



BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

Inspire, Challenge, Achieve

ISSUE 2 | 20
FEBRUARY 2023

IMPORTANT DATES

SAPSASA Softball Trials
Tuesday 21st February

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 22nd February

Naracoorte AFL Carnival
Tuesday 22nd February

Year 5/6 Camp
FOULDS/RATTUS/HARKNESS
27th Feb - 2nd March

Year 5/6 Camp
COLLINS/WEGENER/BLACKWELL
6th - 9th March

Pupil Free Day
Friday 10th March

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

10 South Avenue
Bordertown SA 5268
8752 1888
dl.0733info@schools.sa.edu.au
www.bordertownps.sa.edu.au



Government
of South Australia
Department for Education



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Governing Council AGM

The Bordertown Primary School AGM will be held on Wednesday the 22nd of February at 7pm in the school library. Please feel free (you are Welcome!) to come-a-long and hear excerpts from the 2022 Annual Report plus a brief address from Mike. As always, we are seeking persons willing to be part of the 2023 Governing Council of Bordertown PS. Being part of the GC is not an onerous task but rather provides you with the opportunity to represent Parent/Guardian views when actions are being considered. Typically, these positions are for two years, with a total of eight meetings being held per year. Please ring Mike at the school if you are interested or want further information.



FROM PAGE ONE...

Camps

The Year 5/6 will be held during Weeks 5 and 6. A big thank you to our 5/6 Teachers (including other staff) and parents for making camps possible. Bordertown is lucky to have teachers prepared to provide these opportunities for your children (many schools no longer do so). A big thank you in advance for those parents who are attending and also to those staff who are backfilling 'The Holes' back at school.

Parking Around the School

I have fielded a number of concerns relating to parking around the school at pick-up and drop-off time. Some parents have been using the staff and hospital carparks to do this. For the safety of our children as well as hospital staff, visitors and patients it is important that we refrain from using these areas.

Pupil Free Day

A reminder that there will be 'No School' on Friday the 10th of March. BPS staff will be working with other staff on improving Reading Outcomes for all students. Staff from the Literacy Guarantee Unit will be working with us to improve our skills, knowledge and pedagogy.

Beginning of School Day

As discussed in the previous newsletter, we have trialled the new 'In Class' time. At this week's staff meeting, it was decided to change this time from 9:00am to 8:55am. It was felt that the time spent in the schoolyard prior to students commencing their learning was too long - hence the adjustment. Teachers on yard duty will still commence their morning duty at 8:30am.

Mr Mike Clark

A NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Water Safety Lessons

We have been blessed with some lovely warm weather for our water safety lessons this week. Thank you to the many parents who volunteered their time to help walk the students to and from the pool.

Student Comments

I liked going on the pontoon and splashing around.

- Kailey (Year 1)

I learnt how to hold onto my shoulder, pinch my nose and jump in so that you don't get water up your nose.

- Kenzie (Year 2)

I liked walking in the water to make a whirlpool.

- Jason (Reception)

I liked swimming on my back.

- Henry (Year 1)

I liked getting the sinkies.

- Maddy (Year 1)

I learnt how to float.

- Sophia (Year 4)

Choir

In Week 2, I attended the Primary Schools Music Festival Conference. I spent two days learning to sing and teach the repertoire for 2023. There are lots of well-known songs, such as *Proud Mary*, *Charleston* and Metallica's, *Nothing Else Matters*.

It was great to see so much student interest at my 'come and try' session this week. If your child chooses to do Choir this year, the lessons will occur on Monday afternoons and information will be sent home later in the term.



NAPLAN Tests

(15/3/23 - 24/3/23)

Our NAPLAN tests are fast approaching. These tests are sat by all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia. They provide a snapshot of where students are at with their learning and assist us to set priorities for our Site Improvement Planning. Typically, your child's class teacher has a far more comprehensive and up-to-date knowledge of your child's learning, strengths and weaknesses at any point in time.

Occasionally, parents have reasons for not wanting their child to sit the tests and this can occur after consultation with the Principal or by providing information to the school in writing.

The tests conducted are Numeracy, Reading, Writing and Language Conventions.

If you would like further information, please contact your child's teacher, Mike or me.

Mrs Ebony Capurso

Meet the Wellbeing Team

A NOTE FROM OUR PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Hi Bordertown Primary! I'm Chelsea and I am lucky enough to be the Pastoral Care Worker at Bordertown Primary School for 2023. I'm really excited to be here, and it's a privilege and honour to get to know the kids, families and staff. Being surrounded by awesome people doing amazing things is the best job in the world. I love chatting with the kids about all the awesome things they are doing and sharing in their highs and their lows.

I will be working closely with Kylie Staude in the Wellbeing Team. I am here to provide well-being support to our school community, so please don't be shy to share your achievements and also those things that may be worrying, troublesome or if you would just like to share with someone else.

Building a community of support around your child and your family means we are not doing life alone. It helps us to achieve all that we are made to be!

Chelsea March

A NOTE FROM OUR STUDENT WELLBEING TEACHER

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome for the new school year to our wonderful school community and hope that everyone is settling in well to their new classrooms. On Thursday and Friday's, I am in the role of Student Wellbeing Teacher.

Having been a part of the Bordertown community (and school) for a very long time, I am very passionate about the wellbeing of all students, staff and families connected to our amazing school. My role within the school is to support students with their social and emotional wellbeing to enable them to thrive and achieve their best. I can provide individual or group support in areas of emotional and social wellbeing including emotional regulation, anxiety and friendships. I am also a supportive connection to many department and non-department service providers within the wellbeing area.

Working closely alongside Chelsea, as the Wellbeing team, we hope to build supportive and caring relationships with students and families to promote a community of happy students who engage and participate in their learning to their full potential.

Kylie Staude



School Card scheme

Low-income families who attend government school can get financial help with school fees – materials and services charges – through the School Card scheme.

Applications for the 2023 school year are now open. Fill in the correct application form based on your circumstances.

SA.GOV.AU - School Card scheme
(www.sa.gov.au)

A message from our students

Unfortunate News

Dear Community,

We are devastated that all of our chickens have been taken as we spent lots of time and effort checking on them and feeding them. The younger kids love seeing all of the chickens in their pen and often collect the eggs to cook in the kitchen as part of their learning. As we are in year 6 now we spend time looking after them, feeding them and checking to make sure that they are healthy and hydrated. We are really sad and hope that the person or people who took the chickens look after them well.

Gabby and Sophie

On Behalf of the Students at Bordertown PS

From the Principal

The loss of the chickens is devastating for many of our students. The matter has been reported to the police as this action is unacceptable. If you have any information in regard to the chickens disappearance, please contact me and I will pass the information onto the police.

Mike

Kids' Voice

It is the great pleasure of mine to introduce our community to our Kids' Voice leaders for 2023. The following three students have been elected to the executive positions by their peers and staff. Congratulations to

Macy McCarthy (Chairperson), Craig Mukosera (Secretary) and Sophie Mock (Treasurer).

I am looking forward to working with you this year and cannot wait to see what you can achieve.



House Captains



Binnie

Riley Blott

&

Claire Dahlitz



McLeod

Mia Kennett

&

Henry Kluska



Milne

Max Cook

&

Zelie Phillips



Scott

Harry Will

&

Eve Rowett