



BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

Be honest - Practise bravery - Show kindness

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IMPORTANT DATES

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Monday 9th March

Student Free Day
Tuesday 10th March

Naplan
Wed 11th March - Fri 20th March

Sapsasa Mountain Biking - Come & try
Sunday 22nd March

Sapsasa Swimming Carnival
Monday 23rd March

Harmony Day Dress Up
Friday 20th March

Parent Teacher Interviews
Mon 30th March - Wed 1st April

Sapsasa State Softball Carnival
25th - 27th March

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The beginning of a new school year is always an exciting time for students, families, and staff. It is a period filled with possibilities as we settle into our routines and establish a positive school culture. While excitement is often high, we also recognise that school can be challenging for some.

At Bordertown Primary School, we have worked diligently to establish whole-school routines and clear expectations for our staff and students to ensure consistency across the school. Our learning spaces foster positive approaches to behaviour, underpinned by predictable routines, warmth, and meaningful connections. We want every child to feel safe, supported, and ready to learn.

One of the most important parts of our day is the Welcome Circle. This daily morning routine allows students to greet each other by name, connect with our Behaviour Expectation Matrix, share our school values and celebrate announcements as a class. The Welcome Circle is central to building a sense of belonging and supporting a positive start to the day.

Our Behaviour Expectation Matrix sets out what we expect in



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

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terms of behaviour and routines throughout the school day. Students revisit these expectations every day through explicit teaching, practising transitions and modelling respectful behaviour. This daily focus helps all students develop the good learning habits needed for success.

Our school values of Be Honest, Practise Bravery and Show Kindness support the implementation of our Behaviour Expectation Matrix by guiding positive behaviour, decision making and interactions both inside and outside the classroom. These values are reinforced through our shared expectations, we are safe, we are kind, we are respectful and we are learners, helping students understand how to contribute positively to our school community.

It has been wonderful to visit classrooms and see these routines being explicitly taught and consistently reinforced. Staff are working hard to ensure students understand and practise these expectations, laying the foundation for a successful year.

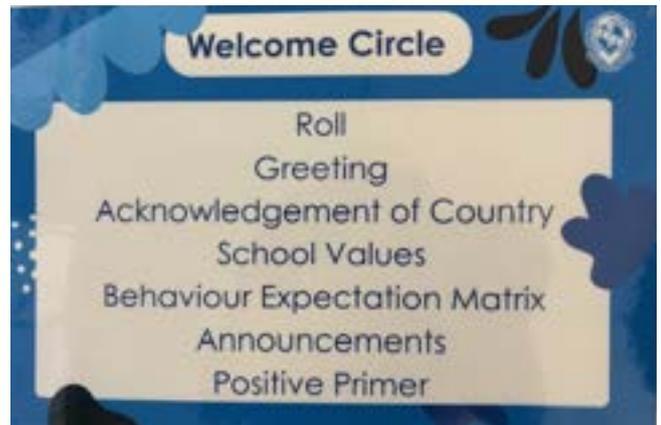
Our swimming program has now successfully concluded. We would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful swimming instructors Maddie Rodert, Alissa Carter, Clare Langley, Alexa Rowett, Lewis Green, Rachel Neumann and Kerri Altus, for their dedication and expertise in supporting our students as they developed their skills and confidence in the water. We are also incredibly proud of all our students for their enthusiasm and participation throughout the program. Their positive attitudes and willingness to learn have made this experience enjoyable and rewarding for everyone involved.

Our Year 5/6 students have enjoyed an amazing camp experience in Adelaide this week. The camp provided wonderful opportunities for learning, team building, and creating lasting memories together. We would like to sincerely thank our dedicated staff Tara Rattus, Shane Collins, Kiera McCarron, Emma Orrock, Kerri Foulds, Chelsea March & Abby Obst and supportive parents for making this camp such a success. Your time, effort, and encouragement are greatly appreciated. We look forward to sharing photos and stories from camp soon.

Our Student Free Day is on Tuesday 10th March.

Staff will be participating in professional learning, joined with Bordertown High School colleagues to participate in Berry Street Education Model training. This evidence-informed model equips educators with practical strategies to better support the diverse learning needs of all students. The training focuses on enhancing student engagement, self-regulation, relationships, wellbeing, and academic achievement. Adopting this whole-school approach, we are committed to further strengthening our ability to support every student's learning journey and overall wellbeing.

Kylie Staude



There is **NO SCHOOL** on Monday 9th or Tuesday 10th for the Adelaide Cup Public Holiday and Student Free Day

Bordertown Primary School Behaviour Expectation Matrix



	All areas	Learning areas	Yard areas	Community areas
We are Safe	<p>We have safe hands and feet.</p> <p>We play in designated areas and stay on school grounds.</p> <p>We walk quietly and calmly to our next learning space.</p>	<p>We follow educators instructions.</p> <p>We walk quietly and calmly inside.</p>	<p>We eat our own food and remain seated when eating.</p> <p>We wear our hats.</p> <p>We seek help from the yard duty teachers.</p>	<p>We are positive representatives of our school.</p> <p>We wear our school uniform.</p> <p>We understand and respect our differences.</p>
We are Kind	<p>We use kind words.</p> <p>We share equipment and resources.</p> <p>We use manners.</p>	<p>We share our thoughts and ideas, and value the opinions of others.</p> <p>We celebrate the success of others.</p>	<p>We play fairly, share and take turns.</p> <p>We invite and include others.</p>	<p>We help others.</p> <p>We own our actions and apologise when we make an error.</p>
We are Respectful	<p>We respect each others personal space.</p> <p>We use equipment and resources appropriately and look after them.</p>	<p>We participate positively and try our personal best.</p> <p>We take pride in the presentation of our work.</p> <p>We allow teachers to teach and others to learn.</p>	<p>We care for our school grounds.</p> <p>We use toilets appropriately.</p> <p>We line up quietly and calmly after the lunch and afternoon recess bells.</p>	<p>We put our rubbish in the bin.</p> <p>We make choices that are good for the environment.</p>
We are Learners	<p>We are ready to learn.</p> <p>We encourage and support each other.</p> <p>We arrive to our classroom on time.</p>	<p>We have an open mindset.</p> <p>We do our personal best, stay on task and engage in learning.</p> <p>We accept mistakes as a part of learning.</p>	<p>We follow the agreed rules of games.</p> <p>We take on challenges.</p>	<p>We contribute to our community.</p>

Harmony Day

**FRIDAY
MARCH 20TH**

- Students are encouraged to wear orange or their cultural dress on Friday 20th March
- Harmony Day activities in the library during week 8
- Assembly at 9.05am under shade shelter
- Stories from students
- Performing 'We Are Australian' in Auslan

Parents contacting their child at school

The Department for Education has a set of rules for when it is appropriate for parents to contact their child at school via the Front Office.

Valid reasons include:

1. Passing on information in an emergency
2. Collecting a child for an appointment
3. Attending special events
4. Educational meetings
5. Assembly, sports day and similar school events
6. Volunteering or working at the school.

Aside from these reasons parents are not permitted to disrupt their child's learning. At no time should parents make direct contact with students while at school.

Thank you for your support.



SCHOOLS CLEAN UP DAY

Friday 27th February

On Friday, 27th February, our students proudly took part in Clean Up Australia Day. Equipped with gloves, rubbish tongs, bags, and plenty of enthusiasm, they worked together to tidy various areas of the school and in the community at Virgo Park to support our environment. It was wonderful to see their eagerness and sense of pride in caring for and improving the school grounds. A big congratulations to all the students and staff who supported this fantastic initiative!



students to greet each other by name,



Thank you to the year 7 High School students who helped us with our crossing this week while our year 5/6 students have been on camp.

GOVERNING COUNCIL MEMBERS 2026

Following our AGM held on the 18th of February, we welcome and congratulate our elected Governing Council members for 2026.

Chairperson: Luke Hutchesson

Deputy Chairperson: Andrew Ridgway

Secretary: Hayley Harding

Treasurer: Judith Muenster

Community Member: Tracey Grosser

Committee: Kim Mead, Josh Savage, Tahnee Spaan, Emily Wurst

Staff Representative: Kerri Foulds

Principal: Kylie Staude

STUDENT FREE DAY AND SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES 2026

Governing Council has ratified the following dates for our Student Free Days and Show Day Closure

Student Free Days:

- Term 1 - Tuesday 10th March
- Term 2 - Monday 15th June
- Term 3 - Friday 31st July
- Term 4 - Monday 16th November

School Closure:

- Term 3 - Monday 7th September

Please add these dates to your calendar

Find us on

Be sure to follow Bordertown Primary School on Facebook to stay up to date with everything happening at school



PLEASE UPDATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH THE FRONT OFFICE IF ANYTHING HAS CHANGED



HOME/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS



PHONE NUMBERS



EMAIL ADDRESS



EMERGENCY CONTACTS



FAMILY INFORMATION

MUNDULLA AH & F SOCIETY

MUNDULLA SHOW

MUNDULLA OVAL

SATURDAY
MARCH 7TH

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

COOKING DEMONSTRATIONS, SHOWRIDES, SHOWBAGS, DANCING, PONY RIDES, 4X4 SHOW & SHINE, HORSES, FOOD & FUN & MUCH MUCH MORE

Our Champion Sponsors

FOR MORE INFORMATION - VISIT WEBSITE OR FACEBOOK

President: Lachlan Johnson 0412 383 712

COME & TRY HOCKEY

The Tatiara Hockey Association has a fantastic Rookies program and Junior competition. Hockey is non-contact, family friendly, and welcoming of all skill levels! Our Junior competition is sorted into coloured teams and players may join a senior team when eligible. Junior & Rookie fees are eligible for a SportsSA grant reimbursement. We have a range of competitions including:

- Rookies (ages 9-10)
- Juniors (under 10)
- and Men's & Women's levels.

Junior/Rookie contact: **Charlie Deacock** 0408 308 362
Seniors contact: **Andrea Taylor** 0427 553 420

Or email tatiarahockey@hotmail.com.

Season begins April 26, 2026. Rookies/Juniors begin 10.30am Saturdays with a morning training followed by the game - there is no weekday commitment.

LEARNING LIFE THROUGH SPORT

WITH CREATOR **ROD CAMPBELL AFSM**

"Designed to challenge social norms and inspire young people and their communities to bring a new standard of behaviour and respect to sport and life."

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH
6:30pm
NARACOORTE HIGH SCHOOL
WILLIAMSON HALL

This free, all-sport seminar will leave you feeling inspired!

Connected and Active Communities | Limestone Coast

The presentation has generously been funded by a Connected and Active Communities Grant

GRAND ANNUAL DIRT KART MASTERS

TATIARA KARTING CLUB | BORDERTOWN

THIS WEEKEND **7 - 8 MARCH**

GRAND ANNUAL MASTERS 2026

CASUAL PIT PASS ENTRY
SCAN ME

CHECK IN AT CANTEN

PUBLIC ENTRY FREE

SAT & SUN COFFEE VAN CANTEN OPEN
KARTS ON TRACK FROM 10AM EACH DAY
DRIVERS FROM SA VIC WA NT

ROAR ON THE BORDER

GLENELG FOOTY CLINICS

TRAIN WITH THE TIGERS THIS MARCH LONG WEEKEND

MARCH 8
10AM
FREE ENTRY
AGES 8 - 14

SCAN TO REGISTER

WEST GAMBIER FOOTBALL CLUB | MILLICENT FOOTBALL CLUB | NARACOORTE FOOTBALL CLUB

learn • design • create

creative kids

after-school program

for school age children - all material supplied

Wednesday 3:45pm - 4:45pm

bookings preferred - call 8751 1473

Term 1 2026 dates:

>> 4 March << >> 18th March <<

Design a tote bag **Sticker art**

>> 1st April <<

DIY Easter fun