



# BORDERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter



As we reflect back on 2023, it seems many aspects of school and wider life have returned to almost normal which has resulted in the ability of everyone to focus on learning. Bordertown High School staff are committed to developing and supporting the young people of our district, to become active members of our community. Our staff work hard every day to build the ability of students to learn and think in an increasingly complex world. Learning needs to be a lifelong approach for both our staff and students so that our young people meet the needs of the future workforce.

This year we have recognised the long term service of a number of teaching and SSO staff. While some service awards were mentioned earlier in the year, we have recently presented some more awards, so would like to reflect on all the staff who have been recognised this year. I would like to congratulate the following staff on their years of service; Mrs Heinjus, Mrs Belluzzo and Mrs Warncken for 10 years of service; Mr Ralph and Mr Orrock for 20 years of service and Mrs Scown for 40 years of service.

This year has seen a number of staff leave us, with Jenna Kennett, Katrina Pretlove and Joanne Gabriel leave during the school year. We also saw Miss Collins and Mrs Obst leave to have babies. As the year closes we say farewell to a number of other staff and thank them for their dedication to Bordertown High School and our students. Mrs Warncken will be retiring, along with Lynny Schneider, who will finish in January. I would like to thank them both for their years of working at the school. Miss Day, Mr Povey and Mr Hamilton have all completed their contracts at our school and are moving on. Mr Exton will be taking 12 months leave and Mrs Excell is taking 6 months leave from teaching. We hope Mr Exton and Mrs Excell enjoy their time away from their roles and look forward to their return to our school in the future.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### JANUARY

- 29 First Day of Term 1
- 30 Swimming Heats

#### FEBRUARY

- 2 Swimming Carnival
- 16 SEZ Swimming
- 21 School Photos
- 27 Standards Day

#### MARCH

- 8 Athletics Day

### TERM 1 Starts

Monday 29th Jan 2024



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.



Government of South Australia  
Department for Education

In 2024 there will be some new teachers and SSOs joining our staff, as well as some familiar faces returning on contract. At the present time, we have not finalised our staffing, so announcements of new staff will happen at the start of 2024.

It was fantastic to see so many families at our Presentation Evening. To those students who received awards, your achievements have reflected your dedication, commitment and hard work that you have demonstrated over the year. To our year 12 students, we wish you well and hope that the results you receive next week, reflect your hard work. Remember, look for opportunities, take up challenges and open your eyes and mind to the world in front of you. There are so many things on offer to you, I hope you find your true passion and strive to be the best you can be. After all, it is now up to you, only you can determine how successful you are going to be.

To the students who are leaving our school to continue their education elsewhere, we wish you good luck and hope that your time at Bordertown High School has provided you with the skills to make the most of every opportunity in your new school.

With Christmas nearly upon us, I wish our families and wider community a Merry Christmas and an enjoyable break. May you make the most of the time you have with family and friends, and have a very safe and restful holiday. We look forward to seeing students back at school on Monday 29th January 2024.

Alicia Keatley  
Principal



**The Front Office will be closed  
from 22nd December 2023 until the  
22nd January 2024**

# Year 10 Coastal Trip



As part of the Year 10 Geography course, we are studying the environmental management of coasts as a topic. To make the content more meaningful, we conducted a field trip to Kingston and Robe on Thursday 9th November, where coastal processes and human interaction were studied.

The students traveled by coach, leaving Bordertown High School at 7:00am and returned to the school around 5:00pm.

The trip was to occur regardless of the weather; therefore, students needed to be prepared for this but to their good fortune, the sun was out and there was the smallest of breezes. As part of this trip, students were asked to use devices (phones), cameras, etc. to take photos and record their results. They had to take 'selfies' or be in photos to show attendance. Students used these images to further their responses in their final assessment.

Students enjoyed a lunch break in Robe, choosing a variety of food options or alternatively some retail therapy.

Greg Ralph  
Geography Teacher

## YR 10 COASTAL TRIP



## Year 7 Science

This term our year 7 scientists are learning about forces. We began the term with a little bit of magic engaging motor skills, science and teamwork to create a line of cans that could balance without tipping over.

This led to our crash test dummies practical investigation where students used their STEM skills to build a Lego car that could withstand an impact at the bottom of a ramp. Using the iPads, students created slow motion videos of their collisions to explore inertia (the tendency of an object to resist changes in motion) as our plasticine people got thrown out of the cars.

We then entered the world of contact and non-contact forces, starting with friction. We used spring balances to measure force in Newtons while investigating the connections between friction and mass. This engaged our math skills as we used different masses to create the desired total mass for our spring balance to measure, then made a line graph to display our findings.

Gravity, the force of attraction between two masses, was next on our list of things to discover. We theorized and explored the fall time of common objects on Earth. Budget restrictions left us watching a video (instead of getting on the Magic School Bus) of an astronaut dropping a hammer and feather on the Moon. Our newfound appreciation of air resistance was put to the test when we designed and created cardboard helicopters which we tested, modified and tested again.

Our exploration of magnetic and electric fields resulted in some fascinating iron filing art to show the magnetic field of a bar magnet. We then did some testing around magnetic shields, during which the most challenging part was holding our hands steady and not knocking down the floating paperclip.

As the academic year draws to a close, our year 7 scientists are now studying for their final test on this learning area. I wish them all the best in their science learning in the future.

Cassandra Anderson - Science Teacher



# YEAR 7 camp

## NARACOORTE CAVES



# YEAR 8 camp

NOORLA YO-LONG



# YEAR 9 camp

GRAMPIANS



# YEAR 10 camp

MURRAY BRIDGE  
AQUATICS





# Geography News - Food Security

Over a two week period students from 9B Geography visited Foodland to apply knowledge surrounding food security and the variance wealth provides.

On their first visit, students worked in pairs to compare large and extravagant budgets to that of limited and considerably smaller budgets. Students were tasked with creating a week's menu to the best of their ability. They were allocated varying budgets to compare the items bought and discuss the impact price had on quality, variety and other issues surrounding food security.

While at Foodland, students set about filling their fridge. They were directed to cater for three meals a day, ensuring dietary requirements were met. Students found variety the biggest issue while budgeting and were shocked to learn Hawaiian Pizza, Meatlover's Pizza and Supreme Pizza does not mean variety or nutrition.

Whilst at Foodland for the second week, students were asked to look beyond food and at other items that impact food security. Students were asked to consider pet ownership, time needed to prepare and cook food, as well as hygiene needs and medicines. They were to look at aisle width, product placement, access and safety along with difficulties faced transporting items.

Students were also asked to consider growing families, as well as major expenses incurred and how they might impact food security.

9B Geography, along with Bordertown High School would like to thank Foodland and its employees for welcoming our class and allowing this valuable field trip to once again take place.

Greg Ralph  
Year 9 Geography Teacher



# BHS Equipment Fund

The BHS Equipment Fund was established in 1988 with donations from families of past, present and future students, local business' and service clubs, and is managed by a community based Board of Trustees. The Fund comprises a capital base of sound investments from which approximately 90% of its annual income is made available to the school, the balance is, along with all new donations, reinvested into the capital pool.

Over the past decade government funding has been reasonably good, allowing us to grow the fund, however with the COVID deficit now needing to be accounted for this funding is again falling short. Therefore the School will again be turning to the fund to help purchase the equipment to take our students into their future.

Recently the Fund received a generous donation of \$5,000 from the Wolseley Community and Recreation Club and \$5000 from Brandt for which we are most grateful, it is donations such as this that will ensure the Funds continued relevance as we strive to grow the capital base ahead of inflation.

For further information contact:

Chairman Trevor Butler ph. 0429 832 272

Treasurer Nick Davis ph. 0408 844 462

*Thank you!*

## Good Country Community Op Shop



**GOOD COUNTRY**  
Community Op Shop

**Thankyou Good Country Community Op Shop for your very kind donation of \$1000 to BHS. This donation has been split between a specialised table for our Home Ec Centre and our Students Wellbeing Wednesday.**



### From the Community, By the Community, For the Community

We would like to thank our fantastic community for donating generously to our Community Op Shop and our amazing group of volunteers who spend many hours dedicating their time to sort through the bags and boxes of donations we receive.

#### Thinking of donating??

Here is some things to remember when donating items:

- Please make sure **ALL ITEMS ARE CLEAN BEFORE DONATING.**
- Please don't donate any chipped, broken, torn or dirty items as these are not sellable.
- No Electricals or Large Furniture.
- Due to safety requirements, we don't accept Bike Helmets or Porta Cots.
- Baby equipment (such as highchairs) must meet Australian Standards. Prams, Strollers and Car Seats must be less than 10 years old.
- No Magazines or Encyclopedias.
- No Mattresses
- No VHS or Tape Cassettes.

If unsure.... please speak to our staff in the shop.

Please drive thru to the shed to drop off your donations.

Thanks for your support.



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If you read for just 15 minutes a day, in one year you will have read over 1,000,000 words!

Even though it is school holidays, it doesn't mean that students should stop reading. Students can read all year around with the School's FREE eLibrary available to use on phones, ipads, tablets and laptops. Including eBooks and Audiobooks, with new book titles added monthly. Students can log on with their school email address.

# Library

# Student Achievement

Alix Richardson joined the School Sports State Golf team in Perth. As captain, Alix led her team to victory, winning the first day by 8 shots. Alix is very proud of her achievements and hopes to continue making the team in the future.



## 7-9 Girls Cricket

On Monday the 4th December, the BHS Girls cricket team played Maitland Lutheran at St Ignatius in the semi-final of the School Sport SA 7-9 Girls T20 Cricket Competition.

Captain Mia Richards won the toss and elected to bat on a warm sunny morning. Lara Weise and Kyla Pilgrim put on a 37 run opening partnership, playing some good shots and running well between the wickets before Lara was bowled just before drinks, another three wickets fell shortly after, before Zoe Harvey and Mia Richards steadied the innings to get to 5/56 before a few wickets fell at the end in search of quick runs. BHS finished the allotted overs 6/70. Lara top scoring with 19, Kyla 11, Mia 10 and Zoe 8.

In reply, Maitland Lutheran finished 2/63. The girls fielded well, and Kyla took an important catch at mid-on to dismiss their set opener off the bowling of Ada Blackwell, who finished with 2/5. BHS had won and were through to the final against Cabra College, who had defeated St Ignatius in the other semi-final.

Mia again won the toss and elected to bat first. Cabra's opening bowlers caused us some issues and we found ourselves 4/14 in the 5th over. Zoe Harvey had provided the only highlights with some nicely timed drives down the ground before being dismissed for 4. Our first drop Emma, managed to stay in on a wicket which was cracking up under the heat, playing a nice drive through the covers for 3, before being caught for 6. Mia Richards also played a swat down the ground for our only boundary before being dismissed for 7. BHS were all out, however, for 41 in the 13th over, two of the last 3 wickets getting stumped by some handy glovework by their keeper.

## 7-9 Girls Cricket Cont.

At this stage if the girls had wilted in the 37°C heat, you couldn't have blamed them. Cabra's coach was pointing out they had more girls to pick from in Years 7-9 than we had students in our entire school.

It was decided to throw caution to the wind, and open with our leg spinner, Emma, who bowled one of the most incredible spells ever to have them 3/8 in the 3rd over. A run out by Willa saw Cabra fall to 4/10 and we were starting to consider if the improbable was going to happen.

Cabra's next partnership put on 20 and the game seemed to be going to what most at the ground would've predicted, however, just before drinks Ada made a breakthrough, bowling their set batter. Cabra 5/30.

Willa bowled the next over after drinks and picked up a wicket, Cabra 6/35. Lara was brought on to bowl and got a wicket maiden, with a catch hit to Zoe, Cabra 7/36. Willa came on to bowl the 13th over and picked up a wicket also caught by Zoe before Mia and Willa combined for a run out to have them 9/36. On the last ball of her over Willa bowled their final wicket to have Cabra all out for 36. Somehow BHS had won, defending just 41.

Well done to the girls for their willingness to attend trainings, remaining calm under pressure and the way they played the game. Thanks to Mr Orrock for driving the bus and scoring and Martin Harvey for helping give the incoming batters throw downs. Special thanks to St Ignatius for hosting and providing good quality wickets along with classrooms to keep cool with in the breaks.

Jamie Illman - Cricket Coach



# Presentation Awards

Presentation Night was held on Tuesday 12th December for our students to recognise their special achievements and academic merit awards. Congratulations to the following students:

## **Barker Awards:**

Barker Dux of the School: Caleb Patterson (Year 12)

Barker School Principal's Award: Flynn Rogers (Year 12)

Barker Community Service and Spirit Award: Aarshi Ghimire (Year 12)

MacKillop Award for the student who has consistently shown initiative and contributed to the school community: Layne Le Gal Pawson (Year 12)

Australian Defence Force Leadership and Teamwork Award: Noah Nankivell Murphy (Year 12)  
Addie Smedley (Year 10)

Australian Defence Force Future Innovators Awards: Daniel Obst (Year 12)  
Hudson Leach (Year 10)

UNISA Award for most Consistent Bordertown High School Junior: Sophia Cornish (Year 9)  
UNISA Award for most Consistent Bordertown High School Senior: Luke Graetz (Year 10)

Bordertown High School Scholarship Trust  
Bordertown and District Primary Producers Scholarship: Haley Steuart (Year 11)  
Bordertown Ex-Service Personnel Scholarship: Andrea Fuentes (Year 11)  
Old Scholars Vocation Scholarship: Lily Kennett (Year 11)

Barbara Williams Memorial Academic Aspiration Yr 11: Aarshi Ghimire (Year 11)  
Barbara Williams Memorial Academic Aspiration Yr 12: Makenzie Pickering (Year 12)

Mackillop Best Mate Award: Yvanne Minoza (Year 12)  
BHS Best Mate Award Year 7-11: Adam Graetz (Year 7)

Stand Like Stone Philanthropic School Award: Lily-Rose O'Sullivan (Year 11)

Year 11 Into Work Vibrant Futures Award: Georgina Buick  
Finalists: Pieter Muller & Eliza Orrock

Sportsman of the Year: Flynn Rogers (Year 12)  
Sportswoman of the Year: Eliza Orrock (Year 11)

House Shield: Canara  
House Captains: Eliza Orrock and Harry Meakins

# Presentation Awards

## Year 12 Subject Awards:

- Agriculture: Melanie McFarlane  
Biology: Aarshi Ghimire  
Chemistry: Caleb Patterson  
English: Aarshi Ghimire & Caleb Patterson  
Food and Hospitality: Adrian Saraosos  
Information Processing and Publishing: Adrian Saraosos  
Mathematics (General): Daniel Obst  
Mathematics (Methods): Caleb Patterson  
Design and Technology: Flynn Rogers  
Physics: Caleb Patterson  
Research Project: Aarshi Ghimire

Cathy Hinge

## Presentation Night Photos



# Award Winners





# Presentation Night Awards

## 2023 Academic Merit Award Winners

### Year 7

Adam Graetz  
Will Heinrich  
ChiChi Okoye

### Year 8

Lexi Morris  
Talise Phillips  
Kaj Williamson

### Year 9

Sophia Cornish  
Judd Kennett  
Madeline Mead

### Year 10

Grace Lusher  
Lawrence Melendres  
Addie Smedley

### Year 11

Andrea Fuentes  
Lily-Rose O'Sullivan  
Hayley Twigden

**A big thankyou to the following donors:** Williams family for the late Mrs B Williams, Mrs M McLaughlin, Uni SA, B & D Plumbing Solutions, MP Member for MacKillop-Nick McBride, Federal Member for Barker - Tony Pasin, Hon Ben Hood MLC, Australian Defence Force, Stand Like Stone Foundation, MAS National, Mrs D Murray for the late Mr & Mrs E Champness, Bordertown High School Scholarship Trust Fund, Mr K & Mrs J Watson, Murray Nankivell & Associates, Mr R & Mrs L Staude, Mr G & Mrs J Ramsdale, Bordertown Lions Club, Country Living Dentistry, GD Butler Trust, Bordertown Pharmacy, Mrs J Wiese, Mr D & Mrs S Walter & Mr G & Mrs C Ralph. If you would like to be a donor next year, please contact the Front Office.



## 2023 Semester 2 Merit Awards

### Year 7

Lucy Bennett  
Adam Graetz  
ChiChi Okoye

### Year 8

Ada Blackwell  
Mu Mu Chirau  
Lexi Morris  
Talise Phillips  
Siamon Serentas  
Kai Williamson

### Year 9

Sophia Cornish

### Year 10

Jacqui Altus  
Grace Lusher  
Lawrence Melendres  
Jacob Mencias  
Hananeh Sadiqi  
Addie Smedley

### Year 11

Andrea Fuentes  
Lily-Rose O'Sullivan  
Hayley Twigden

# Year 12 Formal

This year, Bordertown High School's Year 12 Formal was held at the Old Mundulla Hotel on Friday 24 November. There were many staff, students and partners in attendance enjoying the festivities of the evening.

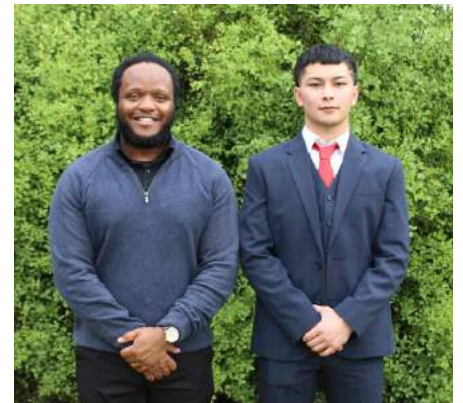
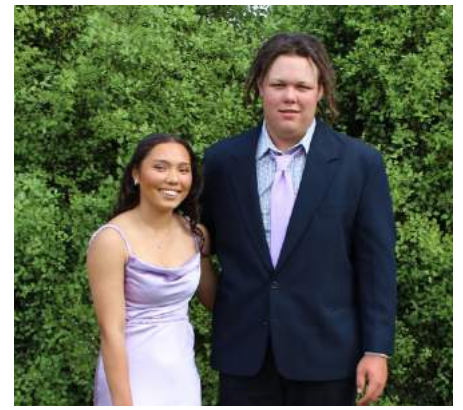
Upon arrival, the students, partners and their family members enjoyed having their photos taken before entering the dining area. Carly Ralph and Chloe Matindi took wonderful photos of our students, and it was great seeing all of them dressed up in their formal attire. It was nice to be joined by our students that had already left school to complete apprenticeships.

2023 has seen its challenges as our Year 12 group has tried to conquer the demands of Stage 2 SACE. The Year 12 students have not given up despite the obstacles set in their path and the loss of a fellow class mate, they have bonded further as a group and supported each other through these challenges which stands them in good stead entering the new challenges that meet them as they leave High School.

Overall, the evening was a wonderful event that was enjoyed by all and I am sure it will form a lasting memory for the students to reflect on their time at school. I would like to thank the Formal Committee, the Bordertown High School staff in attendance and the staff at the Old Mundulla Hotel for their support in making this such a great event.

Chloe Matindi- Year 12 Coordinator







## **BORDERTOWN CHRISTMAS CAROLS**

**Sunday December 17, 2023**

**Bordertown Football oval 7:30pm**

**6:30-7:15 pm BBQ and Drinks**

**BYO chair or rug**

**Offering for Tatiara Pastoral**

**Care Workers in our schools**

If inclement weather-venue Bordertown Civic Centre

Program by Bordertown Inter-Church Council. Sponsored by Tatiara Council



## Dental Assistant Traineeships

SA Dental is offering up to 30 Dental Assisting Traineeship positions at clinics across the State. The 12-month Traineeship contract includes on the job training and attendance at TAFE where you will gain a Certificate 3 in Dental Assisting while earning \$21,388 - \$39,646 a year.

If you are 17 – 24 years of age (or up to 30 years if Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander) and have finished year 11, you may qualify for a Traineeship.

Applications open 12/01/2024 – 04/02/2024 for the June 2024 intake.

For more information on the Dental Assistant Traineeship please visit: [www.dental.sa.gov.au/about/careers](http://www.dental.sa.gov.au/about/careers)

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CONTAINERS PLEASE FOR OUR  
SCIENCE AREAS. ANY DONATIONS CAN  
BE DROPPED IN TO THE FRONT OFFICE