



BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

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2024

IMPORTANT DATES

2024

Last Day of Term - Early
Dismissal 2:25pm
Friday 13th December

2025

TERM 1

First Day of School 2025
Tuesday 28th January

R-4 School Swimming
Mon 10th - Wed 19th
February

Girls Sapsasa Football
Trial
Tues 11th + 18th Feb

Governing Council AGM
March 2025

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Department for Education

TERM 4 *at a glance*





A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As we come to the end of 2024 year it is important to acknowledge the hard work and achievements of our staff and students. Our newsletters, Class Dojo and Facebook have showcased much of the learning that has taken place this year.

Students in Year 1-6 will have their written reports emailed to parents on Friday and will be available from 5pm Saturday in the Community Portal. Receptions reports will be sent home with children on Friday. These reports will be a record of individual achievement for the second half of the year. Please take the time to discuss with students the positives as well as the next steps in learning for them.

After school on Friday all students will have a note with their class teacher for 2025 and the names of some friends that will also be in their class.

This week we also have some staff who are leaving us. We wish our SSO's Sara and Brooke Rowsell who are moving to Queensland all the best in their new state and for their next chapter.

Another of our SSO's Jenni Growden leaves us to move to Murray Bridge and we thank her for her care and contribution to our wonderful SSO team and the many students she has supported.

Matthew Jaeschke our ICT manager is currently on leave exploring other employment opportunities in his chosen field of expertise and will not be returning in 2025. Matt has worked tirelessly at B.P.S updating our computer system, rolled out our mobile device program for year 5/6's as well as many other roles in his time here. We will miss Matt's calm approach to all our IT questions and issues.

Claudia Svilans has been teaching at B.P.S for 3 years and has been a valued member of our teaching team. We wish her all the best as she takes up a teaching position in Melbourne.

Finally I would like to thank our school community for welcoming me back as principal for the last 18 months. It has been both enjoyable and rewarding working with and alongside a team of highly committed teachers and support staff and being part of the students progress and achievement in learning.

I wish Kylie Staude all the best in her role as Principal and look forward to visiting B.P.S throughout 2025 in my role as Education Lead for schools in our Portfolio.

Mrs Shelley Cameron

Farewell from Bordertown Primary School



**Brooke
Jenni
Claudia
Sara
Matt
Shelley**



Shelley Cameron

Today we farewell Shelley who returned to us 18 months ago in the principals position. Her wealth of knowledge, not only of the education, curriculum and department requirements, but also her past connection with our school and community ensured a smooth transition.

We have valued her leadership, which has shaped this school into not just a place of learning, but a place of kindness, growth, and possibility. She has inspired countless students and staff members alike with her unwavering dedication, vision, and compassion. Shelley's belief in every child's potential has given us the confidence to dream big, work hard, and achieve greatness.

On behalf of the school community, staff and students, we thank Shelley for the dedication, empathy, and true passion she has shown us. We wish her all the best for her role as Education Lead and we are sure we will continue to see her around the school in the future.



Breakfast Club

We would like to thank the Bordertown Bakery for generously supporting our Breakfast Club program through loaves of bread at no cost.

Thank you to our parent volunteers in Sarah Pilgrim and Lucy Savage. We greatly appreciate your time and efforts in supporting the year 6 students to serve breakfast. A very special thankyou to Chelsea March for once again coordinating the program to ensure our students begin the day with a full tummy.



House Point Shield

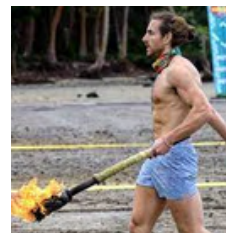
Congratulations to McLeod house team for winning the House Point Shield for the most house points awarded for the year.



Merry Christmas!

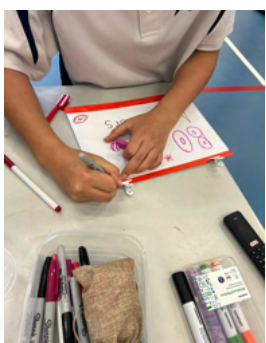
Just a quick note to say thankyou to everyone for the joy and privilege it has been serving as your PCW this year. Nothing gives me greater joy than seeing the smiles on your childrens faces as they share their achievements and successes with me, and I am honoured that they can also share the tough times too. Please be kind to yourselves over Christmas. It can be busy, our heart aches for the loved ones who are unable to be with us, and many other stresses arise. Take time to notice the small things. The laughter of your children. The sound of the birds. The sound of presents being ripped open. The smell of Christmas lunch. Take time to be kind to yourself. I look forward to hearing about all the amazing memories that have been made the first day back at school in 2025! May the Joy and Peace of Christmas be with you all. Chelsea.

Inner STRENGTH



During week 8 Henry Nicholson from Inner Strength worked with the year 6's on a Leadership and Wellbeing program. Henry spent time on 'Australian Survivor' and through sharing his life experiences he is educating children on how to understand and regulate their emotions and find their Inner Strength.

"At Inner Strength our mission is simple, we want to equip children with tools and strategies to help them identify, understand and manage their emotions. In doing so they're able to handle the ups and downs of life more effectively. We believe that building your Inner Strength allows a child to be the best version of their unique selves, allowing them to contribute to their communities with greater empathy, understanding and kindness."



All of the students would like to thank the staff for their dedication. Thank you for helping us progress in our learning, we have all learnt so much and have had heaps of fun.

Thank you to the NIT teachers:

Mr Searle for teaching P.E, science and ag. Everyone likes your P.E lesson and the yr 5/6 students really have enjoyed Ag. Natanda has progressed so much over the year. Thanks to Mrs Blackwell for teaching Science, students have really enjoyed your lessons. Mrs Devitt for doing choir, Science, Drama & Music and for doing song battles. We all have had lots of fun.

We would all like to thank Mrs Harkness for being an amazing art teacher this year and putting together a great art show.

Mrs Johnson for taking French. The yr 6's have loved the crepes.

The reception students would like to say big thank you to Mrs Maney, Mrs Staude, Miss Sigston and Mrs Hillier for teaching them this year. They all think you are all super nice.

All of the 1/2 and 2/3 students would like to thank Miss McCarthy, Miss Sneath, Miss Claudia, Miss Deans, Mrs Steer and Mrs Taylor for being funny, nice, kind and helping them so much this year.

The year 3/4 students would like to say thank you to Mrs Maney, Mrs Poole and Ms Heatherton for teaching them bike ed as you are all really good at teaching it in a fun way. They have loved fitness and how they have improved in their writing.

The 5/6 students taught by Miss Rattus, Mrs Foulds, Miss Murdoch, Mr Collins, Karen and Mrs Wegener would like to say that they have loved their year with you and thank you for being calm, kind and generous and always being there when to help them.

Thank you to all our amazing SSO staff for your dedication to us and being there to help the teachers and students.

Thankyou to Chelsea for supporting us when we need it and doing Breakfast club.

Thankyou to Mrs Foulds and Mrs Staude.

Last but most certainly not least, Thankyou to Mrs Cameron for coming back to be our principal this year.

Thank you to Mrs Staude for running Kids' Voice. This year we have raised money for MND, Leukemia Foundation and bought soccer nets and sporting equipment for the students.

Cruze, Cora and Lara



Year 6 Graduation

On Monday night 68 of our students graduated Primary School at our 2024 Graduation.

Congratulations to all recipient's of the citizenship awards and special mention to Khloe Carman for receiving the citizenship medal.





Year 6 Graduates



As we look back on 2024 we asked the year 6 graduates:
“What is your most precious memory of primary school?”



Riley
The last week of school



Diamond
5/6 Camp and the Fringe Festival



Sapphire
Being with my friends



Lexie
Drawing with the elderly for art club and being on the news



Erin
SAPSASA softball, Songs at Sunset



Mitchell
Science lessons



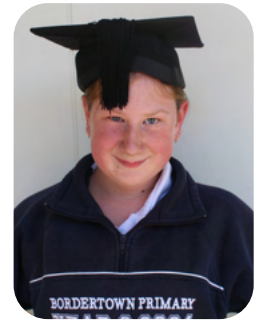
Pippa
Doing state footy, SAPSASA, and making friends



Sophie
When we got to wear high heels in class



Hudson
Playing the piano-accordion in reception



Aaylah
Growing up and having a good friend



Khloe
Meeting all my friends and having fun



Kate
Year 5/6 Camps



Cruze
Winning the knockout footy grand final



Bella
I liked art class, it was always really fun



Benett
Getting to be House Captain



Year 6 Graduates



Sarah
SAPSASA netball,
soccer and football



Claire
SAPSASA cricket
and mixed netball



Milla
Spending time with
my friends



Sean
Playing soccer at
recess and lunch



Simon
Playing soccer at
recess and lunch



Harley
When I had
Mrs. Staude as my
teacher



Drazick
The last week



Dylan
Playing in the
knockout football
grand final



Cora
Going on camp and
SAPSASA
basketball



Will
Playing speedball



Carly
Being able to be in
the relays in my last
year



Havannah
The 5/6 camps and
SAPSASA netball



Lucy
Winning sports day
and having fun with
friends



Stella
Going to SAPSASA,
sports days and
Songs at Sunset



Noah
Winning the
knockout footy
grand final



Julia
First day in reception
and playing Fairyland



Lara
Hanging out with my
friends and doing
fun things



Bryce
Just being here



Stella
When I got voted
McLeod House
Captain



Angus
Winning the
knockout footy
grand final



Year 6 Graduates



Simon
Coming to school



Georgie
Having fun with my friends



Tom
Doing investigations in reception and year 1



Xaviar
Having good friends



Della
SAPSASA basketball, netball and cricket



Timmy
P.E.



Fletcher
When the French room caught on fire



Keeley
Doing Food Factory and Fete



Ashi
Being with my friends from reception to year 6



Isaiah
Having French with Mrs. Johnson



Zoe
Making the friends I have now!



Deklan
Camp and the last week of school



Aikay
When we went to Bounce on camp



Jasmine
Ruby falling off the swing



Emmett
First day of school, first Songs at Sunset, and knockout footy



Amelia
The friends I have made



Brooklyn
SAPSASA basketball, knockout footy and school disco



Mitchell
Year 5/6 Camps



Imogen
Being the Grinch for dress up day, and friends



Jessica
Making cubbies with the logs in Natanda



Year 6 Graduates



Bentley
My first sports day



Ollie
Being in Mrs. Bishop's class in year 2



Dakoda
Diamond, Milla and I being sprayed with water by each other



Logan
Lunch, recess, and learning



Declan
Making friends with people



Keisha
Being with my friends



Declan
P.E.



Zowie
Having the best teacher two times - Mr. Collins



Shiloh
When my brother and I used to hang out in year 1



Lachlan
Winning knockout football



Saul
Going on camp



Parker
Winning knockout footy grand final and being House Captain



Isabella
Playing on the swing



We wish our 2024 graduate students the best of luck for their future and hope they look back at Bordertown Primary School with fond memories.

School swimming lessons are booked in Term 1,
Week 3 & 4 for Reception to Year 4 students.

Details will be distributed in Week 1. Your child will
need to bring bathers, sun safe top or t shirt, towel,
hat, sunscreen & medication. Goggles are optional.



High School Dresses – Navana Clothing
Could anyone that is attending High School in 2025 and is
wanting a High School dress please let us know in store at
Navana Clothing before January 6th so that we can pre-
order as there is limited stock held in-store. This order will
be due to arrive in February.
Any questions or orders, please email
navana.clothing@gmail.com



South East Field Days 2025 Competitions

Scrap Metal Sculptures

Get creative and build an amazing piece of art. Using scrap metal, clay,
stone, wood, glass and/or plastic. Group school entries are welcome.

Scarecrows

A fun creative competition for the kids, family, School, or group. We want to
see how crazy and amazing you can make your scarecrow.

Is it a scarecrow portrait of someone you know, or a character of your own
creation?!

Whatever you choose to create

Make sure you drop it off by Thursday 20th March 2024.

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2025 South East Field Days

Competition Rules

Join in the fun by entering one of our competitions, create a crazy Scarecrow or a Metal
Sculpture. Fantastic prizes available for both children and adults. Enter as part of a group or
individually.

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and/or plastic. Group/school entries are welcome or create something on your own!

Scarecrow:

A fun creative competition for the kids, family, School, or group. We want to see how crazy and
amazing you can make your scarecrow. Is it a scarecrow portrait of someone you know or a
character of your own creation?

Rules of entry:

Scrap Metal Sculpture

1. 3-Dimensional sculpture – any theme.
2. Must be free standing.
3. Made from Clay, Stone, Metal, Wood, Glass, Plastic. (Junk/Recyclables)
4. No Paper, Cardboard, or other perishable materials.
5. Size must be over 60cm and under 2 meters.
6. Labels attached with name of artist, name of sculptures, if for sale and cost or if not for sale.

Scarecrows

1. Must be of sound construction
2. Colourful
3. Have some movement
4. Be NAMED

Drop off Thursday 20th March between 12:00pm – 5:30pm or Friday 21st March 7:30am -
9:00am.

Pick up Saturday 22nd from 5:00pm.

Step into

SANTA'S WORKSHOP

and explore a range of FREE Christmas activities!

7-23 December

BOOK-IN ACTIVITIES (For ages 5+)

These sessions will book out, so please call to secure a spot: Bordertown Public Library on 8752 1473 and Keith Community Library on 8755 3236

4 DEC Wednesday 3-4:30pm Bordertown Library Make your own Globe Bauble	11 DEC Wednesday 3-4:50pm-4:30pm Walkway Gallery Make your own Tinsel Wreath	17 DEC Tuesday 11am-12pm Walkway Gallery Make your own Christmas Knot Pillow	17 DEC Tuesday 2pm-3pm Walkway Gallery Make your own Christmas Knot Pillow	18 DEC Wednesday 2pm-3pm Keith Library Make your own Christmas Knot Pillow	18 DEC Wednesday 3-4:50pm-4:30pm Walkway Gallery Make your own Tinsel Wreath	18 DEC Wednesday 11am-12pm Walkway Gallery Make your own Christmas Knot Pillow	18 DEC Wednesday 11am-12pm Walkway Gallery Make your own Christmas Travel Mug	20 DEC Friday 10am-11am Keith Library Make your own Globe Bauble	19 DEC Thursday 2pm-3pm Walkway Gallery Make your own 3D ornament	19 DEC Thursday 2pm-3pm Walkway Gallery Make your own 3D ornament
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SPECIAL CHRISTMAS INSTALLATION + PHOTO BOOTH

DROP-IN ACTIVITIES

from 9 December in all locations

For all ages!

Card Making + 2D ornaments
3D ornaments + Colouring Pages
Bookmarks + Craft Kits + heaps more

All children must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver

WALKWAY GALLERY
43 Woodshed St, Bordertown
P: 8752 1044
@WalkwayGallery

BORDERTOWN LIBRARY
43 Woodshed St, Bordertown
P: 8752 1473
@BordertownLibraryServices

KEITH LIBRARY
Tolmer Tce, Keith
P: 8755 3236
@KeithLibraryServices

CLOSED from 3pm, 23 Dec: 2024 to 2 Jan 2025

CLOSED from 1pm, 24 Dec: 2024 to 2 Jan 2025

CLOSED from 12pm, 21 Dec: 2024 to 14 Jan 2025



MORE FUN THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE!

MyGolf is Australia's introductory golf program for 5 to 12 year olds. +
The program introduces kids to golf in a safe and friendly environment.

Participants learn new skills, make new friends and most importantly, HAVE FUN!

REGISTER NOW AT
MYGOLF.ORG.AU

Bordertown Golf Club – Junior Program

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITY

Monday 16th December 2024 4.30pm to 5.30pm

Wednesday 19th December 2024 4.30pm to 5.30pm

- 2 Sessions - Introduction to skills of golf for newbies
- Activities to try the new skills learned.
- Playing some holes for those who have grasped the basics needed to play.
- Very cheap activity for the school holidays.
- Sticks and other equipment provided if you need any.

Link to register:

[https://www.golf.org.au/mygolf/facility/Bordertown+Golf+Club+\(SA\)](https://www.golf.org.au/mygolf/facility/Bordertown+Golf+Club+(SA))

More information/enquiries: Carleen Leach 0427 042 144

Email: admin@bordertowngolf.com.au

Term 1 Timeline 2025

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	27 Jan	28 Jan	29 Jan	30 Jan	31 Jan	1 Feb	2 Feb
	Australia Day Public Holiday						
2	3 Feb	4 Feb	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb
3	10 Feb	11 Feb	12 Feb	13 Feb	14 Feb	15 Feb	16 Feb
		Girls Sapsasa Softball Trial 1					
	R-4 School Swimming				Newslink		
4	17 Feb	18 Feb	19 Feb	20 Feb	21 Feb	22 Feb	23 Feb
		Girls Sapsasa Softball Trial 2					
	R-4 School Swimming						
5	24 Feb	25 Feb	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb	1 Mar	2 Mar
	Sapsasa Swimming Trial		Sapsasa Softball Carnival				
6	3 Mar	4 Mar	5 Mar	6 Mar	7 Mar	8 Mar	9 Mar
		Year 5/6 Camp			Newslink		
7	10 Mar	11 Mar	12 Mar	13 Mar	14 Mar	15 Mar	16 Mar
	Adelaide Cup Day	Proposed Student Free Day					
8	17 Mar	18 Mar	19 Mar	20 Mar	21 Mar	22 Mar	23 Mar
9	24 Mar	25 Mar	26 Mar	27 Mar	28 Mar	29 Mar	30 Mar
			Choir Practice - Mundulla				
					Newslink		
10	31 Mar	1 Apr	2 Apr	3 Apr	4 Apr	5 Apr	6 Apr
			Boys Sapsasa Football Trial 1				
11	7 Apr	8 Apr	9 Apr	10 Apr	11 Apr	12 Apr	13 Apr
	Sapsasa Swimming Carnival		Boys Sapsasa Football Trial 2		Last Day of Term Early Dismissal 2:25 pm		