

# Bordertown High School



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## Important dates

12 March 2018

Adelaide Cup Day

21 March 2018

SESSSA Athletics

30 March 2018

Good Friday (Easter)

2 April 2018

Easter Monday

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## Principal's Report

March 16 is **Bullying No Way Day** and represents a time when each of us should focus on bullying and online behaviour, and its impact across our community. Our school takes the issue of bullying seriously, and when reported puts measures in place to deal with it. More recently online bullying and safety has come to the fore particularly in young people. Online bullying is bullying carried out through the internet or mobile devices. Online bullying is also sometimes called cyberbullying, which can be offensive and upsetting, and can lead to tragic consequences as recently occurred in the case of Dolly Everett. An article in *The Australian* (13/1/18 by Caroline Overington) entitled *Dolly Everett: She was only 14*, makes poignant reading and leaves the reader wondering why people do this to others. Online bullying differs from direct bullying as:

- it can be invasive and difficult to escape — it can happen at all hours and while at home
- it can involve harmful material being widely and rapidly disseminated to a large audience almost instantly
- it can provide the person doing the bullying with a sense of distance from the other person, so there is a lack of immediate feedback

Our School is absolutely committed to doing what it can to work towards the goal of ending bullying behaviours and teaching students about safe practices when online (esafety). We offer a safe and caring environment that fosters respect for others, and we do not tolerate inappropriate use of the online environment. When reported, we act and respond to each instance through processes outlined in the School's Anti-Bullying Policy and the DECD's protocols. Each year we conduct a bullying audit, and while it is difficult to eliminate all bullying, the 2017 audit showed us that the incident of bullying is quite low in our school. To support educating our students about safe online behaviours we are planning to present student and parent sessions delivered by the Carly Ryan Foundation.

It is vital that any student experiencing bullying or who feels unsafe online talks to a staff member so that the school can act to put an end to it.

This week's student free day, centred around using iPads as productive learning tools, was set up in 2017 after the school completed the purchase of 60 iPads as a start to its journey into embedding more STEM learning. We have long recognized technology as a powerful tool that augments teaching and learning in the classroom. Our training on integrating iPads will show us ways to make iPads a highly effective learning device and as such, become an integral component in all of our programs and not just STEM. We can see that iPads will allow students to explore apps that reinforce science concepts, gather and compare data, conduct research, record photos, video and audio, explore multimedia and to communicate learning. The closer our STEM buildings come to completion, the greater the sense of expectation there is amongst the staff that teaching and learning will develop in ways that will more deeply engage our students.

# AGRICULTURE

Mundulla Show was a huge success this year. Each year they run a young junior judging competition which covers 5 areas: beef cattle, meat sheep, merino sheep, wool and grain. I was very impressed by the turn out of our students and the way they presented themselves on the day. Bordertown had 9 representatives from year 10-12 including: Jess Pretlove, Matilda Harris, Whitney Rowett, Kyla Couzner, Paige Richards, Kelly Will, Tahlia Puckridge, Karl Dahlitz and John McFarlane. There were also students from Naracoorte and others involved with the beef and sheep on the day.

Kate and I would like to thank the judges Andy Withers, Greg Funke, Matthew Fiebig, Richard Halliday and Jo Klitscher, as without their support the competition wouldn't happen. These judges also donated the prize money of \$30, \$20 and \$10 to place getters. Francis Andrews is to be thanked for helping wean Kate and I in our new roles.

The results were as follows:

Beef Cattle: 1st Jess Pretlove  
2nd Paige Richards  
3rd Kyla Couzner

Meat Sheep: 1st Karl Dahlitz  
2nd Kelly Will  
3rd Thomas Fogden

Merino Sheep: 1st Whitney Rowett  
2nd Karl Dahlitz  
3rd Ella (Naracoorte)

Wool: 1st Whitney Rowett  
2nd Matilda Harriss  
3rd Chloe (Naracoorte)

Grain: 1st Kelly Will  
2nd Whitney Rowett  
3rd John McFarlane



# SSSSA SWIMMING

Bordertown High School competed in the D grade SSSSA Swimming Championships at Marion Aquatic Centre. This was a strong competition with some very talented swimmers swimming for the other schools.

On the day we achieved 9 placings

Eliza Staude: 1<sup>st</sup> Div 2 Breaststroke  
Whitney Rowett: 3<sup>rd</sup> Div 2 Backstroke and  
Freestyle  
Bonnie Kennett: 3<sup>rd</sup> Div 2 Backstroke  
Tyson Leigh: 3<sup>rd</sup> Div 2 Breaststroke  
Demi Lovelock: 3<sup>rd</sup> Div 3 Backstroke  
Boys Medley Relay team 3<sup>rd</sup>  
U15 boys Freestyle relay 3<sup>rd</sup>  
U16 girls Freestyle relay 3<sup>rd</sup>



The final scores for the day were the Girls in 5<sup>th</sup> position and the Boys in 7<sup>th</sup>. Overall we finished 7<sup>th</sup> which will see us remain in D grade next year. Well done to all the swimmers that have been attending early morning trainings and thank you to the parents and supporters that came along to encourage and help time keep on the day. This concludes our swimming program for 2018.



I graduated from Bordertown High School in 2013. During my final schooling year, I studied English, Mathematics, Physical Education and Biology as well as Research Project (completed in year 11). I left Bordertown High and moved to Adelaide to pursue my studies in Occupational Therapy (OT). I have recently graduated as an Occupational Therapist from the University of South Australia and am working two part time jobs whilst seeking full time employment.

At the beginning of my University experience I felt a little out of the loop and was not sure if I had chosen the right career. I remember being at school looking through the job dictionaries and doing tests to see 'which career is right for you' and I felt that maybe I got it wrong. However; after sticking out my first year at University, I became really passionate about OT and four years later I was voted to be the guest speaker to give the closing speech at my graduation ceremony and was awarded runner up in the Cecile Bearup award- given annually to a

student that peers and staff view to possess the highest professional qualities. I was overwhelmed at the opportunity to give the closing speech as many other students that I completed my studies with were from private schools, or were much older than me and had more life experience. The thing that my peers said stuck out the most to vote me as a candidate was that I was 'a country girl who was very relatable and passionate about what she is doing.'

Bordertown High School gave me the opportunity to interact with students from all different backgrounds in a rural area where sometimes there weren't the best resources or special extracurricular activities. BHS inspired me to make the best of what I had and to knuckle down hard in the final years of schooling to get where I wanted to go. I originally wanted to be a Speech Therapist and used the work experience time in Year 10 to give this a go. As it turned out, I found Speech Therapy was not for me and BHS was flexible and allowed me to finish tasks early in order to undertake work experience in year 11 for a week in the field of OT. If it weren't for this work experience opportunity I would have never pursued my career as an OT. BHS ran extra study sessions before exams in year 12 and provided information about SACE information sessions in Adelaide which I attended to summarise the content of subjects before exams. BHS gave me skills in independence and good work ethic.

The advice that I would give to current BHS students is that there is so much around you that you can make the most of. Your schooling years really do set you up for the future; so do not take opportunities lightly. You never know when the skills you learn at school will become valuable- such as mock interviews, leadership opportunities, and good old fashioned country social skills. Make the most of your school years and don't be afraid to chase a dream or change your mind about careers, you just need to be happy doing whatever works for you.

## Inter-House Athletics Carnival

Following a very successful Standards day, our **59th Inter-House Athletics Carnival** was held Friday of Week 4 and saw **Walamba** win with 2320pts, from **Pinjali** with 2026pts, **Canara** 1704.5pts and **Glenora** 1595.5pts. Despite some very good performances, no records were broken on the day.

The SESSSA / SSSSA Athletics team has now been selected and will be training in preparation for the SESSSA Athletics carnival on Wednesday March 21st at Marist Park in Mt Gambier and the A Grade SSSSA Athletics Championships on Thursday April 12<sup>th</sup>. These trainings will continue before school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and every lunchtime leading up to SESSSA.

A HUGE thank you to our parents and staff who officiated on the day, the groundsmen for their work in making the grounds look good, Jessie Hayes and her helpers in the Canteen. Thank you also to the House Captains for their organisation and the students for their efforts. It was again fantastic to see the level of involvement that we had. *HPE Faculty*

# Inter-house Athletics Carnival

## The results of the Age Group trophies were:

### Under 14 Girls

Winner Demi Lovelock 107pts  
Runner Up Asha Weatherald  
105.5pts

### Under 14 Boys

Winner Hanif Bakhshi 144pts  
Runner Up Byron Colls 103pts

### Under 15 Girls

Winner Rachel Harris 119pts  
Runner Up Lucy Steer 114pts

### Under 15 Boys

Winner Jed Hutchinson 112pts  
Runner Up Izak Bertus 80pts

### Under 16 Girls

Winner Whitney Rowett 150pts  
Runner Up Tahlia O'Sullivan 102pts

### Under 16 Boys

Winner Reagan Tink 150pts  
Runner Up Kraig Fuentes 101pts

### Under 21 Girls

Winner Kellsey Hinge 135pts  
Runner Up Hannah Dinning 98pts

### Under 21 Boys

Winner Travis Wagenknecht 119pts  
Runner Up Leyton Hinge 114pts

## Other Trophy results were as follows:

### Milne Sprint Trophy

Junior Girl Demi Lovelock 15.66sec  
Senior Girls Whitney Rowett 15.60sec  
Junior Boys Dylan Carnemolla 14.81sec  
Senior Boys Leyton Hinge 12.81sec

### Murch Throwing Trophy

Junior Girls Jade Schneider  
Senior Girls Hayley Weatherald  
Junior Boys Billy Whittlesea  
Senior Boys Reagan Tink

### Burge 1500m

Junior Girls Winner Demi Lovelock 6:26.96  
Runner-Up Abbie Croser  
Senior Girls Winner Whitney Rowett 5:47.16  
Runner-Up Teagan Thorpe

### Maddern 1500m

Junior Boys Winner Hanif Bakhshi 5:27.30  
Runner-Up Izak Bertus  
Senior Boys Winner Lachlan Makin 5:25.72  
Runner-Up Riley Kuchel

