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100
*Days of
 Foundation*



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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.

Date	Event 
AUGUST	
Mon 5 th	BDS Curriculum Day. Student Free Day
Tues 6 th	VCE/VET Information evening
Fri 9 th	Whole School Assembly
Mon 12 th	VCE/VET Subject selection due.
Mon 12 th – 14 th	Y10 Driver Education
Mon 12 th	VTAC Information Night
Tues 13 th -15 th	Y9 Broader Horizons
Tues 13 th	Y5/6 Hockey Swan Hill
Thurs 15 th	YF-6 Athletic Sports Charlton
Fri 16 th	Y7-12 NCD Athletcis Charlton
Mon 19 th -23 rd	Book Week - Friday Dress up Day
Mon 19 th	Y8 NCCTC Orientation
Fri 30 th	Father's Day Breakfast

Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey

Our school is conducting the annual Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey and is seeking your feedback. The survey, offered by the Department of Education, is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement.

Your opinions are important to us and will contribute to identifying areas for improvement.

The survey will be conducted online and only takes 20 minutes to complete.

The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is now open online from Friday 2nd August to Friday 30th August 2024.

Families will receive the survey link and school PIN to complete the survey, via email today.

School Review

The first day of our Whole School Review will be held next Wednesday 7th August. The focus of this day will be:

- Examine our Learning and Wellbeing outcomes
- Classroom Observations
- Review of School Practices

We have two 'challenge partners' Mr Steven Leeds – Principal of East Loddon P-12 and Mr Andrew Judd – Principal of Echuca Primary school to form part of our review panel.

Pupil Free Day

Next Monday 5th August is a Pupil Free Day. Students will therefore not be required to attend school on this day. This is a Curriculum Day for our staff.

Kind regards,
 Todd Woodfine

Principal Report

Foundation 100 Days

At Boort District School - while the important milestone of graduation for our Year 12 students is recognised and celebrated, so too is 100 days since our Foundation students commenced their journey at our School. Today, our Foundation students marked this special occasion and welcomed families to join in this important milestone. We will also present our Foundation's with their 100 days certificates during our whole school assembly next Friday afternoon.



BDS Motto: 'Achieving Excellence Together'
BDS Beliefs and Values: Acting in a Safe and Responsible Manner

SAFETY

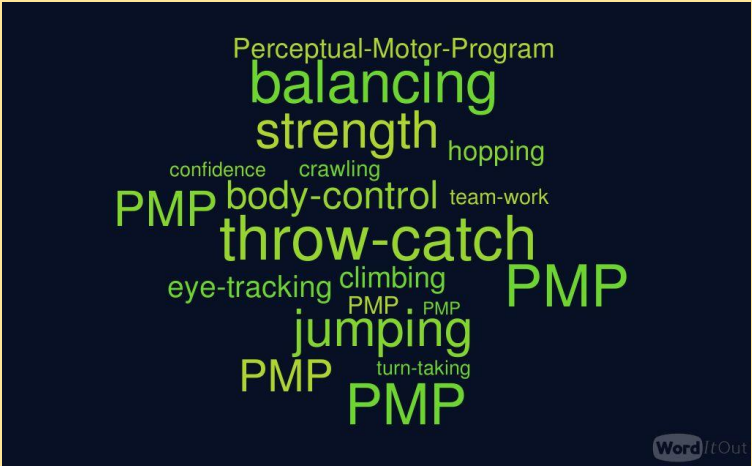
Junior P.E. Update:



Students in Foundation to Year 2 have been participating in a *Perceptual Motor Program (PMP)* during P.E. sessions this term. PMP aims to develop children’s perception and understanding of how to move safely and effectively in the space around. Activities include fine and gross motor activities that promote hand-eye, foot-eye coordination, concentration and attention and locomotion (moving from one place to another). It is already impressive to see the students working with their peers in small groups during these sessions. PMP is lots of fun and a great way to build confidence to try new things while also building on team and cooperative skills.



AT HOME: you might like to try some activities to promote some similar movements at home. The fancy equipment is fun, but not essential!
Edwina Chalmers



SANDHURST NETBALL

During Week 2, 22 students from Years 4-6 travelled down to Bendigo to compete in the Sandhurst Netball competition. It was a great day out with students showing excellent team work and support and their game play improving over the day. Our Girls team finished with one win and a draw but had some very competitive games whilst our mixed team although they didn’t have any wins competed really hard and the improvements in everyone’s game play was amazing to see. A huge thank you to Cliff Gleeson, Kristen Gooding, Kath Lanyon, Sarah McNally, Kayla McPherson, Sharne Muller, Belinda Perryman, Sharlene Stringer, Roxy Train and Stacey Williamson for coming along and helping with transport, coaching, umpiring and general supporting of our students. It was very much appreciated from myself and the students. It was also great to have former students Hannah Streader and Erin Farrar come along to help with coaching and umpiring.



Coming soon, **BDS Book Week** Monday 19th August to Friday 23rd August. A selection of Scholastic books will be available in the Library to purchase. The school is given a generous commission from all sales. This is then used to purchase more books for the Library.

Dress up day Friday 23rd August.

Our theme this year is **‘Reading is Magic’**



Careers excursion

On Monday 22nd July, the Year 12 group travelled to Charlton Park to attend the region's Tertiary Information Service event. This involved hearing from speakers about transitioning to life after school, and there was also the opportunity to visit exhibits and collect resources and advice from many tertiary providers and industries. The BBQ was certainly a highlight.



STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Foundation/1	Gabriel G	For his fantastic Olympics t-shirt design!
	Jack R	For his superb efforts reading and writing for Ros.
Year 1/2	Archie R	For great Smart Spelling Sentences.
	Kristie Y	For always including class members.
Year 4/5	Scarlett C	For always being prepared to do her best.
	Zoey G	For always being a positive hard working student.

Youth Takeover Presentation at Nutrien Ag

A final congratulations to our Vocational Major students on their presentations to a large audience of parents, NCLLEN staff, Nutrien Ag staff and their clients, on the last day of last term. They spoke and presented their job profiles and newsletters confidently. Spending time in the workplace completing Literacy outcomes was especially rewarding for these young people. Many thanks to Teagen and the employees of Nutrien Ag for making us so welcome, and also to the staff of the NCLLEN, especially Sue Gould, for their support.

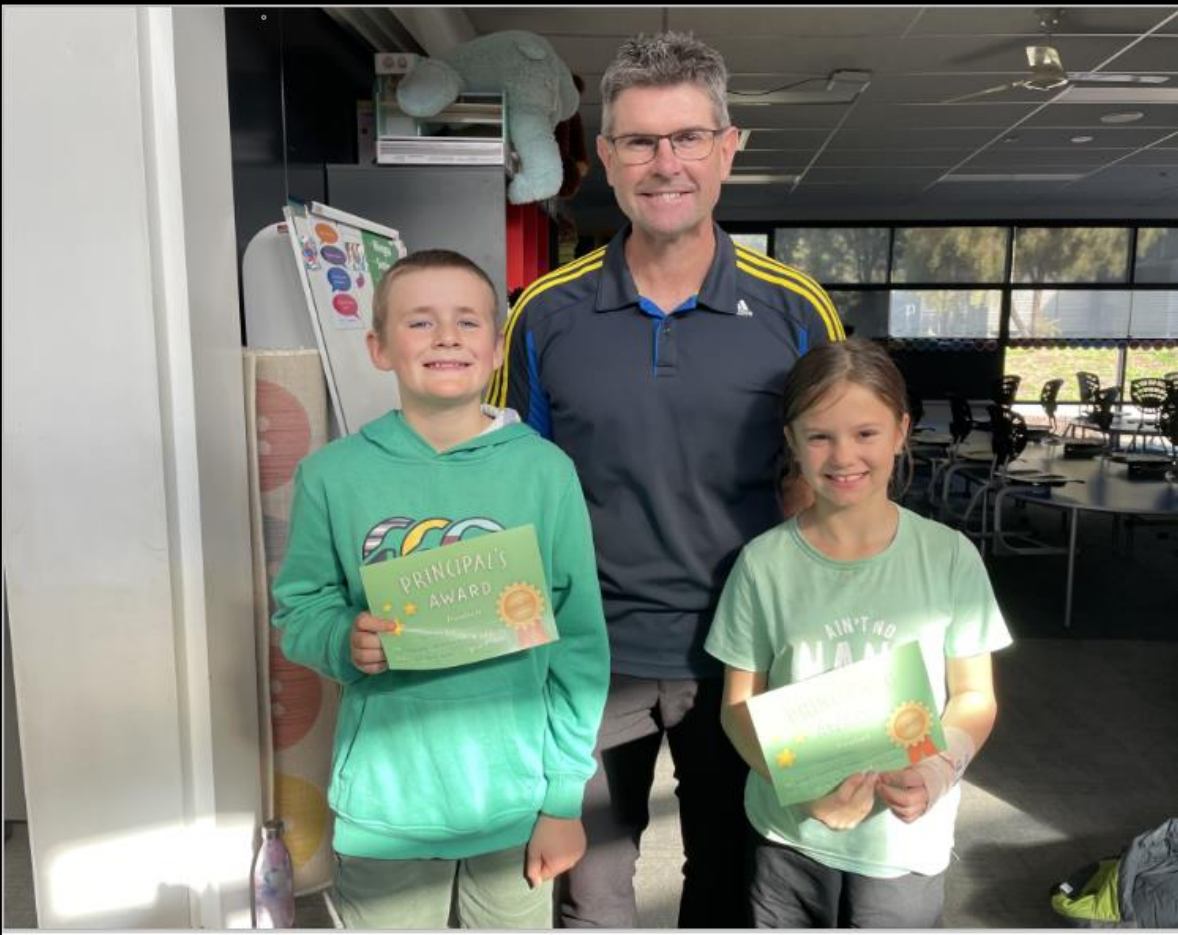


State Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to Dylan L, Lucy M, Seth M and Connor M who competed in the State Cross Country at Yarra Valley Racing Club.

The conditions were very wet, muddy and slippery and students have commented that they had to concentrate on each foot placement not to slip and fall over. Check out the sneakers below! Each student should be very proud of their achievements leading up to this event and the effort required in such trying conditions for this event.





Congratulations William and Maxine on receiving the 'Principal's Award.'

Subject Selection 2025

On Wednesday, all Year 9-11 students received information regarding the start of the subject selection process for 2025. Next Tuesday, 6th August, we will be holding our VCE/VET information night for 2024 Year 9, 10 and 11 students in classroom 21, starting at 7.00pm. This will then be followed by a counselling session staffed by Key Learning Area Co-ordinators and other staff from 7.45pm until 8.30pm.

Please come along and be informed as to the various choices and pathways possible for our senior students. VCE/VET selections are due to Home Group Co-ordinators by Monday 12th August.

Tom Bleicher
Assistant Principal

Year 12 Tertiary Information Evening

On Monday 12th August the school will be conducting an information session for Year 12 students and parents /carers in relation to leaving school. The session will involve an outline of VTAC (Victorian Tertiary Admissions Centre) application procedures, how to accept and enrol in a course, scholarships, special entry access schemes, accommodation and other factors relating to living away from home, exams, ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) scores and discussion of important dates.

Following this there will be the opportunity for parents/carers and students to ask any questions they may have. Pam McConville, our Pathways Coordinator, will be in attendance to offer assistance.

TIME: 7.30pm

VENUE: Room 21, Boort District School

Drew Cilly
Careers Coordinator

Peter Nickless
VCE Coordinator

Supported by
LODDON SHIRE

BDS PARENT'S CLUB
proudly presents

Father's Day Breakfast

DAD'S & SPECIAL FRIENDS ALL WELCOME!!

Friday 30th August 2024 | FROM 8 AM

Our Coffee Wanderer will be there for you to purchase your hot drinks

Wanted Eggs

If anyone has some spare eggs and would like to donate them to Parent's Club for the Father's Day breakfast on Friday 30th August, please let Kelly know asap
0427 2805 83, thank you!

Boort District School Parent's Club!!

30th August 2024

COMMUNITY NEWS

Chances for Children Scholarship Program

Supporting young people in the Mallee to realise their dreams

The Chances for Children Scholarship program provides financial assistance to people aged 24 and under in the Mallee to pursue educational, sporting, musical and leadership opportunities.

Thanks to generous donations, more than 2,000 young people have benefitted from a Chances scholarship since 2000.

Applications Open*
Monday 26 August 2024 – Monday 28 October 2024
Monday 25 November – Tuesday 14 January 2025
**For funding in the 2025 academic year*

Are you eligible?
Australian Citizens living in or attending school in the Mildura, Wentworth, Balranald, Swan Hill, Gannawarra, Buloke and Greater Wakool Ward local government areas may be eligible to apply.

Tertiary Scholarships
Supports young people aged 24 and under to undertake university, TAFE or apprenticeship studies locally or outside the Mallee region. It can help cover some of the costs associated with course fees, text books, living away from home and other expenses.

Non-Tertiary Scholarships
Supports young people aged 24 and under to pursue sporting, music or leadership opportunities at a state or national level. It can help cover some of the costs associated with equipment, training, competition and travel.

Keeping Kids at Secondary School Scholarships
Supports students in the final two years of their secondary schooling. It can help cover some of the costs associated with fees, text books and other curriculum expenses.

1300 417 618
chances4children@malleefamilycare.com.au
chancesforchildren.com.au

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MCLEAN'S MARTIAL ART

Presents

New Classes Started up in Inglewood

2 FREE LESSONS Classes

Location: the Inglewood Sports reserve, 100 Grant st Inglewood

Class times

Mondays Nights; 6:30pm -7:30pm

For further information
Phone
0432-303-901

Ideal for everybody of all ages.

2024 / 2025

KERANG RAIDERS
BASKETBALL SQUAD TRYOUTS

AGE GROUPS:

Under 12's - 2014 / 2015	Sunday 11th August 2024
Under 14's - 2012 / 2013	Sunday 18th August 2024
Under 16's - 2010 / 2011	Sunday 25th August 2024
Under 18's - 2008 / 2009	11:00am - 1:00pm

WHERE: Kerang Basketball Stadium, Maxwell Street KERANG

BRING: Full water bottle, appropriate enclosed footwear, appropriate sports clothing, BYO Basketball if you have one.

TOURNAMENTS
Swan Hill: 26th & 27th October 2024
Shepparton: 9th & 10th November 2024
Bendigo: 25th, 26th & 27th January 2025
Maryborough: 15th & 16th February 2025

REGISTRATIONS HERE:
<https://www.playhq.com/basketball-victoria/register/62112a>

Enquiries: kerangbasketball@hotmail.com

 Kerang Amateur Basketball Association



Inspiring Victoria
www.scienceweek.net.au #scienceweek

BUBBLEMANIA!
Come along and have fun with bubbles!

Cohuna Library
4.30pm, Wednesday 7 August

This free event is suitable for all ages,
adults to accompany children.


www.trybooking.com/CTVCQ





A National Science Week event, presented with the support of the Inspiring Victoria program.



 **Fully Funded Trainings**
Loddon Mallee
July - August

Tuesday - 3pm - 6.30pm
Kerang - safetalk
Northern District Community Health
Conference Room
24 Fitzroy St Kerang
[Click to register](#)

Aug
6
2024



Boort Basketball Club

Are you interested in playing basketball during Term 4? If so tell your friends and get them keen too. Students (Year 1- 12) and adults are asked to please complete the expression of interest form and return it to boortbasketball@gmail.com by **Friday 16th August**. It must be signed by a parent if school age. Depending on the amount of EOI's received the basketball season age groups will be worked out accordingly.

If you are keen to learn basketball, this expression of interest is for you too. This will allow the Basketball Club to determine our HOOPS program.

A new Facebook Page will be created soon and will be advertised on Boort Connections. Please use the Gmail to communicate with committee members.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST 2024 season

Player Name: _____

School Year Level in 2024: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Please return by your expression of interest form by Friday 16th August via email to boortbasketball@gmail.com

E-CIGARETTES



Brought to you by



As part of our ongoing commitment to the well-being of young people, we feel it is important to address a concerning trend that is affecting young people across the country: vaping.

What is vaping?

Vaping involves inhaling and exhaling the smoke produced by an electronic cigarette or similar device. These devices come in many shapes and sizes, but they all have a battery, a heating element, and a place to hold a liquid.

Why is vaping concerning?

Vapes can have high levels of nicotine and can contain over 200 different chemicals which can be harmful to your lungs and your health. Vaping can make a person breathless and cause persistent coughing. Contrary to claims on packaging, most vapes in Australia contain nicotine which is highly addictive and can harm adolescent brain development affecting attention, learning, mood, and impulse control. Social vaping or doing it occasionally can quickly lead to dependence on nicotine and a desire to vape more often. Vaping can lead to smoking – non-smokers who vape are 3 times more likely to take up smoking cigarette.

What can parents do?

Stay informed: Learn about vaping and its risks from reliable sources such as the Victorian government's resources and the QUIT helpline or contact NDCH.

Talk to your child: Have open and honest conversations about the risks of vaping. Encourage your child to ask questions and share their concerns.

Set a good example: If you smoke or vape, consider quitting. You can reach out to the resources below if you would like more information or support.

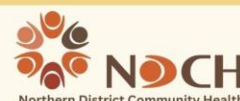
Resources:

- Vic Health have created 'Talking to your teen about vaping: A conversation guide for parents'. It's a great resource and can be found via the QR code
- Victorian Government's Better Health Channel
- QUIT helpline: 13 QUIT (13 7848) or visit their website at quit.org.au
- [My QuitBuddy App](#)



By working together, we can help the young people in our lives make informed choices and live healthier lives.

Northern District Community Health (NDCH) offer parent education sessions on 'E-cigarettes and Young People', please contact healthpromotion@ndch.org.au if you are interested in attending a session.



Careers and Pathways



YEAR 12 STUDENTS

EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

ACU Guarantee – Open Now

www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/admission-pathways/acu-guarantee

Latrobe A SPIRE – Open Now

www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire

Federation University – Open Now

<https://federation.edu.au/future-students/study-at-federation/early-offer-program>

CSU Advantage – Open Now

<https://study.csu.edu.au/information-for/school-leavers/charles-sturt-advantage>

RMIT Early Offer – Open Now

www.rmit.edu.au/study-with-us/applying-to-rmit/local-student-applications/access-rmit/early-offer

Swinburne Early Entry Program – Open Now

www.swinburne.edu.au/courses/planning-your-future/early-entry-program/

Victoria University Early Entry Program – Open Now

www.vu.edu.au/study-at-vu/how-to-apply/special-admission-programs/vu-early-entry

Year 12 VTAC COURSE, SEAS, & SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

Open Now!

www.vtac.edu.au

ACU SEAS SCOLARSHIPS

www26.uac.edu.au/esapply/



University, TAFE, and Private Provider Open Days are a wonderful opportunity for students to explore course and career options. They are particularly beneficial for students in Years 10, 11 and 12.

For a full list of 2024 Open Days Visit:

www.ncllen.org.au/careers.html

UPCOMING OPEN DAYS

Saturday 3rd August

Monash University – Caulfield & Peninsula

Sunday 4th August

Deakin University – Warrnambool Campus

Latrobe University – Bundoora Campus

Monash University – Clayton Campus

RMIT – Bundoora Campus

Saturday 10th August

Go TAFE – Seymour Campus

William Angliss Institute

Sunday 11th August

ACU – Melbourne Campus

Charles Sturt Uni – Albury/Wodonga Campus

Federation Uni – Gippsland Campus

Latrobe University - Albury/Wodonga Campus

RMIT – City & Brunswick Campuses

Longerenong Agricultural College



VTAC APPLICATION WEBINAR

Tuesday 6th August 5:30 – 6:30pm

SEAS & SCHOLARSHIP WEBINAR

Thursday 15th August – 5:30 – 6:30

To Register visit:

<https://vtac.edu.au/events>

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY ACCESS & EQUITY SCHOLARSHIPS



Year 12 Students, Australian Catholic University (ACU) **do not use** the VTAC system to handle their Access & Equity Scholarship applications, unlike the other Victorian Universities.

Because **ACU** have campuses interstate they handle all the equity scholarship applications via the NSW UAC system. You simply have to enter your VTAC Number when applying.

To apply for scholarships at ACU click on the following link:

www26.uac.edu.au/esapply/

(Click on Start your application)

ACU | Year 12 Revision Webinars



August 26th to 29th 2024

Join us for a series of free online webinars run by experienced Year 12 exam markers and assessors. They'll guide you through how to respond to possible exam questions, help you get your head around the class content to deepen your understanding, and offer plenty of tips and strategies along the way.

Webinars include: English, Psychology & Health and Human Development.

To Register Visit:

www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/future-student-events/year-12-revision-webinars/vic

Pam McConville

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