



# BORDERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter



### IMPORTANT DATES

#### MARCH

- 2 SSSSA Swim Adelaide
- 3 Standards Day
- 10 Athletics Day 7.30 am start
- 13 Adelaide Cup Holiday
- 16 Immunisations Year 7, 8, 10
- 24 SEZ Athletics Millicent
- 28 9/10 Knockout Cricket

#### APRIL

- 4 SSSSA Athletics Adelaide
- 7 GOOD FRIDAY
- 10 EASTER MONDAY
- 14 Last day of term  
(early dismissal)

It has been great to see a busy start to the year, with the swimming carnival, Elevate sessions for Year 10-12 students, Interschool Swimming, parent information sessions, an Ag excursion and school photos all in the first few weeks of term. Our busy weeks will continue with Athletics Standards Day on 3rd March and Athletics Carnival on 10th March. The two primary schools have a pupil free day on Friday 10th March, and while our carnival starts at 7.30 am, buses will run as normal for students to get to school or return home on that day.

Our Governing Council AGM is scheduled for Wednesday 1st March at 7.30pm in the Study Hub. In the last newsletter, information was provided on the role of the Governing Council, as well as a nomination form to nominate to be a member of Governing Council. Please take a few minutes to read the information that was provided and consider if you are interested in nominating for Council.

NAPLAN testing will be upon us shortly, starting with the trial testing to check that our technology works. Year 7 and 9 will then begin the testing process from 15th March. Mrs Excell is providing more information about NAPLAN in this newsletter. I encourage all families of Year 7 and 9 students to discuss the importance of students challenging themselves with this testing process, so they can really understand their skills as learners in each area of the NAPLAN testing. This is also important so that the school can gain accurate data on student skills, to better support individuals with their learning.

This year we have started the year focusing on student organisation, especially with student diaries. Diaries are an important way of ensuring parents know what homework students should be completing each day. Our teachers are focusing on this in home group, and subject teachers are working with students to ensure homework is written into diaries. While homework may not be set every night for each subject, these routines support student organisation and the homework reinforces what is being learned in the classroom. Part of this process is checking that parents have sighted their child's diary on a weekly basis and we ask that you sign the diary each week, so home group teachers can see that the diary has gone home. The diary is also an important communication tool, for notes to be sent to and from school. Students leaving the school for any reason, should have a note in their diary and this is sighted and signed by their home group teacher.

I would like to thank Linda Anderson for all the work she has been doing to bring a Youth Driver Awareness Program to Bordertown and Keith in April. It has been amazing to see the sponsorship that has been offered from our communities, to ensure that participants can receive this course for only \$50. Currently the Bordertown day is full, but there are still places in the Keith course and I highly encourage you to book your young drivers into this course if you can.

Alicia Keatley  
Principal

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.

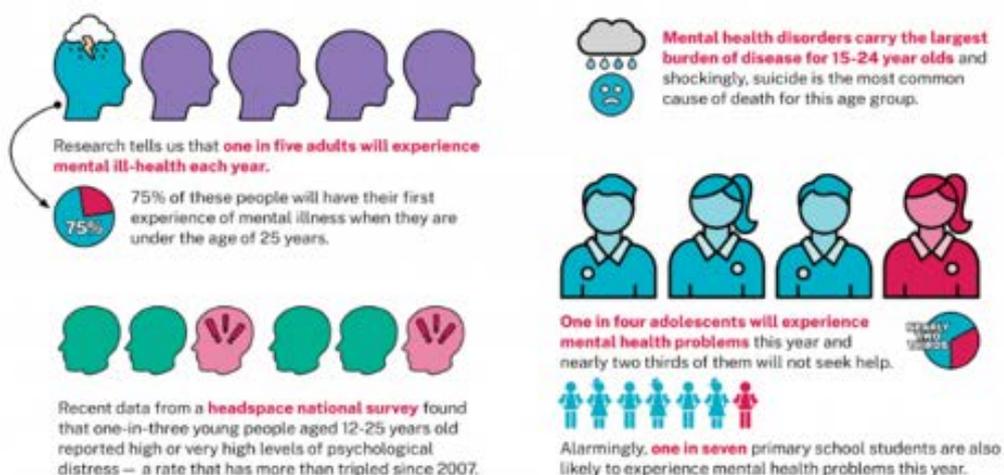


# The Resilience Project

## The Resilience Project

Introducing our new wellbeing curriculum, The Resilience Project! This program will run throughout Years 7 to 11 and focuses on overcoming adversity and building resilience.

WHY are we implementing this program?



As part of The Resilience Project curriculum, students will be watching video presentations tailored to their year level and completing wellbeing lessons in the classroom. Students will also be using the journal section of their diaries to reinforce the program. At BHS we will be running one lesson per week on a rotating timetable.

The program content focuses on the key pillars to resilience: Gratitude, Empathy and Mindfulness. These are evidence-based strategies that are shown to build positive mental health. With regular practise they increase learning capacity, emotional literacy, physical health and happiness. Definitions for each of these strategies are below:

**Gratitude** is paying attention to what you have – as opposed to focusing on the lack of something. It's about being thankful for the little things in life and acknowledging what went well for you.

**Empathy** is the ability to understand another person's thoughts and feelings from their perspective. Closely linked with kindness, empathy is about actively looking for opportunities to be there for other people.

**Mindfulness** is about being in the present moment. It builds a sense of clarity and calm, and can be practised through breathing exercises, meditation and paying attention to feelings and senses.

Parents can find more information by scanning the below QR code:



Or access this website:

<https://theresilienceproject.com.au/parent-and-carer-hub-martin/>

If you would like further information on this program and how we will be running it in our school please contact Debra Clarke, Student Counsellor, 87521455.

## NAPLAN NEWS

The National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests skills that all young people need to progress through school and life, including reading, writing, spelling, grammar, and numeracy. NAPLAN testing this year will be happening in March, rather than May, which will allow schools to have access to student results sooner. This will allow us to better support student learning.

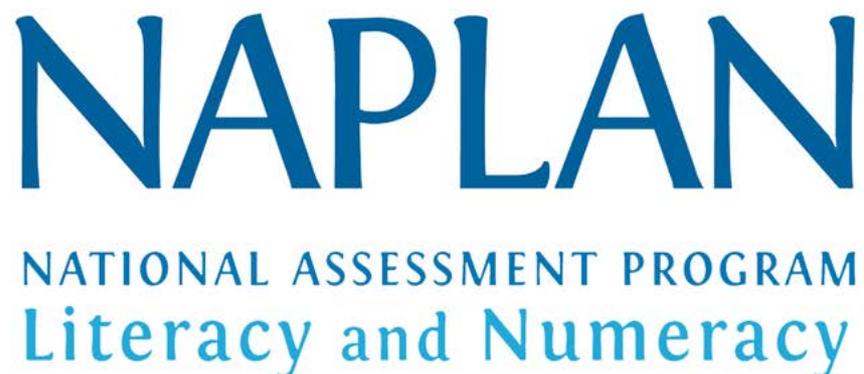
Further information will be sent home soon with specific dates and times of testing for both Year 7's and 9's.

It is important to remember that NAPLAN tests are not pass/fail tests, but an opportunity for students to show where their strengths are with their learning and where they might need more support.

The data we obtain from the NAPLAN results is an important tool used by teachers to identify areas where student growth is required.

We encourage families to talk openly about the NAPLAN testing process and promote the need for students to complete each of the tests to the best of their ability.

Naomi Excell  
NAPLAN Coordinator



**NAPLAN**  
NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM  
Literacy and Numeracy

# Vocational Education Training (VET)

Bordertown High School is dedicated to preparing students for a successful future through delivering quality career education and highlighting pathways to further education and employment. We work with a number of local businesses to provide quality apprentices and trainees who are passionate about pursuing a career in particular industries.

A school-based apprenticeship or traineeship allows students generally in Years 11, 12 or 13 to combine school, a VET qualification, and paid employment. The VET component includes on-the-job training with an employer or off-the-job training with a registered training organisation, or a combination of both. To be eligible for this opportunity, students need to have completed work experience with the employer or in a similar field. Once an offer has been accepted they will be signed with a registered training organisation who will complete an aptitude test to ensure students are ready to start training, check that the course is suitable for them, and it identifies any support they may need, including:

**Suitability Assessment:** Determines if the student and the course are a good fit.

**Support Needs Assessment:** Determines if the student has any learning or personal needs to be addressed to ensure a successful outcome.

**Literacy and Numeracy Assessment:** Determines if a student has any gaps in their foundation skills that will impact on training and/or future employment.

Currently we have 11 students enrolled as a Student Based Apprenticeship in industries such as fabrication, agriculture, cooking, construction and vehicle mechanics. These students range over a number of year levels and I have received positive reports from their employers. We work with MTA Motor Trade Association every year to provide Year 10 students with the opportunity to complete a Certificate I in Automotive Vocational Preparation. The course will introduce students to the everyday workings of a career in vehicle repair through practical, hands-on learning with the guidance of industry experts. From motorcycles to marine, there are endless employment opportunities to match student interests. The training is completed over one week of each term holiday and the student completes two weeks of work experience to gain their certificate. This has been a very successful partnership with MTA and has created a number of opportunities for student employment. We are lucky to have Tatiara Truck & Trailers provide a training facility for this program to run.

Pieter Muller, who was one of six students to successfully complete the Certificate I in Automotive Vocational Preparation in 2022, was recognised last week by the Automotive Industry Group South East as Bordertown High School Skill Centre Program most outstanding student. The award was donated by Tatiara Truck & Trailers. Congratulations on this award, Pieter, and we wish you luck as you complete your Agricultural Mechanical Technician apprenticeship with Brandt Tractor Pty Ltd.

If you are an employer interested in offering an apprenticeship or traineeship to a school aged student please contact myself at the High School and I can discuss details and the process with you. Additionally, we are here to support parents who would like to find out more about these opportunities.

Lauren Kirk

Assistant Principal (Year 10-12)



# 2023 House Captains

## Canara

### Captains

Eliza Orrock  
Harry Meakins

### Vice Captains

Jasmine Pfitzner  
Flynn Rogers

## Pinjali

### Captains

Lily Kennett  
Ryan Wegener

### Vice Captains

Hayley Steuart  
Caleb Patterson

## Walamba

### Captains

Andrea Fuentes  
Rylen Croser

### Vice Captains

Chantelle Smith  
Owen Mewett

## Glenora

### Captains

Shayla Knauerhase  
Blake Dinning

### Vice Captains

Melanie McFarlane  
Pieter Muller

**ATHLETICS DAY Friday 10th March  
7:30am START**

## Athletics Carnival help

Can you assist at our Interhouse Athletics Day on Friday 10th 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# ATHLETICS DAY LUNCH ORDER FORM

Friday 10 March 2023

***Please return order to School no later than Wednesday 8 March  
Also available on QKR!***

**ENCLOSE MONEY WITH THIS ORDER, COLLECT BETWEEN 11 – 12PM**

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Group \_\_\_\_\_

No.	ITEM	COST	TOTAL
	Ham & Cheese Croissant	\$3.50	
	Ham & Spinach Quiche	\$4.00	
	Sweet Chilli Vienna	\$6.00	
	Pie	\$5.50	
	Pasty	\$5.50	
	Sausage Roll	\$5.00	
	Cheese Sausage Roll	\$6.00	
	Sweet Chilli Chicken Focaccia	\$7.00	
	Steamed Dim Sims	\$1.00	
	Chicken, Ham or Salami Salad Wrap	\$6.50	
	Frog in a Pond (Choc Frog in Jelly)	\$2.00	
	Fresh Strawberries and Yoghurt	\$3.50	
	Fresh Fruit Salad	\$3.50	
<b>Assorted snacks, cold drinks, ice creams, free tea &amp; coffee will also be available</b>			
Amount Enclosed			\$



## South East Zone Swimming

The annual South East Zone Swimming carnival was held at the new Mt Gambier Aquatic Centre, Wulanda on Friday the 17th of Feb.

Bordertown High again had a good showing finishing second in the Aggregate shield to a very strong Tenison Woods College team, and finishing 2nd in multiple age group shields.

Throughout the day Bordertown High School achieved 12 first places, 24 seconds and 22 thirds. Bordertown High school were the most vocal in supporting and cheering for our swimmers in the pool, which was fantastic to see.

Many swimmers improved their times from our own carnival, and we look forward to further improvement at the SSSA swimming carnival at the Marion Aquatic Centre on Thursday the 2nd of March.

A big thankyou to the parents and grandparents who supported the students at the carnival and assisted with time keeping

The final results were:

Tenison Woods College 508.5pts

Bordertown High School 383pts

St Martins Lutheran College 329.5pts

Mount Gambier High School 275.5pts

Grant High School 267.5pts



# French

Bonjour!

Year 7 and 8 students have embraced the opportunity to participate in the language program once again at Bordertown High School.

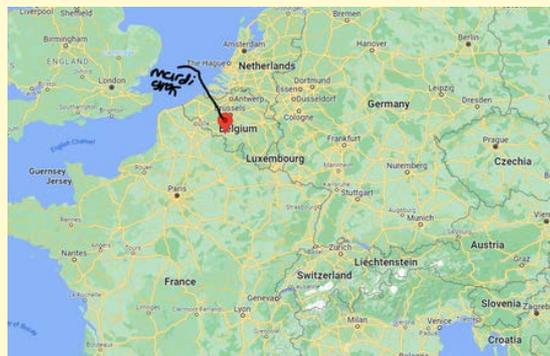
Our focus for the start of the trimester has been conversational language skills. In the classroom, this looks (and sounds) like ensuring we have sufficient word knowledge to communicate with any French-speaking people we may encounter. This includes phrases such as “comment vous appelez-vous” and “quelles langues parlez-vous”? Year 7 and 8 students can confidently introduce themselves, engage in basic conversation and are now working on describing themselves and their family members.

On Tuesday, we celebrated the Carnaval de Mardi Gras de Binche, a celebration which concludes with a parade featuring 'Gilles' who chase away the winter. Students are also working on an 'All about me' project and are learning about living influential French people and the changes they are making to the world.



## The Carnival of Mardi Gras

The Carnival of Mardi Gras is celebrated in Belgium and the celebration gives people the feeling of pride and uniqueness. the celebration is called Fat Tuesday and the costumes are used to scare away the winter. Mardi Gras is a long-lasting tradition from the 14th century. Nothing has changed after all these years they still have the same celebration, and the Gilles are all the same. The Gilles are a fat looking character that scare away the winter to bring in the summer and the Gilles have big puffy shoulders made from paper and a mask made from wax.



Canada have a quite different Madi Gras and Australia has an LGBTQ+ month but Belgium keeps the celebration to themselves and it always has been, but some other country will celebrate it in the future, just maybe.

Dylan Rowett

# French continued

## Carnival of Binche

The Carnival of Binche starts on the 21st of February and goes for three days until the 24th of February. The town of Binche is in the south-west part of Belgium about 10km (about 6.21 mi) from the border with France. The carnival of Binche is a pre-Lenten and folkloric event that has come from a long-standing tradition that existed before it was recorded in history. The festival is based on a folklore that gives the people pride and uniqueness.

The main characters in the carnival are Gilles who mostly appear on Shrove Tuesday and wear a costume stuffed with straw to make them look fat along with an odd wax mask. On Shrove Tuesday there can be up to 1000 Gilles walking along the streets.

The carnival of Binche started in the 14th century and still goes on today over 600 years later. The Belgium Mardi Gras festival is celebrated in many other countries including Europe and Australia, but in Australia it is celebrated for the LGBTQ.

Will Heinrich



## LE CARNAVAL DE MARDI GRAS

**The le carnaval de mardi gras goes for around 4 days, which is held on the 21st-24th of Feb (in Belgium), starts at about 5am every morning and is one of the most famous carnival in France, and one of the worlds most popular events. it is also time for people to eat, drink, and be merry, before people need to start fasting,**

**Binche is a small city in Belgium, which is located in the Wallonia region of France.**

**The history of the Le carnaval de Mardi Gras were passed through Europe, aswell as Rome and Venice in the 17-18th centuries to the French houses of Bourbons.**

**The Gilles are the men who are wearing the costumes. They are inspired by the local men of Binche. Early in the morning (5am) the Gilles appear in the middle of Binche, to dance to the sound of drums and keep off evil spirits with sticks.**

**The Mardi gras is also celebrated at different places and different times of the year to draw crowds. Its also celebrated at parts of America, Italy, France, Germany, Russia, Brazil, Trinida, Poland, UK, Australia, also Alabama, Mississippi, and other parts of the world.**

**The Mardi gras is celebrated differently in nearly every country, some different ways that countries celebrate it different to France is that some different food, also some dances. Some people would also celebrate Mardi Gras with the famous masquerade balls (mainly in Italy).**

TAYLA HAMPEL



# Agriculture Excursion

On Tuesday 14th of February, students from Keith, Naracoorte and Bordertown combined for an excursion about beef cattle marketing. The first stop was the Naracoorte Livestock Exchange. Students took notes on breeds of cattle, pens that sold for higher or lower prices, and how the auctioneers purchased prices higher. Students were amazed at the number of cattle at the sale as well as the fast pace and quick recording.

We then went to Teys for a tour through the processing plant. We started with a talk about the industry, how many cattle they kill a day, trouble with finding reliable labour and how the meat is graded and packed.

Students were amazed at the efficiency from the time the animal is slaughtered to the time it is packed into a box. There was also discussion about why some meat was downgraded and how the company meets the specifications and meat standards. This was a fantastic opportunity to see it all first hand.

Lastly, we went to the Nampara Angus Bull sale near Lucindale. This was a private sale with 104 bulls on offer. Students had assessed their Estimated Breeding Values (EBV's) from the catalogue prior to the sale and then subjectively assessed the bulls. They were amazed by the top selling bull at \$64,000. Students are now busy completing a marketing assignment.

It was a fantastic day and well worth the trip.

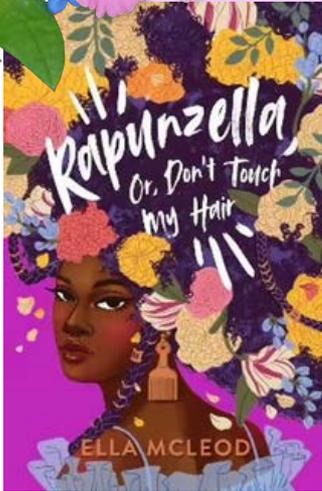


# Library News



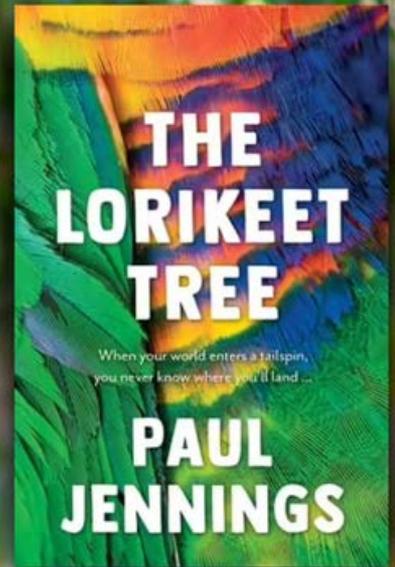
'Rapunzella'  
Ella McLeod

A lyrical celebration of black hair and coming into your identity.

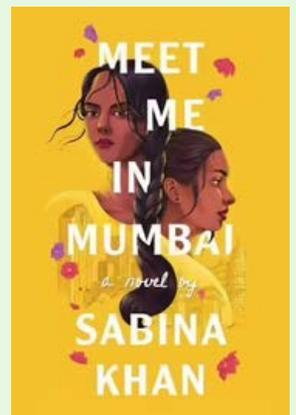
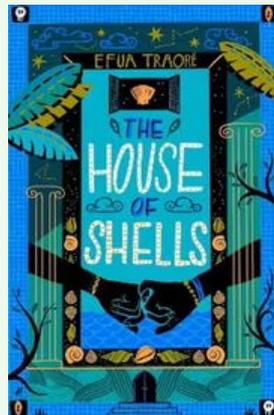
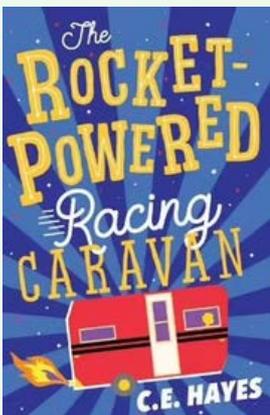
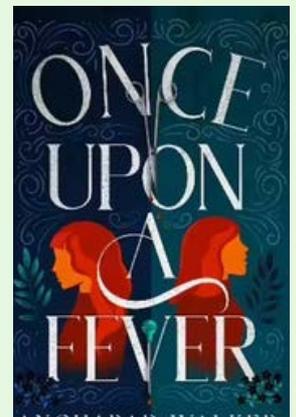
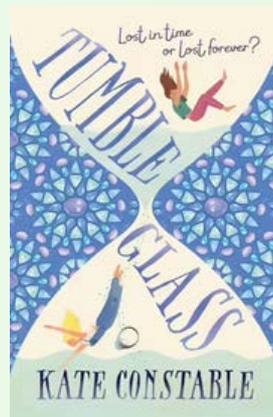
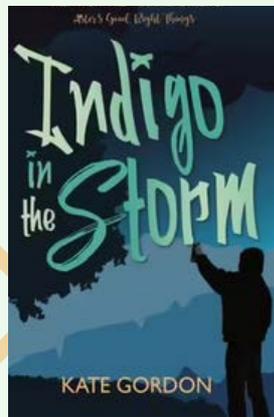
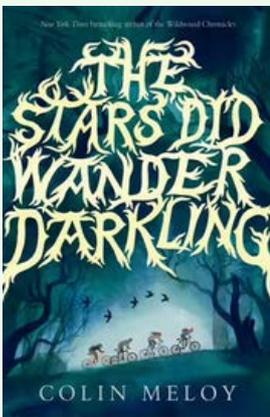


'The Lorikeet Tree'  
Paul Jennings

A sister and brother face the hardest year of their lives and discover the healing power of nature. Emily loves the bush and the native animals on her family's property. But then her father is diagnosed with a terminal illness, and Emily's world enters a tailspin.



## New Fiction Novels in this week...



# 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: \_\_\_\_\_



## Immunisations

The first round of immunisations for Year 7, 8 and 10 students is on Thursday 16th of March.

Please return your forms to the front office if you have not already.



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

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



**HARMONY WEEK**  
Community Diversity  
Celebration Day

*Saturday*  
**25TH MARCH**  
NARACOORTE TOWN SQUARE

LIVE PERFORMANCES FROM LOCAL CULTURAL GROUPS, FREE CULTURAL TASTING PLATES, BBQ & ENTERTAINMENT

JOIN THE COMMUNITY OF NARACOORTE & SURROUNDINGS FOR A FUN FAMILY AFTERNOON TO CELEBRATE THE AMAZING DIVERSITY THAT WE HAVE HERE

**FREE ENTRY / FROM 3PM**



**BUY NOW**

**300ml**

**HATS & STAINLESS INSULATED MUGS**

Black Navy/Tan

**\$25 each**

**MUNDULLA 150 CELEBRATIONS**

Available at the Mundulla General Store or by contacting Toni Williams on 0438829492

All proceeds to Mundulla on the Move, a not for profit community organisation.

**TATIARA TRANSPORT**

Tatiara Transport Pty Ltd – POSITION VACANT - JUNIOR

We have a great opportunity for a young energetic person to join our Team after School hours and some weekends to obtain valuable experience in the Transport Industry.

Duties: but not limited to

- Washing Trucks & Trailers
- Refueling Vehicles
- Maintaining Yard & Depot.

All Enquirers to  
Tatiara Transport: 87520022 / 0491885864  
Email: [compliance@tatiaratransport.com.au](mailto:compliance@tatiaratransport.com.au)

**Bordertown Inter-Church Council**

You are invited to join us for our community  
**Easter Sunrise Service**

Sunday 9 April 2023 @ 6:30am

**Bordertown Recreation Lake**

If inclement weather meet at the Uniting Church Hall

Please bring a chair  
Followed by a Cupper & Hot Cross Buns



25th March 2023

# B2B Cycle Ride

2023 is the 30th anniversary of cycle ride events raising funds for the **Bordertown Memorial Hospital** and Aged Care facilities. The B2B in 2023 is going to be bigger and better than ever! Enter individually or in a team to combine your fundraising efforts. The ride is fully supported with water and snack stops, support vehicles and traffic management.



### Ride Options

Choose from the options below. All rides will finish in Bordertown at approximately 5:30pm for a post-ride celebration!

Ride Options	Experience Level	Leaving From	Distance	Ride Time (approx, breaks in addition)
1	Experienced Riders	Kingston at 12:30pm	114 km	4 hours 15 mins
2	Challenge Riders	Kingston at 10am	114 km	5 hours 45 mins
3	Challenge Riders	Marcollat at 1:10pm	61 km	3 hours
4	Challenge Riders	Wampony at 4:10pm	23 km	1 hour 15 mins
5	Family Riders	Mundulla from 4:30pm	10 km	30 - 45 mins

We expect Option 1 riders to ride at an average of 25km/hr or faster for the full distance. Challenge riders should be able to ride at an average of approximately 20km/hr for their chosen distance. Family riders at their own pace.

### Entry Fee/Donation

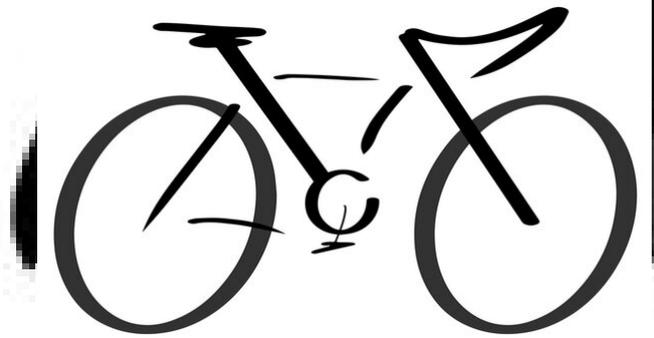
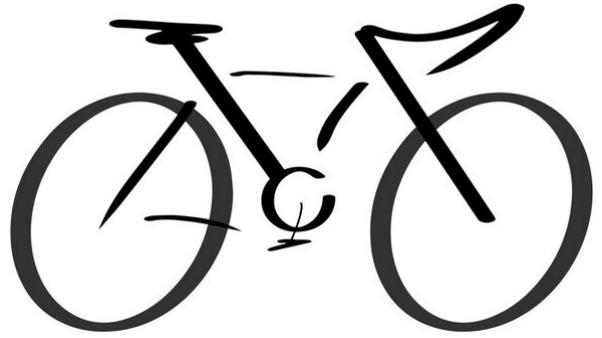
**Option 1 or 2:** \$180 per cyclist (BikeSA membership will be included if not already a member)  
**Option 3 or 4:** \$120 per cyclist (BikeSA membership will be included if not already a member)  
**\*\*Early Bird Bonus for Options 1 > 4:** Commemorative 30th Anniversary Ride Jersey - registration must be completed and payment received by 28th January 2022  
**Option 5:** \$25 per family, riders under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult

### Fundraising

We encourage all riders to assist in the fundraising efforts of the Foundation by asking family and friends to donate or to sponsor you or your team in the lead up to this fantastic event. Every dollar helps! See over the page for details on how to donate.



30 Years



25th March 2023

# B2B Cycle Ride

### Training Rides

If you are choosing Options 1 > 4, we strongly encourage you to attend one or more training rides. This is especially important if you're not familiar with riding in a group. These training rides will not focus on speed, rather they will concentrate on the dynamics and etiquette of riding in a group.

- Training Ride 1 - 8am Sunday 18th February 2023
- Training Ride 2 - 8am Sunday 25th February 2023
- Training Ride 3 - 8am Sunday 4th March 2023
- Training Ride 4 - 8am Sunday 11th March 2023



In the lead up to these "official" training rides, we welcome you to meet at Apex Park every Sunday morning at 8am (from 20th November) to go for a ride.

Our team captain has started a WhatsApp group for Bordertown-based riders to post if they are planning a ride and would like company. If you would like to join this group, please indicate this when you register.

### How to Register

Visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CDZJT> or use the QR code to go straight to the booking web site on your phone. Registration opens 15th November 2022.



If you have any questions about registration, please email [info@bhcfoundation.com.au](mailto:info@bhcfoundation.com.au)

### How to make a tax deductible donation to B2B 2023

**Online**  
Visit our web site using the QR code or: <https://bhcfoundation.com.au/donations>



**Cheque**  
To: Bordertown Health & Community Foundation  
PO Box 743 Bordertown SA 5268

**EFT Transfer**  
BSB: 035070  
A/c: 171227  
Reference: your name/ rider name  
Email: [daleb@murraynankivell.com.au](mailto:daleb@murraynankivell.com.au) to request a receipt

**Cash/Cheque Deposit at Bank SA**  
BSB: 105066  
A/c: 036476140  
Reference: your name or rider/team name

**In Person**  
Complete the details below and provide to a Board Member or rider with your donation.

### B2B 2023 Donation Details

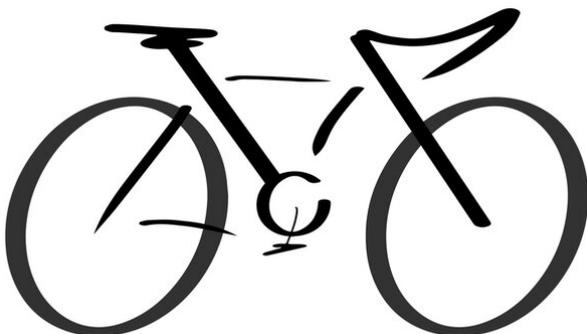
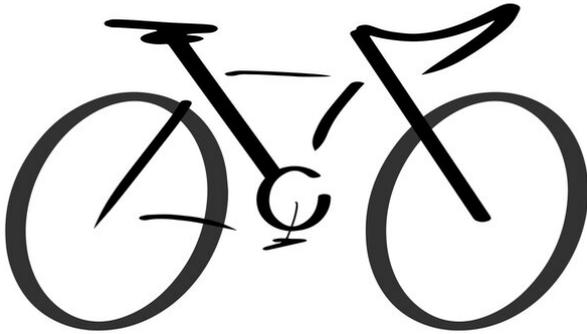
Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am sponsoring: \_\_\_\_\_  
rider or team name

Receipt by Email/Post: \_\_\_\_\_  
email or postal address



30 Years



# 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](http://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](http://sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard)



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education