



BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

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2024

IMPORTANT DATES

2nd Softball Trial
Tuesday 20th Feb

Year 5/6 Camp
MURDOCK/WEGENER/FOULDS
20th Feb - 23rd Feb

Governing Council AGM
Wednesday 28th February

Pupil Free Day
Friday 1st March

Year 5/6 Camp
COLLINS/RATTUS
5th March - 8th March

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Monday 11th March

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

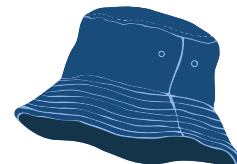
Dear parents and families,

Welcome to the 2024 school year. All staff were busy throughout January to ensure a very smooth start for all classes. Our learning spaces are engaging and support students to learn. During the first two weeks we have the Good Start Program which focuses on relationships, class norms, rules and values. This is a great opportunity for everyone to get to know each other and develop a shared understanding of how we learn and get along at school.

We welcome new staff Matilda McCarthy Year 1/2 teacher, Tiarna Murdock Year 5/6 teacher, Rice Hetherington Year 3/4 teacher and Sienna Thompson as a new School Support Officer. We have included a list of our staff along with their roles in this Newslink.



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



School Swimming

This week is off to a busy start with our school information nights and swimming for Reception-Year 4. Thankfully the weather has been kind to us and it hasn't been too hot or cold.

Playground Opening

I had the privilege of welcoming back Macey, Sophie and Craig - our 2023 Kids Voice Executive, to do the official opening of our new playground, It was a wonderful opportunity for them to come back to join in with the culmination of all their efforts last year to raise money for our playground, The whole school community were committed to replacing aged equipment for the benefit of our students and are to be commended.



School Hats

A reminder that Bordertown Primary School is a Sun Safe School and that hats are part of our school uniform policy and are to be worn all year. School hats are available for purchase at the Front Office or via Qkr! for \$7.50

Governing Council AGM Wednesday 28th February

Lastly I would like to encourage parents to consider joining our Governing Council which provides opportunities to contribute to many aspects of our school. Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday the 28th of February at 7pm in the library. The purpose of this meeting is to be provided with a summary of the 2023 Annual Report and to elect Governing Council Members for the 2024/2025 years. The Governing Council provides a parent/community perspective towards determining future school directions and priorities.

Shelley Cameron

Governing Council Nomination Form

I, _____
wish to nominate to be a member of the
Governing Council of Bordertown
Primary School for the period of
2024/2025.

Signature

Seconded by

2024

Staff at Bordertown Primary



Teachers & Leaders

Nicole BLACKWELL Science specialist
Shelley CAMERON Principal
Shane COLLINS Year 5/6
Angela DEANS Year 1/2
Jodie DEVITT Music/Drama/Choir/Science specialist
Kerri FOULDS A. Principal, Autism & Year 5/6
Emma HARKNESS Visual Arts specialist
Rice HETHERTON Year 3/4
Tracey HILLIER Reception
Sue MANEY Year 3/4
Zoe MANEY Reception
Matilda MCCARTHY Year 1/2
Tiarna MURDOCK Year 5/6
Andrea POOLE Year 3/4
Karen PRENZLER Year 5/6 & Choir
Tara RATTUS Year 5/6
Josh SEARLE Science/PE specialist
Kylie STAUDE A. Principal, Wellbeing & Reception
Claudia SVILANS Year 1/2
Megan TAYLOR Year 2/3
Jodie WEGENER Year 5/6

SSOs

Courtney CARPENTER
Izzie DAMIN
Jayne DAY
Jenny DUNGEY Business Manager
Chantelle FROMM Front Office
De KUPKE
Mary-Jane McCARTHY
Abby OBST
Emma ORROCK
Chris PEPPER Grounds
Haylee RODERT
Lisa ROWETT
Brooke ROWSELL
Caitlin SIGSTON
Belle SNEATH
Sienna THOMPSON
Lorraine VERCO Front Office

Pastoral Care Worker

Chelsea MARCH

2024 Kids' Voice Representatives



Cruze - Treasurer, Cora - Chairperson, Lara - Secretary

2024 House Captains



BINNIE
Benett & Pippa



MCLEOD
Tom & Stella



MILNE
Declan & Keeley



SCOTT
Parker & Della

PLAYGROUND OPENING



Special Guests - Craig, Macy & Sophie our 2023 Kids Voice Exec. cutting the ribbon

Thank you to our playground committee Amanda Tink, Alana Jackson, Jenny Tilbrook, Kylie Staude, Jodie Wegener, Zoe Maney & Jenny Dungey.

The next stage of development in this play area is installing a nature play area at the southern end, cubby house renovation and installing the rest of the new edging.

Thank you to the students and Kids Voice for your ideas and input.

Thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising last year. We raised a total of \$18,172.89 towards the playground

Kids Voice	1,995.90
Icy Poles	2,775.43
Food Factory	1,026.26
Runathon	8,763.70
Songs at Sunset BBQ	1,289.60
Sports Day Catering	1,111.96
Other (incl bottles & cans)	1,210.04

Jarradd Searle, Searle Home Improvements & Shaun Creaser, Creaser Constructions have been instrumental in the development of this playground area. We are grateful for all the hours you worked and for the use of the excavator & backhoe. Thank you.





Art at Bordertown Primary

This year your child will require an art shirt for art lessons to protect their school clothes.

An old shirt, a few sizes too big, would be a great option.

Art lessons will run on Tuesdays and Fridays for all classes
Year 1 through to Year 6.

If you have any time on either of these days and are interested in lending a hand in the art room, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please send an email to emma.harkness283@schools.sa.edu.au
for more information.

What are some of the benefits of engaging in art activities as a child or adult?



Art builds fine motor skills and increases neural connection.



Art makes you feel good, promotes positive self-esteem and self-expression.

Art provides opportunities for mindfulness and relaxation.



Art stimulates creativity and problem-solving skills, while encouraging the mind to be present.

Art builds connections with others and community.



Art provides different avenues for communication.

FROM OUR PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Welcome back! I'm not sure about your household, but in ours, the back-to-school grind has hit hard. I find going back to school so difficult during summer....summer nights are often the nicest part of the day to be outside in the cool as the sun is setting, but instead it is now consumed with trying to get kids fed and into bed.

Do you find your kids irritable and maybe even angry or frustrated after school? Do you feel like you are walking around on eggshells waiting for the next explosion? Hard work, isn't it!

Take comfort in knowing this is normal! Often our children have been trying their hardest all day at school, with teachers, with friends, with other children they may not know very well, and this can be exhausting for them, physically and mentally. So when they re-enter the safe place that is home, they feel safe enough to let all those feelings and emotions out.

That 10 minutes when your child/ren re-enter the home is the optimal time to reconnect with them. Sit with them, let them tell you about their day. Often that 10 minutes spent well reconnecting at this time of the day will lay the foundation for the tea and bed routine that soon follows. If a child feels validated, loved, heard and needed, and has a safe space to let those feelings out, its all they need to settle back into home life.

Below are some conversation starters you might like to try with your children. Maybe cut them out, stick them on the fridge or on the kitchen table to help that reconnection time after school.

With kindness, Chelsea March

Instead of *'How was your day?'*

Can you teach me a song you sang?

What games did you play at recess?

What made you feel happy today?

What are you most proud of?

Who made you laugh today?

What was the hardest part of your day?

Who were you kind to today?

What are you looking forward to tomorrow?



AGM

TUESDAY

27TH OF FEBRUARY

6.00PM @SHOW OFFICE

SOUTH TCE BORDERTOWN

Community events do not happen without the help of the community.

Many positions are available and you can help as little or as much as your time allows.

If you can not attend AGM but would like to help or for more information please contact

Secretary Nat on 0436458628

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Bordertown Primary School

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HOME/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS



MOBILE NUMBER



EMAIL ADDRESS



EMERGENCY CONTACTS



FAMILY INFORMATION