



BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

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IMPORTANT DATES

13th February
FINANCE MEETING

22nd February
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

14th & 21st February
SAPSASA SOFTBALL TRIALS

22nd February
NARACOORTE AFL CARNIVAL

27th February - 2nd March
YEAR 5/6 CAMP
FOULDS/HARKNESS/RATTUS

6th March - 9th March
YEAR 5/6 CAMP
COLLINS/WEGENER/BLACKWELL

15th March - 24th March
YEAR 3 & 5 NAPLAN

FRIDAY 10th March
PUPIL FREE DAY

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome and welcome back.

Firstly, after feedback from parents, it was felt that the usual cycle for newsletters, being Weeks 3, 6 and 9, needed to be changed for this term given the amount of news that needs to be communicated at the commencement of a year. So, this is more an information newsletter, rather than a publication which shares and acknowledges achievement.

I'm sure that you have all received information from your child/ren's class teacher already in relation to significant information and dates. So much of what is in here may be known to you but alternatively, some might be 'new news'.

I would like to extend a big welcome to our new Reception and new students and their parents/guardians to Bordertown Primary School. Bordertown has a fine reputation and a proud

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history and we look forward to you assisting in developing a future we can all be proud of.

School Day Hours Trial

As a consequence of further information coming to light, we are trialling different classroom times. The yard times for drop off and pick up have not changed but due to circumstances beyond our control, classroom times have had to change. Basically, the day has been split into 6x50 minute lessons with some time still allocated to classroom care and eating times.

Students now enter class at 9am with break times still occurring close to times they have been in the past. The lessons are split into blocks of two - prior to recess, prior to lunch and prior to dismissal. The current structure is in place for three weeks with a review to be undertaken by staff on Wednesday the 15th of February. Please feel assured that drop-off and pick-up times will not change in the short to medium term.

Have an issue?

From time to time, clarification of information or an issue is needed. Whilst at times there is a need for confidentiality (as I am sure you would appreciate), there are times when seeking further information is appropriate. The best source often is the person/staff member who is likely to be able to elaborate further. I am providing my email address in the situation where further information is required.

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Pupil Free Day

Our first Pupil Free Day will be held on Friday the 10th of March. This day will be utilised by us to further develop our skills and knowledge in the teaching of reading for students from Reception-Year 6. We will be working with staff from other sites to learn about improved practice, influenced by the latest research.

Future Pupil Free dates and School Closure Day will be arrived at after consultation with the newly elected Governing Council (22/2/23) and staff.

NAPLAN Testing

This year, the NAPLAN test will be held earlier than normal. Usually, these tests are conducted early in Term 2, but in 2023, they will be conducted between and including the dates 15/3/23 - 24/3/23. These tests are for Year 3 and Year 5 students.

It is expected that all students will sit the tests, except for those withdrawn by parents (usually for philosophical reasons) or those exempted by the Principal (with parent/guardian permission), due to the fact that the student has major learning/behavioural/physical needs which makes the test difficult to administer and/or is unlikely to provide new, relevant information. Further information will come home to Year 3/5 students and their families in the next two weeks.

Acquaintance Night

Our school Acquaintance Night will be held this Wednesday the 8th of February (please see attached timetable). It is earlier this year due to staff being away next week to attend training and development. Come along and meet your child/ren's teacher/s and partake in a sausage prior to heading home.

**Governing Council AGM
Wednesday 22nd February**

The Annual General Meeting of the Bordertown Primary School Governing Council will be held on Wednesday the 22nd of February at 6:30pm in the library.

The purpose of this meeting is to be provided with a summary of the 2022 Annual Report and to elect Governing Council Members for the 2023/2024 years.

I urge you all to consider nominating for this important school entity. The Governing Council provides a parent/community perspective towards determining future school directions/priorities but can also act as a conduit for parent queries/concerns which can be directed towards the School Principal in a discreet manner. I have found Governing Councils to have been very positive during my twenty years as a Principal. They have put forward positive suggestions to improve 'Our School' (in many locations).

Please consider nominating using the form attached.

Mike

Principal

Governing Council Nomination Form

I _____
wish to nominate to be a member of the Governing Council of Bordertown Primary School for the period 2023/2024.

Signature

Seconded by

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A NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Water Safety Lessons

We have recently found out that we have been lucky to secure a coordinator and instructors so that water safety lessons can occur this term. Notes with detailed information and consent forms were sent out last week.

The Year 3/4 classes will attend lessons on Wednesday-Friday of this week and Monday-Friday of Week 3. The Reception-Year 2 students will attend swimming lessons Monday-Friday of Week 3. The Year 5/6 students will participate in their water safety and aquatics lessons while on camp in Weeks 5 and 6.

Students will need to pack bathers, a towel, a sun-safe top, sunscreen, hat, goggles (optional) and medication if required.

Please contact your child's teacher if you are able to accompany the class while they walk to and from the swimming pool. This helps to ensure the safety of our students and is a great opportunity to watch your child enjoy their lessons.

Loose Parts Play

The Junior Primary classes are seeking donations for loose parts play. Loose parts is a label given to any natural or man-made materials that can be used to expand upon children's play and encourage imagination. Playing with open-ended materials develops children's creativity and critical thinking. If you are able to donate any of the following items, it would be appreciated.

- Moulded chair seats
- Tyres
- Truck guards
- Wooden cable rounds

Assemblies

Assemblies will continue to be held on Fridays at 2pm of even weeks. They will be run by Kids' Voice and classes will be rostered on to present an item. Teachers will inform parents when it is their class' turn.

Year 5/6 Camps

The Year 5/6 camps will be held between the 27th February and the 9th of March. The camps have been split with the first camp being Foulds/Harkness/Rattus during Week 5. The Collins/Wegener/Blackwell camp will be held in Week 6. Both camps will be held Monday-Thursday.

Mrs Ebony Capurso



BACK TO SCHOOL ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT

Join us to meet our teachers and learn about your child's upcoming year.

Wednesday 8th February, 5 - 7pm

Reception	Zoe Maney & Kate Fry Tracey Hillier	5:00pm
Year 1/2	Kylie Staude & Pam Steer Angela Deans Megan Taylor	5:30pm
Year 3/4	Claudia Svilans Andrea Carter Sue Maney	6:00pm
Year 5/6	Tara Rattus Shane Collins Kerri Foulds & Emma Harkness Jodie Wegener & Nicole Blackwell	6:30pm

Free sausage sizzle available throughout the night,
cooked by Mike & our Governing Council.
Find us in the Breakfast Club area.