BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

Be honest - Practise bravery - Show kindness

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IMPORTANT DATES

Year 6 High School visit
Wed 4th + Wed 18th November

Sapsasa Tennis Carnival
Mon 9th Nov - Wed 11th November

Kindy Parent Meeting
Monday 9th November

Remembrance Day
Wednesday 11th November

Sports Day
Friday 13th November

Student Free Day
Monday 16th November

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Government of South Australia
Department for Education



Peter Kelly admiring our Art Showcase in the school library.

A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Today we were delighted to welcome Peter Kelly, Deputy CEO of the Department for Education to our school. Peter enjoyed a tour of the school, led by our Kids' Voice Executive, and had the opportunity to visit some of our classrooms. It was a pleasure to welcome Peter to our school.

Our Art Showcase and Year 4/5/6 Fete was a truly special event and a wonderful celebration of our students, school and wider community. It was heartwarming to see the event so well supported by families and community members, all coming together to celebrate the creativity, talent and hard work of our students. We were also delighted to have Mundulla and the High School share their artwork, which added so much to the evening and highlighted the strong connections across our local community. A heartfelt thank you to Emma Harkness and her team for the time, care and energy they put into making the event such a success.



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

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Our Colour Run-a-thon was a joyful and hugely successful way to celebrate the end of term 3. It was wonderful to see so many family members joining in with our students, creating such a fun and vibrant atmosphere for everyone involved. It was also fantastic to see staff getting involved and sharing in the excitement, with George completing an amazing number of laps. A special thank you to Kerri for the time and effort she put into organising such a memorable occasion for our school community.

Our choir students performed in Mount Gambier last Friday and we were so proud of the way they represented our school. They performed with confidence and pride, and it was wonderful to see their hard work and enthusiasm shine through. A special congratulations to Hailey on her solo performance. A warm and sincere thank you to Jodie and Iris for the time and dedication in supporting our students and making this opportunity such a success.

Friday is World Teachers' Day. I would like to take a moment to sincerely thank all of our wonderful teachers for the care, passion and dedication they show each and every day. The support, encouragement and kindness they give to our students makes such a meaningful difference, and it does not go unnoticed. It is a true privilege to work alongside such an incredible team, and I am constantly grateful for the commitment, professionalism and heart they bring to our school community. Thank you for all that you do - our students are so fortunate to have you.

Mrs Kylie Staude

Diabetes Awareness Day

Bordertown Primary School

Monday, Week 5

9th November





Blue slushies available for purchase

Lunch (R-2) and Recess (3-6)

Students encouraged to wear blue

Did you know?

13,200+ Australian children and young people aged 0-19 live with Type 1 diabetes.

All proceeds from slushies will be donated to Diabetes Australia.

Reminder

Donations from the *Colour Run* are due to the Front Office.



STUDENT FREE DAY

Monday 16th November

SPORTS DAY 2026

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

Year 4/5/6 Fete





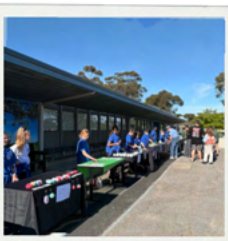


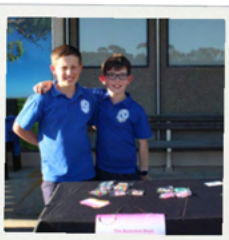






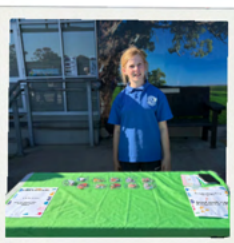
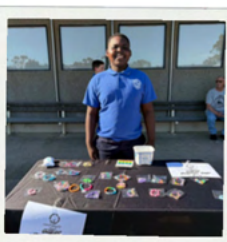


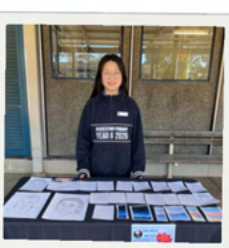
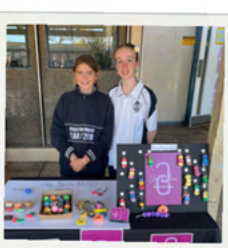


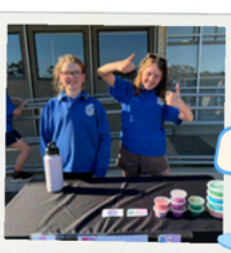
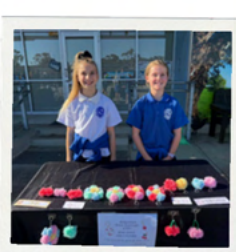






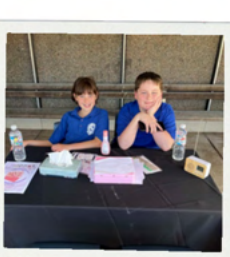









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Party Animal


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Colour Run 2026































Congratulations to our age group winners above:
R-2's - Ashton and Tessa
3/4's - Hudson, Charlie and Hazel
5/6's - Patrick and Charlotte











Art Showcase





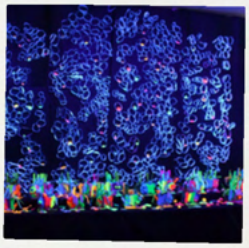








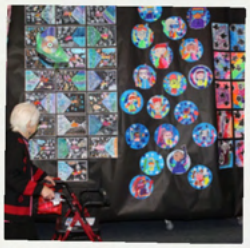


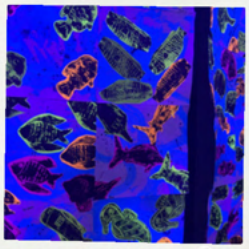





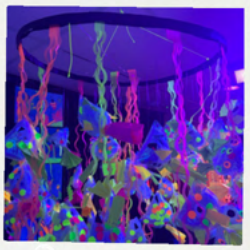








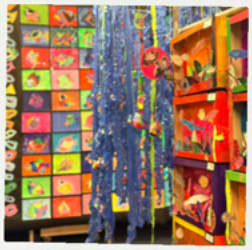








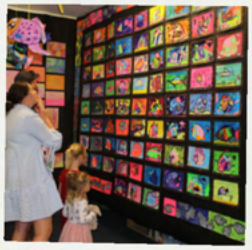
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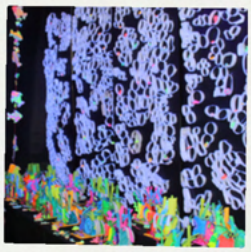
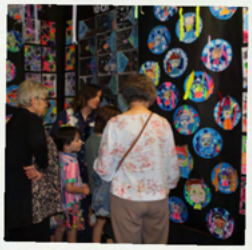


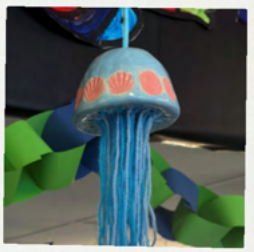
















Reception


SPORTS DAY 2026

FRIDAY 13TH NOVEMBER

FOOD & DRINKS

SAUSAGE SIZZLE



The Governing Council will be running the BBQ and selling drinks and cakes. Please pre-order for the sausage sizzle via Qkr! There will be limited extras available on the day.

BBQ FOOD AND DRINKS MENU

Sausages	$2.50
Chicken burgers halal	$3.50

Order these options for the whole family on Qkr! by Sunday 8th November

Fruit box	$2.00
Bottle of water	$2.00
Icepoles	$1.00
Cake stall (canteen shed)	from $1.00

MAOW'S THAI



Thai food van will be available with various food options available.

BAKERY ORDERS

Lunch orders are still available to order on Sports Day through the bakery. Order via Qkr! before 8:30am on the day.

DONUTS



Order your team colour donut for $4.50 via Qkr! by Sunday 8th November to enjoy at recess on Sports Day.

COFFEE VAN



A coffee van will be available for both hot and cold drinks throughout the day.



OTHER

TOILETS



Toilets for adults and toddlers will be located at the gym and in the specialists foyer. Please refer to the map in the program. All students will use the toilets in their foyers.

PARENT BEHAVIOUR AT SPORTS DAY

We love having our families join us to celebrate our students' efforts and achievements. To help create a positive and supportive environment for all, please remember to encourage all students, model good sportsmanship, and cheer respectfully. Our staff are here to support and supervise students, so please allow them to lead activities and follow any instructions given on the day. Thank you for helping make Sports Day fun and safe for everyone!

MORNING TEA DONATIONS



We are seeking donations for morning tea. Please see the next page for more information.

A SPORTS DAY PROGRAM WILL BE SENT HOME ON THURSDAY OF WEEK 5

Sports Day Morning Tea Donations

We are seeking single serve, precut pieces of morning tea - cakes, cupcakes, biscuits, slices - to be delivered to the Breakfast Club Kitchen on the morning of Sports Day between 8:30-9am.

We are also looking for volunteers from 8-9am, 9-10am & 10-11am

Please contact the front office if you are able to help with a donation or help to prepare and serve.

South East Primary Schools' Music Festival

On Friday 23 October, 18 of our choir students took to the stage at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre in Mount Gambier as part of the South East Primary Schools' Music Festival.

A massive thank you to Mrs Devitt and Iris for all their hard work and dedication to our choir students. It was a fabulous night, and we are so proud of everyone who participated.

A special shout-out to Hailey, who did an amazing job performing her solo. Our students performed beautifully and represented our school with pride. Well done to everyone involved!





FROM OUR PASTORAL CARE WORKER

We are at that time of the year where our Year 6 students are starting to prepare for their move across to High School. The following article highlights the way we can emotionally support our children during this particular transition, but I think it also has some useful tips on how we can support our children through any change!

The transition from Primary School to High School is a major milestone in the life of our child and as well as ensuring we have all the physical needs covered, like uniforms, starting times, subjects and stationery, it's also important actively support our children emotionally during this transition. What our children need most is for us to be a calm, funny and anchored parent to help guide, direct and support them through this change. Knowing they aren't alone will go a long way in supporting your child emotionally during this transition.

1. **Change and anxiousness go together**

Support your child in helping them to understand that change is a normal part of life and with change comes feelings of anxiety. This might show up in lots of different ways; anger, sadness, butterflies, diarrhea even! Alongside acknowledging their feelings and the physical symptoms, let them know that this is normal, its our body doing what its supposed to in order to protect us. Normalise the change and normalise the anxiousness!

2. **Focus on good sleep!**

Sleep is so important to ensuring good mental health! The better the sleep, the better the next day is going to be for our kids! So focus on good sleep routines and patterns, and especially no phones/devices in bedroom whilst going to sleep (or ever, really!).

3. **Help them to be organized!**

As much as we push for independent, organised kids, as their adult, its still our responsibility to provide scaffolding. Don't expect their developing brains to be able to do it all-yet! Spend some time during the holidays walking through the school to familiarize surrounds so its not all new on the first day.

4. **Keep friendships strong during holidays**

Keep friendships strong during the holidays through catch up sessions and sleep overs (more in person than electronically!). That first day will feel a little less daunting if our kids turn up on the first day knowing they've made and kept strong friendship connections during the holidays.

5. **Build them up at home!**

Ask your self what you can do at home to really fill up their love bucket! Do what you can to lighten their nervous system. This might be packing their favourite lunch, spending quality time together, a fun outing after school. What ever it is after school that brings them joy-prioritise that and fill that love bucket to the top!

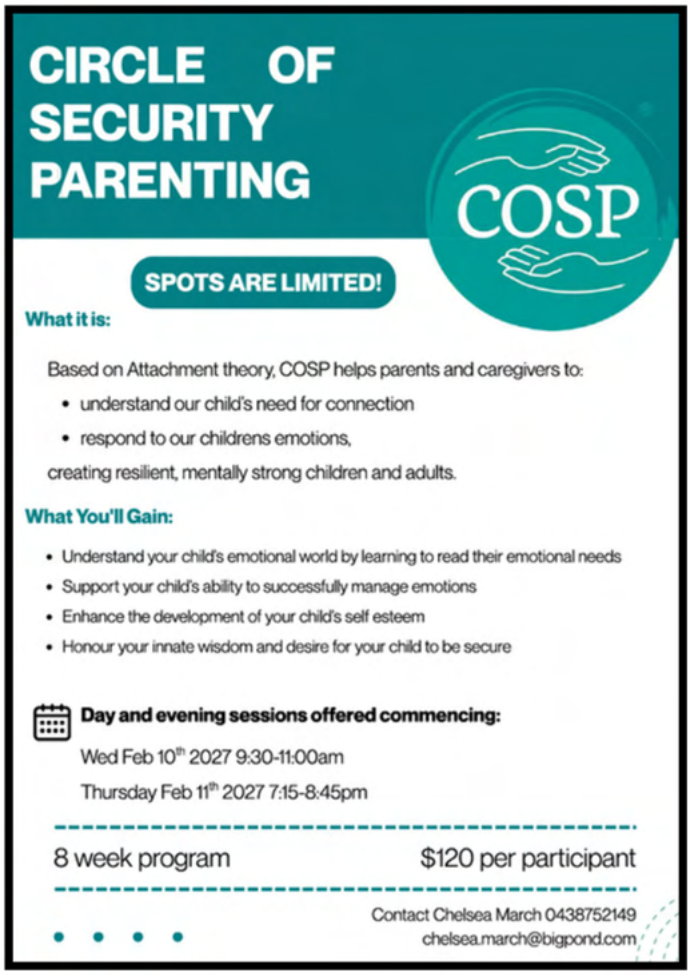
6. **Don't get caught in the chaos!**

You know those stories of the royal flushes, the pranks and the endless hours of homework that we all heard when we started high school? Well, they're still doing the rounds! Decatastrophise the stories the kids hear and don't add to it. Be the calm they need in the storm and let them know you are the captain of this ship and you will help get them safely to the shore. Normalize their anxious feelings, and tell them they have what it takes to do this!

Our kids get their calm from us, and they can sniff out fear a mile away! Regulating our own emotions is the best support our children can have. And by the time Week 4 in Term 1 rolls around, our kids will most likely have forgotten just why they were anxious in the first place!

*With acknowledgement to Maggie Dent from which this article was paraphrased

Chelsea March



FROM PREVIOUS PARENTS WHO HAVE DONE THE CIRCLE OF SECURITY PROGRAM

"Circle of Security is a fantastic program to evaluate and strengthen your connections with your own children. It's full of valuable information, and I would encourage anyone to attend."

"I only wish I had known about this program sooner. I have been recommending it to all my family and friends and find myself talking about it often. I regularly refer back to what I learnt and how it has changed my approach to parenting."

Tatiara

KEITH & BORDERTOWN

POOLS OPENING

FREE ENTRY
for the 2026/2027 season

SUNDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2026

(DATE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



Tatiara

Aquatic Program Enrolments Open

For further information follow the link below
https://www.tatiara.sa.gov.au/council-services/swimming-pools2/bordertown-swimming-pool

THE ROYAL FEAST FROM 5PM

BORDERTOWN SPRING FESTIVAL & SHOW

MEDIEVAL HIGHLANDER THEME

FROM 9.30AM

SATURDAY 14TH NOV

BOULDERS ON THE BORDER
WARHOUNDS ARMOURED COMBAT
TARTAN MUSCLE - HIGHLAND GAMES
PUPPET & MAGIC SHOW
BLIND APES
COSTUME COMPETITION
UTE & 4X4 WAGON MUSTER
BVRC MOTOR SHOW
EXHIBITS
FOOD & MARKET STALLS
SHOW RIDES
AND MUCH MORE

BORDERTOWN SHOWGROUNDS

SPEED SHEAR, FRIDAY 13TH NOV
SHOWRIDES, FOOD & BAR FACILITIES
FROM 4PM

TOILET ACCESSIBLE SHOW

For information on exhibits and entries follow this link
https://bordertownshow.org.au/exhibits/

SEASON 2026 - 27

WE ARE PASSIONATE

Little Athletics SA | Little Athletics Bordertown

5 REASONS to join Little Athletics

REGISTER TODAY

1 Friends
2 Fun
3 Fitness
4 Competitions
5 Personal Bests



BORDERTOWN LITTLE ATHLETICS
COME & TRY
FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER 2026, 4PM
HIGH SCHOOL OVAL

CONTACT
ABBY OBST - 0432685827
KRYSTAL NORTON - 0427975439
OR SEND BORDERTOWN LITTLE ATHLETICS A MESSAGE

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

21st October
Rock Painting

4th November
Hoppy Frogs

18th November
Magic Clay

2nd December
Christmas

BPL Bordertown Public Library