



BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

Inspire, Challenge, Achieve

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IMPORTANT DATES

Songs at Sunset

Thursday 7th December 6pm

Assembly 1:55pm

Friday 1st December

High School Transition

Monday 4th December - all day

Year 6 Breakfast

(For year 6s - Students only)

Monday 11th December 7:30am

Year 6 Graduation

(Year 6s only)

Thursday 14th December 7pm

Last Day of Term - Early Dismissal 2.25pm

Friday 15th December

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Department for Education



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,

We know the end of the school year is fast approaching once we have had Sports Day. There are many traditions here at Bordertown Primary School and marching at Sports Day is one of them.

Congratulations to Milne who won the marching shield. All of the children looked amazing in their colours and did their teams proud. Our overall winners for the day were McLeod. Well done to the team and their house captains Mia and Henry.

Thank you to everyone who supported the day including the Lions Club who donated their time, Josh and Lucy Savage for donating the sausages, Bordertown Bakery for donating the bread and all of the donations for the wonderful morning tea.



25km/h past a stationary school bus - this
applies to all traffic in both directions



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Our next big event is Songs at Sunset which students and teachers are busily practising for. We are looking forward to all of our families and friends joining us under the shade shelter for this end of year celebration.

Mrs Shelley Cameron



SEEKING DONATIONS

We are seeking donations of empty water boxes, chicken wire or old DVD/CDs for upcoming art projects. These donations are greatly appreciated and can be delivered to the front office.



Fruit juice cups & icy poles



Fruit juice cups \$1

Quelch icy pole Full - 60 cents Half - 30 cents



Fridays of term 4 2023



Year 3/4 Excursion

A NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Student Free Day

Educational Consultants, Christie-Lee and Bill Hansberry presented at our recent Student Free Day, to teach our educators about the Playberry whole class literacy program they have designed. This resource will complement the work we are already doing in regard to the structured and explicit teaching of reading and spelling and assist us in achieving consistency from Reception to Year 6. Teachers have already begun using the resource to identify students' learning needs for 2024 planning.



Reports

Our teachers are currently very busy writing our students' academic reports. These will be sent home electronically via Sentral and hardcopy on the last day of school for 2023.

School Crossing

We would like to remind our community to travel at 25 km/h around our school when children are present. The safety of our students is paramount and some of our crossing monitors have expressed concerns about motorists speeding or driving through the crossing when the stop signs are up. When I spoke to the Police recently, they also suggested reminding everyone to avoid U-turns on the road when dropping off and picking up children.

Mrs Ebony Capurso

SPORTS DAY!





Year 1/2 Persuasive Writing Staude/Steer

Students arrived at school one morning to find this.....

I can write better and Mrs Staude will be happy with my writing. Kailey



I won't get pins and needles if I sit on a chair. Kayla

Should students have a chair at school?



I do not want a chair. I can kneel down and make the table shorter. Yukith



I think we should have chairs because after a big day I would be very tired. Lenix

We should not have chairs because it is good exercise and we can get fit for Sports Day. Joshua

I definitely need a chair because I like to sit on chairs; chairs are comfortable. Amber

I don't need a chair in class. I could lay on the floor and do my work. Alexander

Firstly, I think all students need a chair because you can concentrate on your writing. Schyler





FROM OUR PASTORAL CARE WORKER

In our last newsletter, we talked about 'flipping your lid' and what happens inside our brains and bodies when we feel out of control...when that feelings and emotions part of our brain has taken over and is in control.

So how do we get that 'thinking' part of our brain back in control? How do we reengage so that we can start making good decisions again? How do bring our heart rate back down if we are feeling anxious?

There are lots of tips and tools that we can use, but it is important to know that these will only work if we have 'practised' them beforehand and they are skills that we feel confident in using. It's like riding a bike....rarely are we successful the first time round! And if our brain is in a state of confusion or anxiousness, there is no way that it is going to be able to learn something new on the spot. These are skills that we need to feel competent in so that when we use them, they happen naturally, automatically even.

When our body is in that heightened state, our heart rate is often raised. Taking big, deep, slow breaths can help to reduce our heart rate. Quite literally; if you wear a watch that shows your heart rate, check it out! There's lots of different imagery we can use to help with this. Some we use at school are 5 finger breathing or rainbow breathing. Check out the pictures below.



TAKE 5 AWARENESS



Taking a moment to become aware of what is happening around us is also useful. Using the 5 senses awareness can help bring us back to being present in the moment and take our mind away from the event that is making us anxious, frustrated or angry.

What's important to remember, especially with our children, is that when we are in that state of anxiousness, frustration or anger, our brain is not capable of taking on new things or even understanding things. This is why, conversations with children about an event or their actions or behaviours are often not successful in the heat of the moment. Allow the child time to calm down (and the adults too!), reconnect the part of the brain that does the thinking and the rationalising, and then have a conversation.

As we come to that time of the year where things can feel out of control and life is crazy busy, may you find time to find calm. A nature walk, reading a book, a cup of tea with a friend. some slow deep breaths....all ways to stop and reconnect.

Sapsasa Cricket

In Week 4, we went to Adelaide for Sapsasa Cricket, representing the southern country zone. The week consisted of 3 days of cricket, 2 games each day, and we played the three teams twice. We lost the first game by one run and won the rest except one. Overall, we came second in the div 2 side winning 4/6 games. On Wednesday night after a long day of cricket we went to the WBL strikers vs renegades match and had fun stocking up on merchandise trying to get on TV and watching the Strikers win. After the game we got all the signatures of the Strikers on our hats and t-shirts. Overall we had a great time and really appreciate our great coach, Joshua Searle!



Sophie, Eve and Pippa

Sapsasa Athletics



On Monday the 18th of September Claire, Zelig, Stella, Noah, Emmett and Riley went to Santos Stadium in Adelaide for Sapsasa athletics. Zelig came home with a gold medal from the 12 year old girls relay, Stella came home with a silver medal from the 1500m and Emmett came home with a gold medal from the 10 year old boys relay. Overall the Upper South East came 2nd which is a great effort for a small country region. We all had a great time and had lots of fun.

Claire, Zelig and Stella

Golf Championships

Mr Collins spent Week 5 in Perth managing the 12 years and under state golf team. Mr Collins enjoyed his time, what a great experience for him!



ALL BOOKINGS OPEN DECEMBER 1ST

SAT 16 DEC, 10AM

WORKSHOP

*Make your own
Christmas ornaments*
Keith Library
BOOK 8755 3236

TUE 19 DEC, 10AM

WORKSHOP

*Make your own
Christmas Earrings or
Tree Ornament (ages 10+)*
Keith Library
BOOK 8755 3236

THU 21 DEC, 10AM

WORKSHOP:

*Make your own
wooden star*
Keith Library
BOOK 8755 3236

SAT 16 DEC, 10AM

WORKSHOP:

*Make your own
Christmas ornaments*
Walkway Gallery
BOOK 8752 1473

TUE 19 DEC, 2PM

WORKSHOP:

*Make your own
Candy Cane Reindeer*
Keith Library
BOOK 8755 3236

THUR 21 DEC, 2.30PM

WORKSHOP:

Melted Snowmen Biscuits
Keith Library
BOOK 8755 3236

MON 18 DEC, 10AM

WORKSHOP:

*Make your own
wooden star*
Walkway Gallery
BOOK 8752 1473

WED 20 DEC, 10AM

WORKSHOP:

*Make your own
Christmas Earrings or
Tree Ornament (ages 10+)*
Walkway Gallery
BOOK 8752 1473

FRI 22 DEC, 9AM-12PM

LAST MINUTE MAKING:

*Santa's Workshop &
Keith Library CLOSE at 1pm*

MON 18 DEC, 3PM

WORKSHOP:

Melted Snowmen Biscuits
Walkway Gallery
BOOK 8752 1473

WED 20 DEC, 3PM

WORKSHOP:

*Make your own
Candy Cane Reindeers*
Walkway Gallery
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SANTA'S WONDERLAND

**OPENING
FRI 15 DEC**

(Open from 6.30pm)

Walkway Gallery
43 Woolshed Street
Bordertown



**DROP-IN ACTIVITIES
10AM-2PM**

*Scratch art ornaments
Card-making
Gift-tag making*
Keith Library

**DROP-IN ACTIVITIES
10AM-3PM**

*Selfie Station
Card-making
Gift-tag making + more*
Walkway Gallery

**Walkway
Gallery**

BPL
Bordertown
Public Library



JUST FOR A DAY.

TATIARA

STAY FOREVER



Tatiara
the good country

BORDERTOWN CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Sunday December 17, 2023

Bordertown Football oval 7:30pm

6:30-7:15 pm BBQ and Drinks

BYO chair or rug

Offering for Tatiara Pastoral

Care Workers in our schools

If inclement weather-venue Bordertown Civic Centre

Program by Bordertown Inter-Church Council. Sponsored by Tatiara Council

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.