

BORDERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

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Staffing news

Congratulations to Miss Lauren Kirk, who has been reappointed to her Assistant Principal role for the next 3 years. Miss Kirk's roles is management of year 10-12 and Vocational Education and Training; however, I would like to acknowledge that she has been overseeing other aspects of the school, when we have not been able to appoint a second Assistant Principal. We look forward to Miss Kirk continuing her work in the senior school.

Student activities

In the lead up to the Adelaide show our Ag show team students are keeping very busy. Cattle, sheep and goats are all being prepared and students are developing their skills in leading and managing their animals. Some students competed on the June long weekend at the Penola Showdown. Congratulations to the team on their personal handler awards and taking out Reserve Champion Steer with 'Brentvale Mr Versatile'. Thank you to Brentvale Limousin for your ongoing support of the students and the school.

The term has been busy with a number of sporting events. In week 5 the Interschool Cross Country was held in Naracoorte, with our students being very successful in their age group events. Congratulations to our boys and girls Year 7/8 Basketball teams, 7/8 Girls Knockout Netball team, and Open Knockout Basketball teams on their successes in their competitions. The 7/8 basketball teams competed in finals in Adelaide in week 9. The 7/8 Netball team will play in finals in Adelaide in August and our girls Open Basketball team also move onto the next round of competition. Well done to all of our students who have been representing the school.

The year 7 English class continue to prepare their weekly radio sessions with ConnectFM and present their School Arvo Show on Wednesday afternoons. If you don't get the chance to listen to this at the time, the show is available on Spotify. Our SRC also held a casual clothes day to raise funds for the Connect FM Radiothon. The Year 12 Integrated Learning class have been improving the awareness of mental health issues and ensuring conversations are happening about mental health. Over the past few weeks in homegroup students have been involved in the push up challenge with a certain number of push-ups being performed each day, with information provided on why that particular daily tally is important. The Year 12 class are also organised a casual clothes day and BBQ at the end of the challenge, to raise funds for the Push for Better Foundation. Well done to the year 12 Integrated Learning class for taking on this challenge. Thank you to the staff who have supported these activities.

Pupil Free Day

Our Pupil Free Day this term involved staff venturing to other schools to explore how other sites operate and support students. Staff utilised this opportunity to observe or work with staff at other schools, to explore subject specific and site priority goals as a focus of their work, as well as look at how these schools differ from ours. Their learnings are being shared at staff meetings, providing opportunities to identify possible ideas that could become part of our practice at Bordertown High.

Youth Opportunities Graduation

Our year 10 students have again been involved in the Youth Opportunities leadership program, with Tuesday night this week being their graduation. It is always fantastic to listen to what students have gained from this program and this year has been no exception. Thank you to the Tatiara District Council and Rotary Club of Bordertown for your ongoing support of this program and the Youth Opportunities team that connect so well with our students when running this program.

I would like to thank parents who have taken the time to respond to our survey about communication. Your feedback has been appreciated and will help inform our communication processes.

Enjoy the school holidays, especially if you have time to have a break with your family.

Alicia Keatley
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

See Term Calendar
on final page.

IMPORTANT

All students need permission to leave school grounds and require notes if arriving late.

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



Rap, Rhyme and Rocking Poetry

Year 7 and 8 students were entertained by Andy Jones and his Rap, Rhyme and Rocking Poetry interactive performance on Thursday of week 5. Andy had the hall rocking to the beat as students worked together to create a rap song about Bordertown. They started with a brainstorming session, where students thought of things that make Bordertown special, then incorporated those words into poetry using rhythm and rhyme.

Students then had the opportunity to create their own rap songs and performed in front of the rest of the group. Both AFL and the Mundulla v Bordertown rivalry were hot topics.

Andy was impressed at how engaged and enthusiastic our students were during the performance. Thank you to the English Faculty for organising this event, it was thoroughly enjoyed by all in attendance.

Tamara White
English Coordinator



Home Economics

The year 9's, for our new rotation, met with Mrs Hillier's Reception class to design monsters, that would eventually become their teddies. The year 9 students absolutely rose to the challenge to bring the 2D pictures to a 3D reality. The students should be so proud of their creativity, resilience, sewing skills and patience. Now, we can't wait to see the Receptions reactions when they receive their monsters next term. Fantastic effort year 9's.

Amy Heinjus
Home Economics



Interhouse Cross Country

Cross Country has again been the focus early in Term 2, with the students practicing in Physical Education lessons and participating in our own competition in week 4.

Many students embraced the challenge of cross country and competed with enthusiasm and effort.

Shane Orrock
PE Teacher

13 yr old boys - 3 km

Winner: Noah Hillier
Runner Up: Riley Blott

13 yr old girls - 3 km

Winner: Khloe Carman
Runner Up: Grace Haines

14 yr old boys - 3 km

Winner: Henry Kluska
Runner Up: Zac Hutson

14 yr old girls - 3 km

Winner: Bella Mead
Runner Up: Mia Kennett

15 yr old boys - 3 km

Winner: Lenix McWaters
Runner Up: Will Heinrich

15 yr old girls - 3 km

Winner: Remi Pilgrim
Runner Up: Sienna Lusher

16 yr old boys - 3 km

Winner: Curtis Weckert
Runner Up: Joe Wiese

16 yr old girls - 3 km

Winner: Alekza Meakins
Runner Up: Ella Wegener

Open Boys - 3 km

Winner: Archie Dahlitz
Runner Up: Zac Wereta

Open Girls - 3 km

Winner: Grace Lusher
Runner Up: Lacey Pilgrim

The final house scores were:

Walamba: 190 points

Pinjati: 154 points

Canara: 145 points

Glenora: 131 points

Well done to all the competitors and staff that assisted

Penola Winter Showdown

Well done team in what was some very trying and wet conditions. We took 2 school steers to Penola Showdown along with Jacqui, Ryan, Emmy, Erin and Ebony.

Mr Versatile our Limousin steer from Brentvale was awarded Reserve Champion and Vegemite received 3rd in his class.

Erin and Emmy both achieved a 3rd place in the handlers competition.

A fantastic couple days despite the rain but we won't complain.

Thank you to the Brentvale team for all the help.

Helen Altus
Agriculture Teacher



Year 7 Math

This semester in Math we have covered three key topics: Number and Place Value, Angles and Algebra.

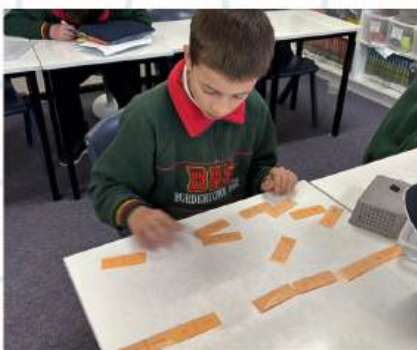
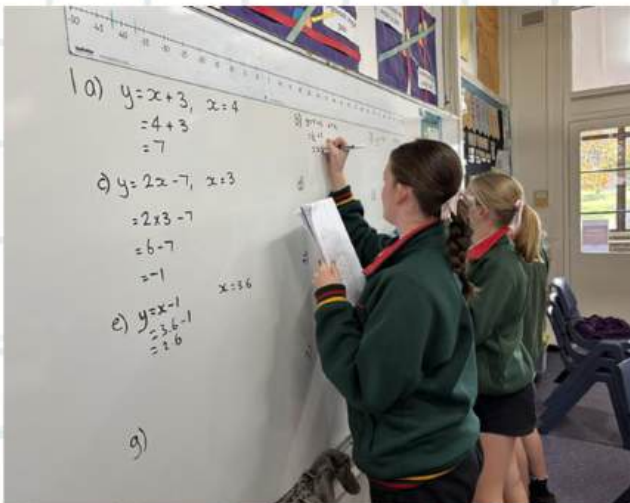
We have also been working hard to improve our times tables with every lesson starting with flash cards and speed sheets.

Throughout the semester, all students have celebrated moving up in their times tables with many now progressing beyond mixed number facts to complex problem-solving activities.

I applaud the year 7s for their enthusiasm for learning their times tables.



Mrs Cassie Anderson



Radio - The School Arvo Show

You have probably listened to the School Arvo Show on Connect FM on Wednesdays at 4pm. Each week I take the student radio kids down to the radio station to record the School Arvo Show.

These students research and plan their segments in their own time, rehearse during lunch and recess and have bravely come out of their comfort zones to try student radio. As a community, we should all be very proud of these young adults.

Student radio is a big commitment, and these students are handling the responsibility with professionalism and pride.

Cassandra Anderson
Teacher



Although we are taking a break during the school holidays, you can listen to our students by searching Connect FM on Spotify.



The school grounds will be closed in the second week of the school holidays (14th - 20th July) as asbestos removal takes place.

The public will be unable to access the school grounds during this time.

Thank you.

BHS Winter Social

The Social was well-attended on Wednesday night with many students 'dressing to impress' and dancing the night away.

It was great to see so many of our students come out for a night of 'old school' (mobile phone free) fun. Parents, not much has changed since we all attended the BHS Social.

The Nutbush and Macarena live on with the next generation, albeit with a little guidance from our teachers.

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Ralph, Hunt and Carmen families for their assistance with lighting and decorations on the night. These small touches make the night more memorable for our students. Also, thank you to the staff and BHS families for supporting this event.







The Year 12 English class have had a busy term, completing a film study on 'Hidden Figures', and Diary Entries on topics of their choice. We have finished the term by starting a unit of work on Food Journalism where the students will be required to produce a piece of writing suitable for publication in a magazine, newspaper, website or travel brochure. To gain some inspiration the class participated in a taste testing activity where the students took on the role of a food reviewer. Popping candy, sour lollies, blue cheese, olives and quince paste were just some of the food options on offer. Mindful eating was encouraged, with the students having to pay particular attention to the appearance, smell, texture, taste and aftertaste of the foods that they tried. They were then required to write a few descriptive sentences to sum up their tasting experience, with a focus on imagery and strong adjectives to engage any potential readers. Observing the students faces as they tried some of the foods proved to be quite entertaining, along with the carefully constructed reviews of their thoughts.

Term 3 will see the class continue to work on their school based assessment tasks, as well as the external component, a 2000 word essay.

Naomi Excell
Year 12 English teacher



THANK YOU TO THE SPONSORS FOR OUR SHOW TEAM



SPONSORSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT!

Thank you! to the Good Country Community Op Shop for sponsoring our Show Team

Thank you also to Brentvale Limousins, Finlayson Transport, Limestone Coast Seeds, D & M Rural and all of our breeders, we are grateful for the support to get 40 students and 30 animals to the Adelaide show.



COMMUNITY INFORMATION



TATIARA COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Building Stronger Families Together!
Tatiara District Council and Smiles All Round are excited to announce a series of **FREE** practical workshops designed to strengthen family relationships, boost mental health, and resilience.

These workshops are a fantastic opportunity to learn strategies and tools for supporting your family's wellbeing. Join us in creating a stronger, healthier community!
REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN!

WED 7 MAY 2025
Teaching Kids Emotions: Understanding and managing emotions. Learning how connection, communication, playing, a safe home and community can foster strong mental health.

WED 11 JUNE 2025
Growing Resilient Kids & Families: Understanding the brain science behind emotions and how and why strategies work.

WED 30 JULY 2025
Communication is the Key: Ways to foster positive connections and healthy relationships with our children in everyday life, routines and activities.

WED 27 AUG 2025
Be Curious, Be Reflective: We delve into what is behind our behaviours, emotions and reactions. We explore what drives our children's behaviour and tuning into their needs and our own!

WED 22 OCT 2025
Planning ahead for hectic times and school transitions: Practical ways to plan ahead for hectic times of the day, transition and new situations, to help things run smoother.

SINGLE TICKET REGISTRATION-
SCAN QR CODE OR GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.STICKYTICKETS.COM.AU/](https://www.sticktickets.com.au/) & ENTER THE WORKSHOP NAME IN 'FIND TICKETS'
Registration essential for catering purposes. Practical resources and supper provided.

6.45PM - 8.30PM

CONFERENCE ROOM, BORDERTOWN CIVIC CENTRE

SMILES ALL ROUND
admin@smilesallround.com.au
p.0430 022 705

TO REGISTER FOR ALL 5 WORKSHOPS SCAN HERE



This series of workshops is proudly funded by the Department of Human Services

CONCUSSION INFORMATION SHEET



Scan the QR code below to learn about the symptoms and steps to take after a head injury



Visit the GCP web site for further information about concussion, including booking an appointment online: <https://www.goodcountryphysio.com.au/concussion-service>



AROUND AG



The change in trimester has the Year 7's diving head first into Agriculture planting out their raised bed, handling goats and sheep and how to work safely outdoors.

The Year 8's are busily working with the layers, meat birds and turkeys and designing a poultry poster for the Adelaide show egg laying competition.

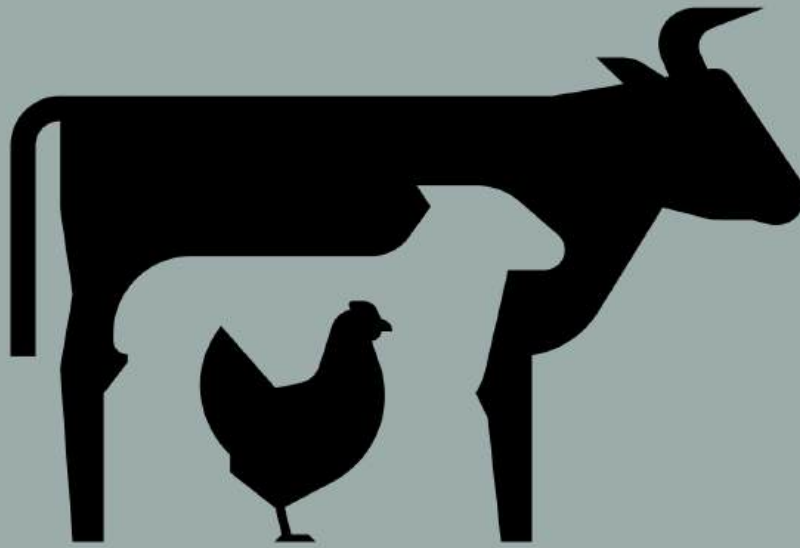
The Year 9 group have been looking at sheep and goats as well as help manage the show animals.

Year 10's have wrapped up some fantastic enterprises with climbing lamb prices, continued high demand for eggs, and our new association with the work center also contributing to success. A new comp at the Adelaide show this year is 'Sow and Grow', so the Year 10's have some wheat on the go for that.

We have a new major show sponsor this year; 'Good Country Community Op Shop'. Their donation will make a direct impact of the affordability for students attending the show, and we are very grateful. The breeders continue to be some of our biggest advocates of Ag in schools, donating time, animals and their experience in their industry. Show team is rocking along at lunch times, and as we head into the winter holidays we know that the 6 weeks before we head off in term 3 will fly by.

Kate McCarthy and Helen Altus





Thanks again to the following families, businesses and community members for their support with the show; we couldn't do it without you!.

General	Good Country Community Op Shop Limestone Coast Seeds
Led Steer Competition	J Foote: Brentvale Limousin
	Modra Family: Limek
	Llewellyn Family: Jilangaloo
	N & Y Hagger
	G & K Buick: Arki
	L & L Day: Days Whiteface
	Ali Withers: Bellmore
	Finlayson family
Led Goat Competition	S Irlam
	Skiplen
Led Wether Competition	G Lock
	J Weckert
Sow and Grow	N Tink

TERM 3 2025

Term 3, 2025						
Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND
1 July	21	22	23 Yr 11/12 Netball Mt Gambier RST Workshop	24	25	26/27 July
2 July	28	29	30	31 Yr 9/10 Netball Mt Gambier	1 STUDENT FREE DAY	2/3 Aug
3 Aug	4 Yr7-9 Road Safety Sessions	5 Yr10-12 Road Safety Sessions	6 Tatiara Employment Expo	7 Yr 7-9 A-Side Football	8	9/10 Aug
4 Aug	11	12	13 Maths Quiz Night	14 Science & Engineering Challenge	15	16/17 Aug
5 Aug	18	19 RST Workshop	20 Pre-Show BBQ RST Workshop	21	22	23/24 Aug
6 Sept	25	26	27	28 Adelaide Show - Cattle	29 Adelaide Show - Cattle	30/31 Sept
7 Sept	1 SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY	2 Adelaide Show - Sheep & Goat	3 Adelaide Show - Sheep & Goat	4 Adelaide Show - Sheep & Goat	5	6/7 Sept
8 Sept	8	9	10	11	12	13/14 Sept
9 Sept	15	16	17	18	19	20/21 Sept
10 Sept	22	23 RST Workshop	24 RST Workshop	25 RST Workshop	26 Early Dismissal 2:25	27/28 Sept
Holidays	29	30	1	2	3	4/5 Oct Daylight Savings
Holidays	6 LABOUR DAY	7	8	9	10	11/12 Oct