

# Boort District P12 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.

Date	Event	📅
<b>JUNE</b>		
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Exams	
Tue 18 <sup>th</sup>	GAT	
We 19 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Mock Interviews	
<b>Fri 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Report Writing Pupil Free</b>	
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup>	F – 12 House Athletic Sports	
Thurs 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Parent Teacher interviews	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Whole School Assembly	
Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of 2nd Term 2.30pm finish	
<b>July</b>		
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	<b>First Day 3<sup>rd</sup> Term</b>	

### Principal's Report

#### Inclusive School Communities

Inclusive school communities are places where all staff, students and their families feel safe, welcome, valued and a part of the school community.

Benefits of inclusive education for students include:

- Positive learning environments and relationships with teachers.
- Greater community involvement.
- Learning that caters to their strengths and abilities.
- Positive values and attitudes towards diversity.
- Increased cooperation, social skills, and friendship opportunities.

I had the privilege to present 2 certificates to two students that are making sure that everyone is being included, are kind and considerate to others and, that students at our school feel valued. I would like to congratulate Mae M and Hayley S on receiving the Principals Award at last week's Primary Assembly.

#### Year 11 Exams

Unit 1 VCE exams started today and will continue throughout the rest of next week. The General Achievement Test (GAT) is for all students completing a Unit 3 and 4 sequence and will be held at school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June.

#### Athletics Sports

Our F – 12 House Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June, and I encourage all students to dress in your house colours. Parents and carers are welcome to come along to support students throughout the day.

#### Pupil Free Day

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June is a Pupil Free Day. Students will therefore not be required to attend school on this day. This is a departmental Assessment and Report Writing Day for staff.

#### End of Term

School will conclude for students on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June at 2.30pm. We will hold a final whole school assembly in the Stadium starting at 2.00pm. Parents and carers are most welcome to attend.

Kind regards,  
Todd Woodfine  
Principal

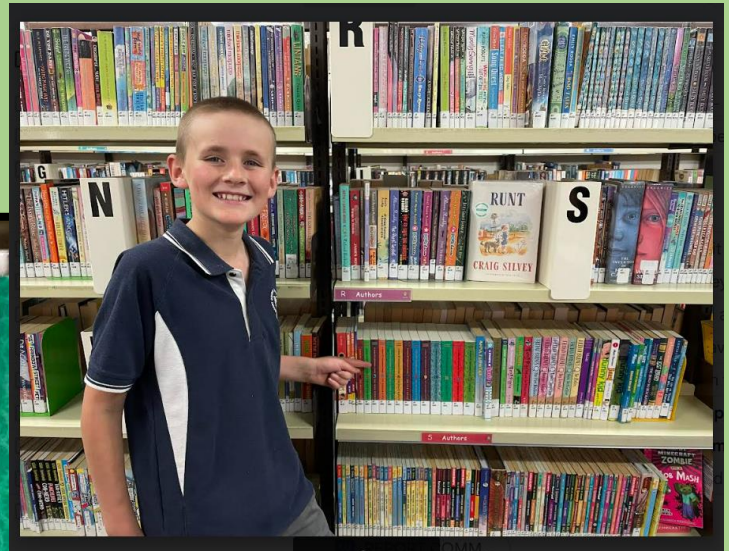
**BDS Motto: 'Achieving Excellence Together'**

**BDS Beliefs and Values: Displaying a sense of Fairness**

**FAIRNESS**

### A Kind Donation to our School Library

Thank you for your generous book donation to the Boort District School Library of *A Series of Unfortunate Events*, a series of thirteen children's novels written by American author Daniel Handler under the pen name Lemony Snicket. The books follow the lives of orphaned siblings Violet, Klaus, and Sunny Baudelaire. The library truly appreciates the gift that will allow our middle school year levels to have a wonderful series of books to be able to borrow and read. Thank you, William



## STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Foundation/1	Haylie N	For working hard on her sounding out whilst writing.
	Ava V	For her wonderful expressive reading.
Year 1/2	Esther B	For awesome work on Smart Spelling words.
	Linc M	For a big improvement in reading.
	Tyler S	For great work with money.
	Nadia K	For being a wonderful helper.
	Keira H	For working hard on giving change to \$2.
	Cruz N	For confident work on subtraction.
Year 4/5	Marcie F	For working hard to understand written multiplication.
	Connor M	For working hard to understand written multiplication.

## 'Page Turners' Literacy Club

Following on from the success of the Writers Festival, we have begun a lunchtime reading and writing club called 'Page Turners'. Our first meeting was on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May, and was attended by 5 people. This week we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting and we had 11 people!

At our meetings, we talk about the books we are reading, and set ourselves writing tasks to complete. We are also going to find some writing competitions to enter. Our aim is to share our love of reading and writing, but also to improve both our skills and confidence.

This week we began working on pieces responding to the prompt 'Reading is Magic', which is the theme for this year's Book Week (August 17<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>). Below are two of the pieces produced so far, and more will be featured in the Newsletter in the lead up to Book Week.

Reading is Magic  
Alisha Henderson

Writing is all about your **imagination**

Writing is about **you**

Writing is presented in many **ways**

Writing helps you share your **feelings**

Writing has no **boundaries**

Reading takes you to a whole new **world**

Reading helps you understand how other people **feel**

Reading Is **Magic**

When I write, there are so many ideas and possibilities in my brain.

When I write, I don't have to hide my feelings;

I can **share** my feelings.

In writing there are no rules or boundaries; it's all about you. Every word should interest the writer.

It's just like taking a bite of cake. You take a bite, you want more.

There is no bad books or good books.

What really matters is that you like the book.

It doesn't matter what you are reading about, no matter what...

Reading is magic

Reading is Magic  
Hannah Talbot

When I write, I feel unlimited by possibilities of twists and turns in my story. When I write, nothing is impossible. There is no boundary, happy, sometimes sad, hopeful, or even suspenseful. Reading is the same. I can understand others, and how they feel about the world, and are they similar feelings to mine? Reading other thoughts can adjust my view of the world, and even make me a better person. There is still no limit. There is no limit to feelings. And every feeling, in its own way, is magic. That's why reading is magic.

Big thanks to Doug and Donna Aldrich for the new additions to the sandpit.  
The kids are stoked!



## House Athletics Sports

The combined F-12 House Athletic Sports will be held on the school oval on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June. The sports will begin at 9:00am and will run all day. Students are encouraged to wear their House Sports colours.

The canteen will be in operation on the day.

This year we are pleased to once again be able to welcome parents and carers on site to enjoy the day and assist with the running of activities. Due to a reduction in staffing and staff on leave at the school, parental assistance is required in all areas of the carnival including with the running of events (F-12), timekeeping (7-12) and walking around with primary age groups (F-6). Please let Brooke Chamberlain or Hayden Rowley know if you can assist.

We greatly appreciate any form of assistance if you are able.



Proudly supporting



**5-28 JUNE**

**3,249 PUSH-UPS**

Help us push for better mental health in 2024 by getting involved in The Push-Up Challenge!

We need everybody's help: students, staff and even parents! Register today and join an organised team under the 'Boort District School' Community.

The plan: complete 3,249 push-ups (or alternate exercises) between your team (or individually) over the month of June, to raise awareness for mental health and promote physical wellbeing.

In 2024, we're supporting Headspace with a fundraising goal of **\$2000**.

Get those muscles ready!  
-School Captains Lucy, Eddie and Eliza

**PUSH FOR BETTER IN  
2024**

**Donate  
here**



# COMMUNITY NEWS

INFORMATION FOR CUSTOMERS

## Australian Government Mobile Service Centre



### Serving Regional Australia

Visit the Mobile Service Centre to find out about Australian Government payments and services for rural families, older Australians, students, job seekers, people with disability, carers, farmers and self-employed people.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Staff can provide you with information and support. They can also help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

**Tuesday, 18 June 2024**

10 am to 4 pm

Adjacent to the information centre, Godfrey Street

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For more information, go to [servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice)



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## Australian Government Mobile Service Centres



If you live in a rural area, you may need to travel greater distances to access government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, we're bringing them to you and your community.

Mobile Service Centres travel extensively throughout rural and regional Australia and also to disaster affected areas to provide help and support.

Staff from Services Australia travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help you with Centrelink and Medicare payments and services. Our Mobile Service Centres also have disabled access.

Information about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families will also be available.

Wi-Fi is available for visitors to the Mobile Service Centre and staff will be able to help you create a myGov account. myGov is a simple and secure way to access government services online.

Our staff will provide you with friendly face-to-face service, information and support. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

### Information and help you can access on board the Mobile Service Centres

We provide information, help and support to rural and regional communities, including:

- families
- older Australians
- students
- job seekers
- people with disability
- carers
- farmers
- self-employed people.

We can assist you with:

- registering and using the agency's online services
- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Centrelink and Medicare information
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

### More information

To view the latest itineraries for the Australian Government Mobile Service Centres, visit [servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice](https://servicesaustralia.gov.au/mobileoffice)

The stopping locations for Mobile Service Centres are promoted in each town and on social media before each visit.

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We are excited to announce that we will be participating in the Tackle Your Feelings mental health education program this season.

Better **UNDERSTAND** mental health. Know how to **RECOGNISE** a change in someone. Be confident to **RESPOND** and have a conversation to support someone.



**FREE**

For all members  
18yrs +

**Tuesday 25 June 2024**  
7pm - 8.30pm  
at Boort Football Clubrooms  
\*Light refreshments provided

Book a spot now!

Go to  
[www.tackleyourfeelings.org.au](https://www.tackleyourfeelings.org.au)  
to register

A community initiative, brought to you by



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## Careers and Pathways

Remember!

### YEAR 12 STUDENTS EARLY ENTRY PROGRAMS

**Latrobe ASPIRE (Based on Year 11 Results) – Open Now**

[www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire/year-11-conditional-entry](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire/year-11-conditional-entry)  
**Latrobe ASPIRE (Community Contribution) – Open Now**  
[www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire/community-contribution](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/study/aspire/community-contribution)

**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>

**Swinburne Early Entry Program**

[www.swinburne.edu.au/courses/planning-your-future/early-entry-program/](http://www.swinburne.edu.au/courses/planning-your-future/early-entry-program/)

### Year 10-12 STUDENTS

#### UNIVERSITY TOURS & EXPERIENCE DAYS

**Latrobe Bendigo Talk & Tours – Winter School Holidays**  
[www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/bendigo-campus-talk-and-tours3](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/events/all/bendigo-campus-talk-and-tours3)

**ACU MELBOURNE – Winter School Holidays**

[www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/future-student-events/discover-acu/victoria](http://www.acu.edu.au/study-at-acu/future-student-events/discover-acu/victoria)

## Vocational Education and Training (VET)



VET is designed to teach you knowledge and specific practical skills to help you in the workplace. It's delivered in a number of ways – through schools, dual sector universities with VET courses, TAFE institutes, private registered training organisations and community colleges.

**For further information visit:**

<http://ncttc.charlton.vic.edu.au/>

**and**

<https://myfuture.edu.au/career-articles/vocational-education-and-training>

## Work Experience with Parks Victoria



A week of work experience with our passionate staff at one of our parks across Victoria can provide high school students with a taste of what it's like to work for Parks Victoria. All work experience placements need to be negotiated directly with the local work centre or office and will be accepted at the discretion of the local Parks Victoria staff depending on their capacity to host students.

[www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/careers/work-experience](http://www.parks.vic.gov.au/get-into-nature/careers/work-experience)

## WHEN DO I START APPLYING FOR COURSES?



VTAC is the organisation that handles all University applications for Victoria – as a Year 12 Student you do not apply directly to any of the Universities. From 29<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Year 12 students are able to create their individual VTAC accounts. VTAC also handles some TAFE and Private Provider applications. The School will support the Year 12 students to create their VTAC accounts and apply for Scholarships/SEAS (Special Entry Access Schemes).

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



The USI is a unique identifier which keeps an online record of your education and training qualifications.

**All Year 12 Students applying for courses through VTAC this year will need a USI to set up their Account.**

If you have completed any vocational (VET) training in the past, you probably already have a USI - **Check here:**

[www.usi.gov.au/students/find-your-usi](http://www.usi.gov.au/students/find-your-usi)

**To Create a USI Visit:**

[www.usi.gov.au/your-usi/create-usi](http://www.usi.gov.au/your-usi/create-usi)

## Work Experience - Eureka Veterinary



For over 30 years, the Eureka veterinary Clinic has been recognised by the Ballarat community for providing high quality, compassionate and personalised veterinary care. We understand that we have a responsibility to our clients and their pets to provide to help them live a long and healthier life.

**To Apply for Work Experience, Visit:**

[www.eurekavet.com.au/practice-information/ballarat-veterinary-jobs/](http://www.eurekavet.com.au/practice-information/ballarat-veterinary-jobs/)

Pam McConville  
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Careers and Pathways

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## Tech and Trades Experience Day 2024



**Thursday July 4<sup>th</sup>, 9am – 2pm**

Tailored for students in years 10, 11, and 12, along with their parents and guardians, this event promises an immersive day of exploration. Uncover your passions, gain valuable insights, and pave the way for a future filled with endless possibilities.

You will have the opportunity to choose two interactive workshops from a Trades and Future technology areas in our Vocational Education programs.

**For further information visit:**

[www.rmit.edu.au/events/2024/July/tech-trades-experience-day](http://www.rmit.edu.au/events/2024/July/tech-trades-experience-day)

## WORK EXPERIENCE



Work experience is all about inspiring young minds, boosting their confidence and giving them unique insight into the working world. AARNET placements can help shape a student's future by providing first-hand exposure to possible career options in the technology industry.

The AARNET Work Experience Program gives secondary and tertiary students insight into a live telecommunications workplace where they will observe and learn alongside AARNET's network operations, infrastructure development, and cyber security teams.

These placements are designed to be undertaken by secondary school students in years 9 and 10, or tertiary students.

**For further information visit:**

[www.aarnet.edu.au/aarnet-work-experience-program](http://www.aarnet.edu.au/aarnet-work-experience-program)

## Fair Work Resources for Students and Young People



About to start a new job and feeling a little nervous? Don't worry, it's totally normal – and the Fair Work Ombudsman has a stack of resources that can help ease your fears.

From everything to knowing your rights, being prepared for your first day, to dealing with issues that arise in the workplace, they have you covered.

[www.fairwork.gov.au/find-help-for/young-workers-and-students](http://www.fairwork.gov.au/find-help-for/young-workers-and-students)

## SkillsRoad 360° Virtual Workplace



See what it's really like working in some of Australia's most exciting industries. SkillsRoad's Virtual Reality career advice platform lets you explore different workplaces in a completely new and exciting way.

**Industries include:**

- Creative
- Construction
- Health Care
- Hospitality
- Manufacturing

Visit: <https://360.skillsroad.com.au/>

## WHAT IS STEM + X?



Combine science, technology, engineering or maths (STEM) with your other passion or hobby (X) and discover your dream career!

**For further information visit:**

<https://careerswithstem.com.au/stem-plus-x/>

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