

# BORDERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

## Newsletter



Routines are important to being successful at school. We are currently focusing on ensuring Year 7-11 students have homework in their diaries, so that if homework is set, parents can see what is required to be done at home and can support their children with this. Teachers are checking that set homework is in diaries and students are expected to take their diaries home each night. Parents are asked to check diaries on weekends and ensure they are signed, so that home group teachers can see that the diary has been sighted at home. We also ask parents put general communications to the school in diaries so they can be checked by the home group teacher. Thank you to parents who are already supporting this process, to help develop this routine with their child.

NAPLAN is fast approaching for our year 7 and 9 students. NAPLAN provides an opportunity for students to see how they are progressing with their learning against a national standard and provides information for families in relation to growth in their learning every two years. As a school, this data allows us to determine where additional support might be needed for students to be successful with their learning. As we prepare for NAPLAN testing I encourage families to discuss at home the importance of students doing their best in this testing process, and for students to really challenge themselves, to find out their true potential.

The ADI Youth Driver Awareness Program is returning to Bordertown on the 5th and 6th April, 2024. This program was run for the first time last year and has been supported by donations from many local businesses and organisations to support a greater level of driving skills in our young people. I highly encourage families to consider enrolling their young drivers into this program, especially when the cost has been reduced to \$30 per participant due to all the donations. Contact details for more information on poster in this newsletter. Thank you to Linda Anderson for her ongoing work in organising this for our community and families. A massive thank you to all the local businesses who have already committed to supporting the program, your donations mean the program is accessible to everyone and is supporting keeping our young people safe on the roads. If you are interested in supporting the program by donating funds to keep the cost down for participants, please contact the school and we will be able to help you with this.

The last few weeks have seen a number of Covid-19 cases in the school. The Department for Education still requires staff and students to not attend school for 5 days from the day they have tested positive, or longer if the individual still has symptoms. While not all illness is Covid-19, please keep students at home if they are sick for the wellbeing of other students and staff. Please notify the school if your child tests positive.

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### MARCH

6th Governing Council AGM  
8th Athletics Day  
11th Adelaide Cup Holiday  
28th Early Dismissal (2:25pm)  
29th Good Friday

#### APRIL

1st Easter Monday  
12th Early Dismissal (2:25pm)



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.



# Governing Council

## Bordertown High School

Governing Council AGM

Wednesday 6th March 2024

at 7:00pm in the High School Study Hub

Apologies to the High School on 8752 1455 or email dl.0894.info@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 2024



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 ...../...../.....

# New Staff

## Fiona Mulder

My name is Fiona Mulder and I feel very fortunate to be the new Assistant Principal of the Middle School years at BHS. I've moved a lazy 900kms from the red deserts of Roxby Downs to this beautiful part of our state and Bordertown already feels like home to me. I am excited to start playing hockey for Mundulla and becoming a platinum spender at the Tatiara Work Centre.

I am incredibly impressed by the students at BHS; their friendly and welcoming nature and their strong sense of community is beautiful. I am excited to be on deck for at least the next 3 years to support and encourage the students in all areas of their learning.



## Phil Cole

Hi, I'm Phil, and I'm one of the new maths teachers at Bordertown High School. I grew up all over Australia, with a dad in the RAAF, but have spent most of my adult life in Adelaide where my family is originally from.

I am new to teaching having shifted from a previous career working with the homeless community in Adelaide for 10 years. I was looking for a new challenge, had always thought about teaching, and knew schools were crying out for maths teachers. I finished a Bachelor of Mathematics at UniSA in 2021 and a Masters of Teaching in 2023.

I am looking forward to getting to know the students more at Bordertown, getting to know the community and getting to know the area. Teaching at Bordertown is an exciting opportunity I am keen to embrace.



## Rongwei He

Hi, I am Rongwei and I am one of the new maths and science teachers at Bordertown High School. I have held a great passion for maths and science since I was young, and I want to share this with my students through meaningful learning.

I graduated from Bachelor of Mathematics and decided to become a teacher in 2020. Although I am new to being a teacher, I am willing to learn from my colleagues to become greater at it.



## Bella Nitschke

I grew up in the Riverland, with my family of 6. I have a dog named Zuri, but my favourite animal is a sheep. I also love to cook in my spare time, especially sweet treats!

My role at Bordertown High School is working in Student Support. Before my role here I was in Student Support at Berri Regional Secondary College, in the Riverland for 2 years. I am completing a Certificate IV in Education Support to gain a greater understanding of how to support young people with their learning.

I look forward to meeting all the students and new faces around the community.





## New Staff



### Tammy Creaser

Hi, I'm Tammy and I am excited to be taking on the Business Manager role at the High School this year.

I have been working in Administration & Finance for Treasury Wine Estates for the past 12 years whilst also working in our own business, Creaser Haulage & Bobcat. I am married to Dean and we have 3 grown up children, Shaun, Jarred & Lucy and a grandson named Huey.

I look forward to working with the families, staff & students at the school.

### Sarah Shepherd

Hi, my name is Sarah!

I started at Bordertown High School as an SSO in Term 4 last year and loved it so much that I'm back for 2024.

Most weekends you'll find me playing netball, singing, catching up with friends/family (eating plenty of food) and staying active.

I live in Naracoorte, play netball for Padthaway and work in Bordertown - lucky I enjoy driving!



### Amber Dimitriadis



I grew up in Mundulla and completed all my schooling here at Bordertown High School. I moved on to live in Adelaide for 3 years while studying a Bachelor of Education and have recently moved back home. I am one of 5 children.

When I'm not at BHS I spend two of my days working at Mundulla Primary in student support. My weekends are filled with family, friends and netball in the winter.

I'm looking forward to working with high school students and getting to know new faces!

### Wade Neumann

Wade has started as our new maintenance person. He has been kept very busy so far this term and has done a great job at the high school. Wade lives locally with his family and comes a wealth of knowledge from previous experiences.

## SEZ SWIMMING - MT GAMBIER

The annual South East Zone Swimming carnival was held at the Mt Gambier Aquatic Centre, Wulanda on Friday the 16th of February.

Bordertown High again had a good showing, finishing second in the Aggregate Shield to a strong Tenison Woods College team by only 21 pts.

We won 2 age group shields, the 13 and 14 yr olds. A very good result

Throughout the day Bordertown High School achieved 22 first places, 20 seconds and 16 thirds.

A big thankyou to the Parents and Friends that supported the students at the carnival and assisted with time keeping

We also had 2 students set new records:

- Tasha Ryan in the 13 yr old Freestyle in a time of 32.90, and
- Zelig Phillips in the 13 yr old Breaststroke in a time of 48.68

This is a fantastic effort. Well done.





# SEZ Swimming



**The final results were:**

**Tenison Woods College 435 pts**

**Bordertown High School 414 pts**

**St Martins Lutheran College 395 pts**

**Mount Gambier High School 284 pts**

**Grant High School 242 pts**





# Athletics Day

## SRC Fundraising

Student Representative Council are holding a fundraising BBQ for breakfast and lunch with proceeds going towards 2024 SRC projects.

- Bacon and Egg rolls (with optional cheese, BBQ & tomato sauce) will be available from 7:30am until approximately 9am. \$7.00 each
- Pancakes with an addition of a few condiments are available from 7:30 until sold out. \$0.50 each. Cash would be preferred for pancakes.
- Sausages in bread (with optional onion, BBQ & tomato sauce) and soft drinks will be available from 11:30am until approximately 1pm. \$2.00 each



Cash and EFTPOS available

Thank you for supporting Bordertown High School SRC

## Athletics Day Canteen

The school canteen will be operating as per normal on athletics day. All orders must be placed via Qkr. **Orders close on Wednesday 6th March at 9.00 am.**

Please log onto Qkr and select the **Athletics Day menu** to check the revised menu and place orders.

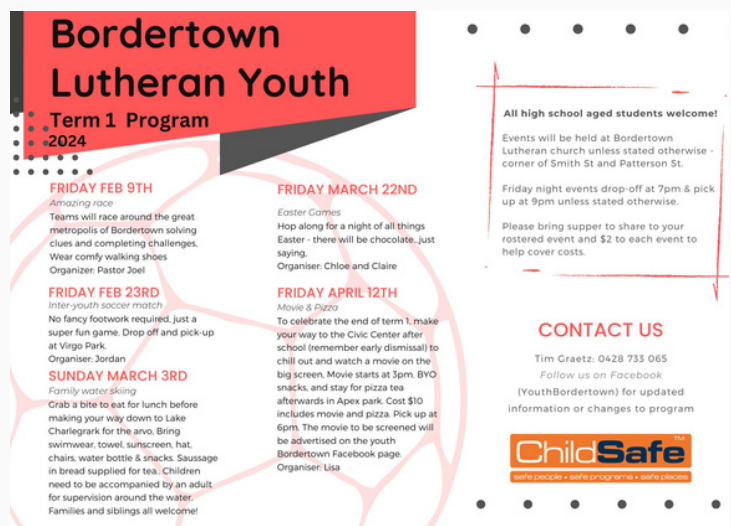
## Community Notices



**SAAS BORDERTOWN INFORMATION NIGHT**

Meet your local Bordertown volunteers, and ask any questions about becoming a volunteer.

**When:** Tuesday 5 March 7:00PM  
**Where:** Bordertown Ambulance station – North Terrace, Bordertown



**Bordertown Lutheran Youth**  
Term 1 Program  
2024

**FRIDAY FEB 9TH**  
Amazing race  
Teams will race around the great metropolis of Bordertown solving clues and completing challenges. Wear comfy walking shoes  
Organiser: Pastor Joel

**FRIDAY FEB 23RD**  
Inter-youth soccer match  
No fancy footwork required. Just a super fun game. Drop off and pick-up at Virgo Park.  
Organiser: Jordan

**SUNDAY MARCH 3RD**  
Family water skiing  
Grab a bite to eat for lunch before making your way down to Lake Charlegrark for the avo. Bring swimwear, towel, sunscreen, hat, chains, water bottle & snacks. Sausage in bread supplied for tea. Children need to be accompanied by an adult for supervision around the water. Families and siblings all welcome!

**FRIDAY MARCH 22ND**  
Easter Comes  
Hop along for a night of all things Easter - there will be chocolate. Just saying.  
Organiser: Chloe and Claire

**FRIDAY APRIL 12TH**  
Movie & Pizza  
To celebrate the end of term 1, make your way to the Civic Center after school (remember early dismissal!) to chill out and watch a movie on the big screen. Movie starts at 5pm. BYO snacks, and stay for pizza tea afterwards in Apex park. Cost \$10 includes movie and pizza. Pick up at 6pm. The movie to be screened will be advertised on the youth Bordertown Facebook page.  
Organiser: Lisa

All high school aged students welcome!  
Events will be held at Bordertown Lutheran church unless stated otherwise - corner of Smith St and Patterson St.  
Friday night events drop-off at 7pm & pick up at 9pm unless stated otherwise.  
Please bring supper to share to your rostered event and \$2 to each event to help cover costs.

**CONTACT US**  
Tim Graetz: 0428 733 065  
Follow us on Facebook (YouthBordertown) for updated information or changes to program

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# AUSTDRIVE

**Youth Driver Awareness Program**

**BORDERTOWN & KEITH**



The Austdrive Youth Driver Awareness Program is designed for 16- 28 year olds across SA, who currently hold a probationary or learner license. Going beyond the scope of any learner training previously done, the Austdrive program training meets each young driver at their level and is designed to give young drivers a realistic view of their actual abilities (as opposed to what they think they can do). The course focuses on practical driver awareness, resulting in a true perspective; not the one their peers have given them. Prevention is better than cure when lives are at risk.

### Course content includes:

- Basic car dynamics and control skills
- Emergency braking
- When two wheels are off the bitumen
- Safe steering
- Wildlife dangers
- Understanding speed, fatigue, alcohol, peer pressure
- Safe following distances
- Car modification (what's real and what's not)
- Observation techniques
- Emergency collision avoidance



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APRIL 5TH OR APRIL 6TH

## BORDERTOWN

Contact

Emily Lusher 08 8752 1455  
Reilly Sanders 0439 004 859

APRIL 7TH

## KEITH

Contact

Chantelle Lucas 08 8755 1177

- 8.30am - 5.00pm
- Open to young drivers 16 - 28 yrs old
- Fully Licensed driver must accompany L-Plate Drivers
- One vehicle required per participant
- \$30 pp (valued at \$150 pp)