

BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

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IMPORTANT DATES

Sapsasa Soccer State Carnival
Mon 10th - Wed 12th August

Science Week
Mon 17th - Fri 21st August

Book Week
Mon 24th - Fri 28th August

Junior Primary Story Night - Rec-Yr2
Wednesday 26th August

Book Week Dress Up Day + Parade
Friday 28th August

PAT commences
Monday 31st August

Sapsasa Girls AFL Trials
Wed 1st + Wed 8th September

Sapsasa Athletics Carnival
Wednesday 2nd September

School Closure Day
Monday 7th September

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are delighted to share that nineteen new Reception students have begun their exciting journey at Bordertown Primary School this term. Under the guidance of Miss McCarthy, our newest learners are settling in well, gradually learning the routines and expectations of school life. Throughout these first few weeks, they have been exploring the various spaces within our school, making new friends, and discovering all the wonderful opportunities Bordertown Primary has to offer. We look forward to watching them grow, learn, and thrive as part of our school community.

On our Student Free Day, staff participated in Day 2 of the Berry Street Education Model (BSEM) training, focusing on developing strong relationships to enhance both learning and wellbeing. This session highlighted the importance of forming trusting, supportive connections between staff and students,



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

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which are essential for a positive school environment. Staff explored strategies to remain positive and reflective in their daily practice. A key focus was the use of "process praise" and "golden statements," which provide learners with clear expectations and encourage ongoing growth and development. Staff who have already completed the 4 day training participated in a refresher day. This reaffirmed strategies already imbedded in our daily practice. Our commitment to the BSEM practices supports every student's sense of belonging and engagement in their learning.

Our wellbeing team has recently created a regulation/sensory space for our students. This dedicated area provides a teaching and support environment where students can learn to regulate their emotions, helping them to feel calm and ready to re-engage with their classroom learning. The sensory space is designed to support individual wellbeing and promote a positive learning experience for all students. We are excited to see the positive impact this new space will have.



Our Governing Council members meet twice each term, committing their time and energy to support our students' learning. The Council plays an important role in working alongside staff to ensure the best outcomes for our school community. Parents are encouraged to speak with any Council members if you have ideas, suggestions for improvement, or if you would like to get involved. Your input is always welcome and greatly valued.

2026 Council members:

Chairperson: Luke Hutchesson

Deputy Chairperson: Andrew Ridgway

Secretary: Hayley Harding

Treasurer: Judith Muenster

Community Member: Tracey Grosser

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

Staff Rep: Kerri Foulds

Principal: Kylie Staude

A reminder that second hand uniforms can now be taken to The Hive for donation or purchase. This initiative helps ensure all students have access to quality school uniforms.

We have received a very generous donation from A Brighter Future to support our inclusion programs. Funds are being used to purchase items such as a text reading pen, along with other resources aimed at improving educational outcomes and supporting every student's needs. We are extremely grateful for this support, which will make a real difference to our learners. Thank you to A Brighter Future for helping us build a more inclusive and supportive school environment.

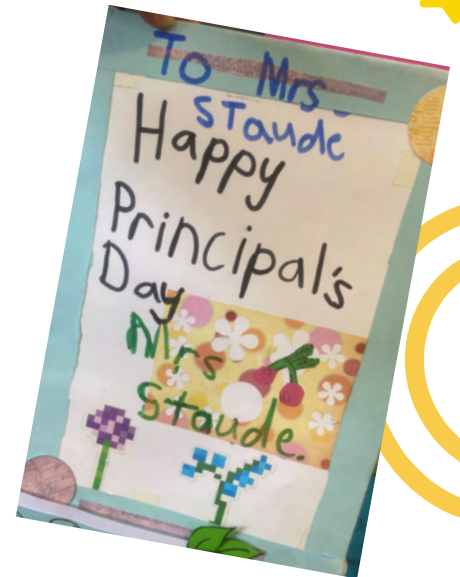
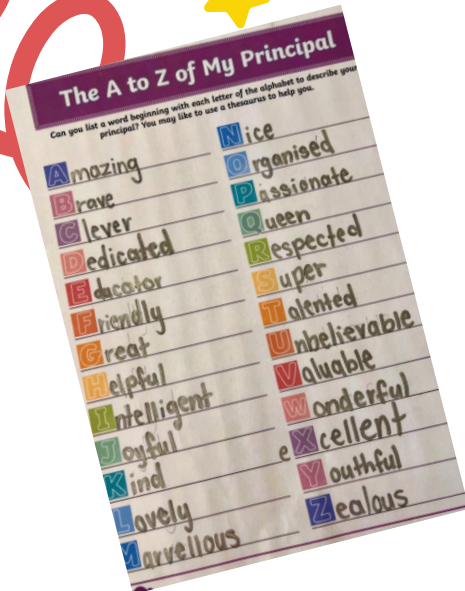
We are excited to announce that our Nature Play space will soon begin to transform, providing even more opportunities for creative and engaging outdoor play. As part of this project, we are seeking donations of timber - specifically redgum or spotted gum in lengths of 2 to 4 metres - to help construct teepee structures for cubby-building. If you have suitable timber or other materials you think might be useful for our Nature Play area, please contact Jarradd Searle or the front office. We are happy to arrange collection of any items.



Mrs Kylie Staude

PRINCIPALS' DAY

FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST 2026



I am incredibly proud and honoured to be the Principal of Bordertown Primary School. Thank you to all our students for your thoughtful cards and posters - your kind gestures truly made Friday special. Many students approached me throughout the day, reminding me that I have the best job, surrounded by such a wonderful school community. We are fortunate to have amazing students, and families supporting our school. I am also grateful for our dedicated staff, whose hard work underpins everything we achieve, and I feel confident that together we can accomplish wonderful things for Bordertown Primary.

To staff, families and students, I say thank you for your ongoing support and for making our school a fantastic place to learn and grow.



USE District Basketball Carnival



On Tuesday of week 3, 19 students in years 5 and 6 competed in the Upper South East basketball carnival. All teams were competitive and represented our school well.

Congratulations to the Boys A team who have progressed to the South East finals in Mount Gambier later this term.

Well done to all of the players involved and thank you to Luke Pretlove and Sally Bywater who helped with coaching, the parents who scored and helped in the canteen and to the high school students who refereed.



Sapsasa Golf Championships

'Sapsasa golf was really fun! Overall, I came 16th out of 24 players. We played golf over 2 days in groups of 4, and marked the scorecards of the other people in your group.'

Charlotte

'It was fun going to Adelaide to play golf and making new friends. I also saw some old friends that I met playing Sapsasa golf the last 2 years. I played well and I hope that some other kids join in and give golf a go next year.'

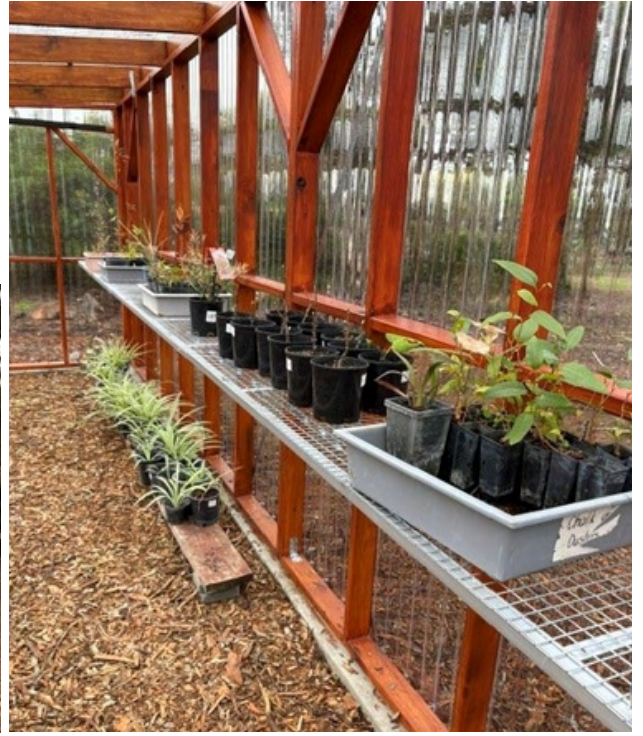
Patrick



Natanda Gardens

Thank you to Searle Home Improvements for upgrades to our propagation facility.

This significantly increases student access and our capacity to raise seedlings for our yard, Garden Kitchen and agriculture programs.



BULLYING NO WAY DONUTS

Kids Voice fundraiser

Supporting Bullying No Way week

Raising awareness & encouraging kindness.

Purple donuts available to order. \$4.50 per donut, supplied by Bordertown Bakery. Delivered Friday 21st August.

Pre-orders only. Order via Qkr!

Orders close Tuesday 18th August.



2026 CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

SYMPHONY OF STORIES



22-28 August 2026



Starting Monday 24th August, we will hold our celebrations for Book Week. The theme for this year is Symphony of Stories. During the week, classes will be using the shortlisted books to read and do activities associated with the book.

Story Night

On Wednesday 26th of August, we will hold the Junior Primary Story Night for children in Reception-Year 2, starting at 6pm and finishing at 7pm in the library.

This is a drop-off and pick-up event. If parents can park outside the school grounds and walk the children in and out again, it would be appreciated. The children can wear their pyjamas and bring a teddy or soft toy. As usual, we will end the story time with a drink of milo and a biscuit. BYO cup please. We will have alternative milk for children with intolerance. Please make sure your children know if they need an alternative.

Dress Up Day

On Friday 28th of August, children are invited to dress up as one of their favourite book characters. We will have a "Dress up Parade" at 9.30am that morning to share all our wonderful costumes.

Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library from the 8th - 11th September (week 8)

The fair is an opportunity for parents and students to see a wide range of books which are for sale. The students will make a wish list of things they would like to buy and bring it home to show you. Books can be paid for by filling in the credit card details on the back of the wish list, by cash or EFTPOS. More details will be sent home closer to the date.



COLOUR RUN

Friday 25th September

This year our annual run-a-thon will once again be a colour run. Participants are encouraged to wear a white shirt. At each colour station along the course students will be showered with non-toxic, cornstarch-based coloured powder, creating a vibrant rainbow of colour by the finish line. The event is all about fun, participation, and school spirit, suitable for all ages and fitness levels.



Sponsorship forms will be sent home later in the term. This is our major fundraiser for the year and money raised from this event will go towards the nature play area. Sausages can be pre ordered at a later date



Sausage sizzle and coffee van will be available on the day.

White t-shirts are available for purchase via the Qkr! app or the front office for \$7.00. Orders close 31st August.



Parents and friends are invited to join in the fun

Men's

Size	Neck	Chest
XXS	38.5	84
XS	39.5	89
S	41	94
M	42	99
L	43	105
XL	44.5	111
2XL	46	117
3XL	47.5	123

Women's

Size	Hip	Bust	Waist
6	86	80	61
8	91	85	66
10	96	90	71
12	101	95	76
14	106	100	81
16	111	105	86
18	116	110	91
20	121	115	96

Kids

Size	Height	Chest	Waist
6	120	64	58
8	130	68	60
10	140	74	62
12	150	80	64
14	160	86	66
16	165	90	70



Seeds of Science

Nurturing knowledge for all

thank you!

THANKYOU TO ALL WHO
HAVE DONATED SEEDS IT
IS MUCH APPRECIATED. I
THINK WE HAVE ENOUGH
TO COMPLETE OUR
SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITIES.

SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITIES WEEK 5

LUNCH TIME:

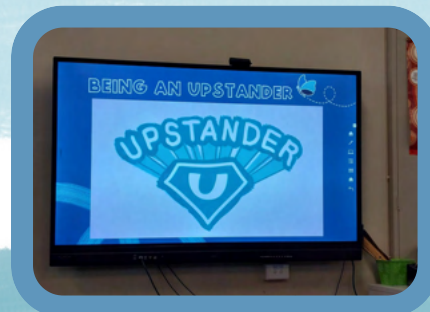
Tuesday – Natanda Gardens

SEED POD SCAVENGER HUNT

Thursday - Library

SEED SORT- Matching pictures of plants to seeds.

DAVID ATTENBOROUGH 100 years - films & colouring



As part of our Good Start program, we welcomed Dolly's Dream back to Bordertown Primary School at the beginning of Term 3. These sessions are an important part of helping our students build positive relationships and create a predictable school community.

This terms session focused on bullying. Students explored what bullying is, why some people choose to bully, the impact bullying can have on others, and practical ways they can help make a difference. A key message was the importance of being an Upstander, someone who speaks up, supports others, and helps create a culture of kindness and respect.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with Dolly's Dream throughout the year as we support our students to develop empathy, resilience and the confidence to look out for one another.

Celebrating the **creative connections** between the communities of **Carol Murray Children's Centre**, **Bordertown Primary School**, **Mundulla Primary School**, **Bordertown High School**, **Bordertown Residential Aged Care**, **Bordertown's migrant and disability communities**, artist **JoJo Spook** and **Walkway Gallery**!

INTER- GENERA- TIONAL ART FESTIVAL

Thursday 15th October 2026

5-8pm Bordertown Primary

Join us for the official opening + **whole school art showcase**
+ glowroom + **food vendors**, BBQ, Turk Bey, Maow's Thai,
Maggie's wood fire pizza + choir performances + **the year 4/5/6**
fete + kite display + **Mundulla PS art display** + visit Carol Murray
Children's Centre art exhibition from 4:30-5:30pm

Everyone welcome - community event

FAMILY FUN TIME

As human beings, we have a need for 'connection'. This isn't just something that feels good, but to be connected with one another and in community with one another is one of our core basic need, its just the way our brains are wired. So in between the busyness of work, school, sport, chores and errands, finding time for each other is vitally important to ensuring we are growing as healthy, strong, resilient people.

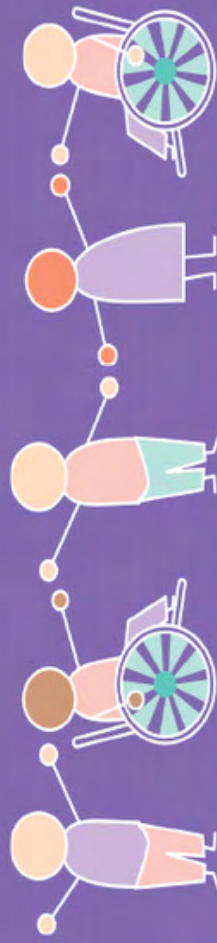
What do you enjoy doing together as a family? How do you delight in each other? What things as a family bring you joy?

I would encourage you to sit down together as a family and make a list to stick on the fridge of the things (preferably screen free!) that really fill each others love buckets! Here's some suggestions to get you started

1. Bike Rides
2. Playing UNO
3. Dancing to songs/music
4. Going to the park
5. Enjoying ice-cream together (best with sprinkles or topping!)
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.
- 9.
- 10.

Chelsea March

PARENT FORUMS



Presented by the Statewide Inclusive Education Services (SIES), parent forums are a supportive and safe space for families and caregivers to connect while gathering information and resources to support your child's education.



Term 3 topic: Supporting parent/carer wellbeing...avoiding burnout
Come along to hear presenters from SIES:

- Steve Phillips, Aboriginal Cultural Officer
A cultural mindful activity
- Kara Savilla, Psychologist
What is overwhelming? How does it affect us as parents?
- Kate Mudge, Occupational Therapist
Offering practical strategies to support your wellbeing

To secure your spot visit the SIES website or click [here](#) to register



When:
Wed 12th Aug 2026
10.00am to 12.00pm
(presentations)
12pm to 1pm
(Nibbles & networking)

WHERE:
Statewide Inclusive Education Services
72a Marlborough Street
Henley Beach, SA 5022

or:
Watch Party at Para Hills Community Hub - SIES staff facilitating
22 Wilkinson Road
Para Hills, SA 5096

or:
Streamed Online

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www.sies.sa.edu.au/parent-forum/

PARENT FORUMS

Statewide Inclusive Education Services available at Henley Beach



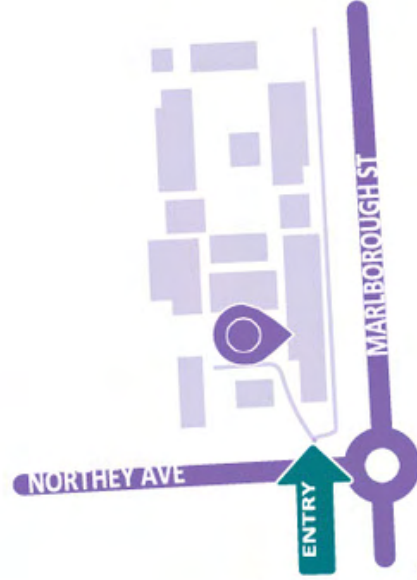
LOCATION AND ACCESS TO SIES

Parking is available in Northey Avenue, Marlborough Street and surrounding streets.

Entry to the parent forum is via the SIES reception from Northey Avenue.

Public transport

The H33 bus travels to and from the city via Marlborough Street. Stop 27 is the closest bus stop to SIES.



Scan here to register and find out more.



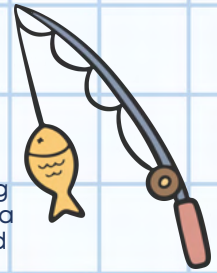
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DONATIONS Wanted!



Next term at Bordertown Primary School we have an exciting opportunity to work with Artist in Residence, Jojo Spook, as a part of the Intergenerational Arts Festival which will be held later this year, on Thursday 15th of October.

We are excited for this opportunity, and thank Naomi Fallon at the Walkway Gallery for her support with this project.

Over the next few weeks, we ask families if they could please collect the following items.

- Old thongs
- Old plastic sandcastle items, broken ones are ok
- Plastic spades
- Old flippers
- Swimming goggles
- Fishing gear
- Any old beach gear
- Soft recyclable plastic drink bottles
- Plastic bags
- Plastic ice cream containers



Donations can be delivered to the front office, or collection can be arranged

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



Bordertown Primary School

848 likes • 932 followers



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ADDRESS



PHONE
NUMBERS



EMAIL ADDRESS



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