



BORDERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

Respect
Integrity
Excellence



It does not seem that long ago that we had a heat wave and had to make decisions about how we would run our swimming carnival. In what feels like a very short time, we are heading to holidays with the term finished.

This term we farewell two of our staff. Mrs Matindi is going on maternity leave. We wish Mr and Mrs Matindi well as they wait for the arrival of their little baby. We also say farewell to Mrs Berry. The Berry family are relocating interstate and we wish Mrs Berry and her family well for their move. We welcome Mrs Jenkin back to our teaching team. She will be taking Mrs Berry's classes for the remainder of the year.

Congratulations to all the students who have represented the school in either swimming, athletics, competing at local shows or camps and excursions. The success of our sporting teams have been fantastic and the dedication that many of the students have shown to morning practices has helped individuals and the team achieve this success. A number of our Agriculture students have also chosen to compete at the Mundulla and Keith shows, again showing commitment and in interest in improving their skills and achieving success. Congratulations to Willow Grellett and Stephanie Sutton who put themselves out of their comfort zone and applied to the SESSA Training Awards. This is a regional award where secondary students from all sites across the Limestone Coast can apply and be recognised for their Vocational Education and Training programs. Steph was recognised as a finalist and Willow received a High Commendation award for her application as an Emerging VET student. Both girls are completing their courses through the Limestone Coast Technical College.

It has been exciting this week to watch the construction of our playground actually happen after ground works were completed over the last week. There is still more work to be done before this will be finalised. The edging and rubber surface need to be laid and KidSafe SA need to check everything before the playground is available for students to use. This project has been funded by the school, with support from our Bordertown High School Equipment Fund and we are grateful for their financial support. Later in the year, a shelter will be constructed over the playground. Early next term we will announce a date for an official opening of the playground, with an opportunity for tours of the school to see classes in action.

Our Vision and Values work has progressed this term. After consultation with staff, students, parents, Governing Councillors, businesses and the wider community, we are close to finalising our values. Our next steps will be to ensure a common understanding of these values and what they mean for our school, before launching this to our families and wider community. It has been fantastic to get input from different stakeholders, while also seeing and hearing the voice of our students about their school and what they believe is important for them as students.

IMPORTANT DATES

ASBESTOS REMOVAL CLOSURE

The school and the grounds will be closed to staff and the public during week 1 of the school holidays 14th-17th April for asbestos removal works.

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.



Principal's report continued..

Student reports will be published on the last day of term. While reading these, please also get in early to book Parent Teacher Interviews, which are being held on Tuesday 5th May from 3.45pm. If you are having problems accessing the booking process, please ring the front office when school returns next term.

Our site is having asbestos removed during the holidays. This means that no one is able to be onsite during these days, including the public. The site is closed from Tuesday 14th – Friday 17th April.

With holidays upon us, if you are having time off enjoy your break. We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 27th April.

Mrs Alicia Keatley
Principal

Interschool Athletics Team

In Week 8, our interschool athletics team travelled to Grant High School in Mount Gambier to compete against other schools in a highly competitive meet. Students represented the school with pride, demonstrating excellent effort and sportsmanship across all events. Their hard work paid off, with the team finishing second place overall, just behind Tenison Woods College.

Building on this momentum, the team then travelled to Adelaide in Week 10 to compete in the SSSA Athletics B1 competition. This was an outstanding day for our athletes, with the team achieving an incredible 18 first-place finishes, 15 seconds, and 21 thirds. These results are a testament to the dedication and commitment shown at training and on competition day.

A special congratulations must go to our girls, who delivered an exceptional performance to win their division. The boys also performed strongly, finishing third overall. Most impressively, these combined efforts saw our school crowned overall champions of the competition.

All students should be proud of their efforts, particularly in the way they took on much larger schools and continued to represent the school with determination and strong sportsmanship.

Thanks to the staff for their time and support in running training sessions and accompanying students to the carnivals, which made these opportunities possible for everyone involved.

PE Faculty



HARMONY DAY



Year 11 Agriculture

The year 11 Agriculture class has had the privilege in getting out of the classroom to visit 2 of our local cattle studs. Ken Modra from Limek limousins welcomed the students last week to choose our steer for 2026, Students were able to talk to Ken about genetics, age, growth etc and made their final selection for our limousin steer to join us at school.

We ventured out to Days Whiteface where Lachy and Shona showed us some of the sale bulls that haven't left for their new homes yet. Students learnt about Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs), Marketing, bull selection, breeding objectives. They will then head back to the classroom and have a closer look at the bulls EBVs to choose the best fit for different scenarios.

Both Ken and Lachy are great supporters of our Agricultural program not only with donating a steer each year but also allowing us to visit their properties and use their expertise and knowledge to gain valuable insights into the beef cattle industry.

We would like to thank them for their time and allowing us to visit.

Mrs Altus
Agriculture Teacher



Youth Environment Council

Congratulations to Lara and Keeley for successfully applying to the Youth Environmental Council of South Australia.

The girls attended the welcome forum on the 17th of March in Adelaide where they met all members coming from schools across South Australia including Kangaroo Island, the Riverland, Eyre Peninsula and the Limestone Coast. They met the student leaders and completed some ice-breaker activities before selecting and engaging in some elective activities. These included flowers pressing, art, photography, nature walks and other nature themed outdoor activities.



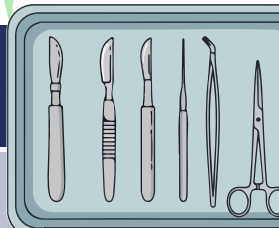
We wish the girls all the best in their upcoming sustainability camp in the term 1 school holidays and look forward to hearing about their selected project. Great work!

Mrs Matindi



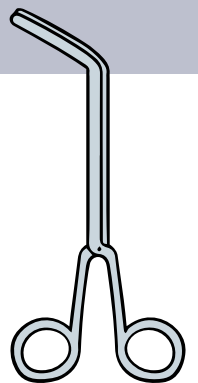
Year 9 Science

This term, Year 9 students have been studying heat, light and sound. To finish their learning on light, they dissected a cow's eye. Each student demonstrated excellent practical skills, enabling them to locate the lens and place it on a piece of newspaper.



The lens refracts light and helps focus an image, which made the newspaper text appear larger. There were only a couple of queasy stomachs this year, with all students successfully completing the practical in their groups.

Science Faculty at BHS



Thankyou to Richard's Quality Meats for their ongoing yearly support of these practicals.

Community Connections

Community Connections is a new Year 7 elective introduced this year, designed to help students engage with and explore the importance of community. Through this program, students are given opportunities to connect with local organisations, learn from community members, and understand how they can contribute positively to the place they live.

Each week, students visit the Carol Murray Children's Centre. These visits focus on building meaningful relationships, as well as collaborating on activities such as creating shared books that support the development of literacy and numeracy skills.

Students have also visited businesses along the main street to gather feedback about the future direction of the school and to discuss our school values. These conversations provided valuable insights and strengthened ties between the school and local businesses.

Other highlights have included tours of ConnectFM and Charla Lodge, both vital parts of our community. Students gained a deeper understanding of the important roles these organisations play and how they support local residents.

During a visit to the Rotary Dog Park, Jeff and Judy Wiese shared the story behind the park's development. They explained the process undertaken by the Rotary Club to bring the project to life, giving students an appreciation of community planning and teamwork.

Students also visited the Bordertown Police Station, where Sergeant Renaldo and Constable Tash provided an engaging tour. They showed students the holding cells and police equipment, including the shield, baton, road spikes, and handcuffs. Sergeant Renaldo also demonstrated the taser, which sparked plenty of curiosity and thoughtful questions from students

We would like to thank everyone who has generously given their time, hosted our students, and engaged with our school community through this elective. We look forward to continuing to build and strengthen these valuable community connections.

Mrs Anderson

66th Inter-house Athletics Day Carnival

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 look 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

Our 66th Inter-House Athletics Carnival was held on Friday of week 6. Walamba came out winners with 3157 pts, with Glenora second on 2703, Pinjali third on 2285 pts and Canara 4th with 2087pts.

A number of records were broken on the day. Congratulations to -

- **Sachiel Dalisay** - 13 year old boys 800 metre record 2:36.49
- 13 year old boys 400 metre record 1:07.18
- **Waa Akurangi** - 13 year old boys discuss record 23.17 metres
- **Blake Kennett** - 15 year old boys triple jump record 11.18 metres

Athletics Day Records and Results

Age-Group Trophy Winners

13 Yr Old Boys
Bellaque Irakoze 154 pts
Harrison Graetz 114 pts

15 Yr Old Boys
Blake Kennett 164 pts
Ben Wegener 129 pts

16 Yr Old Boys
Lenix McWaters 128 pts
Will Heinrich 105 pts

13 Yr Old Girls
Stella Kennett 154 pts
Stella Hicks 137 pts

15 Yr Old Girls
Mia Kennett 135 pts
Claire Dahlitz 133 pts

16 Yr Old Girls
Talise Phillips 129 pts
Remi Pilgrim 128 pts

14 Year Old Boys
Harry Will 119 pts
Declan Taylor 101 pts



Open Boys
Archie Dahlitz 135 pts
Kobi Neale 99 pts

14 Year Old Girls
Lillian Wiese 120 pts
Pippa Blackwell 93 pts

Open Girls
Alekza Meakins 167 pts
Ella Wegener 120 pts

Milne Sprint Trophy

Junior Girls
Mia Kennett 14.49 sec

Senior Girls
Alekza Meakins 14.28 sec

Junior Boys
Blake Kennett 13.49 sec

Senior Boys
Jake Wei 12.86 sec

Murch Throwing Trophy

Junior Girls
Willa Durbidge

Senior Girls
Alekza Meakins

Junior Boys
Blake Kennett

Senior Boys
Tom Gill

Burge 1500m

Junior Girls Winner
Lillian Wiese

Runner up
Mia Kennett

Senior Girls Winner
Remi Pilgrim

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Alekza Meakins

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Junior Boys Winner
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Joe Wiese

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Agriculture Teachers

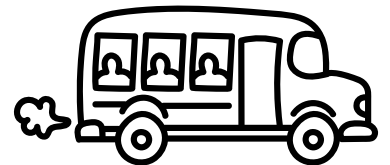
Thank you Jackie

Jackie Clarke has been driving our Yellow Department School bus for many years and is now ready to move on.

Thank you Jackie for your support and care for our students and families over the years.

Jackie has always said that driving the school bus is the favorite part of her day!

Retirement



Community information

OFFICIAL

Community Nursing Tatiara

Country Health Connect Community Nursing team consists of experienced Registered Nurses who provide professional nursing care to the people of the Tatiara district.

Specialising in providing comprehensive wound care, our Community Nurses are trained to provide the most current evidence based practice to achieve best client outcomes.

Wound Care is the treatment provided to heal simple wounds resulting from minor surgery or skin tears which may require basic dressings, through to chronic wounds such as leg ulcers or post surgical wounds that may require more complex wound management procedures.

If you or someone in your family would like more information, please contact Country Health Connect to meet one of our Community Nurses and discuss how we may be able to help you. We provide our nursing service either in our clinic or at your home if required.

We have access to specialised wound care practitioners from Flinders Medical Centre and the Royal Adelaide Hospital and we also work closely with your doctor or specialist to ensure your health care needs are supported.

NURSING SERVICES AVAILABLE

- Wound care – basic / comprehensive
- Negative Pressure wound care
- Catheter care / management
- Post-operative wound management
- Subcutaneous medication administration
- PICC dressings
- PICC Intravenous medication
- Medication administration
- Home Oxygen management

Community Nurses providing wound care to clients

For more information, please contact your local, friendly Community Nursing Team at Country Health Connect in the Tatiara region:

Bordertown: 8 DeCoursey Street (08) 8752 9050 | **Keith:** 27 Hill Avenue (08) 8755 3122

Call us on 1800 944 912
www.countryhealthconnect.sa.gov.au

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COUNTRY HEALTH CONNECT

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Limestone Coast



Country Living
Dentistry

Braces? Sports? Energy drinks? Late-night study snacks?

High school life can be tough on teeth.

Our team makes dental visits easy, relaxed and judgement-free.

Eligible students can receive **\$1158 worth of general dental care FREE, every 2 years** under the Child Dental Benefits Schedule*.

All other school students will receive a generous discount.

Book a teen check up today. Ph 08 8752 1313 or book online.

* General dental includes check-ups, general x-rays, hygienist, fluoride, fillings, preventive services and extractions. Some limits apply.

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, 2026 Planner

| Week | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | WEEKEND |
|-------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|---|---|--------|------------|
| 1 April | 27 | 28 Yr12 PE Camp | 29 Yr12 PE Camp Cattle Handling School Yr 9 | 30 Yr12 PE Camp Cattle Handling School Yr 9 | 1 | 2/3 May |
| 2 May | 4 | 5 Parent/Teacher Meetings | 6 | 7 Immunisations Yr10 | 8 | 9/10 May |
| 3 May | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16/17 May |
| 4 May | 18 | 19 | 20 Governing Council 7pm | 21 | 22 | 23/24 May |
| 5 May | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30/31 May |
| 6 June | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6/7 June |
| 7 June | 8 KINGS BIRTHDAY | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13/14 June |
| 8 June | 15 STUDENT FREE DAY | 16 | 17 Governing Council 7pm | 18 | 19 | 20/21 June |
| 9 June | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Elevate Yr10-12 | 26 | 27/28 June |
| 10 June | 29 | 30 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4/5 July |
| Hols July | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11/12 July |
| Hols July | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18/19 July |