

BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

Be honest - Practise bravery - Show kindness

ISSUE 8 | 1 September
2026

IMPORTANT DATES

Sapsasa Girls AFL Trials
Mon 31st August + Mon 7th September

Sapsasa Athletics Carnival
Thursday 3rd September

School Closure Day
Monday 7th September

Book Fair
Tues 8th - Fri 11th September

Basketball Carnival Mt Gambier
Wednesday 9th September

Adelaide Choir Festival
Wednesday 16th September

Sapsasa Hockey State Carnival
Wed 16th - Fri 18th September

Sapsasa Boys + Girls Tennis District Carnival
Monday 21st September

Kids' Voice Disco
Wednesday 23rd September

Colour Run
Friday 25th September

Last Day of Term - 2:25pm Early Dismissal
Friday 25th September

Art Showcase Festival
Thursday 15th October

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week, approximately 100 students attended our JP Story Night. It was a truly wonderful night, providing everyone the opportunity to enjoy the magic of reading aloud. Reading together not only fosters a love of books but also plays a vital role in developing language and literacy skills for our young learners. A special thank you must go to Mary-Jane for her fantastic organisation of the event. We also sincerely thank Jodie Devitt, Emma Orrock, and Josh Searle, who, as "Danny Go," ensured the students were entertained with a brain break. We are grateful to all the parents who supported this special night. Your involvement helps reinforce the importance of reading and community in our school.



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

FROM PAGE ONE...

Science Week was a fantastic success at Bordertown Primary School! Our students participated in a range of engaging science activities designed to spark their curiosity and inspire their interest in the world around them. Thank you goes to Jodie Devitt, Nicole Blackwell and Josh Searle for their dedication and enthusiastic efforts in ensuring all students were given meaningful opportunities to enjoy and experiment with science. An interesting fact that emerged during Science Week is that we have 503 trees in our school grounds that are taller than 1.5 metres. While we've always been proud of our beautiful grounds, it's wonderful to be reminded of just how unique and green our outdoor spaces truly are.

Our annual Book Week Parade was a wonderful success, bringing our school community together to celebrate the joy of reading our favourite stories. Students impressed us with an incredible variety of creative costumes, each inspired by their much-loved books and characters. We were delighted to be joined by high school students again this year. Bringing both schools together creates a fantastic atmosphere and allowed for valuable connections between our younger and older students. After the parade, students enjoyed buddy reading sessions, further emphasising the importance of sharing stories and fostering a love of books across all ages. A highlight for some of our students was the opportunity to visit the local hospital and share their colourful costumes with aged care residents. This act of kindness was deeply appreciated and helped spread cheer throughout our wider community.

We wish all of our families a relaxing long weekend as we observe our school closure day for the Adelaide Show on Monday.

A very special Happy Father's Day to all the wonderful dads, grandfathers, and father-figures in our school community. Thank you for everything you do to support and inspire your children.

Mrs Kylie Staude

Welcome

This term we have welcomed two new SSOs to our staff, George & Jess. Be sure to say hi if you see them around the school.



Exemptions from school attendance

A friendly reminder that if your child will be absent for three or more consecutive days for reasons other than illness, an exemption is required. Please contact the Front Office **prior** to the absence to arrange this.

Dates for the CALENDAR

School Closure Day

Monday 7th September



SCHOOL DISCO



Wednesday 23rd September

Rec - Year 2 from 6pm-7pm

Year 3 - Year 6 from 7:15pm-8:30pm

THEME: 80's and 90's

Gold coin donation

Sapsasa Soccer State Carnival



In week 4, we participated in Sapsasa Soccer from the 11th-13th of August. It was a really fun experience. You meet lots of new people.

We played 9 games altogether, lost 3 to Southern Fleuireu, Mid South East and Port Pirie and won the other 6 to finish 3rd overall.

If you have the chance we recommend trying out, even if you don't get in it's a great experience. We also had a team dinner at the pub and played laser tag and arcade games.

Joel and Liam



BOOK WEEK DRESS-UP DAY





JUNIOR PRIMARY

Reading Night



As part of our Book Week at BPS we once again held the JP Story Night. The library was overflowing with students from R-2. They were entertained by three readers, Emma Orrock, Jodie Devitt and guest reader "Danny Go" (Josh Searle). Following the stories, the students enjoyed a milo and biscuit to finish off the evening.





8 – 11 SEPTEMBER 2026

Where: Bordertown Primary School library

Students will have the opportunity to browse books during school and create a wishlist of books they may like to buy.

Parents and caregivers are welcome to visit before or after school to browse the selection and purchase books.

Payment can be made by cash, EFTPOS or online, as outlined on the attached flyer.

Rewards from the sale of books will go towards purchasing valuable resources for our library.

You're invited to our
SCHOLASTIC Book Fair
THE #1 BOOK FAIR

AUGIE THE CORGI AND JANE THE GREAT DANE
These two doggy neighbours are best friends!
100184056 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+ | \$10

WOMBAT STEW
Wombat's friends must save him from Dingo's dinner plans!
100184801 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+ | \$6

FUSSY DUCK
This duck is VERY hard to please!
100183577 | PICTURE BOOK | AGES 3+ | \$10

Axolotl
Max meets a shy new axolotl friend.
100182039 | GRAPHIC NOVEL | AGES 7+ | \$10

THE BUDGIE SMUGGLERS
These budgie friends are in big trouble—and their friend is missing!
100184800 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+ | \$10

MYSTERY SPECIAL
A detective visits the school and Ella's classroom is at the centre of a mystery.
100183279 | CHAPTER BOOK | AGES 7+ | \$10

DON'T FREAK OUT
A bizarre encounter with a BLOB gives Philbert amazing talent... and more.
100184582 | NOVEL | AGES 8+ | \$10

EVERY DOLLAR EQUALS RESOURCES FOR OUR SCHOOL

SCHOLASTIC

Date _____ Time _____
Place _____

Scholastic Book Fair Pre-Payment

Your child's school is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Review their wish list together and pre-pay for selected items by following the steps provided.

- List the titles they are going to purchase from the fair.

Title	Price

- Pay securely online by visiting scholastic.com.au/book-fairs/payments/ or scanning the QR code below.

* Please note a surcharge of 1% on all card payments.

Book Fair Payment

- Complete the Pre-payment Form including the receipt number and amount paid. This form needs to be returned to the school.

Receipt Number	Amount Paid
	\$

Parent Name: _____
Student Name: _____
School: _____
Class: _____

THIS IS JUST A PRE PAYMENT
THIS FORM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE SCHOOL DURING THE FAIR TO COLLECT YOUR BOOKS.

SCHOLASTIC REWARDS Every BOOK equals RESOURCES for our school.

RENEGADES
Luna and Willow, two orphaned kittens, realise their unique magic.
100183202 | NOVEL | AGES 8+ | \$13

NOWHERE HOUSE
A cursed house, a decades-old mystery, and a brother and sister on the edge...
100183282 | NOVEL | AGES 10+ | \$13

Besties!
Packed with sweet activities for you and your BFF. Includes 2 BFF necklaces.
100151099 | ACTIVITY | AGES 8+ | \$18

BESTIES! GUIDED BFF JOURNAL

"Choice is key! 92% of children agree they are more likely to finish a book they choose themselves. 93% of children agree their favourite books are the ones they choose themselves"
—Scholastic Kids & Family Reading Report™

SCHOLASTIC

COLOUR RUN

Friday 25th September

Information

Competition for most laps - boy and girl - for junior (rec-2), middle (3/4) and upper primary (5/6).

Sponsor sheets will go home later in term.

BBQ Lunch orders

A BBQ lunch is available for students and parents from 11:30am. Please order and pay via Qkr! before Monday 21st September.

- Beef sausage - \$2.50
- Halal chicken burger (contains nuts) - \$3.50

Slushies

Slushies will be available to purchase for \$1

R-2's at lunch
3-6's at recess

Parents and friends are invited to join in the fun



Schedule	9.15am-9.45am	Year 1/2's (Sneath, Wegener/Steer, Sigston)
	10.00am - 10.30am	Receptions (Hillier, Maney/Braisby, McCarthy)
	12.00pm - 12.30pm	Year 3/4's (Deans/Thorpe, Poole, Taylor/Thorpe)
	12.45pm - 1.15pm	Year 4/5/6's (Collins, Rattus, McCarron)

When things get tricky at school!

School can sometimes be a tricky place. Lots happen at school that makes us feel good about ourselves and encourages us, and there are also times that we find things hard and can drain us. Walking alongside our child when things aren't necessarily going well with friends or learning can be difficult.

But encouragingly, there are things we can do in our homes to lessen the burden of the tricky things faced at school. **Protective Factors** are things that build us up, so that when we are faced with something difficult, we are better equipped to deal with them. Protective Factors are built at home when **home feels safe and secure**. Protective Factors include:

- *Limiting screen time and online chat groups. Online chat groups are often a place of conflict. Diligently monitor the content of online games, making sure it is age appropriate.*
- *Participate in family time together (sharing of the evening meal, games, cooking alongside Mum/Dad etc, bike rides and walks). 30 mins per day of one-on-one time with a child, participating in something they have chosen, builds wonders for self-esteem and connection.*
- *Give space for the children to tell you about their day, and listen without judgement, problem solving or giving advice; just 'be with' them and listen.*
- *Encourage and engage in friendship circles outside of school friends.*
- *Engage in out of school activities.*
- *Give children age appropriate responsibilities around the home.*

Even in the difficult times, it is important to talk positively at home about school and friendships. Find the positive things that are still happening (they are still there, even if it feels like they aren't!) Limit negative talk or agreeing with your child that their friends behaviour is mean. Empathise with your child whilst engaging in positive dialogue about the good things that are happening at school. The more our brain focuses on the positive, the more positive things it finds and the smaller and less significant the tricky things become.





national science week 2026

15 - 23 August

Seeds of Science

Nurturing knowledge for all

thank you!

THANKYOU TO EVERYONE WHO JOINED
IN SCIENCE WEEK ACTIVITIES!

W I N N E R S

SEED POD SCAVENGER HUNT

Natanda Gardens

Winning team: **The Sonics -
Patrick, Savannah, Bodie, Tommy
& Billy.**

WHOLE SCHOOL TREE & SHRUB

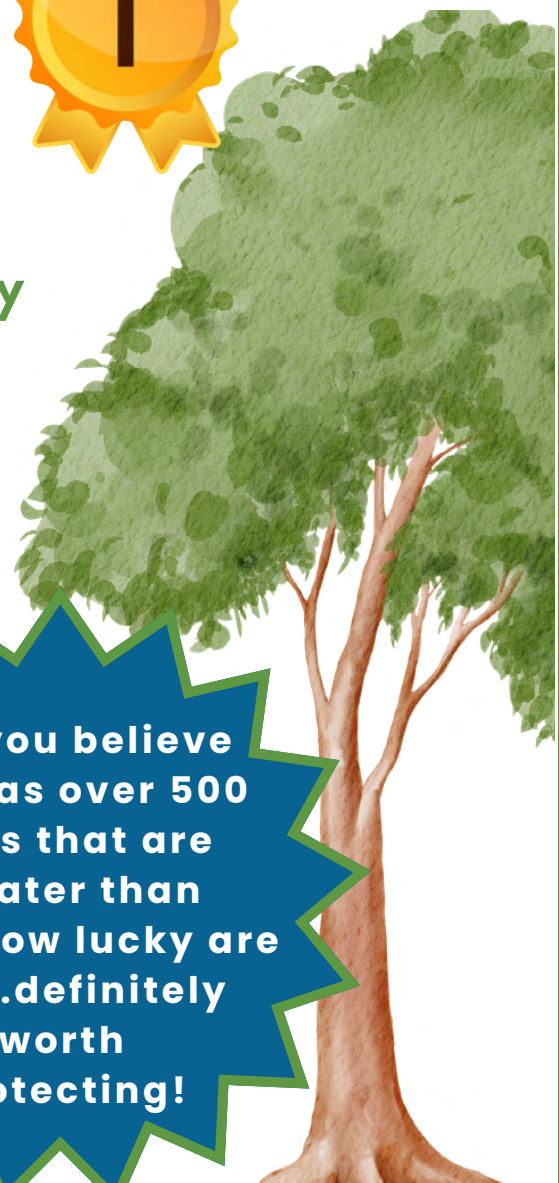
COUNT - Taller than 1.5m

Winning Class: **Miss McCarron's**
class with answer of **471**

Actual number: **503**

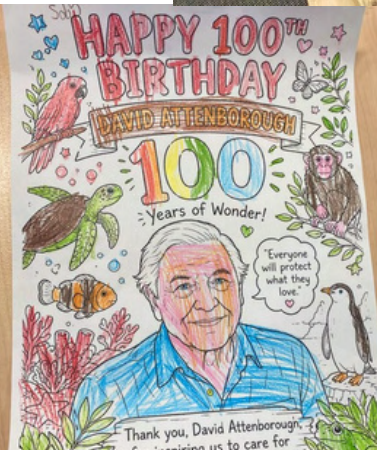


Can you believe
BPS has over 500
trees that are
greater than
1.5m. How lucky are
we....definitely
worth
protecting!





Library Activities-Seed matching, David Attenborough 100 years Natanda - Seed Scavenger Hunt BPS Tree/Shrub count Class seed activities



INTER- GENERATIONAL ART FESTIVAL

Thursday 15th of October

5:00pm - 8:00pm

Whole school Art Showcase – gold coin donation entry

Year 4/5/6 Fete – bring along your gold coins to purchase goodies.

Choir performances

Giant kite display – weather permitting

Slushies

Produce stall

Maggie's Wood Fire Pizza

Turk Bey

Lions BBQ

Maow's Thai

Mundulla Primary School art display

...and plenty more!

**Everyone is
welcome, this
is a community
event!**

**Bring the family, bring your gold
coins, grab some dinner and enjoy a
night celebrating the amazing
creativity of the students from
Bordertown Primary**

**We invite families to
visit the Carol Murray
Children's Centre Art
Exhibition from 4:30–
5:30pm, before making
their way along the
path to Bordertown
Primary School. Keep
an eye out for artwork
from the Bordertown
Residential Aged Care
residents displayed
along the way.**

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**!

learn • design • create

creative kids

after-school program

for school age children - all material supplied
bookings preferred - call 8752 1473

Wednesday 3:45pm-4:45pm

29th July fold a flex-agon
12th August build 3D bugs
26th August run along animals
9th September wrap a yarn bird
23rd Sept create corals & plants
with the Walkway Gallery for the Intergenerational Art Trail

EPL
Bordertown Public Library

BORDERTOWN CINEMA

GEN. ADMIN \$12.00
CONCESSION \$10.00

HOLY DAYS

PG

SUNDAY SEPT 13th @ 2.00pm

Doors open 1/2 hour before start time and movie will commence at advertised time.
Tickets available from Tatiara District Council or at the door.
Cash only at the door. Snack bar available.

GOROKE AGRICULTURAL & PASTORAL SOCIETY INC PROUDLY PRESENTS THE ANNUAL

Goroke Show

Celebrating 136 Years

SATURDAY 3 OCTOBER 2026
GOROKE SHOWGROUNDS - 9AM TO 7PM

STOCKMAN'S CHALLENGE HORSES IN ACTION QUICK SHEAR & SHEEP RACES KIDS RIDES & PAVILION EXHIBITS LIVE MUSIC FOOD & STALLS

The Best little Show in the West!

TICKETS AT THE GATE

\$30 \$20 \$5 FREE
FAMILY ADULT YOUTH CHILD 5 YRS

ALL-DAY KIDS RIDE PASS (WHISKEY HAND) \$20 RIDES BEGIN 11AM

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OPEN DAY

SEPT 27TH

11AM - 2PM

90 DECOURCEY STREET BORDERTOWN

INSIDE THE STATION CHECK OUT

GORDON COAD MUSEUM & STUDIOS

*FOOD AND DRINK NOT PERMITTED IN STUDIOS

BOOMBOX PHOTO BOOTH

EVENT PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY

everyday Home Living

RICHARD'S QUALITY MEATS

THE BACKYARD OF 90 DECOURCEY STREET

BORDERTOWN LIONS CLUB BBQ

*EFTPOS FACILITIES AVAILABLE

FREE FACE PAINTING BY SOCIAL GROUP

MERCH ALSO AVAILABLE FOR SALE

*CASH PREFERRED, EFTPOS AVAILABLE IF REQUIRED

BARTIQUE VINTAGE COFFEE CARAVAN

*EFTPOS FACILITIES AVAILABLE

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QUIZ NIGHT

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF TATIARA COMMUNITY FM BROADCASTERS

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY **everyday** Home Living

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
DOORS OPEN: 5PM, STARTS :6PM
WHERE: TATIARA CIVIC CENTRE
TABLES OF 8 AVAILABLE.
GRAZING BOXES PROVIDED. BAR & EFTPOS FACILITIES AVAILABLE

SCAN FOR MORE INFO & TO BOOK OR GO TO **WWW.CONNECTFM.COM.AU**

ON AIR

EARLY BIRD TICKETS \$42 PER PERSON

*AVAILABLE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 18TH 2026

Have You Thought About Volunteering at Our School?

Our school community thrives with the support of our wonderful volunteers. There are many ways you can get involved and make a difference. We'd love to have you join us. Please get in touch with the front office to find out how you can help.

Parent Survey



Please take the time to fill in our annual parent survey.

Your feedback will help us to understand:

- what we're doing well
- where we can improve
- what is most important to you as a parent or carer.

You should have received an email from the Department for Education with the link, or follow the link from our Dojo post from Friday.

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