



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

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

December

18th Presentation Night Year 5 – 12

19th Celebration Afternoon F – 4, 2.30pm

19th Year F – 5 step up

21st Last day Term 4: Finish 1pm

2019

January

21st Booklist Collection Day 8.30am – 3.00pm

29th Staff return to school

30th VCE and VCAL classes start

29th – 5th April Leadership Camp – Snowy River

31st Year 5 -12 students at school

February

1st Foundation – Year 12 all students at school

15th Yr 7 – Yr 12 Swimming Sports

19th F – Yr 6 Swimming Sports

March

4th Yr 7- Yr 12 NCD Swimming

11th Labour Day – Pupil Free

6th School Photo's

April

6th End of Term 1

Principal's Report

Staff Changes for 2019

Luke Newell, Tess Blair are leaving us at the end of this year. Angela Poxon will be on 12 months Leave. Daniel Henderson will join our staff as a PE and OE teacher, Loretta Beattie will join us teaching in the Maths department two days per week and Ben Lee re-joins us teaching Science and Chemistry.

January 2019 Start

The newsletter calendar section outlines the days on which school will start back next year and the days on which students will be required to attend. Please take note of the staggered start to the year.

All Foundation students in 2019 will have Wednesday off from school, during the month of February, as per Department of Education recommendations.

Reports

Student reports not collected on Presentation Night can be collected from the General Office, until Friday 21st December.

Lee-Anne Sherwell

Principal

Have a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year. See you all in 2019.

Reducing Distractions to Learning



As we move towards 2019, many in education are reflecting on the best possible environment for student learning. At Boort District School, noting discussions and actions taken close to us, in the state and national settings, certainly the decrease of distractions in the classroom seem to be at the forefront of educational thinking.

When we talk about distractions, we are talking about students responding to noise, movement or visual cues that take away from what they are doing at that moment. These may impact on concentration lengths, engagement with student work and the accuracy or presentation of student work.

What may cause distraction? Mobile technology, over-use of drink bottles, inappropriate student behaviour, noise from outside the class or classroom, poor heating, cooling or lighting, uncomfortable seating or smells may cause

these distractions.

At Boort District School we will focus on removing or limiting these next year in order to further increase the rate of student learning!

From the start of next year, all Year 7-12 classrooms will have pockets for students to store mobile phones if they are brought to school. No student is to have a phone on their person in class – phones should be switched off and on silent. We encourage parents / carers to ask their children to leave their phones at home if they do not need them. Term 1 next year will see the school develop a mobile technology policy with input from parents / carers, staff and students. This will guide students in acceptable use of these technologies both in class and in the school yard.

Together with work on eliminating the other distractions that occur, we hope that we can go a step further towards improving student learning at this school.

Tom Bleicher

Start of Year for VCE, VCAL, VET Students

All Year 11 and 12 VCE, VCAL and VET students start school on Wednesday, 30th January, with VET students going to NCTTC on Thursday, 31st January. When the timetable is completed, Year 10 students completing VCE units will be notified if they are required on Wednesday, 30th January. Year 10 VCAL students will be required on this day.

Tom Bleicher

Booklists 2019

Booklists were due back to school Monday, 3rd December. Any booklists that are still to be submitted need to be mailed/delivered directly to Education Plus in Bendigo (the address is on the front of the booklist). Online booklists also need to be submitted as soon as possible as the ordering needs to be done. We do receive a commission from Education Plus for the text books which are ordered. This money goes into the welfare budget and is used to purchase uniform and books for those in need. Thank you to those who use our booklist system.

Uniform

Please organise your uniform requirements earlier rather than later over the holiday period. Hip Pocket have put in their orders for the anticipated demand of items. There is a five week wait for some of the garments if they run out of sizes so please order early so that your sizing needs are met. Remember shoes are to be totally black in colour and solid in appearance. Girls shorts - we now have an option for those girls who do not fit the standard short, fitting needs to be done at Hip Pocket and shorts will be ordered if the different fit is needed. Please allow time for this. Our unisex shorts are also available for all students.

Boort DS school bags.

The order for the school bags will be delivered around the third week of January. When they arrive people will be notified and deliveries organised. Thank you for your patience.

Gateways End of Year Projects



The Gateways class proudly completed three major projects towards the end of the year – a new pathway from Grey to Red, a music themed mural on the Music Room and a refurbishment of a table originally built by Peter Weaver and the Mens’ Shed. It is work such as this that gives our students ownership of our school! We look forward to seeing what next year’s Gateways classes can come up with.

Tom Bleicher



Fresh Fruit Program

We have had another successful and delicious Fresh Fruit program in 2018. Big thanks to our enthusiastic Year 6 students who assisted our parent helpers to prepare our fresh fruit and veggies on a Friday. To Lorraine, Marie and IGA Boort for helping access fresh produce and to our wonderful parent helpers who volunteered their time over the year. The school and students appreciated it immensely.



COMMUNITY NEWS



The Boort Swimming Club, will be conducting their annual Aquatic Education Program in the summer school holidays.

The program will be held at the Boort Swimming Pool on the following dates:

Monday 7th January to Thursday 10th January and
Monday 14th January to Thursday 17th January 2019.

Groups are as follows:

Water Familiarisation: 3 years
Water Confidence: 4 - 5 years (all Pre-School kids)
Foundation / Year 1 Beginner

Cost is \$60 per child for the swimming program. Pool entry must be paid each day too.

Registration forms are available from BRIC and MUST be returned before Friday, 21st December 2018.

For further information please contact myself.

Brooke Chamberlain

Aquatic Education Program Co-ordinator Ph. 0418 577 226.



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NIGHT BOWLS

- When:** Thursday 3rd January 2019
Where: Boort Bowls Club
Time: 6.30pm for BBQ tea
7.30pm for game
Cost: \$10 per person - teams of 4 = \$40 (inc BBQ & Supper)
Dress: Casual attire

Spinning Wheel \$2 per ticket with many prizes
Names to Boort District Health on 5451 5200

Bar Open & Supper Available

ALL WELCOME—bring the kids!!

