

BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

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IMPORTANT DATES

Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 2 March
7.00pm in the Library

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Welcome back to school

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a delight to see lots of happy faces ready for a great year at Bordertown Primary School. We are confident that 2022 will be successful and enjoyable, and we look forward to catching up with everyone when we can.

Many thanks to families for your goodwill and patience as we navigated the staged return to school. We are thrilled to have all students back learning together.

We know that starting at a new school can be daunting – new places, faces and ways of doing things. I am proud of the way that our students have welcomed their new classmates into our community. Likewise, I know BPS families will extend a warm and friendly welcome to new families at our school.



Welcome back

FROM PAGE ONE...

On a personal note, as a new member of the BPS team, I have been overwhelmed by the generous welcome I have received. I'm happily settling into life in Bordertown and have been sharing accounts of the lovely country way of life with my family and friends. This has included delicious gifts of homegrown produce as well as friendly waves from those passing by while I've been on crossing duty.

My sincere thanks for your warmth and support. I have appreciated the conversations in the schoolyard, thoughtful emails and friendly faces.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome all families who are new to our school this year. We know that some families have come from interstate or overseas, making the transition especially tricky. I trust that you will soon begin to feel at home as part of the BPS community.

In addition to our reception school starters, we extend a special welcome to new students across the school:

Year 1: Mingchen Yang

Year 2: April Gil

Year 3: Yaya Yang, Ruby Gil

Year 5: Riley Blott

Year 6: Charlotte Blott, Gael Farah

We are also delighted to welcome new staff members to BPS:

Tracy Williams (Year 1)

Claudia Svilans (Year 3)

Shane Collins (Years 4/5)

Belle Sneath (SSO)

Izzie Damin (SSO)

We look forward to a great year ahead!

Amy Reid



Prioritising growth and achievement

CURRICULUM COORDINATORS

Literacy has been a particular focal point for our school over the past few years, with a spotlight on developing great writers. We are proud of the work we have done in this area and look forward to continuing this priority, building on our successes across the school.

In 2022, we also turn our focus to Mathematics. I am pleased to announce that Angela Deans and Kerri Foulds will be leading improvement across the school as curriculum coordinators this year.

Kerri and Angela are respected teachers who will continue to work with their classes for three days a week while taking on leadership opportunities for the remaining two days. In particular, Angela will support junior primary classes and Kerri will be working with our middle and upper primary cohorts.

As a leadership team, we are excited by the opportunity to work alongside teachers and students to further develop a strong culture of learning and improvement at BPS.

Using student achievement data to help teachers track and monitor children's growth over time will be an important part of our work.

We will also regularly monitor the actions identified in our school's site improvement plan,

We invite you to come along to our upcoming AGM on Wednesday 2 March at 7pm to hear more about our site improvement plan and our aspirations for the year ahead. Do keep an eye out for a note coming home early next week with further information and an invitation for you to be involved in our school through the Governing Council or one of our subcommittees.



A good start

A NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

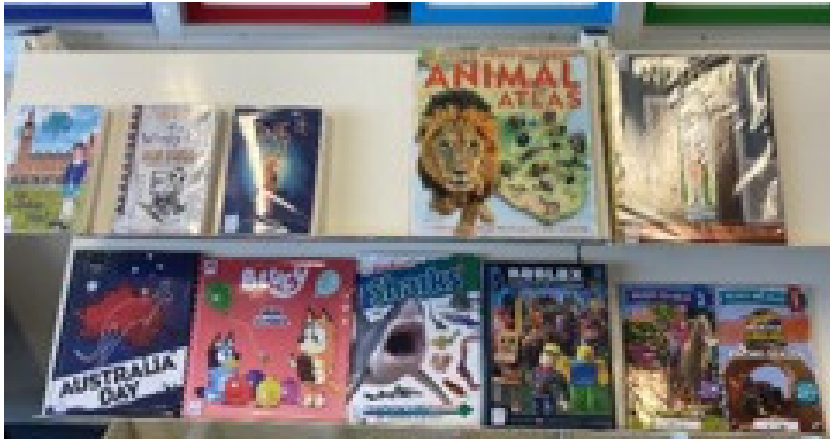
Welcome back to the new school year. What a different start we have experienced. It has been wonderful to see students enthusiastically engaging in their remote learning and connecting online although nothing beats seeing each other face to face.

This week staff and students have been engaging in our Good Start program to collaboratively set class routines and expectations, develop strong and supportive relationships and to connect with each other to foster a supportive learning environment. Alongside curriculum learning, these collaborative activities continue throughout the year to build upon the foundations of our school values.

I wish everyone a successful and enjoyable year learning together.

I will again be supporting our Kids' Voice team as part of my deputy role and am excited to be working with Jodie Wegener in our Year 6 class on Fridays.

Kylie Staude



Library news

A WORD WITH OUR TEACHER LIBRARIAN

Well the school library is almost back to as busy as usual! It is so good to see the interest in reading books and researching. I often see the nice ways children interact and share about books with their classmates: reading to others, sharing a picture book, reading jokes and just generally enjoying being in the library. Every week we put out some new books for students to look at, then they can be borrowed the next week.

Reminders

Please send a library bag with the young children to protect the books.

Ask your children about what they are reading. Listen to them read. Books are on loan to the students for 2 weeks, but they can be reborrowed or extended if needed.

Lost property

There are a few items in the lost property already. Please make sure your child's items are labelled clearly. We can return labelled items to students quickly. If you have a jumper handed on from another family, please change the name to your child's name.

Lunchtime computer use

To ensure that every child has a chance to access the computers in the library for the first half of lunch, we have the following roster.

Monday – year 6

Tuesday – years 4&5

Wednesday – years 2&3

Thursday – Rec&1

Friday – Buzz day (catch up session). Later this term, I will start a coding club for children interested in a challenge.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Children can start reading for the challenge now. This consists of 8 books on the PRC list (sticker on spine of book) and 4 books of any author at the child's level.

This challenge promotes reading generally as well as reading different authors and series. Only 3 books by a particular author can be included in the challenge. If you would like more information, you can search premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au

Happy reading!

Robyn McCallum



Governing Council

WELCOME FROM OUR GC CHAIRPERSON

Welcome back to school and welcome to new families. I trust that you have all had an enjoyable holiday and have kept safe. We warmly welcome Amy Reid to BPS and I am personally excited to have Amy lead our school for the next 3 years.

I would like to invite all families to our AGM as this is a great way of getting a feel of the school's future leadership direction. Please keep a look out for more information that will be provided soon about the AGM.

I look forward to the year ahead.

Rose Dahlitz



Pastoral care at BPS

A NOTE FROM KAREN PRENZER

Hello and welcome to Term One 2022.

My name is Karen and I'm the Pastoral Care Worker at Bordertown Primary School.

It is such a privilege to be a part of this wonderful school community!

My role involves working with students, staff and families to help provide a safe, nurturing environment for our kids to learn and grow.

Wellbeing is at the heart of our school and it's in working together that we best achieve this. It's my hope that in doing so, we can equip our young people with the resources and techniques to navigate the inevitable ups and downs of life - encouraging bravery, drawing upon their strengths and developing their resilience.

In conjunction with teachers, I support individual students, small groups and whole classes, often around social/ emotional health and understanding. I also appreciate and value working with families/carers around ways to support your child.

A bit about myself... I have 2 children – a boy aged 13 and a girl aged 10, a husband, a dog, a cat and a turtle. That's busy enough for me! I love travelling, reading, going for bushwalks, doing yoga and art, singing and spending time with my family and friends. I'm also always up for a chat.

I will be at the school Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. I can be contacted through the front office, on 8752 1888 or via email at Karen.Prenzer192@schools.sa.edu.au

Wishing you a wonderful term.

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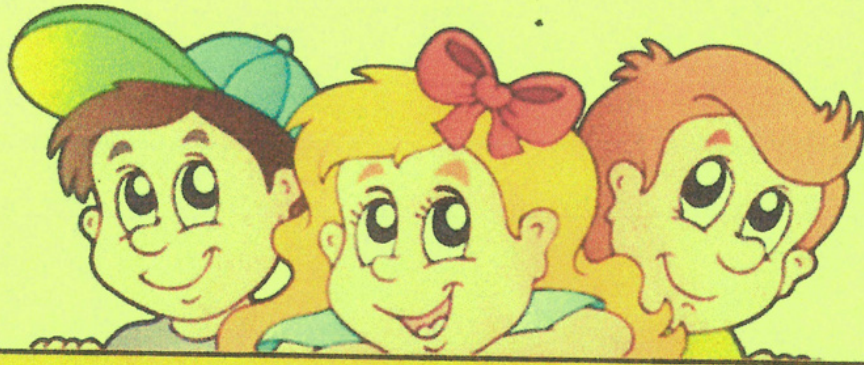
GARDEN TOOLS & EQUIPMENT

To be used for our garden program
here on school grounds.

We'll use anything you have laying around;
wheelbarrows, shovels, rakes, secateurs,
watering cans, pots, etc.

Please drop outside the front office or
get in contact with Josh on 87521888





KIDS TIME OUT

"Night of Games"

K T O is on again!

Friday 25th February

Meet at Uniting Hall 7.00pm

All Children Years 2-7 Welcome.

Cost \$ 2.00 per child.

Lots of FUN and a GREAT Time!!

Bordertown Vineyard Christian Fellowship.

Enquiries ; Ros & John Patterson. Ph. 0429405570.