



# BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

Be honest - Practise bravery - Show kindness

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Kings Birthday Public Holiday**  
Monday 10th June

**Student Free Day**  
Tuesday 11th June

**Sapsasa Soccer Trials**  
Wednesday 12th + 19th June

**School Photo Day**  
Monday 17th June

**Governing Council Meeting**  
Wednesday 19th June

**Sapsasa Netball**  
Mon 24th - Wed 26th June

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Department for Education



### A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

It is hard to believe that we are now in June. I would like to thank our school community for their patience while we transition to our new departmental operating system. This has involved a lot of training for our staff and a change in the way we do many day to day tasks. Included in this change is how teachers complete student reports. We are currently still in the process of setting up the reporting templates that teachers will be required to use. Teachers have now started writing reports which will then need to be put in to the new system, therefore they will not be distributed at the end of the term, but early in term 3 via our new community portal.

On Tuesday 11th June our Portfolio, that includes all of our Tatiara schools have a joint Pupil Free Day.



25km/h past a stationary school bus - this applies to all traffic in both directions

Our staff will travel to Murray Bridge to collaborate with colleagues to explore the South Australian Strategy for Public Education and the new South Australian Curriculum which has been adapted from the Australian Curriculum for our content and the prioritisation of students dispositions, capabilities and knowledge when learning at school. Chief Executive Martin Westwell will address the conference with a focus on our purpose as educators and the future of education in South Australia.

We have a focus on four areas of impact Wellbeing, Learner Agency, Effective Learners and Equity and Excellence. Included in this newsletter in an overview of the strategy. Our governing council has discussed what this means for our school community and our future priorities as a site.

Shelley Cameron



# OUR STRATEGY FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION



## CHILDREN AND STUDENTS LEARNING AND THRIVING

### OUR PURPOSE

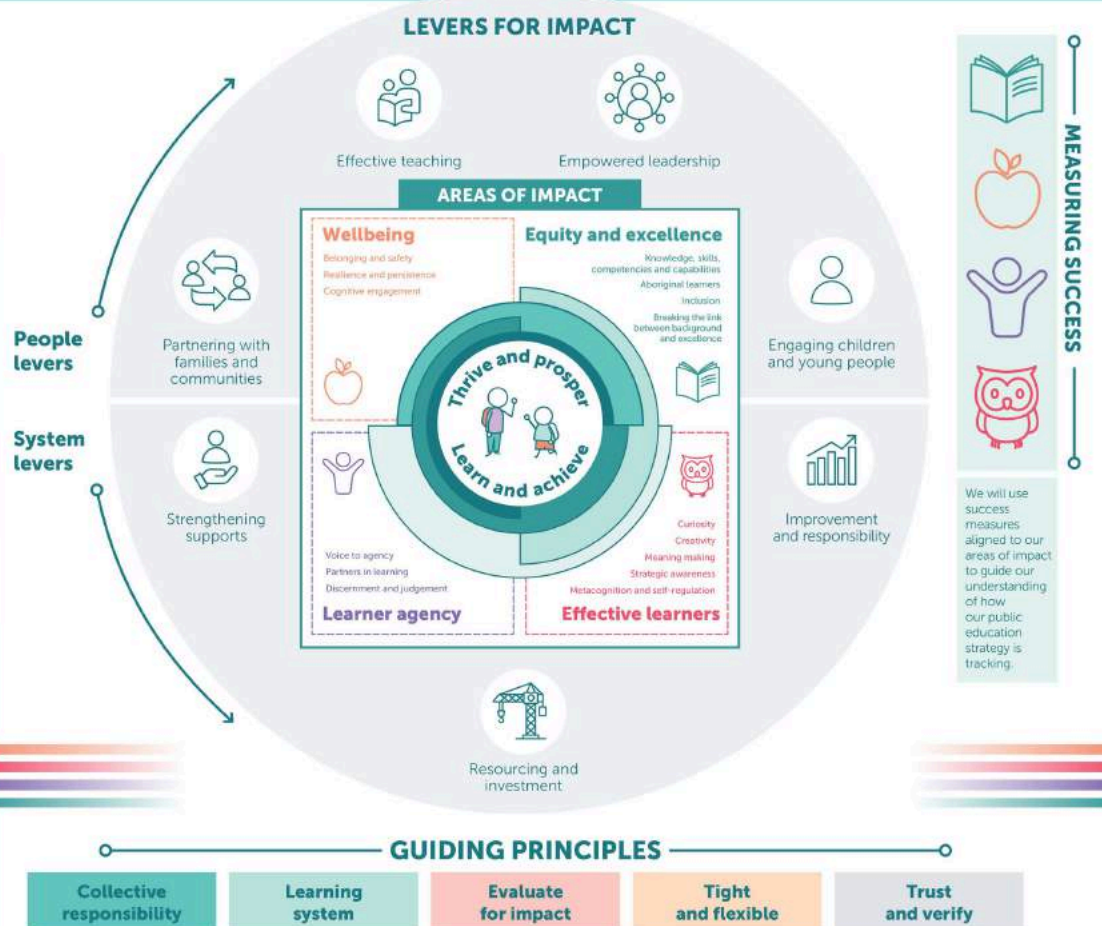
Public education is for every child and young person in every community across our state.

Educators and staff work in partnership with families and communities to nurture, develop and empower all South Australian children and young people with the knowledge, skills and capabilities they need to become fulfilled individuals, active, compassionate citizens and lifelong learners.

Our preschools and schools are the heart of local communities. They are safe, inclusive, and collaborative – a place where every child and young person is encouraged to contribute, develops positive relationships, has a say in their learning, and where their needs, interests and cultures are recognised and supported.

We are relentless in our ambition for all children and young people to enter the world beyond the classroom ready to learn and to create opportunities to live a satisfying and fulfilling life of their choosing.

When our children and young people thrive so does South Australia.





# National Simultaneous Storytime

On Wednesday 22nd of May some of our classes took part in National Simultaneous Storytime reading the picture book *Bowerbird Blues* by Aura Parker



# LUNCH TIME ART CLUB

During lunch time on Tuesday and Fridays, a group of Year 5/6 students have been enjoying participating in a variety of art room activities. These activities range from...



Painting sections of a large banner, which will form part of the new signage for the front of the school.



Decorating our classroom mannequin using paint pens.



Working on our term 2 art club project, which will be framed and displayed in the front office.



Working on individual, interest based art projects.



Mounting the junior primary classes pieces of art work ready to be displayed,



Working on pieces of art for our immersive art experience, which will take place on Thursday 17th October. More information will be sent home during term 3.



Painting so many circles on canvases, ready for the Year 3/4 classes to use as part of their collaborative project with the residents of Charla Lodge later this term.



# Sapsasa Football

On Monday the 27th of May, Angus, Emmett, Noah, Lachlan and Parker went to Adelaide for 3 days, for the AFL South Australian State Carnival.

We represented the Upper South East and played against 9 teams in the Division 1 competition. We won four games and lost five. It was very fun and we made heaps of new friends. There were very good conditions to play football, it was nice and sunny. We went to the Beach House and also the Surf Lifesaving club for dinner.

Thanks to Mr. Searle for coaching us and Wade for team managing.

Parker and Angus



## Girls Knockout Footy - Round 1

On Monday the 20th of May, 16 girls from years 5 and 6 travelled to Murray Bridge for the opening round of the State Knockout Football Competition. The Girls were very eager to show off their hard training and played some excellent footy. The girls were eventual winners by 132 points and had an absolute blast!!!

The girls next round will be at the end of the term and they have already started their preparation.



## FROM OUR PASTORAL CARE WORKER

Cyber-safety, what's safe on line, what's not, how much screen time is too much have all become hot topics of late, and is even making headline news as Facebook and our Prime Minister debate over what's ok and what's not! Even the leader of the Opposition is weighing in on the debate and wanting to introduce new laws for social media use for our kids.

When it comes to screen time use/social media access for our children, we all have choices. Some choose yes, some choose no, and some sit somewhere in between. Where you choose to sit is up to you! What is important however, is that we are making informed decisions, and we can only do that if we are armed with information to help us decide what we allow for our own children and what we do not.

There are many, many places you can go to access helpful, useful information. Try only to get information from a trusted source so that you know this information is true and supported.

The e-safety commissioner has great information about different apps, the age ratings and requirements of these apps, and general advice on what parents need to look for when making decisions in regards to children using the online world.

Dollys Dream is a website to help you navigate on-line bullying and has useful information for parents if your child is being bullied, or if your child is the one doing the bullying.

Susan Mclean ([cybersafetysolutions.com.au](http://cybersafetysolutions.com.au)) has lots of factual information on setting rules and guidelines for your families technology use.

Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation ([accce.gov.au](http://accce.gov.au)) has a 'Parent and Carer Social Media Starter kit', a great resource to get up to speed on various features of social media apps and sites



### Top 5 online safety tips for kids

- 1** Set up your device to protect your information.
- 2** Explore safely & tell an adult if you see anything online that makes you feel yuck.
- 3** Limit who can contact you when you're playing games.
- 4** Stop all contact with anyone online who asks you to do anything you don't want to do. Report and block them.
- 5** Ask for help if anything online is bothering you.

eSafetykids [esafety.gov.au/kids](http://esafety.gov.au/kids)

According to the e-safety commissioner, here are some of the top things parents/carers should be doing to help keep children safe online:

- *Set up devices safely (use password protect devices, screen time monitors and parental controls)*
- *Use devices in communal areas, ensure there is parental guidance when children are exploring on the internet (never allow screens in bedrooms and bathrooms)*
- *Teach children to ask for help*
- *Protect your digital footprint (carefully consider what you share online about yourself and the children in your life)*

# DID YOU KNOW?

- *Fewer than half of Australian parents have ‘the talk’ about cyber safety with their children?*
- *One in four Australian children (aged 5-16 years) have engaged in risky online behaviour*
- *Snapchat, Discord and Tiktok are the three most predator driven apps*
- *46% of girls and 29% of boys aged between 10-13 years have been offered money for nude photos*

When you allow children access to the internet, you are allowing the world access to your children. There are many benefits of online use, however, understanding the dangers and threats also need to be taken into consideration. You may like to spend some time discussing the attached information with your children to help ensure everyone's safety online!

Chelsea

Our Wellbeing Team has access to local services that are here to help you!

We are able to source School Uniforms, food hampers (both fresh food and meals), fuel vouchers and much, much more.

We are also able to put you in contact with other service providers where necessary.

Please feel free to have a confidential chat with us if we can be of any assistance to you and your family!



# Birthday celebrations

On Thursday the 6th of June we walked over to the hospital for Lorna Henstriges 110th Birthday Party.

Lorna loved the cards and the Happy Birthday video that some kids made for her.

We both had a really fun time and it was a great day for it.

Cora and Lara



**The Bordertown Primary School Sentral portal is no longer in use. Please do not use Sentral to communicate with the school as we do not receive these messages.**

**For absence and other communications please send either**

- an email to [dl.0733.info@schools.sa.edu.au](mailto:dl.0733.info@schools.sa.edu.au)
- SMS to 0466 829 307
- or phone 8752 1888

**You can still communicate with your child's teacher through Dojo but please keep in mind that teachers do not check Dojo during the school day.**

**In the coming weeks we will send you an invite to our new Community Portal as part of our new administration system which should streamline this process.**

**We apologise for any inconvenience and we are working hard to keep disruptions to a minimum.**



# Smoking / Vaping



From 1 March 2024, new smoke-free and vape-free laws have banned smoking and vaping in a number of public outdoor areas in South Australia, **including early childhood services premises, education and children's services facilities (including schools)**, and within ten (10)metres of their boundaries.

Please help us to follow these guidelines by leaving any cigarettes and vapes at home at pick-up and drop off times. The Government has put out some resources around this subject and you can find them at [www.sahealth.sa.gov.au](http://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au)

## Find us on

Be sure to follow Bordertown Primary School on Facebook page to stay up to date with everything happening at school



### PLEASE UPDATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH THE FRONT OFFICE IF ANYTHING HAS CHANGED



HOME/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS



MOBILE NUMBER



EMAIL ADDRESS



EMERGENCY CONTACTS



FAMILY INFORMATION

# Showcase your child's talents.

Sign up for ICAS 2024



Dear **Parents and Caregivers**,

We know our students are amazing, so we're giving them the opportunity to showcase and celebrate their talents in the world-renowned ICAS competition this year.

## What is ICAS?

ICAS is an online academic competition that gives students the opportunity to challenge their higher order thinking and problem-solving skills in English, Mathematics, Science and Digital Technologies.

Every student who participates is celebrated and recognised with a printed certificate in each subject area, and an online results report to track development each year. Top performers are eligible for one of the highly coveted ICAS medals.

To learn more about this year's exciting ICAS competition, visit: ([icasassessments.com/products-icas/](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/))

## How to participate in ICAS

If you wish for your child to participate in ICAS this year, please:

1. Read about ICAS subjects and prices [here](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/): ([icasassessments.com/products-icas/](https://icasassessments.com/products-icas/))
2. Read the Privacy Collection Statement below.
3. Read the terms and conditions [here](https://icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf): ([icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs\\_S2023.V6-1.pdf](https://icasassessments.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-ICAS-Assessments-Schools-TsCs_S2023.V6-1.pdf))
4. Go to the Parent Portal to sign up to chosen subject areas [here](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps): ([shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps](https://shop.icasassessments.com/pages/pps))
5. Enter our school's access code – **DRT540**
6. Enter your child's details, select the subject areas your child would like to participate in, then proceed to payment.
7. Purchases must be made before Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July.
8. All assessments will take place in August.

Please note that the ICAS subject areas shown for selection are at the school's discretion. After payment is made via the Parent Payment System, you will receive an order confirmation email, please keep this for your records.

## ICAS results and certificates

All assessments will be conducted online, at school. We will notify you of the date(s) that we will run ICAS assessments, and when your child's ICAS results are ready. Your child's ICAS

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certificates will be delivered to school. Once we have received them, we will present them to your child to bring home. The back of the certificate will show your child's ICAS results and the login details, "TAP ID and Pin". - Use these to enter the [Results Portal](#) [orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent](https://orti.icasassessments.com/ortiStudent).

## Privacy collection statement

The following information is a privacy notification about how your child's data is kept private and secure.

*ICAS Assessment is owned by Janison Solutions Pty Ltd (We, Us, Our).*

*To deliver assessment products, Janison will require your child's School to obtain your consent to provide Janison with certain personal information of students. Janison will collect, store, use, disclose and otherwise deal with such personal information in accordance with its privacy policy (below). We are aware of our responsibility to protect personal information related to children and students from being disclosed when we deliver an ICAS Assessments product. Unless you, as the child's legal guardian consents, we **will not**:*

- *collect any personal information or data of children other than the information we need for the successful completion of an assessment, test, or exam.*
- *transfer any personal information we obtain from a child in the delivery of assessments and tests to any jurisdiction outside of Australia.*
- *share any personal information relating to children with any third parties (except for those third parties necessary for us to carry out our Services or provide our Products e.g., medal engraving).*
- *use any personal information or data relating to children for marketing purposes.*

*You can view our full privacy policy at <https://www.janison.com/privacy-policy/>.*

*We may retain personal information and data relevant to a child for their future purposes or for research purposes by Janison for the duration of the school life cycle of the child. However, if you or your child at any time wish to have their personal information or data removed from our systems, they or you may opt out by simply contacting our Privacy Officer at [privacy@janison.com](mailto:privacy@janison.com) or by contacting [icasassessments@janison.com](mailto:icasassessments@janison.com).*

We are excited to be offering ICAS to our students this year and look forward to celebrating their achievements. Please do not hesitate to contact the school office if you have any questions.

Kind regards,

**Kylie Staude**

**Assistant Principal**

# Free home internet access for students

## There are currently 2 options available

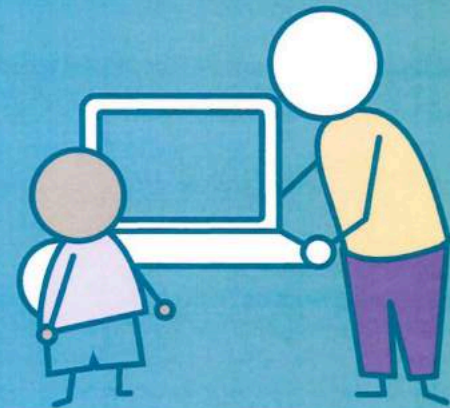
- wireless internet access from the Department for Education through the Student Home Internet Program
- NBN internet access until December 2025 from the Australian Government through the School Student Broadband Initiative



Scan to find out more

## You might be eligible if you

- have a school aged child
- don't have reliable home internet access or have no active NBN connection



[education.sa.gov.au/student-home-internet-program](http://education.sa.gov.au/student-home-internet-program)

Inter Church Council Presents

Chaplaincy Fundraiser

# FAMILY FUN NIGHT

SILENT AUCTION PRIZES QUIZ NIGHT

FRIDAY 2ND AUGUST  
doors open from 6:30,  
for 7pm Start

Bordertown Institute Hall  
\$10 ADULTS - STUDENTS FREE  
NO NEED TO RSVP

**BPL**  
Bordertown  
Public Library

# LEGO CLUB

fortnightly after school  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
3.45pm-4.45pm

Bordertown Public Library  
8752 1473

May 8, 22  
June 5, 19  
July 3