

# Boort District P12 School

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**Issue 20, September 13th 2024**



## 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	📅
<b>SEPTEMBER</b>		
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4-6 Sandhurst Athletics	
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parent/Teacher Interviews	
Frid 20 <sup>th</sup>	SRC Footy Colours Day	
Frid 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day Term 3 Finish 2.30pm	
<b>OCTOBER</b>		
Mon 7 <sup>th</sup>	First Day Term 4	
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	VCE BUS2 Bendigo Excursion	
Thurs 10 <sup>th</sup>	LMR Y7-12 Athletics Bendigo	
Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>	Gateways Gill's Farm Excursion	

### \$400 School Saving Bonus

In Term 4, 2024, families with a child enrolled in a government school from Foundation to Year 12 in 2025 will receive the one-off \$400 School Saving Bonus.

The \$400 School Saving Bonus provides families with support for education-related costs, such as school activities and/or school uniforms and textbooks.

Before 18th October 2024, the Department of Education is asking parents and carers to:

- Complete enrolment: If your child, or children are changing government school for Term 1 2025 or starting in Foundation or Year 7 in 2025.
- Check your contact information: Ensure your email address and phone number is up to date with us. You can check this information by contacting us directly.

We need to ensure your contact information is up to date as the Department of Education will email you twice.

### Last Day of Term 3

Our last day of term is next Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. Students will be dismissed at 2.30pm. Next Friday is also our Footy Colours Day and no doubt we will see a lot of 'black and white' throughout our school.

### Thank you to our staff

I really appreciate all our staff who continue to build school pride, enhance student engagement and connectedness through working together to provide valuable learning opportunities for our students throughout this term.

Todd Woodfine.

### Principals Report.

#### Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 1.00pm to 3.30pm and then from 4.10pm to 7.00pm. This is a student free day.

The bookings for interviews are to be completed online via Xuno. If you require assistance on booking an interview, please call our school on 5455 2201.

#### Girls Hockey

Congratulations to our Girls Year 4/5/6 Hockey 7's team who competed yesterday in the State Hockey finals. You should all be very proud of what you have achieved as a team.

**BDS Motto: 'Achieving Excellence Together'**

**BDS Beliefs and Values: Showing Tolerance and Respect for others**

# RESPECT

## F-6 Bendigo Excursion - I Wish

On Friday the 6th of September, F - 6 students attended a morning live show at the Capital Theatre in Bendigo. *I Wish* was a show featuring gravity-defying acrobatics, stunning visuals, and playful humour. We entered a world of colour and creativity as the performers imagined all the things they could be – from astronauts to unicorns, and everything in between. While exploring their feelings and differences on stage, they reveal the magic of individuality.

People are made of stuff – good stuff and bad stuff, happy and sad stuff, stinky, odd, boring, dangerous, funny, sparkling potions of stuff. People have secret ingredients. We were challenged to consider what our secret ingredient would be?

In the afternoon F-3 students went to the Eaglehawk Playspace which is shaped like a giant eagle hawk, the play space is multi-zoned with both passive and active areas for children to play. It features the famous Banjo Patterson poem *Mulga Bill's Bicycle* "Twas Mulga Bill from Eaglehawk".

The 4-6 students toured the exhibition at The Bendigo Military Museum (BMM). It is one of the largest Memorial Museums in the country and is home to a broad range of military memorabilia that showcases the contributions of our local heroes in various conflicts and peacekeeping operations.

It was wonderful to have a positive message sent to us from the BMM.

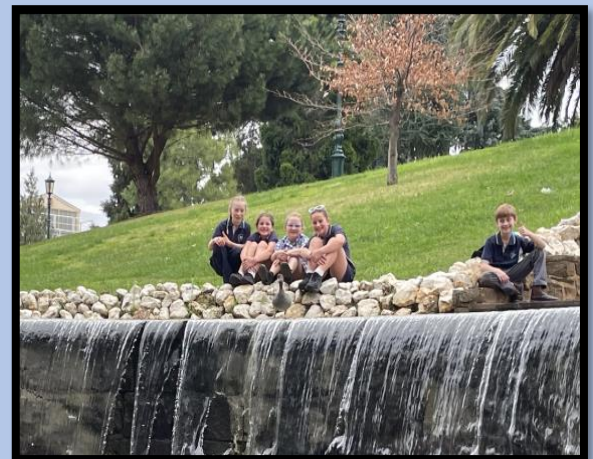
*"... Hi Roslyn,*

*We were delighted to host your students today. Their behaviour was exemplary. Please pass on our congratulations and thank them for their kind donation.*

*Regards,*

*Kym Levett ..."*

Thank you to Ros Lanyon for organising our outing, the bus drivers for ferrying us safely to and from Bendigo and to our Parents and Caregivers for helping to fund a wonderful day out.



## Mental Health Services and Support

### **Beyond Blue**

24/7 mental health  
Support service

**1300 22 4636**  
[beyondblue.org.au](http://beyondblue.org.au)

### **Headspace**

Online support and counselling to  
young people aged 12 to 25

**1800 650 890**

(9am to 1 am daily)

For webchat visit:

[headspace.org.au/eheadspace](http://headspace.org.au/eheadspace)

### **Kids Helpline**

24/7 crisis support and  
suicide prevention services  
for children and young  
people aged 5 to 25

**1800 55 1800**

[kidshelpline.com.au](http://kidshelpline.com.au)



## Bus Coordinator Information

**Seatbelts-** We ask that families remind all students using the bus services to and from school, and on all excursions that you must at all times **wear your seatbelt** on the bus. Students have been continually reminded to do so. There is to be no walking around on the buses while they are moving. All families have signed a Conditions of Travel document when they applied to use the bus system. This states very clearly that if students do not follow driver instructions that they will not be permitted to use the bus. We ask for each family's cooperation in this matter.

**Bus Zone-** more and more families are using the bus zone to drop students off in the morning while buses are coming in and going out. This is **NOT a good practice** and can lead to dangerous situations. Using the Men's Shed carpark and having students walk across the road through the bus zone is also **NOT good practice**. There have been several situations that could have easily resulted in accidents over the last few weeks from families doing this. We ask that families use the designated drop off and pick up areas for their children at all times.

**Former Driver-** It is with sadness that we note the recent passing of Darcy Brown, one of our former school bus drivers. Darcy was always helpful and professional in his role, and the kids really enjoyed having him as a driver on the school bus run and on excursions. We send our condolences to his family.

## Let's Chat Habitat

On Thursday the 5th of September, Foundation to Year six students attended a live show titled 'Let's Chat Habitat'. The show opened back in prehistoric times with Dina Dinosaur laying an egg which hatches almost immediately. The scene that ensues between mother and baby is hilarious but at the same time shows that size and strength are no guarantee of survival when dealing with nature.

All manner of objects including a giant inflatable earth, signs to aid memory and dark clouds which in the blink of an eye transform into a rainbow. These props are all used to help convey the concepts and ideas dealt with in Let's Chat Habitat.

Below are some questions based around the concepts used in the show. The students were asked these questions and they came up with these answers.

Question: How do we reduce carbon?

Answer: **Don't throw it in the bin**

**Create around habitats**

**Shut curtains for warmth**

**Open curtains for warmth**

**Use electricity less**

**Reuse recycle cardboard**

**Reuse metals**

**Reuse bottles and cans**

**Reuse paper**

**Reuse plastic**

Question: What is the difference between weather and climate?

Answer: **Climate is the air and the ground and weather is the rain, the sun and the wind.**

**Climate is more based on longer term things and the weather is day to day.**

Question: What is an ecological footprint?

Answer: **Something you are leaving behind.**

Question: What is in the air we breathe?

Answer: **Oxygen and Carbon**

Question: What was the name of the ship that released oil into the ocean 35 years ago?

Answer: 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill (15 thousand gallons of oil, 68,200liters)

From all of us at Boort District School we would like to say thank you to Sam and her show. It was fantastic.







### Year 6 Quilt Raffle

Once again, the Year 6 students have been gifted a magnificent handmade quilt to raffle to raise funds for their Melbourne trip at the end of the year. Carol Ritchie has generously hand crafted this quilt for the Year 6 students. Quilt measurements are: 220cm X 195cm so will fit a queen or king size bed with plenty of overhang. If you fancy yourself sleeping under this superb quilt, tickets are available from the school office or any Year 6 student. \$2 per ticket. Be in it to win it!





## **Bogong Outdoor School Snow Trip**

On Monday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of September the Year 9/10 Outdoor Ed class travelled to Bogong Outdoor School for the week. Prior to the trip students had been learning about sustainability and working on their fitness which linked in with the themes of the Outdoor School. Day 1 included mostly travel in two separate vehicles, which the students could not contain their excitement for the week ahead. Upon arrival we met our next-door neighbours, Wycheproof P-12 College, who would be joining us for the camp. Students were allocated groups for the week and met their leading teacher who gave them the low down and a tour of the campus. As well as having fun, students also had responsibilities and duties during the week, which involved making sure their gear was ready each day, meal preparation and clean up, and dorm clean up. Besides what they might tell you at home, all students can do the dishes and hold a vacuum!

Due to lack of snowfall over the previous weeks we did not have the opportunity to go cross country skiing, so we were given a slightly altered timetable. Tuesday and Wednesday saw us go downhill skiing at Falls Creek where we were treated with near perfect conditions. The sun was out and barely a breath of wind encapsulated the amazing alpine environment we found ourselves surrounded in. This did not mean that everything was easy though, and our students had to demonstrate perseverance and resilience, which they did so in spades. All students were in good spirits and their skiing improved a lot over the first day of downhill. On the second day we had the basics down pat and that meant Wednesday was more enjoyable, with students being able to explore more runs and challenge themselves on different terrain.

Our Thursday looked a little different in terms of activities. Again, students were split into their groups to complete a range of different tasks over the day. These involved interacting with animals in the wildlife sanctuary, rock climbing and abseiling, and a walk at Falls Creek followed by some snow play. Overall, the staff and students had an amazing week experiencing new activities and meeting new people. We should all be proud of the way our students on this trip conducted themselves in a fun, polite and friendly manner.



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Golf Clinic

Mr Kane will run a free, 1-hour golf clinic for any students and interested parents on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, out at the golf club starting at 4pm. If you have any of your own clubs then please bring them along. Golf balls and spare clubs will be provided.

## JUNIOR KAKAKING PROGRAMS

BENDIGO CANOE CLUB





- KAYAKING 4 KIDS
- JUNIOR PROGRAMS
- ACTIVE GIRLS

**WEEKLY**  
4:30PM TUESDAYS

Bendigo Canoe Club is very pleased to offer these programs providing opportunities for 13-17 year olds to try kayaking. This fun and informal program will be delivered at the Lake Weeroona clubhouse

FOR MORE INFORMATION


EMAIL: [BCC@LIVE.COM.AU](mailto:BCC@LIVE.COM.AU)
PHONE: 0411 605 239

## Boort-Yando Cricket Club Season Commencement Thursday 19th September

**UNDER 13'S 'Come and try'**  
3:45 pm

**UNDER 17's** 3:45 pm

**SENIORS** 6:00 pm



**BOORT-YANDO**



**CRICKET CLUB**

## IT'S PLAY TIME!

THERE IS A SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM NEAR YOU

**TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS  
FUN IN THE COUNTRY**

ALL GIRLS PROGRAM AVAILABLE





4-8 year olds





8-12 year olds



FIND OUT WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA

SCAN HERE 




## Spring Time

**Build It With Bunnings - Cohuna (5+)**  
2.30pm, Tuesday 24 September

**Fly a Kite! (session 1) - Kerang (5+)**  
10.30am, Wednesday 25 September

**Wooden Flying Bird - Kerang**  
10.30am, Thursday 26 September

**Fly a Kite! (session 2) - Kerang (5+)**  
10.30am, Tuesday 01 October

**Garden With Bunnings - Kerang**  
11.00am, Thursday 03 October

Bookings via TryBooking  
Adults to accompany children  
Phone 5452 1546 for details





## Careers and Pathways

Remember!

### YEAR 12 STUDENTS

#### EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

ACU Guarantee – Open Now

Deakin Regional access Scheme – Open Now

Latrobe ASPIRE – Open Now (close 6<sup>th</sup> September)

Federation University – Open Now

RMIT Early Offer – Open Now

Swinburne Early Entry Program – Open Now

Victoria University Early Entry Program – Open Now

Year 12 VTAC COURSE, SEAS, & SCHOLARSHIPS

Open Now!

[www.vtac.edu.au](http://www.vtac.edu.au)

ACU SEAS SCHOLARSHIPS

[www26.uac.edu.au/esapply/](http://www26.uac.edu.au/esapply/)

Casper test Registrations Open Now –  
Education/Teaching Courses

<https://my.acuityinsights.app/dates-times>

### Defence Careers Information Session Swan Hill Club



Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup> 6 – 8pm

Come along to an upcoming info session where you'll have the opportunity to ask questions and learn everything you want to know regarding job roles in the Navy, Army and Air Force. You'll have the chance to speak with current serving members to see if an ADF career is the one for you. It is highly recommended you book as soon as possible to avoid missing out as places are strictly limited!

[www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/1cz39a3](http://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events/events-detail/1cz39a3)



### Applying for Courses Webinar

Wednesday September 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 6:30pm

Finishing year 12 this year? Join our webinar to find out more about what you need to do. Join the VTAC team for a live webinar which will cover all aspects of the VTAC application process - from finding course information and making sure you're eligible, all the way through to actually receiving an offer.

### SEAS & Scholarships Webinar

Tuesday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 5:30 – 6:30pm

Finishing year 12 this year? Join the VTAC team for a live webinar which will focus on the application process for special consideration via SEAS, the Special Entry Access Scheme. We'll also cover the VTAC application for scholarships.

**To register for either Webinar visit:**

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

## VCE Revision Lectures



MONASH  
University

September 23 to 26, 9:30am – 4:30pm

Monash Science is excited to support students currently studying VCE through a series of on-campus revision lectures. These sessions are designed to reinforce key concepts in the curriculum and will be delivered by a qualified VCE teacher with extensive experience in their subject.

**Maths Methods:** Monday 23 September

**Biology:** Tuesday 24 September

**Physics:** Wednesday 25 September

**Chemistry:** Thursday 26 September

**To register visit:**

<https://shop.monash.edu/shop-by-area/science/sci-student-activities/vce-revision.html>

## September Uni Tours – School Holidays



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

[www.monash.edu/discover/events/campus-experience](http://www.monash.edu/discover/events/campus-experience)



Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> – Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September

[www.deakin.edu.au/student-life-and-services/events/campus-tours](http://www.deakin.edu.au/student-life-and-services/events/campus-tours)



Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> September

[www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/september-campus-tours](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/september-campus-tours)

## HARVEST EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



Charlton, Birchip, Dimboola, Sea Lake  
Apply for the upcoming Harvest season here:

[www.jobs.programmed.com.au/jobs/harvest-jobs-in-victoria-vic/](http://www.jobs.programmed.com.au/jobs/harvest-jobs-in-victoria-vic/)



Looking for casual work this harvest?  
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here: [www.graincorp.com.au/harvest-workers/](http://www.graincorp.com.au/harvest-workers/)

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VU Early Entry Program – Close 14<sup>th</sup> October

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Looking for casual work this harvest?

[www.graincorp.com.au/harvest-workers/](http://www.graincorp.com.au/harvest-workers/)

### Defence Careers Australia - Trade Careers Online Information Session



Monday September 16<sup>th</sup>, 6pm - 8pm

A trade role in the Australian Defence Force (ADF) will see you working with some of the world's most advanced military technology and equipment. Learn about trade careers in the ADF at the virtual info session.

**To register visit:**

[www.adfcareers.gov.au/events-and-experiences](http://www.adfcareers.gov.au/events-and-experiences)

SunitAFE  
**Open Day**  
SKILLS TODAY, SUCCESS TOMORROW

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September, 11:00am – 2:00pm

Swan Hill Campus

It's time to plan your future! Register to attend our Open Day to explore 2025 study options. Find out how you can gain skills today that will set you up for success tomorrow. Find out about post year-12 options or talk to experts about opportunities to upskill. [www.sunitafe.edu.au](http://www.sunitafe.edu.au)

### Discover Engineering (Webinar)



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September, 6pm – 7pm

You'll hear from academics, current students and alumni and have the opportunity to ask lots of questions. Our engineering degrees offer not only a fantastic study experience, but also amazing opportunities to engage with industry and get hands-on with our many teams and clubs.

[www.monash.edu/discover/events/course-information/discover-engineering](http://www.monash.edu/discover/events/course-information/discover-engineering)

### Discover Health: Student Experience Day



Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 9am – 2:15pm

Monash Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences invites **current Year 11 students** on campus for an exclusive opportunity to explore the diverse study areas within the field of health. Engage in hands-on workshops, interactive activities, and insightful student panel discussions.

[www.monash.edu/medicine/news/events/2024/discover-health-student-experience-day](http://www.monash.edu/medicine/news/events/2024/discover-health-student-experience-day)



Exciting news! JMC Academy's High School Workshops provide you with valuable hands-on experience and insights from industry experts. Whether you're passionate about acting, music production, or any aspect of the creative industry, these workshops are the perfect opportunity to explore, learn, and get inspired.

**To register visit:**

[www.jmcacademy.edu.au/news-and-events/events](http://www.jmcacademy.edu.au/news-and-events/events)

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