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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: Showing Tolerance and Respect for others

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

February

- 12th Tuesday Finance Meeting
- 14th Foundation parent session
- 15th Yr 7-12 House swimming sports
- 18th VCE Study Skills Session
- 19th F – Yr 6 House Swimming Sports
- 21st White card training
- 20th School Council
- 25th – 27th Year 8 Surf trip

March

- 4th Yr 7 -12 NCD Swimming sports StArnaud
- 6th School Photo's
- 7th Yr 7-12 Triathlon
- 11th Labour Day – Pupil Free
- 12th Yr 4 -6 Sandhurst & Goldfields Swimming
- 21st LMR Swimming Swan Hill

April

- 6th End of Term 1

August

- 13th Athletics House Sports
- 30th F-6 Calder Athletic Sports Charlton

Principal's Report

Xuno and Update forms

Thanks to the many families who have returned the Update forms, particularly those who have provided alternative email addresses for use with Xuno.

All families have been sent a welcome email to log in and access Xuno. You will see a personal dashboard that will take you to timetables and tasks for each child you have at school. We will all be learning how to use this system so if you see any potential issues, please let us know.

If families have the same email for each adult, just use the same password to access your dashboards.

Working Bees for 2019

Based on information from the update forms, a roster for the working bees will be created and sent out via email and newsletter, very shortly.

School for Student Leadership

We farewelled our seven students going to the Snowy River Campus for the duration of Term 1, last Friday at assembly. They have all arrived safely and started their programme. (Photo Below)

Eftpos Facility and Family accounts

A reminder that we have the facility at the General Office to take payments via Eftpos. This means camps, excursions, fees, computer charges or other incidental items can be paid with credit or debit cards, if you wish.

All family accounts were sent home today. If you would like to organise a payment plan for monies owed, please make an appointment to see Lois Mitchell.

Bushfire and Snakes

As always at this time of year we face the problems of snakes and potential bushfire threats. We do everything we can to keep grass and weeds cut and we warn our students to be on the lookout for snakes – but not to touch them.

We are a Bushfire at Risk School and as such we have an up-to-date emergency management plan and we will let parents know of any possible school closures. The Regional Office determines if we close our school and lets us know of possible bus route closures too. All families will be informed if school is affected by bushfire.

Lee-Anne Sherwell
Principal

Principal's Availability Next Week

Thursday	Friday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
At School				



Our students with girls from Pascoe Vale Girls Secondary College (our partner school in this experience)

Big Thank you, to Garry Rhook for organizing lawn for the outdoor amphitheatre for laying and watering it over the summer holidays in the F-4 garden area. A special mention also goes to Lindsay Lang, Troy and Will Perryman for helping lay the turf.
Madeleine Scott.

Student pick up and drop off instructions



We ask all parents / carers to pick up and drop off at the rear of the stadium, between the stadium and the water tank, and then drive out through Boort Park to exit. Do not use stadium car park as cars reverse out of there and it is often used for after school sport. Students will be directed down the footpath along the F-4 building, and then along the wall of the Basketball court to the pickup spot. Please pull in and stay in your car, with the student making their way to the car. This includes all Year 5-12 students. If you need to park and collect your child, please park further along in Boort Park.

Please drive down the back of the Stadium to get an idea of the pickup and drop off area. Alternatively, students can be dropped off in Malone St after the buses have departed and dropped off. This is safe to do after 8.45am and after 3.30pm. Please wait for buses to depart if you get there early. All students are to use the school crossing when moving across Malone St.

Please do not use the Men's Shed car park as students and parents moving between buses and cars at this time is very dangerous.
Tom Bleicher

Construction Induction Card (White card) training

Our students have been given the option of gaining this qualification at NCTTC on Thursday, 21st February. Students will travel to Charlton by bus. They will be invoiced \$100 to complete this. This qualification is needed for any person to step onto a building / construction site. This may include engineers, landscape gardeners, builders, architects, surveyors etc.

Students in Years 10 - 12 who intend to complete a work placement or work experience in these areas should complete the course. Please fill in paperwork required. Students are asked to see me by the end of the week to register.

Tom Bleicher



Book Club Christmas Tree

Members of 2018 Book Group (and helpers) worked feverishly in the last days of school in December, to create a book themed Christmas tree. After setting it up for display for BRIC's Christmas Tree Competition at the Boort Street Festival, we transported it to Bears Lagoon to enter it in the St John's Church Christmas Tree Competition. We were flabbergasted to discover that we were successful in winning a prize in each of these competitions. We will be donating our cash prizes to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation

<https://www.indigenousliteracyfoundation.org.au/> which aims to lift literacy levels and instil a lifelong love of reading in remote Indigenous communities. Many thanks to Anne Canfield and Marj Potter at BRIC and St John's Anglican Church in Bears Lagoon for the opportunity to get into the Christmas spirit and challenge our creativity.

Susan Gould

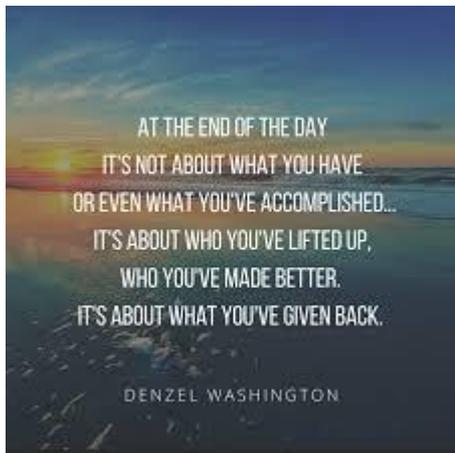
Quambatook Lions Youth of the Year

The Quambatook Lions Club has invited students from BDS to enter the Lions Youth of the Year Quest. This is a nationally recognised program is designed to encourage, foster and develop leadership in conjunction with other citizenship qualities in our youth, at the age when they are about to enter the fields of employment or higher education.

We strongly encourage students aged over 15 to get involved in this valuable local opportunity. Date is likely to be the end of February

For more information go to https://lionsclubs.org.au/wpcontent/uploads/2018/06/Yoty_Entry_Form_2018-19.pdf

Or contact Susan Gould or Brett Hosking



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,*
- *pursuing excellence in all areas and*
- *resilience.*

My recent mission trip to Thailand caused me to think about communicating. If I hadn't had a wonderful app called Google translate I could have been very isolated. This week I found this article:

Can you imagine living in a place where everyone but you spoke the same language? Such was life for Muaharrem, a deaf man in Istanbul who uses sign language to communicate. Muaharrem spent every day communicating with people in his town the best he could. He may have gotten by, but was never able to truly live. Until one day, when a Samsung app created a new world for him that he never thought possible. As Muaharrem's sister, Ozlem, walked him through his neighbourhood, he suddenly realized that everyone he encountered not only understood his language but was able to use it with him. Samsung had contracted the locals to learn sign language as a promotion for its new technology for the hard of hearing consequently giving Muaharrem the best gift he could have gotten: the gift of communication.

Have a wonderful start back to school

Maureen Hurren

School Chaplain



Scholastic Books

Students in Foundation to Year 7 will receive Scholastic Book order forms throughout the year. There is no obligation to buy any books. A percentage of book sales go to the school to purchase library and class room resources. All orders need to be completed online through LOOP. Issue 1 orders need to be completed by Friday, 15th February. If you are having difficulty, please contact Val Henderson or Vikki Lanyon in the Library.



Book Club **LOOP** for Parents

LOOP is the Scholastic Book Club
Linked Online Ordering & Payment platform for parents.

To order and pay for Scholastic Book Club by credit card visit:

www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP



2019 Newsletter Inserts



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Supporting healthy rural communities

Welcome to the first of our Healthy Communities - School Newsletter updates. In 2019 Northern District Community Health is delighted to better connect with families in our region to provide up to date and relevant health and wellbeing information. We will be a regular addition to your school newsletter.

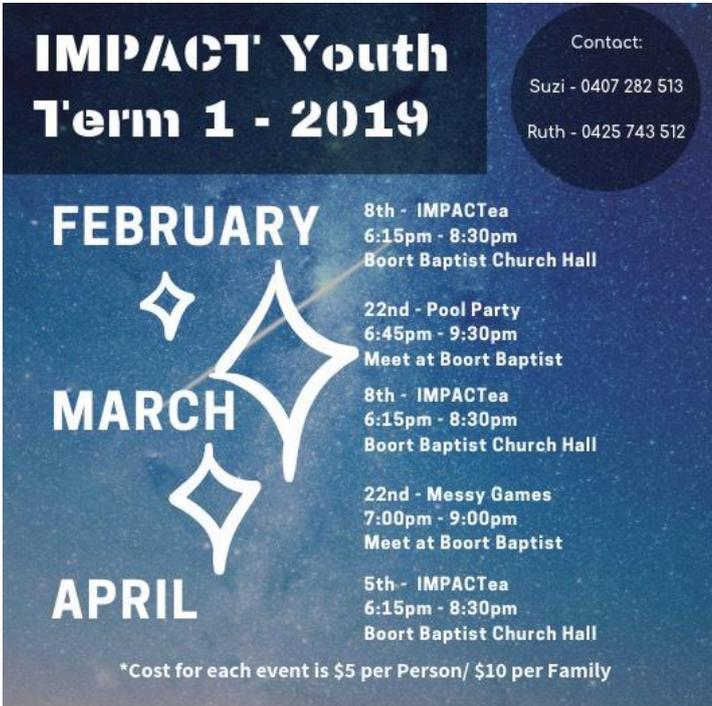
SUNSMART families is the key

Schools have been important champions for SunSmart behaviours over a couple of decades now and February is a hot month to consider sun safety. This year NDCH is encouraging ALL our families to be SunSmart as well. Australia has one of the highest rates of skin cancer in the world, with nearly 2 in 3 Australians having a skin cancer in their lifetime. Worryingly the latest research suggests 38% of teens say they like to get a tan, with 43% of girls preferring to be tanned. Tanning is a sign that skin has had enough UV radiation to damage skin. Congratulations to our local schools who use the SunSmart widget on their school websites to show sun protection times and weather details.

Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide - quiz your family this week, can you get all the SunSmart behaviours?



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IMPACT Youth
Term 1 - 2019

Contact:
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FEBRUARY
8th - IMPACTea
6:15pm - 8:30pm
Boort Baptist Church Hall
22nd - Pool Party
6:45pm - 9:30pm
Meet at Boort Baptist

MARCH
8th - IMPACTea
6:15pm - 8:30pm
Boort Baptist Church Hall
22nd - Messy Games
7:00pm - 9:00pm
Meet at Boort Baptist

APRIL
5th - IMPACTea
6:15pm - 8:30pm
Boort Baptist Church Hall

*Cost for each event is \$5 per Person/ \$10 per Family

IMPACT Youth group (Secondary students)

The first IMPACT for 2019 is on Friday, 8th February. See the flyer in this newsletter for more details.

Velocity (F—6 students)

This year Velocity will have the same format as previous years, running on a Wednesday after school during school term, from the start of Term 2. Further information will be published towards the end of Term 1.

If you would like any further information please call or email Suzi and Ruth.

Suzi 0407 282 513 Ruth 0425 743 512

PRE – LOVED DEB DRESS SALE



Date – Sunday February 17

Time - 2 – 5 pm

Venue – KLC [at Wedderburn College]

Wedderburn College Parents Association are holding a Pre-Loved Deb Dress Sale. If you have a deb dress you want to sell, bring it along on Sunday 17th February. There is a \$5 charge per dress to have your dress and accessories there, what you sell the dress / accessories for is all yours. You will need to stay with your items.

All you girls that are making your Debut come along and grab yourself a gorgeous dress and or accessories.

Please contact Kylie on 0409389916 or Jo on 0407049268 to book your spot.



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