

BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

Be honest - Practise bravery - Show kindness

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2025

IMPORTANT DATES

Adelaide Cup Public Holiday
Monday 10th March

Student Free Day
Tuesday 11th March

Year 3 & 5 NAPLAN
12th March - 24th March

Kids' Voice Induction
Monday 17th March

Camp Quality Sessions
Monday 17th March

Harmony Day Dress Up
Friday 21st March

Parent Teacher Interviews
Mon 31st March + Tues 1st April

Sapsasa State Softball Carnival
26th - 28th March

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of South Australia
Department for Education



Dear Parents, Caregivers and Families,
Staff and students have been very busy at school these last few weeks including celebrating Random Act of Kindness Day as Showing Kindness is one of our school values and participating in our first House Team colour day.

NAPLAN

Our year 3 and 5 students will be participating in the NAPLAN testing during week 7 and 8, where they are tested on their literacy and numeracy skills. NAPLAN is one element of our assessment process to support students in their learning.

**ATTENTION!
PLEASE!**

DONT FORGET: There is **NO SCHOOL** on Monday or Tuesday next week for the Adelaide Cup Public Holiday and Student Free Day



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

Parents on Site

Just a friendly reminder to all parents and caregivers; if you need to collect your child from school or drop something off to them, it is a requirement that you do this via the front office. Admin staff will notify the classroom teacher and your child will make their way to the front office. We are here to support you and your family and remind you that between the hours of 8:30am and 3:25pm your child/ren are in the duty of care of the classroom teacher. Thank you for your support.

5/6 Camp

Our year 5/6 students and staff members have been on camp this week in Adelaide participating in a variety of amazing experiences. They have been blessed with wonderful weather and through the activities have had the opportunity to develop strong relationships outside of the classroom while having an amazing amount of fun. This camp takes hours to organise and plan and relies upon the willingness of staff to supervise a large group of students for four days and three nights. I would like to acknowledge and thank staff members Tiarna Murdock, Kerri Foulds, Shane Collins, Tara Rattus, Courtney Carpenter, Emma Orrock, Chelsea March and parent helpers Greg Funke, Jake McGrice, Brittany Sanders, Paul Boston and Michelle Jenkin. We are all looking forward to hearing about your adventures when you return.

Student Free Day

Teaching staff will be engaging with Kathy Palmer participating in unpacking the Proficiency Strands in Mathematics curriculum, moderation and formative assessment tasks. Our SSO staff will be consolidating their skills in the Tier 2 phonics program and engaging with Trish Miles from Student Support Services in the 4 stages of escalation and the responses needed to deescalate.

Sentral

We have transitioned back to Sentral for our absence notifications and the Community Portal is no longer available. If you haven't already, we encourage you to download the Sentral app. You can also view newsletters, access online school reports and book parent/teacher interviews on the app. If you are having trouble, please refer to the email sent to families via EdSmart on Friday 28th February for instructions or contact the Front Office.

Crossing Monitors

Thank you to High School students Pippa, Declan and Tom for helping us with our crossing this week while our year 5/6 students have been on camp.



I wish everyone a wonderful and safe extra-long weekend doing the things you love with your family and friends.

Kylie Staude

A comment from The Densley Family regarding the \$307.00 contribution to their fundraiser for the ACRF from our Casual Day.

"Thank you for the donation from the Bordertown Primary School students and staff! This has put us above our fundraising target and will make a real difference! Special thanks to the Kids Voice Committee for making the choice to support this brilliant foundation."

Governor's Award

Congratulations to the year 5/6 teachers who have won the Governor's Civics Awards for Primary Schools for their submission in 2024.



The awards are open to all South Australian schools with a focus on South Australian history and civics and citizenship education from years 5 to 12, and are coordinated by the Department for Education, with guidance from Government House and the Governor's Civics Awards Reference Group.



The submission had to provide evidence of our civics education program that aims to develop students as informed and active citizens in our school and broader community.



Schools Clean up Day



On Friday the 28th of February, as part of Clean Up Australia Day, students teamed up with their buddy classes to clean up different areas of the school. Students set out with gloves, rubbish tongs, bags and a great attitude towards helping the environment! It was terrific to see students' eagerness and pride to improve and conserve the school grounds. Great job to all the students and staff who got behind this great cause!



HARMONY DAY

Friday 21st March 2025

Dress in the colour **ORANGE** OR your *Cultural Dress*.

We invite all **Families, Parents and Caregivers** to join us for a shared breakfast and to view the Harmony Day art display, on **Friday the 21st of March from 8:30am-8:55am** under the shade shelter.

There will be French toast, toast, fruit, milo and juice.

This will be followed by a whole school assembly under the shade shelter where the classes will be singing 'We are One' and listening to stories of migration from their classmates.



Help celebrate our cultural diversity.

STUDENT FREE DAY AND SCHOOL CLOSURE DATES FOR 2025

Governing Council has ratified the following dates for our Student Free Days and Show Day Closure

Student Free Days

Term 1 - Tuesday 11th March

Term 2 - Friday 6th June

Term 3 - Friday 1st August

Term 4 - Monday 17th November

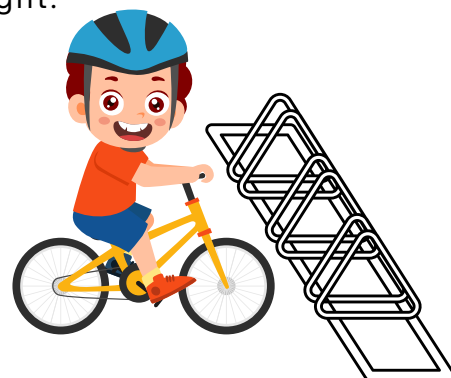
School Closure

Term 3 - Monday 1st September

Please add these to your calendar

Bike racks

Students riding their bikes to school need to make sure they are using the bike racks to store their bikes during the day. Bikes in the shed, which is locked during school hours, is the safer option. Overflow bikes will need to be parked in the racks outside the shed. Any bikes left at the end of the day will be locked away in the shed overnight.



camp quality.

laughter is the best medicine.

CAMP QUALITY'S CANCER EDUCATION PROGRAM HAS BEEN BOOKED TO VISIT BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL. WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU ON MONDAY 17TH MARCH

Camp Quality's cancer education program has been teaching kids about cancer with a fun and interactive puppet performance, for over 33 years. The program focuses on telling the broader cancer story, including how to support someone who is facing their own cancer diagnosis or that of a loved one. If you have any questions or concerns please let your child's teacher know.

SHOW A

**AGES: EARLY LEARNING CENTRE
- YEAR 2
DURATION: 30 MINUTES**

Ariel has a brain tumour. Her big brother Tom knows she's having a tough time in hospital, so today he's bringing her something he's sure will cheer her up straight away - an invitation to Lucy Carmichael's Bouncy Castle Birthday Party on Saturday! Only, Ariel can't go... how will she ever explain to the other kids why she doesn't have any hair, and why she's tired and skinny...? *The Big Party* by Julianne O'Brien is an empowering story, using interactive puppetry to teach us about cancer and the importance of positivity and recognising our own strengths.

SHOW B

**AGES: YEAR 3-6
DURATION: 1HR (INCLUDING
POST-SHOW Q&A SESSION)**

Siblings Tom & Ariel's lives are turned upside down when Ariel is diagnosed with a brain tumour. Leaving their home on the country farm and moving to the city for Ariel's treatment at hospital, they must start fresh at a new school, with new teachers, new friends and a whole new normal. Will Ariel ever make it through Year 5, and will Tom ever become a soccer superstar? *The Big Score* by Julianne O'Brien is a touching story, using interactive puppetry to teach us about cancer and the importance of hope and acceptance.

Camp  Quality



A **B I G** thankyou to **Caitlin Sigston** for kindly donating a small fridge/freezer to the SMART foyer to use for our Science experiments.





A little kindness goes a long way.....

On Thursday February 13, the world celebrated Random Act of Kindness Day. Showing Kindness is one of our school values, and we are always witnessing acts of kindness in our school community. The Australian Childhood Foundation has highlighted some ways that we can encourage kindness in children, creating a culture of empathy, respect and responsibility for others.

Make kindness a part of every day!

Children are always watching and learning from us. When kindness is woven into daily life, it becomes something we practice naturally.

· Point out acts of kindness when you see them

- Reflect together. Create conversations such as 'how did it feel when your friend shared with you today?'*
- Make kindness a shared family value. This helps children understand the importance of this in everyday life*

Give children opportunities to practice kindness

Kindness is an action! Regular practice helps children develop lifelong empathy and caring habits.

- Encourage children to help with small tasks (like setting the table)*
- Involve them in giving-donating a toy or making a card for someone*
- Making gratitude a habit-share one thing you appreciated today at dinner or bedtime*

Expand childrens 'circle of concern'

Children care most about their own family and friends, but we can gently help them widen their view include new peers and even people they have never met.

- Read books that explore different perspectives and cultures*
 - Support causes together*
- The more children see and understand different experiences, the more they develop compassion for others*

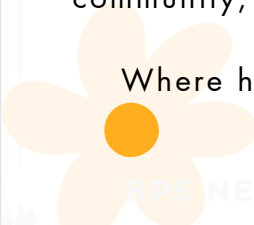
Be a strong role model

Children learn kindness by watching how those around them face challenges, conflicts and interactions. Are we patient with others? Do we show gratitude? How do we respond to mistakes?

- Speak with kindness*
- Show self-kindness*
- Share your own experiences*
- Children absorb these everyday lessons and reflect them into the world*

Small acts of kindness help to create a ripple effect of kindness throughout our school and community, building a community based on positivity, encouragement, empathy and trust.

Where have you felt or shown kindness today? A little kindness goes a long way



Parents contacting their child at school

The Department for Education has a set of rules for when it is appropriate for parents to contact their child at school via the Front Office.

Valid reasons include:

1. Passing on information in an emergency
2. Collecting a child for an appointment
3. Attending special events
4. Educational meetings
5. Assembly, sports day and similar school events
6. Volunteering or working at the school.

Aside from these reasons parents must not be permitted to disrupt their child's learning. At no time should parents make direct contact with students while at school.

Find us on



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



Bordertown Primary School

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



HOME/RESIDENTIAL
ADDRESS



PHONE
NUMBERS



EMAIL ADDRESS



EMERGENCY
CONTACTS



FAMILY
INFORMATION

**PLAY GROUP
FOR CHILDREN, PARENTS
AND CARERS
WITH ENGLISH AS A SECOND
LANGUAGE**

WEDNESDAY'S FROM 10AM UNTIL
11.30AM, OF THE SCHOOL TERM
AT CAROL MURRAY CHILDREN'S
CENTRE
FOR MORE INFORMATION
0887521374

PLEASE BRING
SUN HAT
DRINK
SNACK

Seeking Donations

Our Wellbeing Team are seeking donations of eggs for our Harmony Day celebrations. If you are able to help out please drop eggs to the front office from Monday of Week 8. Can the eggs please be dated.



FACE PAINTING STALLS COFFEE FOOD

BORDERTOWN MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

EASTER FAIR

**SUNDAY 23RD
MARCH 2025
10AM TO 2PM**

**BORDERTOWN
MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**

For stall enquiries contact
Mandy 0419039563

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**BORDERTOWN DISTRICT HEALTH
ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**STEPS FOR
SIERRA**

Fun Run or Walk
5km

Sunday 23rd March 2025
Runners start 8am
Walkers start 830am

WEAR BRIGHT COLOURS

\$10 entry \$5 kids
Entry Forms at the Hospital or
enter on the day

All proceeds go
to Heartkids and
Bordertown
Memorial
Hospital