



**Strive**

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**Responsible**

## From the Principal

I would like to give a big shout out of THANKS to our wonderful P&C volunteers! At Boddington DHS we are lucky to have a fantastic group of parents who regularly donate their time to help fundraise and run activities that add value to our school and benefit our students.

Next week the P&C are co-ordinating and running a Colour Explosion Fun Run on Friday 22 November at 1.30pm. This is a whole school event and looks like being a lot of fun whilst raising funds for our playground shade structure. If you are able to volunteer to help with this event please contact the P&C President, Natalie Griffiths, or the school. Notes and an information booklet went home last week, so please contact the school if you did not receive one.

This year the P&C have supported the school and the community through:

- Cake Stall at the Swimming Carnival
- Election Day Sausage Sizzle
- Easter Raffle
- Catering for the Variety Club Car Rally
- Mother's Day Stall
- Catering for the Star Gazing Evening
- Father's Day Stall
- Spring Bulb Fundraiser
- Open Classroom Sausage Sizzle
- Friday Night Festival Food Stall
- Colour Explosion Fun Run



Alongside this the P&C also co-ordinate the Canteen and Uniform services, which is a great support to families at the school. Neither of these services raise large amounts of funds BUT they play a HUGE part in providing a quality education for all students.

The P&C have more GREAT activities and ideas in the pipeline for 2020 and are always happy to welcome parents who can volunteer some time to help out with activities or in the canteen. If you have any questions about the P&C you can contact the President, Natalie Griffiths, who will be happy to assist.



## Coming Events

**14 November 2019**

Vi Barham Luncheon

**20 November 2019**

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High School Homework Class 3-4pm

**21 November 2019**

Come & Play 8.30am to 10.30am

**22 November 2019**

Colour Run 1-3pm

**28 November 2019**

Assembly 8.50am - B1

Dymocks Book Bus

Come & Play 8.30am to 10.30am

**2 December 2019**

Teach Learn Grow Commences

**5 December 2019**

Come & Play 8.30am to 10.30am

**10 December 2019**

Awards Concert 10am to 12pm

*Correct at time of printing*

## BDHS POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS



### Strive

Allowing self and others the opportunity to do their best.

### Considerate

Being careful and mindful of the needs of others.

### Responsible

Accepting and owning my behaviours and expectations.

## OUR SCHOOL

### CLASS SIZE AND STRUCTURE

As we begin planning for next year I would like to provide some information about class sizes and structures. Class sizes are determined by a formula agreed to by the Department of Education and the State School Teachers Union (WA). Recommended maximum sizes are set which are different for the various year levels, and schools are funded accordingly. They are as follows:

- Kindergarten – 20 students per group
- Pre-primary – 27 for purpose built early childhood classrooms (ie they have a kitchen area and built-in toilets). 25 students for non-purpose built early childhood classes
- Years 1-3 – 24 students
- Years 4-6 – 32 students (31 if the class has mixed years)

It is important to note that schools are funded to have classes at the recommended maximums and if they decide to reduce them, it is a decision made knowing that the consequence is that funds are diverted from other areas of the school.

At our school next year, looking at our current numbers, we have an anticipated enrolment of 30 Year 2 students which means that we will be unable to have just one Year 2 class. This then affects the structures of all the classes and we will need to have mixed year level classes throughout the school.

In thinking about next year I would like to share what the research says about mixed age classrooms. A report into sixty-four research papers on multi-aged classrooms found that 58% of the children in this situation did better than their peers who were in straight grades, 33% did as well and only 9% did not do so well. The key finding of this report was that the type of class organised will not determine either educational advantage or disadvantage. Important success factors for multi-age classes will include the degree of commitment of teachers, the acceptance and support of parents and, above all, the quality of classroom teaching.

### PLANNING FOR 2020

If you have a special request for your child, socially or academically, as to what sort of class you would like them to be in or if there is a reason why you

would like them to remain with or away from a particular child, please email me (see details below) and every consideration will be given to your request. Teacher judgement is used as to how classes are formed and every class is compiled with the intention that they should be as equal as possible with the number of children, numbers of girls and boys, composition of academically high achieving students and students who benefit from more support. If your child will not be attending the school next year can you please contact the office to let us know so that we can work out the number of students we are likely to commence the year with and work out the classes and teachers we will need. You can ring the office on 9881 1581 or email me at [Boddington.DHS@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Boddington.DHS@education.wa.edu.au).

### INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A big thank you to Mr Petterwood, Mr Batt and Mrs Cunnington for organising the interschool athletics team to go to Lake Grace. Thanks also to our parent helpers and cheer squad who made the trip to Lake Grace to support their children and our school. We came 3<sup>rd</sup> on the day and were really impressed by the excellent sportsmanship displayed. Students were very supportive of each other and very resilient when plans changed and events were cancelled. Congratulations to all involved. I was very proud to be the Principal of Boddington DHS and look forward to our turn at hosting the Interschool Athletics next year.

### MANAGING STUDENT MEDICATION

For a staff member to administer medication to a student at school we require written approval from the parent or carer. In the case of long-term medication use or ongoing health conditions we document this in the student's health care plan. Please contact our friendly office staff if your child needs to take medication at school and they will give you a copy of the parent approval form to complete. Without this approval we are unable to administer medication to a student at school.

### ASSEMBLY

The next whole school assembly will be conducted by the Pre-primary class on Thursday 28 November at 8.50am in the undercover area. This is our last whole school assembly for the year although we will

gather as a whole school again for our Awards Concert and Year 6 and 10 Graduation at the end of the term.

### NO HAT NO PLAY

There are a number of students who do not have a school hat. It is essential that all students have a school hat in order to participate in Physical Education lessons, morning fitness, excursions, activities outside the classroom and during recess and lunch. If your child does not have a hat they cannot participate in the above activities and will be supervised in another classroom or required to sit on the bench at play times. School hats are available to purchase for \$15 at the Uniform Shop or from the front office.



### SECOND-HAND UNIFORMS

The Boddington Op-Shop greatly appreciates receiving second-hand uniforms from families who are leaving the school. These donations make it possible for other students to wear uniform to school.



### AWARDS CONCERT

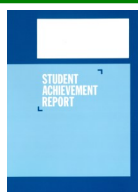
The Awards Concert will be on Tuesday 10 December commencing at 10.00am and concluding around 12.00pm. It will be held at the Boddington Rodeo Grounds. The students have been working hard on their concert dance item and we encourage all parents and family members to attend.

### YEAR 6 AND 10 GRADUATION

A reminder to parents that our Year 6 and Year 10 Graduation Ceremony will occur on Tuesday 17 December at 9.30am in the undercover area. This will be a whole school event so all parents and community members are welcome to attend.

### STUDENT REPORTS

Student reports will be going home on Monday 16 December. Parents are most welcome to organise a teacher interview in the last week of term.



### LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Parents are reminded that students finish the school year on Thursday 19 December.

Regards

*Danielle Roache*

Principal

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### VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES

Thank you to all parents/guardians who have paid their child/rens voluntary contributions and charges. These funds go towards the cost materials, services and facilities used by students at Boddington District High School. Payments can be made directly into the school bank account.

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### VacSwim enrolments are now open

With swimming pools and beaches a big part of the Western Australian lifestyle, ensuring your children can swim competently and safely is essential.

You can now enrol your children in VacSwim swimming lessons during the October and December/January school holidays.

VacSwim is for all children - from beginners to more advanced swimmers and young people doing their Bronze Medallion. Your children can start as young as five years old.

Your children can join in the fun of learning to swim at pools and open water venues across the State.

Enrol your children in VacSwim now at <https://www.education.wa.edu.au/programs-and-locations>





## COME AND PLAY

The first session of the Boddington DHS Kindergarten orientation program, Come and Play, will begin on Thursday 21 November. Come and Play is run over three weeks and each session engages the children in activities designed to prepare them for transition into school next year. If your child is enrolled for Kindy next year and you would like more information about this program, please contact the school office.



**Boddington**  
DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

2020 Kindy Orientation

# COME AND PLAY

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8:30 AM - 10:30 AM  
THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER  
THURSDAY 28 NOVEMBER  
THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER  
KINDY ROOM  
BDHS

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Come along with your 2020 Kindy student to meet our staff, complete activities and play together

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All children must be accompanied by an adult and fully enrolled at BDHS for 2020