



# BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

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**ISSUE 12 | 12 December  
2025**

## IMPORTANT DATES

**Last Day of Term - 2:25pm  
Early Dismissal  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December**

**2026**

**TERM 1**

**Australia Day Public Holiday  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January**

**First Day of School 2025  
Tuesday 27th January**

**R-4 School Swimming  
Mon 10th - Wed 19th February**

**Girls Sapsasa Football Trial  
Tues 11th + 18th Feb**

**Governing Council AGM  
March 2026**

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### **A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

As we approach the end of the school year at Bordertown Primary School, I am filled with pride as I reflect on the many wonderful achievements and special celebrations we have shared together. Throughout the year, our students have celebrated academic accomplishments, developed confidence through leadership and teamwork, and enjoyed creative moments during activities like Songs at Sunset. It was wonderful to see so many members of our school community attend Songs at Sunset. Looking out at the large audience was truly heart-warming and a clear reminder of the strong support our students and our school receive from families and friends.

On Monday we celebrated a significant milestone: the graduation of our Year 6 students. It was an opportunity to honour their growth as individuals,



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their resilience, and the spirit they have shown throughout their primary school journey. I wish them great success as they move to high school and encourage them to believe in themselves and never underestimate what they are capable of achieving. A special thank you to the Year 5/6 teachers and SSOs for organising such a wonderful evening.

We have a number of staff retiring this year, and while we are sad to see them go, we are incredibly grateful for their dedicated service to our school. We wish each of our retiring staff members many wonderful adventures as they embark on the next chapter of their lives, and we thank them for the positive impact they have made on our students and school community.

We are farewelling a number of staff this year. While it is always difficult to say goodbye, we are grateful for the contributions each staff member has made to our school community. We wish them all the very best in their future endeavours.

In other staffing news, Rikilee Feder will be taking leave in 2026. Matilda McCarthy will be travelling overseas during the first half of next year and will return to take on the mid-year Reception class.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the entire school community for your support throughout my first year as principal. I feel incredibly fortunate to work alongside such a dedicated team of teachers and support staff, all committed to ensuring that every child feels valued and empowered to achieve great things.

I wish all our families a safe and enjoyable holiday break, and look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Mrs Kylie Staude



### Breakfast Club

We would like to thank the Bordertown Bakery for once again supporting our Breakfast Club program through loaves of bread at no cost.

Thank you to our volunteers Sarah Pilgrim, Lucy Savage, Julie Patterson, Judith Muenster, Courtney Carpenter and Brittany Sanders. We greatly appreciate your time and efforts in supporting the year 6 students to serve breakfast. A very special thank you to Chelsea March for once again coordinating the program to ensure our students begin the day with a full tummy.

# Farewell from Bordertown Primary School

## Tiarna Murdock

Tiarna has been a valued member of our teaching team for the past two years, guiding and supporting our Year 5/6 students. Her gentle nature and caring approach have made a significant impact on her students, creating a classroom environment where every child felt respected, included, and encouraged to do their best. We wish Tiarna all the best with her new teaching position in Mount Gambier.

## Rice Hetherton-Kuchel

Rice has been a part of the year 3/4 teaching team, working alongside Sue Maney. She has brought energy, encouragement, and a positive attitude to her work with our students. She has helped to create an engaging and supportive learning environment, where every child has felt valued and inspired. A special highlight for many students has been the excitement and admiration sparked by seeing Rice ride her Harley to school. As you take a well-earned break, we hope to see you at school from time to time.

## Haylee Rodert

Haylee has been a dedicated and valued member of our SSO team who has given unwavering support to some of our most vulnerable students. Her remarkable patience, caring nature, and commitment have made a real difference in the lives of so many children and their families. Haylee's encouragement and understanding have helped every child she has worked with to feel safe, supported, and appreciated for who they are. Her willingness to go above and beyond has not gone unnoticed and we wish her well with her beautiful family in Victoria.

## Karen Prenzler

Karen began her journey with us as our Pastoral Care Worker, offering support, understanding, and compassion to students and their families. Her caring approach and commitment to wellbeing have been deeply valued, and she has built lasting connections throughout our school community. Karen later transitioned into teaching, where she brought the same nurturing spirit and dedication into the classroom, where her ability to create a positive, supportive learning environment have helped so many students flourish. Karen will be continuing her teaching career at Nhill with her family.

## Andrea Fuentes

Andrea's patience, warmth, and caring approach have made a wonderful impact on our youngest students. She has shown genuine empathy and dedication, helping our reception children feel comfortable, supported, and confident. Having only been with us this year, she has made positive contributions to our reception team. We wish Andrea all the best as she will be moving to Adelaide to begin her university studies to pursue her dream of teaching.



**Tiarna  
Rice  
Karen  
Andrea  
Haylee**

# Happy Retirement



## Sandy Johnson

Sandy has been our dedicated French teacher for over 30 years. Her commitment to sharing the French language and culture has inspired generations of learners and brought a curiosity about the wider world.

Sandy's famous crêpes have been enjoyed by many, and French signage she carefully placed around the school has immersed us all in language. Her kind and caring nature has been appreciated by all students she has taught and staff she has worked alongside.



## Lorraine Verco

Lorraine has dedicated an amazing 40 years of service at Bordertown Primary School. She has been the at the heart of our school community and a familiar face at our front office. She was the welcoming face for families and a steadfast support for staff and students alike. Lorraine's organisation, attention to detail, and remarkable memory of the generations of children and families who have come through our doors are truly legendary.



## Sue Maney

Sue's commitment and versatility have shaped the lives of so many students spanning over 30 years. She has worn many hats, with passion and was always eager to support wherever she was needed and to ensure every child received a rich and memorable education. Sue's enthusiasm for Bike Education inspired confidence and taught important skills, ensuring students could ride safely and with pride. Sue sparked curiosity during Garden Kitchen sessions fostering a love of healthy cooking, giving children hands-on experiences that will stay with them for life.



## Kate Fry

Kate retired from her outstanding teaching career earlier in the year as one of our dedicated temporary relief teachers. She has brought versatility, warmth, and a genuine passion for early years teaching. No matter the classroom or the group of students, Kate's calm presence and nurturing approach have created safe and welcoming learning environments for our youngest learners. Kate has made a significant difference to so many children, helping them take their first steps in education with confidence and joy.

# Sapsasa Boys & Sapsasa Girls Cricket State Carnival



"The past few days we have been competing in SAPSASA cricket in Adelaide. It was really fun and a great opportunity to make friends. If you have the chance to play it in the future, I would recommend doing it as it's a lot of fun." - Cooper

"I really enjoyed SAPSASA cricket. My favourite part was the last game because we won." - Patrick

"In week 7 we went to Adelaide for 3 days for Sapsasa cricket. We played 2 games each day. We won 4 out of 6 games and came 3rd overall." - Zali & Megan



"On the 24-26th of November a team of girls went to Adelaide to represent the South East Country with Mr Searle being our coach. Out of the three days we were undefeated until we made it in to the finals. We won the last game and came 3rd overall but 1st in country. It was a great week." - Cadence

"Over Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday in week 7 I was in Adelaide competing in the SAPSASA cricket carnival. It was an amazing experience making new friends and having fun. Overall we came 3rd in the whole state." - Ivy

# SONGS AT SUNSET 2025





# Premier's Reading Challenge



On Friday week 6 Elise and Libbi were invited to Adelaide Zoo to represent our school at a Premier's Reading Challenge reception.

'It was a great new experience for both us. While we were there we met Peter Malinauskis, the Premier of South Australia, Blair Boyer, Minister for Education, Mem Fox as well as 2 members of the Port Adelaide Football Club AFLW. Elise was interviewed by Mark Soderstrom about her favourite book. The school was also given a bag of books and a certificate for doing well in the Challenge this year.'

By Libbi and Elise



# Year 6 Graduation





# Year 6 Graduates

As we look back on 2025 we asked the year 6 graduates:  
“What is your most precious memory of primary school?”



**Waa**  
Spending time with friends



**Tom B**  
Everything/Playing speedball



**Ivy**  
Knockout football and 5/6 camp last year



**Megan**  
SAPSASA Swimming



**Astyn**  
When Norman & Gabe came to school and we became friends



**Lexie**  
Primary P.E. Class, camp and teachers



**Madison**  
SAPSASA Hockey



**Marley**  
Having amazing friends and Miss Rattus



**Sachiel**  
Spending lots of time with my friends



**Zali**  
Doing SAPSASA and seeing my friends



**Bella**  
Father's Day when we made cars out of boxes and raced them



**Oscar**  
Sports Day 2025 and being House Captain



**Sophia**  
2024 Year 5/6 Camp



**Ruby**  
Being with my friends



**Lincoln**  
Year 5/6 camp in 2024



# Year 6 Graduates



Gabe



River  
Spending time  
with my mates



Bellaque  
Playing soccer



Arianna  
Having the most  
amazing friends  
ever



Cooper  
SAPSASA Football



Krystal  
Year 5/6 Camp  
2025



Ellah  
Making new friends  
and school  
swimming



Jake  
Spending time  
with my friends



Hana  
Hanging out with  
my friends



Skye  
SAPSASA  
Swimming and  
Netball



Spencer  
Sports Day, SAPSASA  
Football and Speedball



Hayley  
Going on camps,  
and the fun  
activities



Eddie  
P.E. Lessons



Ollie  
Researching the  
history of the school



Poppy  
Father's Day when we  
made cars out of  
boxes



Norman  
Making friends with  
Astyn and Georgina



Isaac  
Completing the  
Premiers Reading  
Challenge



Maddie  
Doing SAPSASA and  
spending time with  
friends



Kurtis  
Spending time with  
friends, the  
teachers and SSO's



Cadence  
5/6 camp,  
knockout football



# Year 6 Graduates



**Morgan**  
Making friends



**Hannah**  
My first Songs at  
Sunset performance



**Nate U**  
Going on year 5/6  
Camps



**Oliver**  
Playing footy with  
my friends



**Evie**  
Hanging out with  
my friends



**Ruby**  
Making friends  
and spending  
Fridays together!



We wish all our 2025 graduate students the best of luck for their future and hope they look back at Bordertown Primary School with fond memories.



School swimming lessons are booked in Term 1, Week 3 & 4 for Reception to Year 4 students.

Details will be distributed in Week 1. Your child will need to bring bathers, sun safe top or t shirt, towel, hat, sunscreen & medication. Goggles are optional.

# DIVE IN

INTO OUR HOLIDAY  
INTENSIVE PROGRAM

KEITH:

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER

BORDERTOWN:

12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY

BOOK YOUR SPOT  
TODAY!



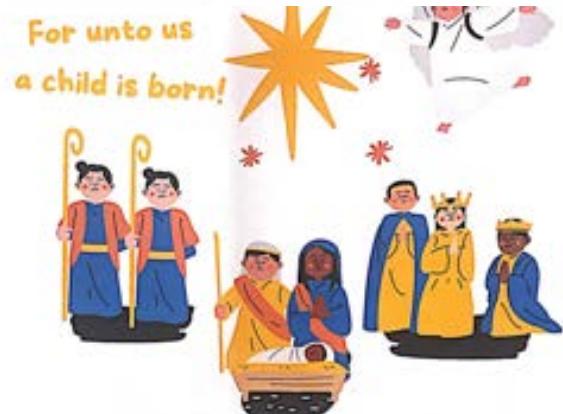
## MUNDULLA CAROLS

14<sup>th</sup> December 2025 7pm

Mundulla Common at the edge of  
Liz and George's

Offering towards Tatiara Schools Pastoral  
Care Workers

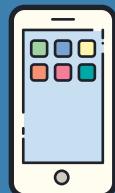
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THE FRONT OFFICE IF ANYTHING HAS CHANGED



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ADDRESS



PHONE  
NUMBERS



EMAIL ADDRESS



EMERGENCY  
CONTACTS



FAMILY  
INFORMATION

# Term 1 Timeline 2026

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	26 Jan	27 Jan	28 Jan	29 Jan	30 Jan	31 Jan	1 Feb
	Australia Day Public Holiday				Buddies		
2	2 Feb	3 Feb	4 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb
3	9 Feb	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb
	Sapsasa Softball Trial 1				Assembly Newslink		
	R-4 School Swimming						
4	16 Feb	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb
	Sapsasa Softball Trial 2						
	R-4 School Swimming				Buddies		
5	23 Feb	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar
	Sapsasa Swimming Trial						
6	2 Mar	3 Mar	4 Mar	5 Mar	6 Mar	7 Mar	8 Mar
					Assembly Newslink		
	Year 5/6 Camp						
7	9 Mar	10 Mar	11 Mar	12 Mar	13 Mar	14 Mar	15 Mar
	Adelaide Cup Public Holiday	Student Free Day					
8	16 Mar	17 Mar	18 Mar	19 Mar	20 Mar	21 Mar	22 Mar
9	23 Mar	24 Mar	25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar	28 Mar	29 Mar
	Sapsasa Swimming Carnival		Sapsasa Softball Carnival		Assembly Newslink		
10	30 Mar	31 Mar	1 Apr	2 Apr	3 Apr	4 Apr	5 Apr
			Boys Sapsasa Football Trial 1				
					Buddies		
11	6 Apr	7 Apr	8 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr	12 Apr
			Boys Sapsasa Football Trial 2				
					Last day of term Early Dismissal 2:25pm		

\*\*\*Please note - all Sapsasa dates are the current proposed dates