

Bordertown High School



Principal's Report Week 9

Issue 4

28 March 2018



Important dates

29 March Thursday
Early Dismissal 2.30pm

30 March 2018
Good Friday (Easter)

2 April 2018
Easter Monday

4 – 6 April 2018
Yr 11 Surf Camp

12 April 2018
SSSSA Athletics

13 April 2018
End of Term 1
2.30 dismissal

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The School's Site Improvement Plan (or SIP) is one of our most important documents as it clearly lays out the focus of our work this year. Our Key Outcome for 2018 is to see improved student learning and achievement that results from improved teaching practice. Our staff are working towards this goal in a variety of ways from incorporating strategies from our student free days to improve literacy and technology integration, to work at faculty level looking at redesigning student tasks to include more inquiry based learning. It is vital that today's students develop capabilities that include critical thinking, creativity, communication and self-direction. As our STEM Centre heads towards completion the new teaching spaces will provide an excellent setting for the capabilities to be developed.

Other aspects to our Site Improvement Plan are:

- **SACE Achievement** - which aims to increase the number of students achieving higher grades while reducing the number of D and below grades particularly in Stage 1.
- **Years 8-10 Achievement** – a focus on reducing unsatisfactory grades across these year levels.
- **NAPLAN** – using our focus on literacy, in particular reading to raise each and every student to at least the minimum standard and beyond to match our numeracy results.
- **Improving attendance** so that students do not have a disrupted learning program.
- Students becoming more **independent learners** by meeting all deadlines and completing homework.
- Working to connect what students learn and do at school with **their futures**.

Last week our sports team participated in the SESSSA Interschool Carnival in Mount Gambier. The day started with a brisk morning and then fined to a typical SE autumn day. All students gave an amazing account of themselves pushing really hard to contribute to the team. Many filled gaps as injuries took their toll and there were some strong individual performances. Each team member should feel very proud of their efforts on the day. Our team was ably managed by the PE staff and others acted as officials during the day.

The school is currently moving to an online student management system called *Sentral*. From the school's point of view, the system gives teachers immediate access to student information, attendance and over time, progress. From a parent/caregiver view, as more modules are trialled and released it will allow access to student end of term reports, other student achievement information and parent/teacher interviews. Using *Sentral* has meant we have not made use of the *Schoolstar* app as the School transitions to its new learner management system.

Markus Trnovsky



AGRICULTURE



Student Enterprises this semester include: ducks, pigs, layer chooks, a calf, rabbit, apples, herbs, and sheep. We have two steers in already for the Mount Gambier Show (October) as well as the sheep for the Adelaide Show (September). Adelaide Show steers are beginning to trickle in. The greenhouse is up and starting to fill with a range of seeds and plants, and the year 9's have been working hard in their gardens with peas, radish, carrot and beetroot seeds emerging quickly.



Golf



Congratulations to Tilly Miels on her selection in the Under 18 South Australian Golf team. Tilly will travel to Western Australia in Week 11 of term for the National Competition. Well done Tilly!

The 2018 Annual SESSA Athletics carnival was held at Marist Park, Mt Gambier on Wednesday the 21st of March. Bordertown High School took a team of 56 athletes who participated with enthusiasm.

Throughout the day we achieved 5 first places, 12 second places and 13 third places in different events. The students who won events on the day were Eliza Staude in the High Jump, 100m and Hurdles, Kellsey Hinge in the Javelin and Hanif Bakhshi in the 1500m. Overall the team finished in 6th place, finishing 3rd in the U16 age group. Mt Gambier High School were the overall winners on the day.

Congratulations to all the students that competed. A special mention to students who stepped into events at the last minute or participated in older age groups as students were unable to compete due to injury or illness.

The athletes need to keep training now in preparation for SSSSA athletics at SANTOS stadium on the 12th of April.

Shane Orrock
Sports Coordinator



PEDAL PRIX AGM

Wednesday 28th March

Bordertown Primary School
Library @ 7.30pm

All Welcome

**Invitation for Bordertown High School
Students and scholarship opportunities
in 2018**

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SESSION**

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Wednesday, 28th March at 7.30pm

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