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Newsletter Term 1 Week 2

Dates for the Diary 8th FEBRUARY 2024

[SACE Merit Ceremony](#)

Thursday 8th February
Congratulations to Alice

[SRC & House Leaders
Induction](#)

Friday 9th February 2:30pm

[Primary swimming lessons](#)
Monday 5th February to
Monday 12th February

[Primary swimming carnival](#)
Tuesday 13th February

[Secondary swimming carnival](#)
Wednesday 14th February

[Sammy D Foundation talk
Years 7–12](#)
Thursday 15th February

[Sapsasa swimming trials](#)
Thursday 15th February

[MNSEC swimming Carnival
Quorn](#)
Tuesday 20th February

[R–Yr 12 Parent Information
Night](#)
Tuesday 20th February

[Sapsasa cricket/tennis trials](#)
Wednesday 21st February

[SSSA Swimming - Adelaide](#)
Wednesday 28th February

[Sports Day](#)
Friday 8th March

[Student Free Day](#)
Monday 26th February

Principal's News

Welcome back, families, both returning and new, to the start of a new school year at BCDS. We're eager to continue fostering strong partnerships with you as we embark on another year of supporting your child's education. It's a delight to have everyone here, and I'm excited to witness the remarkable achievements our students will make throughout their learning journey at BCDS.

Term 1 is gearing up to be a busy one, with a multitude of events on the calendar. From MNSEC swimming to Year 7 Aquatics camp, Primary and Secondary Swimming carnivals, School Sports day and various Sapsasa events. There is plenty to look forward to.

Additionally, we're planning an Open Night for all our families on Tuesday the 20th of February. Please note that a letter was sent home to families yesterday with further details.

Staffing Update

Following up from our previous communication in week 0, I want to confirm that we have readvertised two teaching positions. One is for the Year 4/5/6 class, and the other is for a Secondary Science position. I'm actively collaborating with the Department for Education to ensure a smooth and efficient process.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please feel free to reach out to me anytime. Your understanding and support are greatly appreciated as we work to fill these important roles.

Student toilets

A friendly reminder to all visiting adults: if you need to use the restroom while on school grounds, please kindly proceed to the front office where you will be directed to staff facilities. We kindly ask that adults refrain from using student toilets during school hours or when students are present on the premises. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us maintain a safe and comfortable environment for our students.

Growth Mind Set

'I focus on progress, not perfection, and celebrate every step forward.'

When embarking on the journey of learning something new, it's common to get caught up in the pursuit of perfection, which can cloud our thoughts and impede our progress. However, true learning is about growth, and perfection naturally emerges over time.

When communicating with our children, it's crucial to prioritize progress and celebrate their accomplishments along the way. By providing positive feedback and acknowledging their efforts, we help build their confidence and motivation. This, in turn, fosters a desire to continue learning and refining their skills. With persistence and dedication, they will gradually develop towards achieving mastery in their endeavours.

Thank you,
Tas Ktenidis

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Kindy News

Welcome to a new year of Kindergarten! We are excited to have you and your family join us on this wonderful learning journey. Kindergarten is a special time where your child will grow, explore and develop new skills in a fun and nurturing environment.

Starting Kindergarten is a big step for children and it requires a certain level of bravery. On the first day we observed many examples of bravery from all the children and it evident early, each Kindy day will be filled with discovery, laughter and growth. We believe in creating a warm and inclusive learning environment where every child feels valued and supported.

At the start of the year, children are learning the routines and getting to know their Kindy peers and educators. We encourage open communication between home and Kindy, so please feel free to reach out to us with any concerns, questions or suggestions. We value your partnership and believe that, together, we can create a positive and enriching educational experience for your child.



Quote: *It is not what you do for your children but what you have taught them to do for themselves that will make them successful human beings – Ann Landers.* **The Kindy Team**

Senior School News

Much information comes into the school around careers, VET, universities, TAFE, scholarships etc. All relevant information is passed onto students through Microsoft Teams either through their Home Group or EIF (the new PLP) class. Please encourage your children to check out the information regularly so they can keep up with the many options and experiences available to them. Anyone with any questions can contact me at school anytime.

2023 SACE Report - For the first time in three years, our year 12 cohort was thankfully not significantly impacted by COVID challenges and they worked progressively to achieve success in their academic or VET pursuits. Once again, the selected pathways have been diverse and reflect a range of capabilities and interests.

We had 12 students gain their SACE in 2023, including one from 2021. 7 students achieved an Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) for university entrance, with our top-ranking student being Leah Phillips, with an ATAR of 98.40. The other 5 students have already gained employment or are using their VET qualifications to further their apprenticeships in their chosen fields in 2024. One of those students also completed their Certificate 3 qualification in 2023.

In terms of subject results, 36% were in the 'A' band which is a significant increase on 2022 and above the statewide results. 33% were in the 'B' band which is less than 2022 and 26% were in the 'C' band. An A+ with Merit was achieved by Alice Rees in English. I was lucky enough to be able to attend Alice's Merit Ceremony at Government House today. Alice was also the recipient of the University of Adelaide Principals' Scholarship.

As always, our best wishes go to the students as they embark on the next stage of their learning journey. In 2024, these students will be undertaking a range of opportunities including continuing apprenticeships, Nursing and Psychological Science at University, IT courses through TAFE, Certificate courses in Fitness through FIT College, employment as a gap year, and employment whilst hunting for an apprenticeship. We wish them every success - we are always glad to see them and catch up on their news.

Elevate - On Wednesday 7th of February, all Year 12s attended an Elevate Study session in Gladstone. The workshop aimed to help students improve their study techniques, increase motivation, build confidence, and lift exam performance. The students found the session engaging and valuable.



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AI (Artificial Intelligence) – Year 11 and 12 students have been instructed on the acceptable use of the ever-expanding use of AI technology in both formative and summative assessments. As students navigate this new frontier in learning, they must ensure they do not cross the line into plagiarism. To that end, all have been given a BCDS and SACE guide to the appropriate use of AI.

VET - We have a large number of students involved in VET pathways this year. These pathways include Construction, Automotive Services, Early Childhood, Metal Fabrication and Engineering, Animal Care and Agriculture. If you have any questions about VET options or general SACE questions, feel free to contact me.


Gayle Bury

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STOP PRESS—Gayle is absent from school today as she is attending the Merit Ceremony in Adelaide. Congratulations to Alice Rees for her Merit in English, and congratulations to Gayle for her dedicated teaching and guidance.

Congratulations to the
BCDS CLASS OF 2023



100% SACE COMPLETION

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DUX
Leah Phillips
ATAR 98.40

MERIT
Alice Rees
English
ATAR 97.05

SA Apprentice of the Year
Sophie Orrock

57% OF STUDENTS WITH AN ATAR IN THE 90s

50% COMPLETED OR CONTINUING CERT 3 IN VET

36% OF ALL GRADES IN THE A BAND

Jaden Carey - Information Processing & Publishing
Charlotte Fels - English, Psychology & Research Project
Leah Phillips - English, Psychology, HPE & Research Project
Alice Rees - English, Psychology, Research Project & SOSE
Tayla Sismey - English, Food & Hospitality, HPE & Research Project

School News

Introducing New Teacher Emma Jefferson,

A little about me..

I grew up on the Yorke Peninsula, and after graduating University I have spent my entire teaching career working in regional schools and getting to know some pretty wonderful families and communities. I now live in Tarcowie with my husband and two children. I enjoy sports, music, movies/theatre, gardening, baking and spending time with my family and friends.

I'm looking forward to 2024 at Booleroo and the challenge a mix of classes will bring. You'll most likely find me hanging around the monkey bars in the primary playground, or chatting with the year 7's. And, before the season starts I better get in quick and say Go the Roos!

Mrs Jefferson/Jeffer



Community News



School Lunch Order Menu

SANDWICHES

from- \$3.50
Wrap – Rolls from - \$3.50

Add Meat - \$1.00

Chicken Ham
Salami

Add Salad - \$50c

Tomato Onion
Lettuce Cucumber
Capsicum Carrot
Cheese Mayo

Toasted Sandwiches

Cheese \$4.00
Ham, cheese \$4.50
Ham, cheese, tom \$5.50

Pies (Kupsch only) \$5.00
Pasty \$5.00
S/roll \$5.00

Hot Dog sauce \$4.50
Hot dog cheese \$5.00

Small Lolly Bag .50c
Zooper Doopers .50c

HOT FOOD

Bucket chips \$3.50

Wings - Plain
- Spicy \$2.80 ea
3 for \$7.50

Nuggets \$1.00ea
3x nuggets w/ chips \$5.50
6 x nuggets w/ chips \$7.50
Plain Burger
(Pattie, sauce) \$5.90
Cheese Burger
(pattie, cheese sauce) \$6.90
Chicken Snitty Burger
(breast fillet snitty, lettuce, mayo) \$8.00

PIZZA DEAL (Friday Only)

Plain, Hawaiian, Meat lover,
Pepperoni w/ Juice Box \$7.50

DRINKS

Juice Box \$2.00
Big M Milk 250ml
Choc or Strawberry \$2.50
Water 600ml \$3.50
Cans 250ml \$2.50
Milk 600ml
I/C, Feelgood, Choc \$5.00

Lunch orders are available Monday to Friday. Please write child's name and order on what ever you have with money securely enclosed and place it into the letter box provided in the junior school area before the first bell. Any change will be sent back with lunch order.

This price list is a trial and items and prices maybe adjusted overtime.

Prices on this menu have been reduced from the actual Bakery menu. All other items from the Bakery menu that is **NOT** on this list will be charged at full price.

For any enquiries please call Sondra on 86672010