



# BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

Inspire, Challenge, Achieve

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday  
Mon 14 March

Student Learning Discussions  
Tues 15 March - Fri 1 April  
Bookings by appointment via  
the Sentral parent portal

Upper South East SAPSASA  
Softball trial

Tues 15 March, 4.30pm  
Memorial Oval, Naracoorte

Harmony Day Celebrations  
Fri 25 March

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## Pick of the bunch

### A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Bordertown Primary School is the pick of the bunch in more ways than one! Our expansive grounds, engaging new Agriculture Science program, and our wonderful senior students – some of whom are pictured here – are just a few of the things that make BPS such a great place to learn and grow. The juicy plums and apples from our orchard also make for a tasty treat!

This year we are excited to have Josh Searle, our PE and Year 6 Science teacher, undertaking a new Ag Science initiative for children across all year levels. Josh is working alongside students and their teachers to make the most of the rich learning opportunities that can be found within our school grounds. Together, students are identifying local problems to investigate and planning solutions that are important to our school community.



## Pick of the bunch

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Some projects include:

- Propagating and planting native plants in Natanda Gardens
- Constructing bird boxes to help with eradication of the noisy miner – an incredibly destructive bird species
- Growing herbs and vegetables to learn about the life cycle of living things
- Constructing a fire pit to explore traditional Aboriginal cooking methods
- Exploring weed prevention measures
- Understanding fruit tree production
- Mulching and learning about sustainable management of the environment

We are also fortunate to have a Garden Club of keen students who get together on Thursdays at lunchtime. This is an opportunity for students who are interested in gardening to gain hands-on experience and develop their skills.

Josh is especially interested in connecting more broadly with the community. If your family or local business would like to be involved in any of these projects, please get in touch with Josh at school or by email [joshua.searle743@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:joshua.searle743@schools.sa.edu.au)

Finally, thank you to everyone who responded to our Tool-Drive by sending in pre-loved equipment. It's not too late to donate something that will help in our Garden Program. Donations can be left at the front office.

Well done to Josh and our dedicated team of students, teachers and support staff who are all involved in making this new initiative a success.

We look forward to enjoying some more delicious produce as the seasons change!

Amy Reid



# Promoting Maths

## CURRICULUM COORDINATORS

Prioritising maths learning is firmly in sight for us at BPS this year. We have begun working alongside teachers in classrooms each week. Together we reflect on current practices and try high impact teaching strategies that will maximise student learning.

Teachers are also enjoying being part of a range of quality professional development opportunities. Recently, several teachers met together after school to participate in an online workshop about ways to use children's literature to drive Mathematics learning. Together teachers explored picture books and novels that stimulate problem solving and pattern finding in maths.

When it comes to solving challenging maths problems, we want children to develop confidence to have a go, make a mistake, and remain enthused to try other possibilities.

Problem solving is a very important part of Mathematics. With this in mind, we invite you to try some fun learning with the family.

Each Newslink, we will post a selection of 'family maths challenges' for you to try at home. You may like to give each level a try before moving on to the next.

This week's challenge comes from a great website - [bedtimemath.org](http://bedtimemath.org). We encourage you to check this out and consider some interesting maths stories alongside the typical bedtime reading!

We would love to hear what you have discovered about the following problem, and we look forward to seeing your problem solving strategies!

Angela Deans and Kerri Foulds



# Family Maths Challenge

## CURRICULUM COORDINATORS

Have you ever met a goat? These farm animals have a couple of superpowers. For one, they can eat almost any food - even some things we people wouldn't call food, like rose bushes. Also, they can climb almost anything. That's why some farmers build goat towers, like you see in these pictures. The first goat tower was built in Portugal more than 100 years ago, but it took until 1981 for someone to build a second one. Since then, these animal playgrounds have popped up all over the world,

### Junior Primary

You're trying to build a goat tower, but the goats keep eating the wood steps! If you build 8 steps before your lunch break, and come back to find only 5 steps, how many steps must the goats have eaten? Bonus: If you then build 7 more steps and the goats eat 4, and you build 5 more, and the goats eat 4 again, how many steps do you have now?

### Middle and Upper Primary

Goats are really fast: they run 80 kms an hour! If you can ride your bike 25 kms an hour, in 2 hours how much further does the goat travel? Bonus: If the goat tower above was in Bordertown and a goat ran the 3200kms to Darwin at a speed of 80kms per hour, about how many hours would it take the goat to get from the tower to Darwin? See if you can estimate first and then work out the answer.



# Kids' Voice

## A NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Over the last couple of weeks, the student body has selected their Kids' Voice representatives for 2022. Each nominee presented a speech to their class before the voting process. Congratulations to the following elected representatives. The executive team is pictured above: Emma (Secretary), Oisín (Treasurer) and Tom (Chairperson). I look forward to working with you. Mrs Staude



Ivy and Logan



Talia and Ollie



Jaya and Patrick



Cooper and Evie



River and Cadence



Will and Claire



Cora and Timmy



Jayda and Cruze



Eve and Luke



Jayda and Darcy



Sam and Beth



# House Captains

## A NOTE FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Last week all classes viewed the House Captain speeches which candidates recorded using their laptops. Every student and staff member in the school voted for their respective house team. Congratulations to all House Captains. I look forward to working with you. Mrs Staude

### Binnie House Captains



Charlotte and Jack

### McLeod House Captains



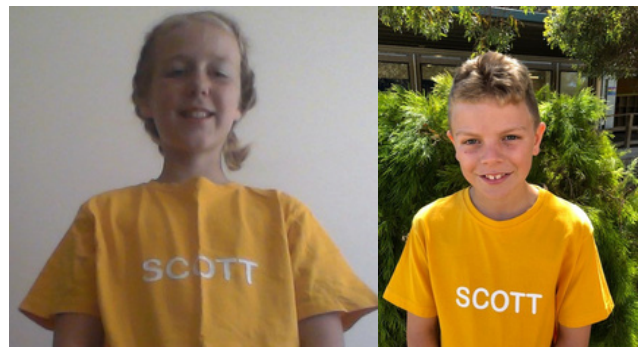
Sienna and Adam

### Milne House Captains



Zoe and Chayce

### Scott House Captains



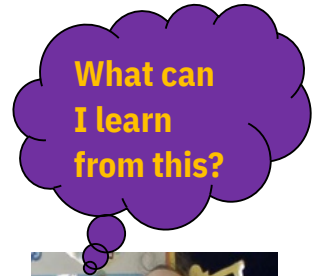
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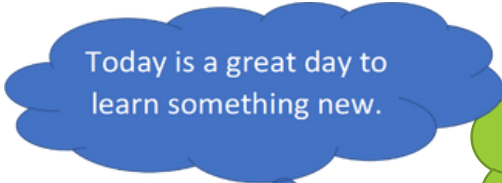
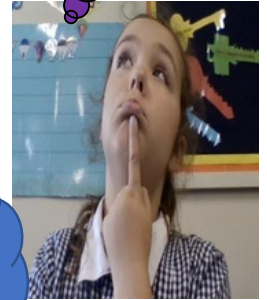
Focus on the good



The more I try to do something the easier it gets.



What can I learn from this?



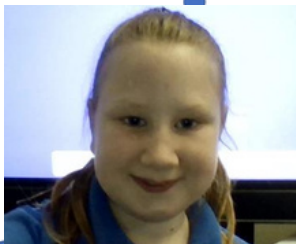
Today is a great day to learn something new.



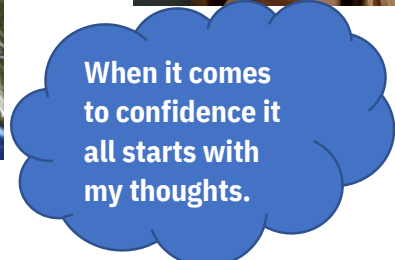
You never fail until you stop trying.



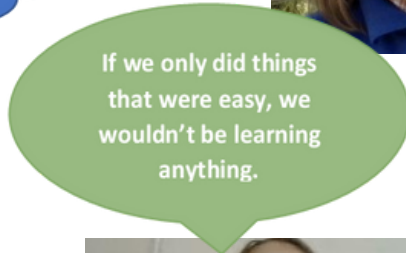
Mistakes help me learn



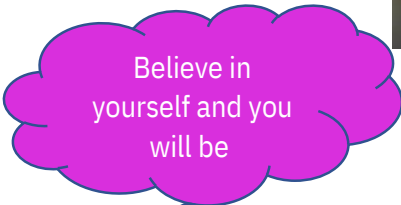
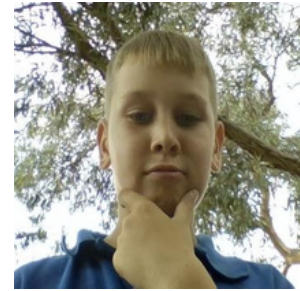
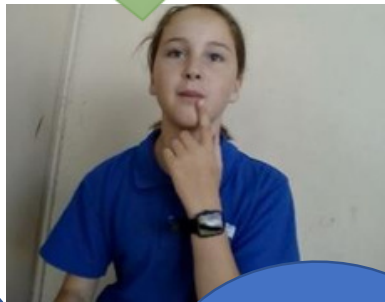
WORK HARD TO MAKE IT HAPPEN!



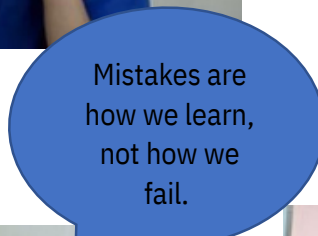
When it comes to confidence it all starts with my thoughts.



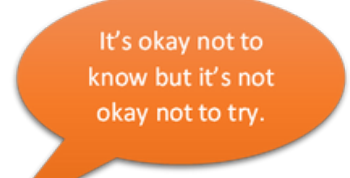
If we only did things that were easy, we wouldn't be learning anything.



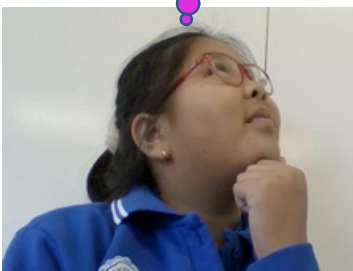
Believe in yourself and you will be



Mistakes are how we learn, not how we fail.



It's okay not to know but it's not okay not to try.

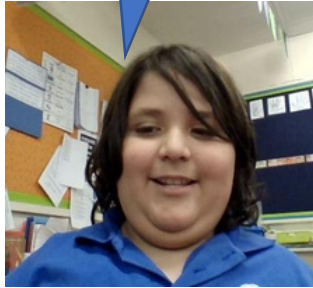


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Every day is a chance to learn

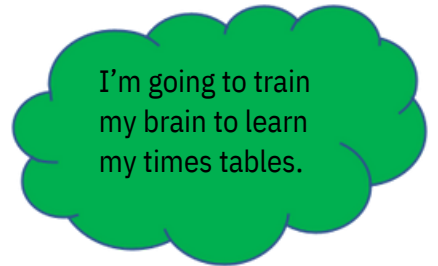


I will keep trying.

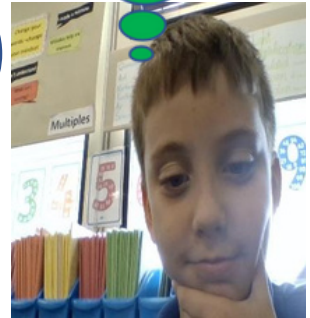


Using self-talk to respond positively to challenges and failure.

I'm going to train my brain to learn my times tables.



Stay positive, work hard, make it happen

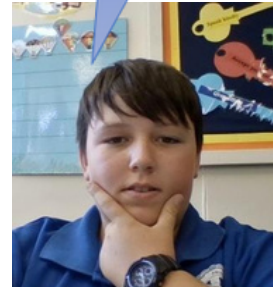
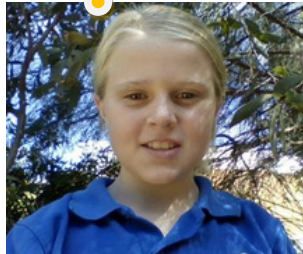


Attitude is a little thing that makes a big difference.

Sometimes I fail. That's okay. I learn from my mistakes and try again.



Don't give up. Great things take time.



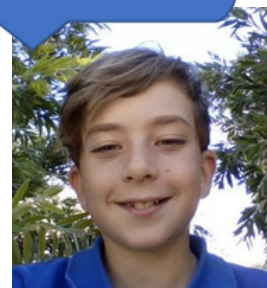
Everyone makes mistakes, it's how we learn.



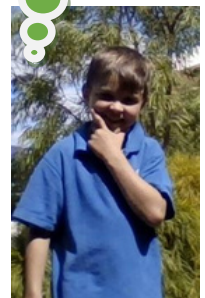
I can do this!



There is always a plan B.



Mistakes help me improve.







# Celebrating Harmony

FROM OUR PASTORAL CARE WORKER

## Harmony Day at BPS

### Friday 25th March

- Enjoy a celebration assembly
- Wear orange or cultural dress
- Take part in lunchtime activities

Harmony Day is fast approaching. Held each year on March 21, Harmony Day highlights the importance of inclusiveness, community participation, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone who calls Australia home. 2022 marks the 23rd year of Harmony Day in Australia - an event which has a long-standing tradition of celebration at Bordertown Primary School.

With about 300 ancestries represented, Australia is certainly diverse. Our oldest culture - the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people - constitutes around 3% of the total Australian population and has more than 70 languages (2016 census). Around 30% of Australia's resident population were born overseas (Australian Bureau of Statistics June 2020).

The 2016 census lists the most common countries of birth in Bordertown as Australia, the Philippines, Afghanistan, New Zealand, England and China. At BPS our students come from 16 different countries of birth and share 29 ancestries. We certainly are diverse!

Harmony Day is about embracing our differences and sharing what we have in common. This includes a love of our country, our families and friends and a desire to live together in peace and harmony. Many believe that our diversity is our strength and only enriches who we are as a nation.

Harmony Day aims towards breaking down barriers, increasing understanding and working as one. We can learn so much from each other. And how many of us enjoy the various cuisines that other cultures bring?!

Orange - the colour of Harmony Day - symbolises social communication, meaningful conversations, freedom of ideas and the encouragement of mutual respect.

Our school will be participating in Harmony Day in a variety of ways. Students are invited to wear cultural dress or the colour orange on Friday 25th March. There will be student participation at assembly and activities at lunchtime.

I encourage you to talk about Harmony Day at home - what Harmony Day means to you and your family, what it means to 'belong' and how we can play our part.

Take care,  
Karen Prenzer