



BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

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IMPORTANT DATES

SAPSASA AFL

Mon 22nd May - Wed 24th May

School Photos

Wednesday 31st May

Cross Country State Carnival

Thursday 8th June

King's Birthday Public Holiday

Monday 12th June

Student Free Day

Tuesday 13th June

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Farewell Miss Reid

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

At the conclusion of last term, it was announced that Amy Reid will not be returning to Bordertown Primary School this term. Amy has understandably decided that her future lays closer to family support



which is in Adelaide. Amy definitely made her mark upon Bordertown and will certainly be missed. As a consequence of this news, I was asked to continue at Bordertown whilst the process to appoint a new Principal occurs. I am pleased to report that this process is well underway with written applications for the position closing on 18/05/23.

It is usually a three-part process:

1. Written Application
2. Interview Short-Listed Applicants
3. Referee Statements are taken before recommendations are made.

Deane Carter will be the parent rep on this panel with Sue Maney representing the staff. In addition, there will be a peer Principal who is usually sourced from outside the Partnership, along with the Education Director (Fleur Roachock) chairing the panel.

FROM PAGE ONE...

Pupil Free Day 13/06/23

A Pupil Free Day will be held on Tuesday the 13th of June (The day after the Long Weekend). Staff on this day will be working towards achieving outcomes identified in our School Improvement Plan. The focus of the day will be Numeracy, with agreements, data analysis and planning all parts of this day.

The Arts

Last week you may have been aware of the fact that a group of students plus two staff members were invited to the Art Exhibition at the Bordertown Walkway Gallery. They had discussions around Art Opportunities in the region. In addition, a student Lunchtime Art Club has commenced on Fridays under the guidance of Emma Harkness. Having dropped in last week it was very impressive to see a hive of activity and creativity happening.

Sport

Well as you know Bordertown has a rich history in Sport. So much so that to be frank I can't keep up with it. I am aware that we have had and will have students participating in state competitions in Swimming, Softball, Netball, Girls and Boys AFL, Hockey, Athletics and Cross-Country Running. I am sure I have missed something and for that I apologise. These opportunities are available as a consequence of staff and parents who are prepared to give up their time, so these activities are available. I am sure the students are very appreciative.

Harmony Day

It was very pleasing to experience the Harmony Day Celebrations at BPS. We are undoubtedly a multi-cultural community which celebrates its diversity. As a nation we have been truly enriched as a result of our exposure to the various cultures now represented within our great country.



Lexie A

Kids Voice Induction

Our Kids Voice Group as you know have been elected. It was my honour to be part of their induction ceremony, which was held in front of very proud family and friends. I am pleased to observe that this group really does have meaningful input to the workings and decision making at BPS. Thanks to Kylie Staude for facilitating and leading this important group.



Mr Clark, Jayden S & Macy M

FROM PAGE TWO...

Dream Big Excursion

Our Year 5/6 Classes have the privilege of attending this year's 'Dream Big' activities in Adelaide. It was a great day with students having the opportunity to participate in many enjoyable performances. A HUGE THANKYOU goes to the staff and parents who offered their time and commitment for this opportunity. Staff and teachers in many schools are now refusing to plan and give up the great deal of extra time required to plan and give up their time for this to occur. On behalf of all parents and students, thank you!

Crossing Monitor Training

This training was delivered by a trained instructor to our students towards the end of last term. Our Year 5 students have commenced their duties this term. With experience I am certain that they will provide a safe option for students and parents/guardians to cross the road prior to and after school.

FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

5/6 Homework

Students from Kerri Foulds' Year 5/6 class visited me recently to share the exemplary effort they had put into their Term 1 homework. Students were required to write about their role models, investigate their dream jobs, design their dream home and plan for a holiday. Ashi, Fransika and Bryce can be proud of their thoughtful responses and dedication to their learning. It was great to see homework tasks that are relevant, engaging and consolidated a range of skills.

Crossing Safety

A big thankyou to the parents who are modelling safe behaviour by utilising our pedestrian crossing. A reminder that it is law to use the crossing if you are within close proximity to it.

Choir

At the end of last term, the Bordertown PS Choir together with those from Keith, Padthaway and Mundulla, met as one for a combined Choir Rehearsal. From all reports it went very well, and I am certain that the choristers are looking forward to performing on the big stage, in front of family and friends later in the year. Thanks to Ebony Capurso for her role in providing this opportunity.

COVID

Just a reminder that Covid is still present within our community. If your child is showing symptoms, please test and keep them home until they are symptom free.

Mike Clark



Bryce K, Fransika W & Ashi M



Declan T, Jasmine O, Georgie L & Keisha T

CONTINUED FROM THE DEPUTY...

Walkway Gallery

In Week 2, Chelsea, our PCW, and I took some of our school's talented art students to visit the Walkway Gallery to see Sarah Cunningham and Jaime Prosser's exhibition. The students also met with Director, Naomi Fallon, who gave them some tips for the Young Tatiara Artist Prize. On our walk back to school, it was wonderful to hear the students discussing their ideas, inspiration and what mediums they might use.

The Young Tatiara Artist Prize is open to people under the age of 17 who live, study or work in the Tatiara. For more information and to download an entry form, visit walkwaygallery.com.

Mrs Ebony Capurso

Lego

This week we received a free pallet of Lego for the school. A big thank you to Good360 for their generous donation. The Lego will be used across the school and will be available for students to access in the Library at lunch times. This is a great opportunity for students to develop fine motor skills, encourage problem solving and improve concentration.



What is Autism?

Autism is a difference in a person's development that affects how they learn and interact with others and their surroundings.



205,200

estimated Australians are diagnosed as autistic



More than 3% of Australians on the spectrum are young.
(Between the ages of 5-24)

70%

of autistic people also have one co-occurring condition, 40% have two or more

A NOTE FROM THE AUTISM INCLUSION TEACHER

I am excited to be Bordertown Primary Schools Autism Inclusion Teacher and I look forward to working in this role to best support our learners with diverse needs.

Autism Inclusion Teachers are a new, nation-leading initiative that aims to build understanding and knowledge to support autistic children and young people.

Focus of the AIT role

- Provide support to their fellow educators on how to best support and educate students with autism.
- Drive improved practice relating to autism that works for their school.

The AIT role does not include working directly with students with autism, nor are they involved in student or parent conferences.

It is anticipated that Autism Inclusion Teachers will first build their own teaching expertise, knowledge and understanding of autism through engaging in formal learning offerings and participation in the Autism Inclusion Teacher networks.

To improve knowledge and practice across the school, Autism Inclusion Teachers will then be encouraged to share their learnings and resources with their colleagues to utilise in teaching autistic children and young people in their own classes.

Kerri Foulds

Some of the common **strengths** identified in people on the spectrum are*

- Being particularly good at detail oriented tasks
- Noticing details in their world that others often miss
- Being logical and factual thinkers
- Enjoying and following routines and structures
- Seeing things from a different perspective

* Every individual is different and experiences different strengths and challenges.

Some of the common **challenges** identified in people on the spectrum are*

- Difficulties in communicating their needs and wants to others
- Social interaction and interpreting other people's behaviour
- Processing sensory information
- Learning academic and functional skills

* Every individual is different and experiences different strengths and challenges.

For more information, please visit the Department for Education's website to find out more about improving support for children and students with autism.

SAPSASA Softball



Sophie M, Carly G and Stella K

In Term 1 Week 10, Sophie M, Carly G and Stella K went to SAPSASA Softball in Adelaide for three days.

"SAPSASA Softball was lots of fun to get to know our teammates and make new friends. We came fourth overall with four wins, four losses and one draw."

SAPSASA Swimming

On Friday of Term 2 Week 1, a group of students from Year 4, 5 & 6 competed in the SAPSASA Swimming State Champions at the Adelaide Aquatics Centre. There were 24 swimmers in total from the Upper South East and they were fortunate enough to be the winners of Division 2.

There were some great medals won by BPS students including:



Zelie P, Bentley S & Emmett P

Team Events

- 10-Year-Old BOYS
 - Lincoln G & Emmett P (gold)
- 10-Year-Old GIRLS
 - Ivy B & Skye N (bronze)
- 11-Year-Old BOYS
 - Bentley S (silver)
- 12-Year-Old BOYS
 - Tate N (silver)
- 12-Year-Old GIRLS
 - Zelie P & Eve R (gold)

Solo Events

- 50m Butterfly - Bentley S (gold)
- 50m Backstroke - Skye N (bronze)
- 50m Freestyle - Emmett P (gold)
- 50m Freestyle - Zelie P (gold)
- 50m Freestyle - Eve R (silver)
- 50m Breaststroke - Emmett P (gold)
- 50m Breaststroke - Skye N (bronze)

CROSS COUNTRY NARACOORTE



On Friday of Term 2 Week 2, 39 Bordertown Primary School students traveled to Naracoorte to compete in the South East Cross Country Carnival. The students had a very successful day and should be commended for the way they represented our school.



CROSS COUNTRY NARACOORTE

Results

8-Year-Old GIRLS	Ivy H	1st
8-Year-Old BOYS	Patrick D	1st
9-Year-Old GIRLS	Peyton T	3rd
9-Year-Old BOYS	Logan L	8th
	Tom R	9th
10-Year-Old GIRLS	Stella K	4th
10-Year-Old BOYS	Emmett P	5th
11-Year-Old GIRLS	Keeley M	5th
	Pippa B	8th
11-Year-Old BOYS	Noah H	1st
	Harry W	3rd
	Lachlan V	6th
12-Year-Old GIRLS	Zelie P	1st
	Claire D	6th
12-Year-Old BOYS	Tate N	5th
	Henry Kluska	8th



A NOTE FROM OUR PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Some of you may be familiar with *Smiles All Round Psychology* who are based in Naracoorte. Lana-Joy and her team provide our area with psychology and counselling services and are a very valued service in our community.

Recently Lana-Joy shared an article on their social media page that I thought I would share here with you as its just such good advice. Pastoral Care Workers used to be called Chaplains, and Lana-Joy's Mum was a Chaplain in Naracoorte.

"My Mum used to be a School Chaplain at Naracoorte Primary School and she wrote this for the school Newsletter, 18 years ago.

Very wise words. Ahead of the times. She lives by these words. I hope as parents/caregivers we can consistently do this too."

"Listen to them.

Believe in them.

Connect with them."

Lana-Joy

So, here it is, words of wisdom from Lana-Joy's Mum. Our children are full of all things amazing, and I am continually in awe of all that they achieve, personally, socially, emotionally and academically. It's such a privilege that I get to spend my day with them.

Chelsea March

A NOTE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Some things you owe your children - You may not be able to give your children everything you'd like, but here are 3 things you owe them.

Listen to them! You'll never understand your children until you take time and really listen to what they are saying.

Believe in them! Build their confidence, give them the faith and self-worth required to overcome every obstacle they will face.

Connect with them! Find out what is in their heart. If you try to control them before you connect with them, you'll lose every time.

What do you really know about them? Their struggles? Their heroes? Their music? Their friends? Their fears? Their dreams?

If your answer is "not much" - start making some changes straight away.

Heather Boddington

Clothing Donations



Bordertown Primary School is seeking donations of **trackpants, shorts & polo tshirts in sizes 6-10** for students who may require spare clothes.



These spare clothes will be kept in the Front Office to ensure that students have access to clean clothes when needed.

We kindly ask for any donations of new or used trackpants and shorts that are suitable for primary school-aged children.

Thank you for your generosity and support. Donations can be dropped off at the Front Office.

REMINDER

Please advise the front office staff of any changes to family information. It is important to update changes to address, telephone, emergency contact, parent work details etc. as they occur. Thank you!