

BORDERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter



Last week face to face learning resumed for the remainder of our students and this certainly made it feel like a little of school life was back to normal. On 28th February we will see some Department of Education restrictions reduced so that certain activities can now be organised. While our swimming carnival could not go ahead, we are welcoming the return of these events, so our Athletics day can be organised, as well as interschool competition. At this stage our SRC Induction is impacted by the ongoing restrictions and has been postponed.

While a number of restrictions remain in place, a main focus is the continued wearing of face masks by all adults, as well as Year 7-12 students while indoors. Please remember if your child shows signs of even the slightest illness, please keep them home to ensure the wellbeing of other students and staff. In the event a student or staff member does test positive, we have protocols in place to ensure the impacted families are notified and staff follow the testing procedure developed for schools. While there are processes in place for classroom or close contact at school, both students and staff are still required to follow SA Health quarantine rules if they are deemed a close contact when outside the school. In these instances, the school would not notify parents, as there is no positive case at school.

It is disappointing our school has already seen instances of bullying and physical violence this year. Both of these are not acceptable behaviours in our school and our staff work to find the cause of these behaviours and deal with them as directed by our policies and the evidence we have of each issue.

It is extremely frustrating when the use of social media outside of school hours, impacts the ability of students to feel safe, learn, and develop friendships while at school. Disappointingly, when students receive mobile phones, with unrestricted access to these phones and access to social media platforms, inappropriate use of these devices can result in online bullying, and this results in our staff having to deal with the fallout. Parents need to know what their students are doing online, monitor their activity and teach them how to appropriately use social media platforms. If you need to know more about safety online, please refer to this website, <https://www.esafety.gov.au/parents>. Are you aware that the minimum legal age to use most social media platforms is 13? Are you aware of the different social media platforms your child is using and what they are doing online? While we are intending on organising an information session for students around this issue, the majority of this behaviour happens out of school, and takes a community of people to support better understanding of how to use these devices and reduce online bullying.

Last week Miss Tanysha Bolger informed me she was unable to continue her contract for personal reasons. With our support, Miss Bolger finished working for us last Friday. This week we welcomed Mr Paul Queen who is replacing Miss Bolger while we advertise for an English teacher for the rest of the year. While this is not ideal, we have processes in place to maintain continuity of learning for these classes, while we find another teacher. Letters went home last Friday with students in the affected classes.

Our Certificate I Prevocational Automotive course is running again this year for Year 10 students. Miss Kirk will shortly be seeking names of students wanting to be involved in this program. The course runs for 4 days of each of the term school holidays, as well as needing to complete 10 days of work placement in automotive businesses. If your student is interested in any area of mechanical technology, either diesel, automotive, agricultural or small engine technology, this course provides a starting point to exploring that interest and getting a school based apprenticeship. The majority of the cost of this course is covered by the school, with a small payment required by families each term. Most participants who complete this course and the placement days, are employed if they are seeking a school based apprenticeship.

Our Governing Council AGM is being held on Tuesday 1st March. There are a number of positions available and I encourage people to nominate if you are interested in joining. Nomination forms were sent out by email last week to all families, and are included in this newsletter.

Alicia Keatley
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

- 1 Governing Council AGM
- 4 Standards Day
- 9 Burge & Maddern 1500m
- 11 Sports Day 7:30am start
- 14 Adelaide Cup Holiday
- 16 Open Girls Cricket
- 23 SEZ Athletics -MGHS
- 30 Finance & Governing Council Meeting

APRIL

- 1 Elevate Education Yr11/12
- 12 SSSA Athletics - Adel.
- 14 Early Dismissal 2:25pm
- 15 Good Friday

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of country, the Potaruwutj people and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respect to elders – past, present and emerging.



Homegroup Reading



As our Site Improvement Plan states, we are constantly striving for improvement in student literacy. A fantastic way to help with this is to encourage students to read more. It is very well documented that students' reading habits are changing, some may even argue that students are not reading less, they are just reading differently. For example, books are being exchanged for reading on screens. Often this type of reading involves texts that are very short, which means that students are doing lots of surface level reading, rather than reading on a deeper level.

Reading comes with many benefits. The more students read, the more words they are exposed to, and these words will hopefully end up becoming part of their everyday vocabulary. Being articulate and well-spoken is vital and can often aid in future career choices, as those who are well-read, well-spoken, and knowledgeable on a variety of topics tend to be more successful in their chosen careers.

The expansion of vocabulary also has a positive impact on student writing. If students are exposed to an abundance of material to read then they are able to observe the writing styles of other authors and invariably this has an influence on their own writing.



Every Tuesday and Thursday morning, Home Group is extended until 9.05am so that students can participate in the Home Group Reading Program. Students are encouraged to read something of their choice, as long as it is not on a screen. Some people may ask if reading for ten or fifteen minutes a few times a week has any significant impact, however, there is a huge amount of research to say that reading volume matters. The amount of time our students spend reading is vital to their success, not just in English, but in each of their subjects.

Parents can help support this program by encouraging students to read widely at home. For some students this might be reading novels, for others their interests may lie with a motorbike or fishing magazine, or perhaps an agricultural publication such as The Stock Journal.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions or comments regarding the Home Group Reading Program.

Naomi Excell
English Coordinator



Agriculture

We have been very lucky to have a magnificent chicken shed built for our poultry enterprises. Creaser Constructions began the project through the holidays and Kate and I are very pleased with the result. This will enable us to give our chickens more room to roam and have more batches of layers for sale throughout the year and allow students to work in an industry standard area.

The Year 8's have begun the poultry topic and have welcomed in 100 new pullets which will be ready for sale at the end of Term 2. Year 12 student Liam Fisher is growing 12 meat chickens as part of his Year 12 enterprise project, with Hayley Wood taking on some responsibility for the layers. Taylah Nicholls is also looking at the hatchability and survival rate of incubated eggs to point of lay. Luke Scown will also run some turkeys towards the end of Term 1. The Year 10s will run an enterprise helping to look after the chickens.

We have a lot of curriculum focus on poultry across all year levels in Agriculture this year.



2022 House Captains

Canara

Captains

Asha Weatherald
Harry Meakins

Vice Captains

Hayley Wood
Liam Fisher

Pinjali

Captains

Kayla Morris
Henry Dahlitz

Vice Captains

Anna Steinberg
Max McLellan

Walamba

Captains

Abbie Croser
Makenzie Pickering

Vice Captains

Hayley Treloar
Jack Staude

Glenora

Captains

Shayla Knauerhase
Jakeb Jackson

Vice Captains

Melanie McFarlane
Luke Scown

ATHLETICS DAY Friday 11th March
7:30am START

Athletics Carnival help

Can you assist at our Interhouse Athletics Day on Friday 11th March? If so, please indicate below and return this slip to the High School Front Office as soon as possible.

I am able to assist with:

- Shotput
- Javelin
- High Jump
- Discus
- Long Jump / Triple Jump
- Track - Judging / Timing
- Canteen

Parent Name: _____

Governing Council

Bordertown High School

Governing Council AGM

Tuesday 1st March 2022

at 7.30pm in the High School Study Hub

Apologies to the High School on 8752 1455 or email jan.edwards725@schools.sa.edu.au

The Governing Council represents the parent body of the school and sets the general direction of the school, and supports staff to get the best outcomes for students.

A nomination form has been included in this newsletter.

Vacancies Available.

Bordertown High School Governing Council Nomination for Election Form 2022



I(full name) of(address)

Nominate

.....(full name) of(address)

To be elected as a member of Bordertown High School Governing Council

I(full name) of(address)

Accept the nomination and hereby declare that:

- I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors.
- I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or for a sexual nature involving a minor, or of violence against a person.

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed, my membership of Bordertown High School Governing Council will cease.

Signed..... Date/...../.....

School & Community Notices

Parent Email Address

Please notify the school of your current email address to receive newsletters and school communication

FAMILY NAME: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

**LAST
CHANCE**

2021 Magazine

Final orders are being taken for the 2021 Bordertown High School Magazine
Cost: \$25.00

NAME: _____ Year Level: _____

To secure your copy please make your payment to the Front Office before 11th March (Week 6)
or make payment via the Qkr App. Thankyou.

Lost Property

Students are reminded that lost property can be found on the table at the main building's rear entrance.

Ask the front office staff if you require a spare hat.

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Applications Close 31/3/22

**We are here to support
the Limestone Coast**

We have scholarships available targeting students wishing to study in 2022. Please refer to the guidelines on our website for more information about the specific scholarship areas.

Contact us today - Ph. 7701 9259 or info@standlikestone.com.au

Community Notices

Border to Beach on again

Bordertown cyclists are once again urged to saddle up for the Border to Beach cycle ride.

The ride, from Bordertown to Kingston, is convened by the Bordertown Health and Community Foundation, will take place on Saturday March 26th, with cyclists able to choose distances of 40, 70 or 114 km to ride.

"This makes it suitable for riders for all levels of experience," says BCHF Chair Leanne Mastrangelo.

"If they want to only do half the ride, cyclists can join the main group at Marcollat or if they are less experienced and just want to have a comfortable ride, they can join in at Keilira," she said.

Support vehicles will be provided for each group to ensure no riders find themselves in trouble with no assistance in sight.

All the groups will meet at the Rowney Road/Princess Highway intersection and ride the last leg into Kingston together, finishing on the foreshore to celebrate their achievement.

This is the second Border to Beach ride, inaugurated by the Foundation Board after Covid restrictions saw the almost 30 year support for the Murray to Moyné cycle relay come to an end.

Wanting to keep a cycling event as the major fundraiser for the Foundation, the Board decided to stage an event which could run entirely in the South East.

Around 30 riders completed the ride last year, raising some \$30,000 along the way.

"This year, our goal is to raise \$40,000 from 40 riders," Ms Mastrangelo says. "This money will be invested and the dividends distributed to the Bordertown Hospital, enabling them to purchase items which cannot be funded through other means."

The Foundation urges anyone interested in joining the ride to contact Team Captain Simon Ballinger on 0427819379, with information, registration and training nights to commence in March.

Donations can also be made through the website www.bhcfoundation.com.au.

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<https://atomsa.org.au/>

ATOM SA



ATOM SA'S 'MEDIA ARTS MARCH' ONLINE RESOURCES COMING SOON!

The ATOM SA Executive Team and special guests, Brett Lamb (Lessonbucket), Daniel Charlton (ProAV) and Mark Kelly (Career Counsellor) are currently producing a range of video resources to cover such topics as: filmmaking tips, advice and practical exercises, editing, screenplay writing, applying curriculum in the classroom and Media Arts career pathways.

[Click here to view the detailed program for Media Arts March.](#)

Join the ATOM SA community now to access these valuable resources throughout March!

[Click here to join our ATOM SA community!](#)

MORE DETAILS

- The date is set for the entire month of March!
- The resources are a series of short videos (20-45 min run time)
- The cost to access these resources is our membership fee!

ABOUT ATOM SA

ATOM SA is an independent, not-for-profit association that supports excellence in Media education across all levels of education in South Australia. In particular, the association seeks to develop best practice across a diverse range of media disciplines including, but not limited to: film, TV, radio, podcasting, animation, web and game design. ATOM SA is affiliated with other state branches of ATOM around Australia.



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Believe Connect Challenge



Who is it For?

A Rural Youth Ambassador is:

- Enrolled in Year 11 within a rural/remote community;
- Able to demonstrate that they can meet timelines and achieve identified outcomes;
- Someone who has a dedicated and strong commitment to their studies
- Able to demonstrate leadership within their local communities;
- A young person from any and all diverse backgrounds and experiences;
- Endorsed and supported by their school, family and community.



Forums in 2022

The South Australian program will begin with an Orientation Forum in late term 1, followed by three other face-to-face forums.

It is an expectation that Rural Youth Ambassadors attend all these face-to-face forums.

Proposed forum date (tbc):

- Forum I : 11th to 13th April
- Forum II : 27th to 29th June
- Forum III : 11th to 13th September
- Forum IV : 28th to 30th November

In between these face-to-face forums the Rural Youth Ambassadors will also link up online to continue their work.



WHAT IS SCHOOL CARD?



School Card provides financial help to cover the cost of school fees.

WHO CAN APPLY?

To qualify for School Card, your family's income must be below a specific limit. This limit depends on how many children are in your care.

You must **also** meet at least one of the following:

- have a child or children aged four years or over who attend a school full time
- be an independent full-time student studying year 10, 11 or 12
- be an adult re-entry student undertaking subjects to complete SACE (years 11 and 12).

You can find more information and apply for School Card here:

www.sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

HOW WILL I KNOW IF I AM APPROVED?

After you apply, you will receive a letter in the mail advising if your application has been approved. Please note, School Card is not a student identification card.

WHO CAN HELP ME APPLY?

If you would like more information or need help applying for School Card, please visit your child's school office and show this flyer.

Hi! I would like help to apply for School Card.



sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard



Government of South Australia
Department for Education

Term 1, 2022 Term Planner

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND
0	24	25	26	27	28	29/30 Jan
1 Jan/ Feb	31	1	2 School Begins For Years 7/8/12 Swimming Heats - Cancelled	3	4 Swimming Carnival - Cancelled	5/6 Feb
2 Feb	7	8	9	10	11	12/13 Feb
3 Feb	14 School Begins For Years 9/10/11	15	16	17	18 SEZ Swimming B'Town - Cancelled	19/20 Feb
4 Feb	21	22 School Photos	23	24	25	26/27 Feb
5 Feb/Mar	28	1 Governing Council AGM	2	3	4 Standards Day	5/6 Mar
6 March	7	8 Burge & Maddern 1500m	9	10	11 Sports Day 7:30am Start	12/13 Mar
7 March	14 ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY	15	16 Open Girls Cricket Murray Bridge	17	18	19/20 Mar
8 March	21	22	23 SEZ Athletics MGHS	24	25	26/27 Mar
9 Mar/Apr	28	29	30 Finance Committee Meeting 6pm Governing Council Meeting 7pm	31	1 Elevate Education for Yr 11/12	2/3 April
10 April	4	5	6	7	8	9/10 April
11 April	11	12 SSSA Athletics Adel	13	14 Early Dismissal 2:25pm	15 Good Friday	16/17 April Easter
April	18	19	20	21	22	23/24 April
April	25 Anzac Day	26	27	28	29	30/1 April/May