

BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

Be honest - Practise bravery - Show kindness

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IMPORTANT DATES

Student Free Day
Monday 15th June

Sapsasa Boys + Girls Soccer Trial
Mon 15th + 29th June

Governing Council Meeting
Wednesday 17th June

School Photo Day
Thursday 18th June

Kindy Transition
Friday 19th + 26th June

Sapsasa Netball Carnival
Mon 22nd - Wed 24th June

Last day of term - Early Dismissal
2:25pm
Friday 3rd July

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of South Australia
Department for Education



A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy couple of weeks here at Bordertown Primary School, with a great deal happening both in and outside of the classroom. Our students have engaged in a variety of learning and sporting opportunities and have represented our school with pride at every event.

We are delighted to welcome back Matilda McCarthy to Bordertown Primary School. Matilda will be the dedicated teacher for students beginning school in Term 3, and we are thrilled to have her expertise and passion in our teaching team once again.

Our Kindergarten transition program is progressing smoothly. We would like to extend our gratitude to all the parents who attended the recent Parent Information Session. It was a wonderful opportunity to introduce Matilda and share important information about the transition process.



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

FROM PAGE ONE...

It is a great pleasure to reward students for their efforts in learning. I am often visited by students eager to share their progress and achievements. Every week, I have the pleasure of a visit from some outstanding students who come to share their progress in phonics.

It is always a pleasure to introduce new staff to our community. We have been very fortunate to welcome Alissa, Hayley, and Samantha to our SSO team. Each brings a wealth of enthusiasm and skills, and we look forward to the positive contributions they will make at Bordertown Primary School. Please join us in making them feel welcome as they settle into their new roles.

A friendly reminder to all families that this coming Monday will be a student free day. On this day, our staff will be travelling to Murray Bridge to participate in a collaborative professional development session with colleagues from across our portfolio. The focus will be on SA Curriculum development, ensuring our learning programs continue to meet the highest standards.

Mrs Kylie Staude

Sharing our Phonics Progress with the Principal



Welcome to our new
SSO staff

Welcome
Alissa
Hayley
Samantha



**STUDENT
FREE DAY**

Monday 15th June

Police Visit Our Receptions

The Reception children enjoyed a visit from the police, who spoke to them about how they help keep our community safe. As part of their Health learning, the children have been exploring safety and learning about the important roles people in the community play in keeping us safe.

The police officers kindly showed the children some of the equipment they use in their work, as well as the inside of a police car. The children were especially excited to see the flashing lights and hear the siren. It was a fun and engaging learning experience for everyone!



"There is a jail in the back of the police car."
Braxton

"They had handcuffs, a torch, notebook, a silly pen, a taser, a gun and a camera on their chest vests."
Brinley

"Tash told us to walk over the road holding mum and dads hand."
Lucy

Sapsasa Boys Football



"We went to Adelaide for Sapsasa Footy in week 5. We played 9 games over 3 days and won 3 of our games. We tried our hardest in every game. The hardest games were against Lower South East and Mt Barker. We made some new friends and had fun going to the Beachouse. We also went to the beach for recovery and got to have Boost Juice."

Logan, Joey, Patrick and Tom

Oakbank Cross Country

Maisie
Charlie
Archie
Logan
Archer



"The track was very muddy and wet. I slipped over at the end but I got back up and kept running."
Archie



"It was fun and very cold. I think I did a good job running against 159 other girls."
Maisie



KIDS IN SPACE ADELAIDE SHOWCASE

On Tuesday of Week 6, nine Year 6 students travelled to Adelaide to participate in the Makers Empire – Kids in Space Showcase Day. This event provided our students with the opportunity to present their work to experts from the space industry, representatives from Makers Empire, and students from other schools.

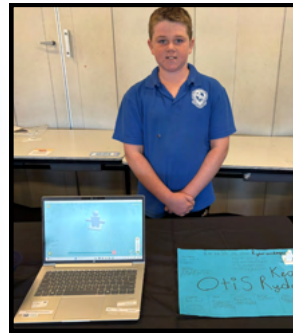
Kids in Space is a program facilitated by Makers Empire, where students are challenged to design solutions to help astronauts work or live in space. The project involved researching space-related problems, developing prototypes, and designing solutions using the Makers Empire app, which were then 3D printed.

Through our school's involvement in the Kids in Space program, we received a complimentary 3D printer, a year-long subscription to Makers Empire for all students, and professional development for our Year 5/6 teachers.



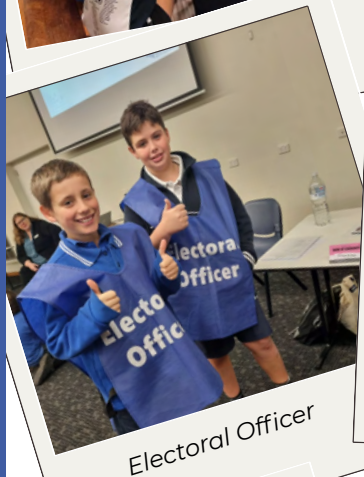
KIDS IN SPACE SCHOOL SHOWCASE

The Year 4/5/6 foyer invited all classes to their Kids in Space Showcase to look at the 3D printing creations made by the students from Miss Rattus, Mr Collins and Miss McCarrons classes. The classes also had the opportunity to see the 3D printer in action.





Issuing Officers



Electoral Officer



Voting Booth



Clerk and Speaker of the House



Year 5/6 HASS Excursion

The Year 5/6 students visited the Tatiara Civic Centre to learn about Parliament. They participated in role play activities where they experienced what it is like to be a member of Parliament and discussed the process of voting and how laws can be passed.



Debating a new law



Serjeant at Arms



Serjeant at Arms leads Speaker to seat



Ballot Box





AUSTRALIAN MATHS TRUST



Congratulations to the students who were selected to participate in this year's Maths Challenge. The Maths Challenge is a problem-solving program designed to foster a deeper understanding of the power of mathematics and inspire a genuine joy in mathematical problem solving. Throughout the program, our students tackle a range of challenging mathematical problems that encourage collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. The dedication, perseverance, and enthusiasm shown by our Maths Challenge participants is something we are all very proud of. We look forward to seeing how your mathematical journeys continue to develop!



In week 5, our school participated in the Talk Money with Ecstra Foundation program, which included two interactive workshops designed to help Australian students learn money lessons for life, to be confident talking about money and to make informed financial decisions.

Our Year 5-6 students attended the Talking about money workshops, where they talked about how people think, feel and act with money and learned about the HEARD framework to help them have constructive conversations about money.

The students and teachers enjoyed the workshops and definitely learnt some important financial concepts and lessons about money.

ICAS assessments

We are pleased to announce that Bordertown Primary School will be participating in the ICAS Competitions next term. All competitions will be completed at school, however, parents are required to register and pay online. In the coming weeks, families will receive a letter with further information, including how to register, as well as specific prices and dates for each subject.

ICAS offers students from Years 2 to 12 the opportunity to compete in six key literacy and STEM subjects: English, Writing, Spelling Bee, Science, Mathematics, and Digital Technologies. These assessments are designed to extend students beyond the regular curriculum, rewarding higher-order thinking and the application of knowledge in new and challenging contexts.

With more than 10 million students from 16,000 schools across 41 countries having participated, ICAS is recognised as one of the largest and most respected academic competitions worldwide.

We encourage all eligible students to take part and look forward to celebrating their achievements.

Challenge with meaning. Recognition that matters.

ICAS inspires young people to aim higher, think deeper and discover what they're truly capable of. We believe every student deserves a meaningful academic challenge, one that builds confidence, celebrates effort and provides recognition that carries real weight.



Encourage academic challenge

ICAS tests are designed to go beyond the everyday curriculum, stretching students to think creatively, solve complex problems and apply their knowledge in new contexts.



Recognise achievement

Every student who participates in ICAS receives recognition for their effort. From participation certificates through to the prestigious ICAS medal, achievement is acknowledged at every level — because every effort counts.



Support student growth

ICAS provides a meaningful benchmark for progress. Results give students, families and schools a clearer picture of strengths, building motivation and academic confidence over time.



Maintain rigorous standards

ICAS exams are developed by experienced teachers, education measurement experts and psychometricians. This rigour is what makes ICAS results genuinely valuable for students, schools and families alike.

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ICAS
assessments

**We're proud
to announce
we're taking
part in
ICAS 2026!**

Register your
child today

Janison.

Nikolaus
year 3

40+
years
in assessment

41
countries

16,000
schools

10,000,000+
students

Nominate a Year 6 student who is following in Fred Hollows' footsteps

The Fred Hollows Foundation is calling for principals, teachers, parents and community members to nominate students for the 2026 Fred Hollows Humanity Award.

The Humanity Award celebrates **Year 6 students** who lead by example in their everyday lives, reminding us that no act of kindness is too small to be acknowledged. Nominations are now open and close 11.59 pm, Friday 24 July 2026.

Each year, one outstanding nominee from each state and territory is selected as a **Junior Ambassador** for The Foundation. And every nominated student will be recognised with a certificate.

Specsavers will generously donate \$50,000 on behalf of the Junior Ambassadors to help The Fred Hollows Foundation continue its work to end avoidable blindness globally.

FRED HOLLOWS
HUMANITY AWARD

Do you know a Year 6 student who is a force for good in their community?



Log into hollows.org

SCAN TO
NOMINATE
TODAY



The Fred Hollows
Foundation

Specsavers

TATIARA CIVIC CENTRE CINEMA
43 WOOLSHED ST, BORDERTOWN
PH: 08 8752 1044

TICKETS:
\$12 (GENERAL ADMIN)
\$10 (CONCESSION)

SESSIONS FROM FRI MAY 31 TO SUN JULY 26

**THE SHEEP
DETECTIVES**
109 minutes Rated PG

**SUN JUNE
14
2.00 PM**

**SUN JULY
19
2.00 PM**

TOY STORY 5
100 minutes Rated PG

**MINIONS &
MONSTERS**
85 minutes Rated PG

**SUN JULY
26
2.00 PM**

PLEASE NOTE: CASH ONLY AT THE DOOR.
NO EFTPOS AVAILABLE

EPL
Bordertown
Public Library

LEGO CLUB

after school
WEDNESDAY
3.45pm-4.45pm
Bordertown Public Library
8752 1473

April 29
May 13
May 27
June 10
June 24

ndis

**Want to learn more
about the NDIS?**

Come and meet the NDIA

Drop by and connect with the NDIA team in *Tatiara*
to discover how we can support you

Tuesday 16th June 2026

11.00am to 3pm

Community Centre, 110 South Tce (old Scout

If you want to know more about the NDIS, the team will answer
your questions and speak about what we do:



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