

BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLINK

Be honest - Practise bravery - Show kindness

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IMPORTANT DATES

Volunteer Induction Session
Monday 19th May 5:30pm

South East Regional Golf
Friday 23rd May

Sapsasa Football State Carnival
Monday 26th - Wed 28th May

Sapsasa Cross Country - Oakbank
Friday 5th June

Student Free Day
Friday 6th June

Kings Birthday Public Holiday
Monday 9th June

Sapsasa Soccer Trials
Wed 11th and Wed 18th June

Whole School Wellbeing Day
Tuesday 17th June

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A NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Staff and students have had a very busy start to the term with the many SAPSASA events and learning opportunities. I was very lucky to be invited to the reception classes last Friday. It was heartwarming to see the reception students interacting with their Mums, Grandmas, or special people at the Mother's Day pampering session.

Pokémon and Football Cards

It's important to remind both students and parents about the responsibilities and potential risks associated with bringing personal items like Pokémon and football cards to school. While these activities can encourage social interaction and sharing, they can also lead to misunderstandings or conflicts. I will be speaking with students about sharing and trading these cards, outlining clear guidelines and appropriate trading behaviours to help manage these situations effectively. It might be beneficial to discuss this with your child to ensure a positive experience for everyone involved. I would encourage your child to keep these cards at home if you do not wish your child to participate in trading.



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

FROM PAGE ONE...

Grant Keleher

Last week we welcomed our new Education Director, Grant Keleher, who positively commented on our well-maintained grounds and engaging learning spaces. Meeting with staff and students enabled him to understand our unique environment and culture at Bordertown Primary School.

Anzac Day

Participating in the ANZAC Day Dawn Service is a significant way to honour and remember those who have served and sacrificed. It's wonderful to see our students involved in such important community events by laying our school wreath.

Principal for a day - Mr Leo

Having Leo join me as "Principal for the morning" was such a fun and memorable experience for us both. He was kept very busy with classroom visits and playground inspections. Highlights for the morning were speaking over the PA and receiving a phone call from Mr Searle. It was wonderful to see staff and students come together and positively engage to support and enhance Leo's experience. Thank you.

Kylie Staude



STUDENT FREE DAY

Friday 6th June

*Before Kings Birthday Public Holiday on
Monday 9th June*

LET'S TALK ABOUT CHILDCARE IN THE TATIARA

An email has been sent to families via EdSmart with a link to a survey to provide Tatiara District Council with feedback and help them better understand the need for childcare in the district now and into the future.

AUTISM AWARENESS



On Friday 3rd April Bordertown Primary School acknowledged Autism Awareness Day by dressing in the colours of the rainbow. Staff and students created the infinity symbol, enjoyed rainbow jelly cups and a variety of sensory activities. The infinity symbol represents neurodiversity and the infinite ways of being. The continual loop represents the continual need for support, understanding and acceptance. This theme reminds us to look beyond the stereotypes and misconceptions and to ensure that people with autism are welcomed and valued in every community.



Artist in Residence - James Parker

During Week 2, students in Years 1-6 had the opportunity to work with artist James Parker during a double art lesson.

The students were involved in a creative recycled art workshop experimenting with a wide variety of mediums; pen, pencils, charcoal, pastels, chalk, rubbings and textas.

They designed an animal made up from 3 different creatures (a Chimera) that they then built from cardboard using newly learnt joining techniques such as, spilt pins, buttons, sewing, zip ties, paper clips and wrapping techniques.

These cardboard creations were finished off this week during art lessons and will be displayed in the students classrooms in the coming weeks.





South East Cross Country



On Friday May 9th, 34 students from Bordertown PS competed in the South East Cross Country carnival at Naracoorte PS. Many of our runners finished inside the top 20 place getters, with several finishing inside the top 10. Congratulations to Sachiel who finished 3rd in the 12 year old boys and to those students who have been selected to represent the Upper South East at the State Championship in June.



Sapsasa Softball

At the end of term 1, Harry and Joey travelled to Adelaide to represent Upper South East in boys softball. We played two games each day for three days and watched the girls team when it was our break. After our first day, we went to the Beach House to play arcade games and go on the water slides. After that we went out to dinner as a team. Thank you to our coach and parents for taking us.



Volunteering at School

If you intend to volunteer at school any time during the year, *whether it is in the kitchen, bike ed, helping in the classroom, walking with your child's class to swimming, down the street for end of year activities*, it is essential that you have the relevant checks. It can take a few weeks to have all of the relevant screenings done. It is also necessary to attend a Volunteer Induction Session. There is a session being held

Monday, 19th May at 5:30pm.

Please contact the Front Office to put your name down if you would like to attend. For more information on starting the volunteer process, please see Page 10 of this Newslink.

The flyer features a purple and teal background with a stylized sun icon at the top left. The text 'Inclusive Teaching & Learning' is above the large 'SIES' logo. Below the logo is an illustration of diverse children holding hands. The footer includes icons for a calendar, a clock, and a QR code, along with contact information for the SIES team.

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**CARE PLANS AND NDIS PROVIDERS IN SCHOOLS
INFORMATION SESSION**

The Department's Statewide Inclusive Education Services (SIES) will be hosting an information session about care plans and NDIS providers in schools presented by Nicolle Rerich, Manager, Disability, Policy & Legislation via Microsoft Teams (scan the code below).

If you're a parent or carer of a student with disability at a Department School, you are invited to the session where SIES staff will also be available to discuss resources and supports.

THURSDAY
22nd MAY 2025

1pm - 2:30pm

Join the meeting here

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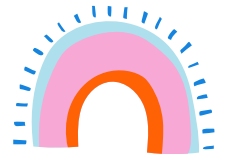


FROM OUR PASTORAL CARE WORKER

A couple of weeks ago, I was fortunate enough to give a talk at Kids Time Out to an amazingly wonderful bunch of kids. On this particular night, the kids were preparing something special for the Mums and Mum figures in their life before Mothers Day. So, the focus of our chat was on Love.

We played the game **'Would you rather'** and the kids had to choose between two different choices that I gave them....like, *'Would you rather Ice-cream or Ice-blocks?'* or *'Would you rather the pool or the beach?'* or *'Would you rather summer or winter?'* Then we turned this game around a little with a focus on the 5 Love Languages. Instead of *'Would you Rather?'*, the question became ***'I feel loved when someone who cares about me'***.....and we used these following examples:

- Gives me a hug OR plays a game with me
- Tells me I am terrific OR buys me a gift
- Takes me to the park OR helps me learn something new
- Gives me a high five OR gives me chocolate



This is by no means an exhaustive list, but it was so interesting that, the majority of the time, these kids were choosing Quality Time and Affection over Words of Affirmation or Gifts. It was such a timely reminder to me, that as humans, we are wired for connection and we seek out human connection. Sometimes, that can look like what we judge as misbehaviour, but in fact, its our mind seeking to fill the void, the gap, that we so desperately long for.

The Love Languages aren't everything, and we certainly shouldn't think that if we have a tendency toward one, that we ignore the other, but they are a wonderful guide as to how as individuals, and as parents and kids, we can all feel genuine connection. Do you know your love language? Do you know your kids preferences? I encourage you to do some research....you might be surprised what you find!

Chelsea

Have you heard of the movie SEEN? Smiles All Round is proudly presenting this amazing film to our community free of charge! This documentary is highly recommended viewing by lots of professionals in the parenting/wellbeing world and is a great reflection of the parenting journey. I strongly encourage you to attend while this amazing opportunity is in our community!

SEEN THE FILM

"When we are no longer able to change a situation, we are challenged to change ourselves" – Viktor E. Frankl

To help our kids thrive, we need to understand ourselves. SEEN is a ground-breaking feature-length documentary that explores childhood coping, trauma, attachment – and the science behind it all. By doing 'the work', we can build stronger families and communities. It features raw and authentic stories from real parents and experts such as Maggie Dent, Lael Stone, Dr Vanessa Lapointe and Dr Billy Garvey.

POST SCREENING
There will be an opportunity to ask questions and discuss aspects of the documentary post-screening with a **selected panel** with supper to follow.

COST: FREE **AGES: 16 YEARS +**
This FREE screening has been funded by Smiles All Round Psychology and Counselling. We extend our special thanks to the Naracoorte Lucindale Council for their valued support of this community event.

Please contact Smiles All Round or Emma Mehlopt with any questions

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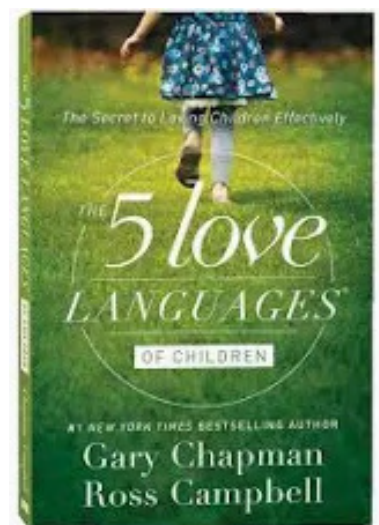
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21st of May 2025
7:00PM - 9:00PM + Supper
The Naracoorte Town Hall

LIMITED TICKETS
REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL - SCAN THE QR CODE BELOW

Smiles ALL ROUND

Naracoorte Lucindale Council
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Building our



Community Connections





Volunteer Induction – Expression of Interest

Volunteers are an important and valuable asset to our school community.

If you would you like to accompany your child on an excursion or at swimming lessons, attend camp, help with literacy and numeracy skills, engage in cooking with the class, breakfast club, share your culture, help in the library or be a member of Governing Council and sub-committees, then you must complete all of the following requirements:

1. Attend a face-to-face Volunteer Induction Session at the school

Please register your interest to attend our Volunteer Induction Session for term 2 via email dl.0733.info@schools.sa.edu.au and include the following information:

- Your Name
- Email Address
- Phone Number
- Children's names and classes/connection to school
- Preferred time/day

2. Complete the Responding to Risk, Harm Abuse and Neglect (RRHAN-EC) On-line Training through Plink

The school has a copy of my RRHAN-EC certificate:

- Yes
- No (please visit [Fundamentals course: Responding to Risks of Harm, Abuse and Neglect – Education and Care](#) – Course details – log into Plink

3. Complete a Working with Children Check (WWCC)

As a volunteer, there is no charge for this check.

The school has a copy of my Working with Children Check:

- Yes
- No. Please email dl.0733.info@schools.sa.edu.au
 - your full name
 - date of birth
 - email address to begin the application process

4. Food Safety Handling Course (only required when your role involves food handling or preparation)

If your role involves food handling and preparation, please complete **one** of the following courses.

<http://www.tatiara.imalert.com.au/> or <https://dofoodsafely.health.vic.gov.au> Both these courses have the same content.

Please provide a copy of the certificate via email dl.0733.info@schools.sa.edu.au

Please contact the front office for more information.



Country connect



Get involved when the Crows visit the Mundulla Football Club!
31 May & 1 June 2025



Match day activities
Crows players get involved with the club.
Saturday 31 May, 9am onwards



Front Bar evening
Q&A with the Crows players in the clubrooms over dinner.
Saturday 31 May, 7pm



Junior coaching clinic
All children aged 5-15 welcome, attendees receive a Country Crow membership.
Sunday 1 June, 10am



Scan QR code to learn more and register for a coaching clinic

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x **VITERRA**




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Soccer Camp 2025

Axis Employment Soccer Camp - Bordertown, July 2025

Blue Lake All Abilities, with the generous sponsorship of Axis Employment and support of Tatiara District Council are pleased to be hosting a 2.5-day soccer camp at Virgo Park, Bordertown, South Australia, during the July 2025 school holidays (July 11th-13th). Located conveniently between Adelaide and Mount Gambier, this camp aims to bring together aspiring soccer athletes with disabilities from both rural and urban areas, regardless of skill level. Participants will engage in training, skill development, and friendly competition.

For more information, please contact
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	Term 2 Timeline 2025						
Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat	Sun
1	28 April	29 April	30 April	1 May	2 May	3 May	4 May
					Athletics Trial Buddies		
2	5 May	6 May	7 May	8 May	9 May	10 May	11 May
	Artist in Residence	Girls + Boys Sapsasa Netball Trial 1			SE Cross Country House Team time		
3	12 May	13 May	14 May	15 May	16 May	17 May	18 May
	Wellbeing & Engagement Collection Survey Yrs 4-6	Girls + Boys Sapsasa Netball Trial 2	Governing Council Meeting		USE Golf Come and Try Assembly Newslink		
4	19 May	20 May	21 May	22 May	23 May	24 May	25 May
	Volunteer induction session 5:30pm				SE Regional Golf Buddies		
5	26 May	27 May	28 May	29 May	30 May	31 May	1 Jun
	Sapsasa Football State Carnival Adelaide				House Team time		
6	2 Jun	3 Jun	4 Jun	5 Jun	6 Jun	7 Jun	8 Jun
	Kindy Parent Meeting 7pm			Sapsasa Cross Country – Oakbank Assembly Newslink	Student Free Day		
7	9 Jun	10 Jun	11 Jun	12 Jun	13 Jun	14 Jun	15 Jun
	King's Birthday Holiday		Girls + Boys Sapsasa Soccer Trial 1		Buddies		
8	16 Jun	17 Jun	18 Jun	19 Jun	20 Jun	21 Jun	22 Jun
	School Photos	Wellbeing Day	Girls + Boys Sapsasa Soccer Trial 2 Governing Council Meeting		Kindy Transition House Team time		
9	23 Jun	24 Jun	25 Jun	26 Jun	27 Jun	28 Jun	29 Jun
	Sapsasa Netball State Carnival Adelaide				Kindy Transition Assembly Newslink		
10	30 Jun	1 Jul	2 Jul	3 Jul	4 Jul	5 Jul	6 Jul
					Last day of Term 2.25pm dismissal		