



# BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

Be honest - Practise bravery - Show kindness

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### Parent Teacher Interviews

Mon 30th March - Wed 1st April

### Sapsasa AFL Boys Trials

Mon 30th + Wed 8th April

### Autism Awareness Casual Day

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

### Early Dismissal 2:25pm before Easter

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

### Good Friday & Easter Monday

Friday 3rd & Monday 6th April

### Last day of term - Early Dismissal 2:25pm

Friday 10th April

Term 2

### First Day of Term 2

Monday 27th April

### Sapsasa Athletics Trial

Friday 1st May

### Sapsasa Boys + Girls Netball Trials

Tues 5th + Tues 12th May

### SE Cross Country

Friday 8th May

### Mountain Bike Championships

Friday 8th May

### USE Golf Come and Try

Friday 15th May

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www.bordertownps.sa.edu.au



### A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As Term 1 draws to a close, we have the opportunity to reflect on the learning, growth, and wonderful events that have made this a successful start to the year. Our students and staff have embraced new challenges, celebrated achievements, and participated in a range of activities that enrich our school community. Thank you to everyone for your ongoing support and commitment throughout the term.

On Harmony Day we came together as a school to celebrate, recognise and appreciate the extraordinary diversity within our school community. It is a very special day at Bordertown Primary School as we reflect on what makes each of us unique and, most importantly, to celebrate what brings us together as a school. We are incredibly fortunate to have students from a range of different background, cultures and experiences. Our diversity



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

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is our strength. Every student and staff member adds something special and valuable to our school. The day was celebrated with an assembly in the morning, students wearing orange or their cultural dress, and some students speaking about and acknowledging the many different cultures we have at Bordertown Primary School. Check out our Harmony Day video on Facebook.

In Week 8, all of our Year 5/6 students took part in important Crossing Monitor Training with Senior Constable Nick. This annual initiative ensures that students understand how to assist with crossing safety procedures, making our school environment safer for everyone.

We were pleased to welcome Senior Constable Nick back to facilitate Road Safety Sessions for all of our students. His engaging presentation reinforced key road safety messages and reminded everyone how to travel safely to and from school. Topics which were covered included safe places to play, how to cross the road safely, passenger safety, bike safety, public transport and triple zero calls.

Congratulations to Miss Sigston's class, and to Gemma and Maddie, who have been recognised with Staude Star Awards this term. Thank you for consistently demonstrating our school values - your positive attitudes and behaviours make you true Bordertown Primary School Values champions. We are proud of your efforts and appreciate the wonderful example you set for others.

Each week, it is a pleasure to meet with students who are keen to share their phonics or writing. It is wonderful to witness their progress and celebrate their achievements and progress. These students were very proud of their learning as they strive to do their best. Congratulations to all of these students - you should be very proud of your efforts!

Kylie Staude

## Road Safety Sessions



## Staude Star Awards



## Writing Stars



## EARLY DISMISSALS

Before the Easter long weekend

**Thursday 2nd April**

Early dismissal 2:25pm

No school Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April or Easter Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April

Last day of term

**Friday 10th April**

Early dismissal 2:25pm

# Seats for seats



At our recent Songs at Sunset event, we introduced the "Seats for Seats" initiative. Through this initiative and the gold coin donations, we were able to purchase new bench seating for our Reception students. This new addition provides a comfortable and welcoming place for our youngest learners to enjoy their lunch together. Thank you to everyone who contributed - you have helped make a positive difference for our students.



To celebrate Autism Awareness and Acceptance on **Thursday 2nd April** students will be able to wear casual clothing featuring the spectrum of colours of a rainbow and participate in a picnic lunch together on the oval (weather permitting).



**Autism Awareness Day: Below is the assigned colour for your class.**

<b>Red</b>	Receptions
<b>Orange</b>	Year 1
<b>Orange /Yellow</b>	Year 2
<b>Yellow</b>	Year 3
<b>Green</b>	Year 4
<b>Blue/Indigo/Violet</b>	Year 5/6
<b>Rainbow</b>	Staff



## Fire and Rescue Dog Visit



Our Year 3/4 classes recently enjoyed a special visit from Tim from NSW Fire and Rescue, who was accompanied by Garvey, an accelerant detection dog bred by the Harding family. Tim and Garvey gave an engaging presentation about the important work that accelerant detection canines do in supporting fire investigation and emergency services. Garvey's keen sense of smell plays a vital role in helping keep our communities safe by assisting fire investigators and saving valuable time. Students were fascinated to learn about Garvey's training and the ways that dogs can help in real-life emergencies.

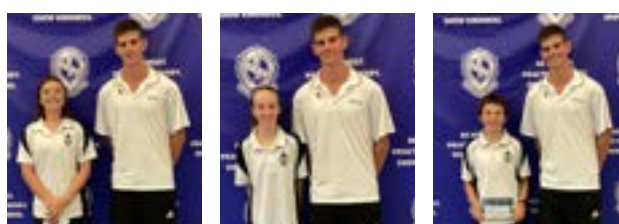
# Kids' Voice Induction



On Monday night we held our Kids' Voice induction, celebrating our student leaders for 2026. It was wonderful to see so many parents and family members supporting the event. Our Governing Council Chairperson shared a few words, and we were fortunate to have Archie Dahlitz, the High School SRC President, as our guest speaker. Archie spoke passionately about the importance of student leadership and the positive impact students can make in our school community.

Congratulations to Elise, Libbi and Connor on being our Kids' Voice executive team. Before being presented with their certificates, they spoke about their eagerness to work together to make Bordertown Primary School an even better place for everyone.

Congratulations to all of our inducted students - we look forward to seeing what they can achieve this year!



# Sapsasa Swimming



'It was amazing swimming with the best swimmers from all over the Upper South East. I was lucky enough to secure a third-place medal for my heat. Upper South East won out of all the teams.'

Tiarnan

'Being at Sapsasa Swimming was really cool and fun. We really enjoyed going and supporting USE and made some friends there. We are sure everyone had fun and tried their hardest. The thing that matters is trying our hardest and doing our best.'

Anthony & Tom

# Sapsasa Softball

'I thought Sapsasa Softball was really fun. My feet got very sore from running around for 3 days. Our team went well, we won all 3 games on our first day and we came 4<sup>th</sup> overall. My favourite part was being part of the team and getting to play softball with them all.'

Connor

'I was the only girl from BPS doing Sapsasa Softball. I liked the chance to meet and play with new people. We won all of our games except 2, one of those we drew and one that we lost. We came second overall.'

Kenzie





# YEAR 5/6 CAMP

## Cleland Wildlife Park



**'I liked the wallabies, they were so gentle, cute and fluffy' Libbi**



**'The potoroos were tiny, little and even cuter than the wallabies. The koalas were also so cute' Rory**



**'I loved going to Cleland and feeding the kangaroos' Justin**



## The Beachouse



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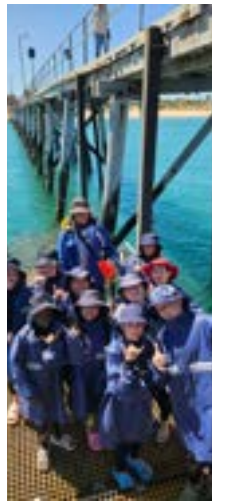
**'Going down the waterslides at the Beachouse was my favourite part of camp'**  
Nate



# Port Noarlunga Aquatics



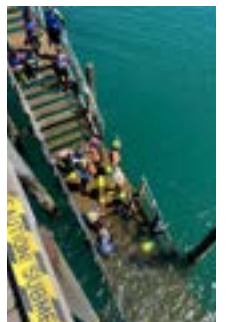
**'I liked boogie boarding on aquatics day and going to the movies'**  
Ivy



**'I liked body boarding and catching waves, but tumbling down in the water when you didn't catch the wave was fun too'**  
Georgina



**'Snorkelling was so cool because you could see all of the fish and the reef'**  
Jaya



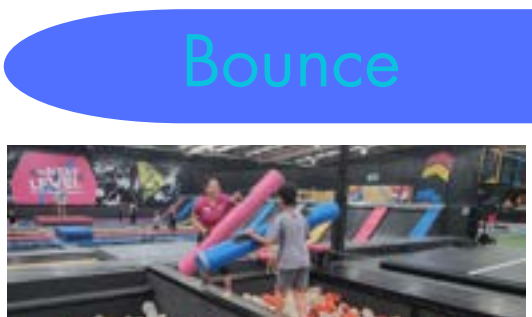
# City/Fringe



**'The Fringe Show we saw was really funny - they would have spent a lot of time working on it'**  
Airlie



**I enjoyed going shopping in the mall and watching the fringe show'**  
Whitney



# Bounce

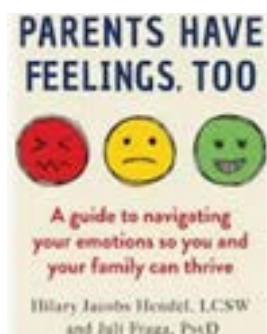
**I especially enjoyed playing at Bounce, jumping around on the trampolines and into the big ball pit'**  
Liam



## FROM OUR PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Wow, how have we nearly come to end of Term One already! As we near the end of the term, things get tricky! Tiredness sets in, schedules seem to get busier, the days are getting shorter, colder and it feels like we need to find a new normal with the change of seasons. Remember to be kind to yourselves and your families. Do the things you can, don't feel guilt saying no to the things you can't. Prioritise these last couple weeks of schools, stick with what works and don't attempt the things that don't. There are no medals for doing more.

Now, I'm not one to recommend parenting books, there are very few that are actually useful and don't come with pages of shame, regrets or leave us questioning our own parenting intuition. However, the last few weeks I've dug deep into this book 'Parents have feeling, too', and I highly recommend it.



This book walks through why, as parents and guardians, understanding our own emotions and the purpose they serve is one of the most beautiful and important gifts we can give our children. In fact, it says 'When we learn to handle our emotions with compassion and care, we raise kids who can do the same'.

Our patterns of emotional connection are a reflection of our own childhood and the connections we felt with and experienced with our own parents. And in lots of cases, this isn't always a positive experiences. It might be that we didn't feel emotionally connected to our caregiver at all, a little, or simply not enough. These experiences shape how we experience emotions now and how we respond to our children experiencing their own emotions. As the book describes, 'To become emotionally savvy parents and raise emotional savvy kids, we must name, validate and work through our own feelings.

Over the next few Newlinks, I'll describe the impact of working through our own emotions in order to ensure we can be the parents our children need us to be. In the meantime, you're welcome to borrow this little gold-mine of a book and have a read for yourself!

Chelsea



**Bordertown**  
KIDS TIME OUT

For all kids in R-6  
**TUESDAY TO WEDNESDAY**  
APRIL 14-15  
9AM TO 1PM

# SUPER Sports

**FREE**

Sports, games, craft, music, Bible stories and more for all ages and levels of ability

An event of the local Churches, libraries and all businesses

HIGHWAY CHURCH  
1A NORTH TERRACE  
BORDERTOWN

FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER YOUR CHILD  
CALL THE QR CODE OR  
Contact - Margaret Dimert  
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**Chalk Out Co.**

## School Holiday Chalk Corner

Tue 14 - Fri 17 April

Let's fill the footpath with colour together!

Drop in anytime during business hours and add your artwork to our pavement!

- Chalk provided to share
- BYO chalk welcome too
- Chalk packs available in store (\$19.99)

99 Binrie St, Bordertown  
Tues-Fri 9am - 4:30pm

**tiara**  
Library Services

## MEET THE ANIMALS

**THURSDAY APRIL 23 2026**

Watch, touch & hold your favourite Australian animals in the FREE Family Fun experience.

Learn from Animal Ambassador, SA's wildlife winners, about these animals, their habitats & how to protect them. All ages welcome.

<b>BORDERTOWN CIVIC CENTRE</b> 11.30am-12.30pm Bookings essential 8752 1473	<b>KEITH COMMUNITY LIBRARY</b> 1.30pm-2.30pm Bookings essential 8755 3236
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Numbers are listed as we don't have what our new friends

# MINI MOOTS

**THURSDAYS DURING TERM 2**  
TIME: 4 - 5 PM  
5 TO 10 YEAR OLDS  
ALL WELCOME

**COST: \$40**

REGISTRATIONS AT FIRST SESSION  
LGA OR OTHER OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS AVAILABLE AT HOME  
MFC IS REGISTERED FOR SPORTS VOUCHERS

# EASTER SUNDAY

*Dawn Service*

APRIL 5 2026

START 6:30 AM

**BORDERTOWN RECREATION LAKE**  
BYO CHAIRS  
CUPPA AND HOT CROSS BUN TO FOLLOW

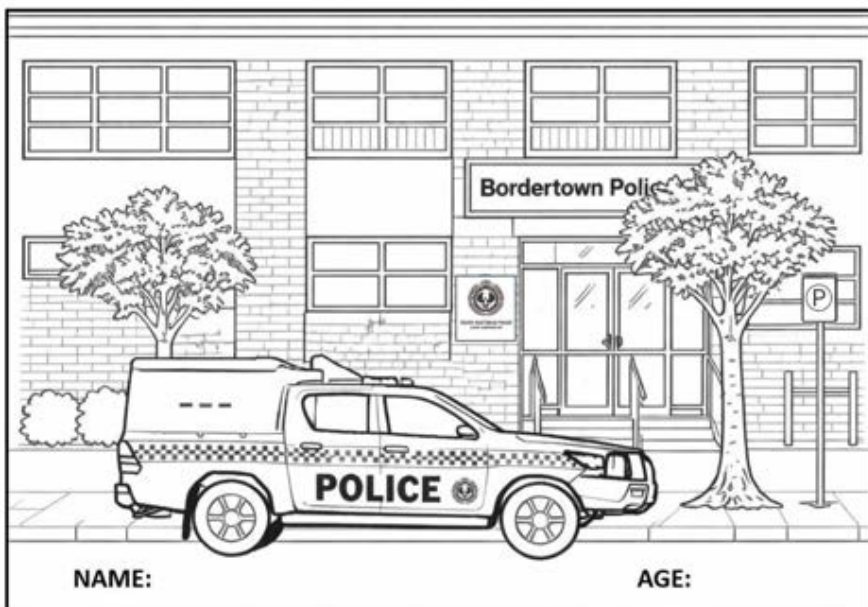
SUPPORTED BY THE TARRANT DISTRICT COUNCIL AND WATER COUNCIL

## SAVE THE DATE

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JOIN US FOR THE  
BORDERTOWN SPRING FESTIVAL  
MEDIEVAL/HIGHLANDER  
THEMED SHOW

14TH NOV 2026



The Bordertown Police Station are running a colouring competition. All children will receive an A4 copy of this. It is open to all children who attend Bordertown Primary School, from Reception to Year 6. All entries must be submitted to the Bordertown Police Station front counter during opening hours by the child, accompanied by a parent or guardian by no later than Friday, 24th April 2026.

## Term 2 Timeline 2026

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	27 Apr	28 Apr	29 Apr	30 Apr	1 May	2 May	3 May
					District Athletics Carnival  Buddies		Mountain Bike Training
2	4 May	5 May	6 May	7 May	8 May	9 May	10 May
		Girls + Boys Sapsasa Netball Trial 1			Sapsasa Mountain Bike Championships SE Cross Country House team time		
3	11 May	12 May	13 May	14 May	15 May	16 May	17 May
	Wellbeing and Engagement Collection Survey Yr 4-6	Girls + Boys Sapsasa Netball Trial 2	Governing Council Meeting		USE Golf Come & Try  Assembly		
4	18 May	19 May	20 May	21 May	22 May	23 May	24 May
		Newslink			SE Regional Golf  Buddies		
5	25 May	26 May	27 May	28 May	29 May	30 May	31 May
	Sapsasa Football State Carnival Adelaide				House team time		
6	1 Jun	2 Jun	3 Jun	4 Jun	5 Jun	6 Jun	7 Jun
	Kindy Parent Meeting 7pm			Sapsasa Cross Country Oakbank	Assembly		
7	8 Jun	9 Jun	10 Jun	11 Jun	12 Jun	13 Jun	14 Jun
	<b>King's Birthday</b>	Newslink			Buddies		
8	15 Jun	16 Jun	17 Jun	18 Jun	19 Jun	20 Jun	21 Jun
	<b>Student Free Day</b> Girls + Boys Sapsasa Soccer Trial 1		Governing Council Meeting	School photos	Kindy Transition  House team time		
9	22 Jun	23 Jun	24 Jun	25 Jun	26 Jun	27 Jun	28 Jun
	Sapsasa Netball State Carnival Adelaide				Kindy Transition  Assembly		
10	29 Jun	30 Jun	1 Jul	2 Jul	3 Jul	4 Jul	5 Jul
	Girls + Boys Sapsasa Soccer Trial 2	Newslink			Last day of term Early Dismissal 2:25pm		