



BORDERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Newsletter



Congratulations to all of our students who have been competing in the various sporting competitions that have been held over the past few weeks. Importantly, not only have individuals achieved their best in these competitions, we have been very impressed with the sportsmanship students have shown and the way they have represented the school. Thank you to the staff involved in ensuring our students get to compete at Interschool and SSSA sporting events, as well as the practices that are organised so students can prepare for these events. Our Athletics team competes next week at SEZ in Mt Gambier and then heads to Adelaide late in the term.

Our pupil free day held on Tuesday 10th March provided an opportunity for our staff to begin a journey implementing the Berry Street Education Model into our school. This framework supports our staff to further create classrooms where students feel safe, engaged and ready to learn. As we discuss this framework further over the coming weeks, we will start to implement some tools and strategies to support students to be more ready to learn and increase engagement because we are better supporting the wellbeing of students. This also supports students to thrive and achieve greater academic success. In term 3 we will utilise another pupil free day to continue this journey. It was also great to have a number of newer staff from Bordertown Primary School join us on this training.

We are continuing our work around renewing of our Vision and Values. Next week we are holding a meeting with parents who were interested in being involved in the project, as well as governing council members. The meeting is being held in the study hub at 5.30 on Wednesday 18th March, if you are interested in attending the discussion. We are also continuing to work with staff and students to ensure different views are included in this work. As we refine this information, we will provide an update to our community.

I would like to welcome Lexie Hicks to our staff. Lexie is joining us as a classroom SSO, supporting students in their normal lessons. We are also currently seeking expressions of interest for a relief canteen staff member.

Alicia Keatley
Principal

IMPORTANT DATES

SEE TERM CALENDAR



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.



STAFFING

Curriculum SSO'S



We are so pleased to welcome some new SSO staff to BHS. **Jayde, Raemi, Sarah and Julia** started with us at the beginning of this year and have settled in extremely well.

Gilian started at BHS during last year and is working well supporting students in the classrooms.



Lexie started with us in week 6 as a curriculum SSO.

Youth Worker

Welcome to **Lisa Graetz** who has joined us two days a week in the role of Youth Worker.

Home Economics



Students have kicked off the year with food presentation and trends.

To introduce them to the finer points of presentation and because Valentine's Day was this term students made Tuxedo Style Chocolate Covered Strawberries.

They look great, and we're told, tasted delicious!

Mrs Heinjus

Governing Council

Bordertown High School 2026 Governing Council members

Rhyl Opie, Jodie Wegener, Naomi Gill, Nick Davis, Michelle Leach, Andrew Nicholls, Craig Pietsch, Dylan Jenkin, Lourdes Zalweski.

Jon Mock is not continuing on Governing Council. We thank him for his time and contribution.



Student Representative Council 2026



Congratulations to our SRC committee for 2026

President: Archie
Vice President: Alekza
Secretary: Stephanie
Treasurer: Will

Year Level Reps:
Ebony, Tayla, Willow, Avah
Kyla and Beth
Henry and Deon
Cruze and Lexie
Jake and Poppy

Year 7 Home Economics

It has been a wonderful start to the year in Year 7 Home Economics. Students have been busy in the kitchen learning about kitchen safety, exploring the Australian Guide to Healthy Eating, and understanding the importance of eating a healthy breakfast.

Over the past few weeks, our first practical group has prepared a delicious range of dishes, including apple oat muffins, spaghetti bolognese, and beef enchiladas. They are quickly developing confidence and skill in the kitchen, demonstrating good teamwork and safe food-handling practices.

As we near the end of our kitchen rotation and prepare to move into the Textiles room, students are completing their final practical assessment, "Nutritious Breakfast." I am looking forward to seeing the creativity and thoughtful food choices they choose in their final dishes.

Mrs Toogood





Congratulations Walamba

Winners 2026







Mundulla Show Young Judges

Young judges competitions help develop students agricultural evaluation skills and build their confidence in making and justifying their decisions under time pressure. In some cases, they are able to develop their public skills in front of a large crowd.

Congratulations to our students: Beth, Emmy, Milla, Carly, Beau, Sarah, Cooper and Jake who had a go at one or more of the five competitions on offer: Beef Cattle, Meat Sheep, Fleece, Grain and Soils. For each competition students are required to rank the animals/ samples from 1st to 4th and then based on their accuracy compared to the over-judge, are invited to speak on their decisions made. Students received points for participation and then bonus points for finishing top 3, with prizes awarded for overall points scored. Thanks to the organizers of the competitions as well as the overjudges and sponsors.

It's a fantastic opportunity for students to hone their skills ready for other shows later in the year.

Mrs McCarthy
Agriculture Teacher



<u>Winners</u>	1st	2nd	3rd	Over Judge
Beef Cattle	Zanna Spence	Maddy Hann	Emmy Finlayson	Emma Phillips
Meat Sheep	Ryan Philp	Georgina Hann	Sarah Densley	Nick Lawrence
Grain	Georgina Hann	Milla Devitt	Cooper Kennett	Josh Modra
Fleece	Ryan Philp	Carly Graetz	Georgina Hann	Kellsie Turner
Soils	Georgina Hann	Sarah Densley	Beau Excell	Josh Modra

Overall

1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
Georgina Hann	Ryan Philp	Sarah Densley	Cooper Kennett	Beau Excell	Milla Devitt	Jake McCarthy

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Achievements and News

Rotary Student Scholarships

The Rotary Club of Bordertown would like to thank all those high school students who applied for the scholarships being offered by the local Rotary Club. These scholarships are intended to assist students with costs incurred with future education for their chosen studies.

The Stow Penniment Vocational Scholarship, awarded by the Rotary Club Of Bordertown, a \$2,000 prize, was won by Jacqui Altus. Jacqui is furthering her studies at Longrenong College in Victoria in Certificate 4 in Agriculture and Certificate 4 in Wool Classing.

The Rotary Club of Bordertown Tertiary Scholarship was won by Andrea Fuentes. This Scholarship is also worth \$2,000. Andrea is studying to be a teacher. Her study course is Bachelor of Education at Flinders University.

The Rotary club received other applications for these scholarships which were all highly commendable. Unfortunately, The Rotary club can only finance two scholarships so hard decisions had to be made to select the winners.

Thank you.
David E. Milton. Vocational Director, Rotary Club of Bordertown.

HARMONY WEEK



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Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity
Casual Day - Friday Week 8

We invite students to wear cultural clothing or a splash of orange to celebrate the cultural diversity in our school community.

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Dan Probert : Shearing our 2025 lambs



Donating their time to carry out and explain
Worm egg counts to year 11 ag students studying
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HENRY DAHLITZ: Kind donation of pig
feed for a year 10 Enterprise project.

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APPLYING FOR A SCHOOL CARD



All types of School Card applications **are now online.**

You can access the online forms from any device that gets internet, including mobile devices, such as tablets and smart phones, as well as laptops and computers.

Applying online is easy! Simply follow the steps below.

STEP 1 Visit sa.gov.au/education/schoolcard

STEP 2 Select the type of School Card you would like to apply for (for example 'Type A') and follow the prompts.

STEP 3 Complete all mandatory fields.

Please note: you cannot submit your application unless all mandatory fields are complete.

STEP 4 Once you have completed a page click on the 'NEXT' button.

STEP 5 Once you have filled out all pages click the 'SUBMIT' button.

Please note: if you exit the form without clicking 'SUBMIT' your details will be lost.

You can save the form, and return to complete it at another time, by clicking on the 'SAVE' button.

Term 1 2026

Week	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	WEEKEND
0	19	20	21	22	23	24/25 Jan
1 Jan	26 AUSTRALIA DAY HOLIDAY	27	28 Swimming Heats	29	30	31/1 Feb
2 Feb	2	3 Swimming Carnival 1-7pm	4	5	6	7/8 Feb
3 Feb	9	10	11 Meet the Teacher 6pm Yr 7 Meeting 6:30 Yr 12 Meeting 6:30	12	13 SEZ Swimming Mt Gambier	14/15 Feb
4 Feb	16	17	18	19 School Photos	20	21/22 Feb
5 Feb	23	24 Standards Day	25	26 Swimming Adelaide	27 9/10 Cricket	28/1 March
6 Mar	2	3 Burge & Maddern 1500m	4 AI Workshops Yr11	5	6 Athletics Day	7/8 March
7 Mar	9 ADELAIDE CUP HOLIDAY	10 STUDENT FREE DAY	11	12 NAPLAN Yr 12 Retreat Immunisations Yr 7 & 10	13	14/15 March
8 Mar	16	17	18 NAPLAN SEZ Athletics	19	20	21/22 March
9 Mar	23 NAPLAN	24	25	26	27	28/29 March
10 Apr	30	31 SSSA Athletics Adelaide	1	2	3 GOOD FRIDAY	4/5 Apr EASTER
11 Apr	6 EASTER MONDAY	7 Year 7 Camp (Group 1)	8 Year 7 Camp (Group 1)	9 Year 7 Camp (Group 2)	10 Year 7 Camp (Group 2)	11/12 Apr
Holidays Apr	13	14	15	16	17	18/19 Apr
Holidays Apr	20	21	22	23	24	25/26 Apr