Please enclose payment with your order: TOTAL enclosed \$ _____

Cash

Cheque: (made payable to *(your organisation name here)*)

Direct Deposit: Account Name: *(Acct name here)* BSB: *(BSB)* Acct. No.: *(Account No. here)*

Please put child's name as the reference Lodgement receipt No. _____

VCE English Texts 2019

There has been a letter sent home with Year 10 and 11 students regarding English texts for 2019. In order to access some of the English texts so they can be used for the Kick Start program (Year 12, 2019) and read over the summer break, an order form has been given to students. The purpose of this form is to ensure all students are organised for the purchase of their VCE English texts and most importantly have them early so they can be read over the summer break.

If you plan to buy any of the texts yourself, be sure you buy the correct edition as specified in the order form. It is important that translations and page numbers are consistent. Please note that you can use Bpay using your unique family identification number.

Please contact Susan Gould if you have any questions

Melbourne Cup Celebrations

The SRC will be organising Melbourne Cup activities on Monday, 5th November. Students are asked to dress in something linked to the Melbourne Cup or come in their finest fair for 'Fashions on the Field'.

Review of Boort District School Beliefs and Values Statement.

As part of the school's Annual Implementation Plan we are looking at the school's Beliefs and Values which were developed in 2011/12 when Boort Primary School and Boort Secondary College merged to become Boort District School. These are printed on every school newsletter on a weekly rotating basis and are displayed in a number of classrooms throughout the school.

Families, students and staff will be asked over the next few weeks for input. The input will then be collated and decisions made about whether the Beliefs and Values should be kept the same or altered.

Families will be asked through a form that will be attached to **next week's** school Newsletter. If you would like to give some input please do so. Students will be asked for input via Home Groups or through small group meetings. Staff will spend some meeting time on providing input.

Adrian Grogan and Merryn Rees

Letters to the past

In the lead up to Remembrance Day, students will have the opportunity to write letters in class to Veterans commemorated on the memorial boards in Boort Memorial Hall. They will then 'post' them in the general office to their veterans and through the magic of time receive correspondence in return.

Please visit the Library to view our Remembrance Day display.



Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to everyone who supported our 'School for Student Leadership Sausage Sizzle' on Friday. Delicious sausages were enjoyed by all. We were supported by the students from Weeroona College, who completed the 10 week SSL program with Boort at Dinner Plain. We appreciated their help and support. We hope to reciprocate, with a visit to their school when we purchase the trees. The students were thrilled to raise \$212, which will be spent on indigenous shade trees for the school grounds.



Cleaner's Award

YEAR 12 Room. Congratulations! It took a **WHOLE** year to achieve this award.

Citizen of the Week

Eva Perryman for helping another student in a crisis.

Student of the Week

Foundation	Hayley Stringer	For setting a great example to the Pre-school children during their visit.
	Monique	For her excellent knowledge of the days of the week in maths.
Year 1/2	Mason Young	For being a kind and considerate person who always takes care of his classmates and friends.
Year 2/3	Jesse Fuller	For using his Smart Spelling skills when writing.
	Alena Edwards	For wonderful expression when reading aloud.
	Laci Streader	For working hard with fractions in Maths.
Year 3/4	Anna Lanyon	For always being so organised.
	Deacon Hird	For participating in T20 cricket at the last minute.



Chaplain Chats

Boort school values are:

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

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a roadway. He then hid himself and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way. Some of the King's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it, without considering the consequences of the blocked road.

Many people loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none of them did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

A peasant then came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to push the stone off the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded.

After the peasant went back to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and a note from the King explaining that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

Moral of the story: Every obstacle we come across in life gives us an opportunity to improve our circumstances. How we respond is important. Whilst the lazy complain, others are creating opportunities through their kind hearts, generosity, and willingness to get things done.

Have a great week

Maureen Hurren

School Chaplain



BOORT OPEN GARDEN DAY

SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

Registration 9.30am - 1pm

at

Boort District School Garden

Malone Street Boort

Adults \$10 Children free

Entry includes your map and

Devonshire Tea

at one of the five gardens

Gardens open 10am - 4.30pm

Boort District School Parents Club

Newsletter article: Bushfire At-Risk Register - Schools

Version 1 | December 2010



School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children's services listed on the DET Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. **Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.**

Where possible, we will provide parents with ample notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter, SMS message, email and Facebook (if possible). A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child.

It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.
- As a bus co-ordinating school all bus routes will be cancelled.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – **on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.**

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the Country Fire Authority (CFA) advises that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day. As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan and taken steps to clear our facility's grounds and gutters.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family's bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by checking our website [www.boortds.vic.edu.au] and by talking to your child's teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you're planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family's bushfire survival plan.
- You can access more information about children's services closures on the Department of Education and Training website – see <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx>

For up-to-date information on this year's fire season see:

- <https://emergency.vic.gov.au>
- Facebook ([facebook.com/cfavic](https://www.facebook.com/cfavic))
- Twitter (twitter.com/CFA_Updates)
- ABC local radio, Sky News and other emergency broadcasters
- VicEmergency Hotline (1800 226 226)



COMMUNITY NEWS

Tennis Coaching.

Tennis Coaching with Peter Bewley will once again be offered during Term Four 2018 in Boort – from Wednesday, 31st October through to Wednesday, 12th December (7 weeks).

For further information or to provide names, please make contact with Alistair McDougal as soon as possible on 54 552 595 or 0427 221 098.

Cut-off date to give names will be Saturday 27/10/2018.



Boort Netball Club

BNC Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 19th November at 7.30pm at Boort Sports Club.

All prospective players, parents and members are encouraged to attend. Apologies to boortnc@gmail.com or to 0407 857 894

Kristen BNC Secretary



BRIC Christmas Tree Competition

Name		
Prize	Sections	Tick Box
\$25	1. Best Small Tree – Traditional - under 60 cm	
\$25	2. Best Small Tree – Non Traditional - Under 60 cm	
\$25	3. Best Large Tree - Traditional – Height Over 60 cm & Under 200 cm	
\$25	4. Best Large Tree – Non Traditional – Height Over 60 cm & Under 200 cm	
1 st \$15 2 nd \$10 3 rd \$5	5. Junior Student (Year 6 & younger) – Best Tree - Height under 200 cm, any design/decorations	
1 st \$15 2 nd \$10 3 rd \$5	6. Senior Student (Year 7 to 12) - Best Tree - Height under 200 cm, any design/decorations	
Contact No.	Email:	
Tree Collection	Friday 21 st from BRIC Or earlier by arrangement	

Terms and Conditions

1. Create your own Christmas tree made out of anything you like, or decorate an artificial tree, or a real tree.
2. Trees must be freestanding (stand on their own)
3. Tree width to be no wider than 1.2 metres.
4. Entry forms to be dropped/emailed into BRIC by Wednesday, 12th December.
5. Trees to be delivered to Old Chemist Shop between 4-5pm on 14/12/2018. Can be dropped off earlier by arrangement, by contacting BRIC on 5455 2716.
6. Entries to be judged by members of BRIC Committee and winners announced on the night.
7. As -BRIC would like to display Trees for 1 week, trees can be collected from BRIC on Friday 21st December or earlier by arrangement.

Trees to be displayed in Old Chemist Shop window
on the night of Boort Xmas Street Festival, Friday 14th December 2018, and at
BRIC Monday 17th to Friday 21st December 2018.

PORTSEA CAMP 2019

The 2019 Portsea Camp will be held
Monday 2nd – Monday 9th January 2019
For children aged 9-12 years.

A week by the sea enjoying summer activities

Application forms and more information available at the
Gannawarra Library Service
Kerang ~ Quambatook
Cohuna ~ Leitchville

Email: library@gl.s.vic.gov.au

Closes: **30th Nov 2018** (Extended)
Inclusive cost \$383

*Support available for eligible families
Residing in the Gannawarra, Wakool and Loddon Shires*

SKATE COMP

SAT 3RD OF NOVEMBER

GREAT PRIZES

@ THE COHUNA SKATE PARK

4PM WORKSHOPS - 6PM COMP TIME

20 YEAR PLAQUE UNVEILING AT 4PM

TO BOOK A WORKSHOP OR FOR MORE INFO

CONTACT Jess - jessmihalovic.jm@gmail.com

or Justine - justine.farley@ndch.org.au

0429 436 631

ALL SKILL LEVELS
FOR GIRLS AND GUYS
ALL AGES EVENT
PARENT/CARER MUST
SIGN IN ON THE DAY

A VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT INITIATIVE



THIS IS A FULLY SUPERVISED, DRUG, ALCOHOL AND SMOKING-FREE EVENT

Mental Health Month

Movie Night

DATE

Friday, 26 October 2018

VENUE

Atkinson Park, Kerang

TIME

Movie starts at 7.30pm

FOOD & DRINKS
AVAILABLE TO
PURCHASE

BBQ

QUAMBY QUOFFEE VAN

* COHUNA LEO'S

'HOT JAM DONUTS' *

AND

POPCORN &

FAIRY FLOSS

Julia Roberts
Owen Wilson
Jacob Tremblay

wonder

BASED ON THE NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER

BYO BLANKETS,
CHAIRS, BEANBAGS
OR ANYTHING COMFY

ENTRY

Optional Gold Coin Donation

For further information contact Justine on (01) 54 81 0200

This is a fully supervised, drug, alcohol and smoking free event

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