



BORDERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Respect
Integrity
Excellence



It seems like only a few weeks ago that we started the year and here we are at the end of Term 1. It has been a busy term with lots of sports and activities on the go. Congratulations to students who have represented the school in sporting competitions and a number of our students competing in judging competitions at the Mundulla Show.

I hope people have taken the opportunity to listen to our students on their Wednesday afternoon radio program on Connect FM. It is great to hear the excitement and enthusiasm that students are displaying when organising their regular program. It is also wonderful to see the confidence growing in the students as they continue to refine the programs each week.

There will be some staff changes next term, which will provide our students with familiar faces in all of our classes. Next term we welcome back Mrs Matilda Berry, who is returning part time and will teach some of our science subjects. With Mrs Berry returning and Mrs McCarthy increasing her time, along with Miss Kirk and Mrs White changing the classes they are teaching, I am pleased that we are able to cover the Science and Maths subjects that have been taught by Permanent Relief Teachers this term. There will be some minor changes of staff for some subjects as we put together these timetable changes; however, these changes will be beneficial for students.

Our disability upgrade is nearly complete. Our girls' toilets and disability facilities are back in use, with some final work being done over the holidays to finish all these areas. The school now has a larger and more fit for purpose disability access bathroom, as well as a number of new ramps around the school. Finalising the surfaces of the internal ramps and replacing the ceiling (asbestos removal) will be completed in the holidays.

Term reports are available at the end of this week. Please take the time to read through the comments that teachers have provided. Parent teacher interviews will be held in week 2 next term and bookings will be able to be booked through Sentral from this Friday afternoon.

Our administration team have been discussing the various forms of communication where information is sent home to families, in particular the general information from the school. We have created a survey that we would appreciate families responding to, to help guide our thinking about some of the communication methods being used. You can access the survey through the link or the QR code on the following page.

Enjoy the holidays, hopefully you get some time to relax if you are able to take time away from work.

Alicia Keatley
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

9th SSSA Athletics
11th Early Dismissal

MAY

5th - 9th Yr 11 Careers
Trip
6th Parent/Teacher
interviews.
7th - 9th Yr 12 PE Camp

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.



School Communication Survey

Bordertown High School are reviewing their communication methods to determine the most effective methods of communication for general school information.

We would appreciate if all families could complete the survey.

Thank you.

To access the survey you can scan the QR card with your camera or visit the [survey](#) online.



English Coordinator News

Dear families,

We hope this message finds you well and enjoying a wonderful week. We are so grateful for your continued support and partnership in enriching the lives of our students. Your involvement makes a significant difference in their education and personal growth.

Important Announcements

The English and HASS teams have had a couple of productive meetings and are excited to be working together to develop engaging curriculum for our students.

We are thrilled to announce that a performance group, Rap, Rhyme, and Rocking Poetry, will be visiting our school on May 27th. This event promises to be an inspiring and creative experience for our students!

Celebrations from the Term

Year 7 English classes have been diving into language devices and persuasive techniques. We are proud to share that students have completed a persuasive advertisement poster and written a writer's statement outlining their chosen topics and their meaning to them.

All English classes are currently in the midst of writing pieces about what matters to them. We encourage students to enter their work in the upcoming "What Matters?" competition early next term. Best of luck to all participants!

As we approach the holidays, we encourage everyone to keep up with their reading. We are eager to see all the excitement and creativity that next term will bring.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support in nurturing our students' education. Together, we can achieve great things!

Tamara White, English Coordinator

Digging into the Past: Year 7's Become Archaeologists for a Day

Year 7 HASS students have recently stepped into the shoes of archaeologists, getting their hands dirty with a series of engaging practical activities. One highlight was the ever-popular "cookie excavation," where students carefully extracted chocolate chips from cookies using only a toothpick. This activity is designed to mimic the delicate process of removing artefacts from an archaeological site.

In another exciting task, students worked with archaeological dig boxes, uncovering and analysing replica artefacts buried beneath layers of material. With focus and care, they removed items from their "sites," recorded their observations, and made thoughtful inferences about each object's origin and use.

These activities not only brought history to life, but also gave students a real sense of how archaeologists and historians use artefacts to piece together stories of the past. By thinking like historians, students also began developing their own inquiry questions, exploring the kinds of evidence needed to answer them and how to interpret what they found.

The enthusiasm has been contagious, with many students saying they enjoyed getting hands-on with history and discovering what life in the field of archaeology might actually be like. It's been a fantastic start to their history journey in High School!

Year 7 HASS Teachers
Renae Bower , Joey Wells, Jacob Murray



Year 8 Textiles



Student Representative Council 2025



In Week 8, we celebrated Harmony Week with a range of student-led quizzes and activities designed to raise awareness and appreciation for the many cultures that make up our school community. It was fantastic to see so many students wearing cultural clothing or the colour orange in support of diversity and inclusion. Behind the scenes, our dedicated SRC members continue to support the school by helping out in the Canteen and taking care of the recycling bins. We've got some exciting events planned for the rest of the year and look forward to sharing more details soon!

Student Representative Council (SRC) elections were held in Week 3, with students heading to the hall throughout the day to cast their votes. This marked a significant shift from our usual homegroup-based voting and gave students the chance to experience a more formal, 'election-day' style process.

Term 1 is always a busy time at Bordertown High School, and being part of the SRC is no exception. We kicked off the year with a 'Wear Teal' casual day in support of the Densley family's fundraising efforts for the Australian Cancer Research Fund.

Thanks to the generous support of local businesses, the SRC hosted our annual Athletics Day BBQ, which was a massive success. Students, staff, and families enjoyed pancakes, bacon and egg rolls, and sausages in bread – keeping our athletes well-fuelled throughout the day.



Athletics Day

Thank you

A HUGE thank you to our parents and staff who officiated on the day, the groundsmen for their work in making the grounds looked so good.

Thank you also to the students for their efforts, it was again fantastic to see the level of involvement and encouragement that we had.

HPE Faculty

Athletics Day Records and Results

Chloe Graetz

High Jump, 14 year old, equalling the record of 1.42 metres.

Noah Hillier

Noah Hillier 800 metres, 13 year old boys broken with a time of 2.40.96

Riley Blott

Riley Blott 400 metres, 13 year old boys broken with a time of 1.09.49

Walamba

Walamba 4 x 100 metre, 13 year old boy relay team record broken with a time of 59.05 seconds

Lillian Wiese

Lillian Wiese set 4 new records in the 13 year old girls age group.

100 metres at 14.72 seconds.

400 metres at 1.12.47,

800 metres at 2.50.21 metres

Triple Jump 8.80 metres.

Age-Group Trophy Winners

13 Yr Old Boys

Harry Will 122 pts
Noah Hillier 106 pts

15 Yr Old Boys

Will Heinrich 122 pts
Adam Graetz 95 pts

Open Boys

Tom Rogers 136 pts
Archie Dahlitz 93 pts

13 Yr Old Girls

Lillian Wiese 138 pts
Stella Kennett 100 pts

15 Yr Old Girls

Olivia Excell 120 pts
Talise Phillips 119 pts

Open Girls

Grace Lusher 118 pts
Ella Jozeps 100 pts

14 Year Old Boys

Ben Wegener 127 pts
Lachlan Robertson 110 pts



16 Yr Old Boys

Curtis Weckert 144 pts
Joe Wiese 132 pts

14 Year Old Girls

Claire Dahlitz 118 pts
Zelie Phillips 117 pts

16 Yr Old Girls

Alekza Meaking 158 pts
Ella Wegener 143 pts

Milne Sprint Trophy

Junior Girls

Lillian Wiese 14.72 sec

Senior Girls

Alekza Meakins 14.72 sec

Junior Boys

Lenix McWaters 14.29 sec

Senior Boys

Tom Rogers 12.00 sec

Murch Throwing Trophy

Junior Girls

Claire Dahlitz

Senior Girls

Alekza Meakins/Kida Schneider

Junior Boys

Blake Kennett

Senior Boys

Tom Rogers

Burge 1500m

Junior Girls Winner

Lillian Wiese

Runner up

Remi Pilgrim

Senior Girls Winner

Alekza Meaking

Runner Up

Ella Wegener

Maddern 1500m

Junior Boys Winner

Oisin Gill-O'Donovan

Runner Up

Ella Wegener

Senior Boys Winner

Toby Excell

Runner Up

Archie Dahlitz

COME & TRY HOCKEY

The Tatiara Hockey Association has a fantastic Rookies program and Junior competition, and a robust senior competition with five teams from around the district. Hockey is non-contact, family friendly, and welcoming of all skill levels!

We have a range of competitions including:

Rookies (ages 5-8)

Juniors (under 16)

and Men's & Women's levels.

We would love to see you come and try the sport!

Junior/Rookie contact:

Cherie Dreckow
0408 168 362

Seniors contact:

Andrea Taylor
0427 553 420

Or email tatiarahockey@hotmail.com.

Season begins April 26. Rookies/Juniors begin 10.30am Saturdays during the season.



Sing along to your favourite classics with...

Peter Combe

LIVE in the Tatiara!

WHEN: Wednesday April 16th

10.30am Tatiara Civic Centre Bordertown

2.00pm Keith Institute

TICKETS: \$15ea

Children under 2 years old are FREE (provided they do not take up a seat of their own!)

Tickets available at Tatiara District Council - both Keith and Bordertown Offices -

For more info contact: Bordertown Public Library on 8752 1473

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!!

Smiles ALL ROUND

SINGLE TICKET REGISTRATION - SCAN QR CODE OR GO TO [HTTPS://WWW.STICKTICKETS.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

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.

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>

Term 2, 2025

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND
1 May	28	29	30	1	2	3/4 May
2 May	5 Yr 11 Careers Trip	6 Yr 11 Careers Trip Parent/Teacher Interviews RST Workshop	7 Yr 11 Careers Trip Yr 12 PE Camp RST Workshop	8 Yr 11 Careers Trip Yr 12 PE Camp Yr 7 & Yr 10 Immunisations	9 Yr 11 Careers Trip Yr 12 PE Camp	10/11 May
3 May	12	13	14	15	16	17/18 May
4 May	19	20	21	22	23	24/25 May
5 May	26 RST Automotive Yr 9-12	27 RST Workshop	28 RST Workshop	29	30	31/1 June
6 June	2	3	4	5	6 STUDENT FREE DAY	7/8 June
7 June	9 KING'S BIRTHDAY	10	11 RST Workshop	12 RST Workshop	13	14/15 June
8 June	16	17	18	19	20	21/22 June
9 June	23	24	25	26	27	28/29 June
10 July	30 Elevate Year 10-12	1	2	3	4 Early Dismissal 2:25	5/6 July
Hols July	7	8	9	10	11	12/13 July
Hols July	14	15	16	17	18	19/20 July