

# BORDERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Respect  
Integrity  
Excellence



Congratulations to Mrs Tamara White who has been appointed into the Literacy Coordinator role for the next 3 years. We look forward to keeping Mrs White on staff and her supporting the ongoing work of literacy improvement across all subject areas.

We are currently advertising a Youth worker role, two days a week to support Tailored Learning for the remainder of the year. This role works specifically with a small number of students with a case management approach and is advertised on Edujobs Ancillary Jobs on the Department for Education website.

We have again been busy with a range of learning and sporting activities. Congratulations to all our students who have attend different events and represented the school.

There have been lots of activities showcasing our students learning and competitiveness in areas of Maths and STEM. Our Maths Quiz night and Science and Engineering Challenge have allowed students to step outside the comfort zone and compete against other students either regionally or more locally in the Maths and Science fields. Students have been impressive with their knowledge and enthusiasm in these areas and are to be congratulated on their efforts.

A small group of students attended an Active Citizenship Convention at Adelaide Oval. This convention aimed to develop students' capacity to become more active, informed and compassionate citizens. Students had the opportunity to work with other regional students from across our state. More information on this wonderful trip will be in the next newsletter.

Last week we celebrated Book Week, taking the opportunity to share reading with both the primary schools and Carol Murray Kindergarten and Childcare. This year our students became more involved in celebrating the week through creating door displays about books or characters and also dressing up, while again joining in Bordertown Primary School's parade. Well done to students who got involved and celebrated Book Week with some fun.

As you read this, our Agriculture Show teams start their competitions in Adelaide. Our show team students and staff have been working hard most of the year for this event and we look forward to hearing about their successes in their competitions.

Alicia Keatley  
Principal

## IMPORTANT DATES

School Closure Day for the  
Royal Adelaide Show

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> of September

See Term 3 Calendar on the  
last page for more events.



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.



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# Youth Opportunities

Congratulations to the students who competed the Youth Opps program in Semester 1.

“My proudest moment was choosing to get up in front of the class to talk and getting out of my comfort zone”

**Ebony Steele**

“I have become a better person at school and at home since Youth Opps”

**Finn Quilter**

“I am really glad that I did Youth Opps as it helped me to grow my confidence and I am now able to speak more clearly in front of other people”

**Althea Fabale**

**YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES**



Youth Opportunities provide face-to-face personal leadership programs that are delivered in partnership with schools one day per week over a school term, and in South Australia rewards students with up to 20 SACE points on successful completion. The programs provide young people with the enterprise skills they need for future education and employment success, along with tools to increase confidence, self-worth, and motivation, helping them to build the optimism and resilience to overcome adversity throughout their lives.

## Subject Selections for Year 9-11 Students

Students in year 9-11 are currently in the process of selecting subjects for 2026.

Students have been provided with a form to complete and the subject information booklets are available via TEAMS and on our website. If you would still like to discuss your child's options please ring the front office on 87 521 455 to make an appointment with our team.

[Subject Selection forms are to be returned to Home Group Teachers by Monday 8th September.](#)

## Annual Parent Survey

The annual parent survey is underway and closes midnight Sunday 7 September. For more information please visit the [department's website](#).

This survey aims to get your views on:

- what we're doing well
- where we can improve
- what's important to you as a parent/carer.

Your answers won't identify you or your child and only collated feedback is provided to our school. You should have already received a link to the survey via email or SMS. Reminder emails are currently being sent to you unless you have completed a survey or have unsubscribed.

Please take the time to complete the survey, this is valuable information for our school. If you cannot find the previously sent link, then please [use this one](#):

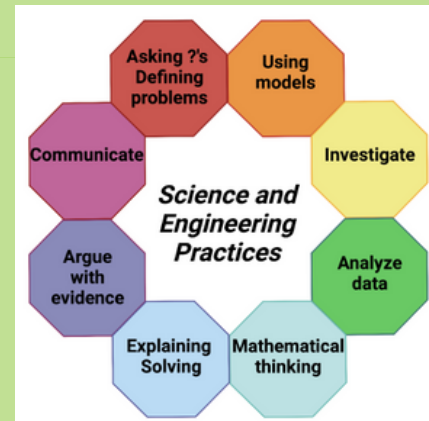
## Science and Engineering Challenge

On Thursday of Week 4, a group of our students travelled to Mount Gambier to take part in the annual Science and Engineering Challenge. This exciting event brings together schools from across the region to put their problem-solving, teamwork, and innovation skills to the test through a series of hands-on activities.

Students worked in teams to tackle challenges such as building bridges, designing efficient electrical circuits, constructing towers, and developing solutions to real-world engineering problems. The day encouraged creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration while showing how science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) can be applied in practical and fun ways.

Our students showed great persistence and enthusiasm throughout the day, and we are very proud of the way they represented our school. A big thank you goes to the organisers of the event and to the teachers who supported the students on the excursion.

Mr Sam Exton



## Math Quiz Night

On Wednesday of Week 4, our school proudly hosted the MASA Quiz Night, welcoming visiting teams from Naracoorte and Keith. It was a fantastic evening filled with problem-solving, teamwork, and plenty of fun as students tested their skills in both mathematics and general knowledge.

We had great success on the night across all year levels. Our Senior Team of Addie, Jacob, Harrison and Lawrence were awarded Best Senior General Knowledge. In the junior division, Tom and Cruze impressed with their quick thinking, taking out Best Junior General Knowledge.

Meanwhile, Stella, Sarah, Pippa and April excelled in the maths rounds, earning Best Junior Maths Knowledge and being crowned Overall Junior Winners. Our Intermediate Maths Knowledge and Overall Winners were Talise, Zelig, Avah and Ella, who showed fantastic collaboration and persistence. Rounding out the successes, Sam, Ben and Oisín claimed Best Intermediate General Knowledge with their strong performance.

Congratulations to all students who participated – it was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and talent on display. A big thank you goes to the teachers who helped out on the night and made the event possible.

Mr Sam Exton



### Good Luck to our Adelaide Show Team

Thank you to our wonderful Ag teachers, sponsors, breeders, grounds staff and students who have worked so hard in preparing the cattle, sheep, goats and chooks for the Royal Adelaide Show.

We wish them the best of luck.

# Book Week at Bordertown High School



# Book Week Visits to CMCC and Primary School

Book Week was a fantastic celebration of reading and creativity, with an incredible number of staff and students dressing up in fun, imaginative costumes that brought favourite book characters to life. It was heartwarming to see our students read so confidently and kindly to the visiting primary school students from BPS and Mundulla PS, creating a truly special experience for all involved.

The decorated doors across all homerooms were magnificent, each one showcasing a unique and colourful tribute to the magic of books—what a brilliant display of school spirit!

Mrs Tamara White



**MAKE THE MOST OF SUMMER  
AT OUR OUTDOOR POOLS!**



**THIS SUMMER IS THE PERFECT TIME TO COOL OFF,  
CATCH UP WITH FRIENDS...  
AND MAYBE SNEAK IN A LITTLE EXERCISE...  
ALL AT YOUR LOCAL OUTDOOR SWIMMING POOLS  
LOCATED IN BORDERTOWN AND KEITH!!**

**WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!!!**

**HELP FINAL YEAR PHYSIOTHERAPY STUDENTS  
(UNISA) LAURA AND WILL TO FIND WAYS TO  
IMPROVE THE BORDERTOWN AND KEITH  
SWIMMING POOLS SO THAT YOU CAN HAVE A  
MEMORABLE SUMMER!!**

Do you have any ideas on how we  
can increase the amount of people  
diving into the pool next season?  
SCAN THE QR CODE to let us know!!



OR Contact the students for any  
questions or suggestions: 0498 212 339



# Community Notices



TATIARA DISTRICT COUNCIL

## HORTICULTURE TRAINEESHIP

(Certificate III in Horticulture)

Kickstart your horticulture career with a 3-year paid traineeship at the Tatiara District Council. Earn while you learn and gain a Certificate III in Horticulture!

As a Horticulture Trainee, you'll embark on an exciting journey where you'll learn to identify, grow, propagate, maintain, and nurture a wide variety of plant species. But that's not all! You'll also play a key role in maintaining and revitalizing our district's parks, gardens, and streetscapes.

This is a 3-year traineeship. On completion, you will obtain a Certificate III in Horticulture.

This is a traineeship and is ideal for school leavers, those new to the industry or seeking a career change.

**Why Choose Us?**

- **Hands-On Experience:** Get ready to immerse yourself in the world of plants with practical, hands-on training from day one.
- **Expert Mentorship:** Learn from the best in the industry. Our experienced horticulturists are here to guide you every step of the way.
- **Career Growth:** This traineeship is just the beginning. We provide opportunities for growth and continuous learning throughout your employment.
- **Supportive Team:** Join a friendly and supportive team that values your growth and success.

*Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to learn, grow, and become a skilled horticulturist. Apply today and cultivate your future with us!*

**SPEAK WITH OUR PARKS & GARDENS SUPERVISOR, TY DEVITT**  
ON 0448 076 719 OR EMAIL [office@tatiara.sa.gov.au](mailto:office@tatiara.sa.gov.au) FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.



**RU OK?**

Join us in **Bordertown**

**RU OK? free BBQ breakfast**

**Date:** Tuesday 9 September 2025  
**Time:** 7.30am – 9.00am  
**Where:** Apex Park

Drop in for tips, free resources and a chat about how regular, meaningful conversations can make a difference when someone you care about is struggling.

**Ask R U OK? Any Day** – because a conversation could change a life.

[ruok.org.au](http://ruok.org.au) **EVERYONE WELCOME**



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.

**Smiles ALL ROUND**

**SINGLE TICKET REGISTRATION-** SCAN QR CODE OR GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.STICKYTICKETS.COM.AU/](https://www.stickytickets.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](mailto: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

**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.




**EPL**  
Bordertown Public Library

# LEGO CLUB

after school  
**WEDNESDAY**  
3.45pm-4.45pm  
Bordertown Public Library  
8752 1473

July 23  
August 6  
August 20  
September 3  
September 17

# TERM CALENDAR

| Term 3, 2025      |                                    |  |   |   |   |   |
|-------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|---|
| Week              | MONDAY                             | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY                                    | FRIDAY                                    | WEEKEND                                     |
| <b>1</b><br>July  | 21                                 | 22   | 23<br>Yr 11/12 Netball<br>Mt Gambier<br>RST Workshop                    | 24  | 25  | 26/27 July                                  |
| <b>2</b><br>July  | 28                                 | 29   | 30<br>Yr 7/8 Boys<br>Football   | 31  | 1<br><b>STUDENT<br/>FREE DAY</b>          |   |
| <b>3</b><br>Aug   | 4<br>Yr7-9 Road<br>Safety Sessions | 5<br>Yr10-12 Road<br>Safety Sessions<br>SATAC Yr12<br>Parent Meeting<br>5:30 | 6<br>Tatiara<br>Employment<br>Expo                                      | 7<br>Yr 7-9 9-A-Side<br>Football            | 8   | 9/10 Aug                                    |
| <b>4</b><br>Aug   | 11                                 | 12<br>Flinders Uni<br>Visit<br>SACE Yr 9-11<br>Parent Meeting<br>5:30        | 13<br>Maths Quiz Night  | 14<br>Science &<br>Engineering<br>Challenge | 15<br>Bus Safe Yr7-9                      |   |
| <b>5</b><br>Aug   | 18                                 | 19   | 20<br>Yr 11/12 Girls<br>Basketball Ncte<br>Pre-Show BBQ<br>RST Workshop | 21  | 22  | 23/24 Aug                                   |
| <b>6</b><br>Sept  | 25                                 | 26   | 27<br>Yr 7/8 Netball<br>Adelaide  | 28<br>Adelaide Show<br>- Cattle             | 29<br>Adelaide Show<br>- Cattle           |   |
| <b>7</b><br>Sept  | 1<br><b>SCHOOL<br/>CLOSURE DAY</b> | 2<br>Adelaide Show<br>- Sheep & Goat   | 3<br>Adelaide Show<br>- Sheep & Goat                                    | 4<br>Adelaide Show<br>- Sheep & Goat        | 5   | 6/7 Sept                                    |
| <b>8</b><br>Sept  | 8                                  | 9  | 10  | 11  | 12  |   |
| <b>9</b><br>Sept  | 15                                 | 16   | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20/21 Sept                                  |
| <b>10</b><br>Sept | 22                                 | 23   | 24  | 25  | 26<br><b>Early<br/>Dismissal<br/>2:25</b> |   |
| Holidays          | 29                                 | 30   | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4/5 Oct<br>Daylight<br>Savings<br>11/12 Oct |
| Holidays          | 6<br><b>LABOUR DAY</b>             | 7  | 8   | 9   | 10  |   |