

Boddington

Boddington DHS Newsletter

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Term 1 Week 1 2024



Strive

Considerate

Responsible

Coming Events

12 - 23 February 2024



Swimming Lessons
29 February 2024



Assembly
4 March 2024



Labour Day Public Holiday 11 - 12 March 2024



Kapture Photography

Correct at time of printing

From the Principal

Welcome to the 2024 school year! I hope all families shared a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break together. It was great to see the smiling faces of our students on their first day back for the year. We have had a smooth start, albeit a hot start, and I would really like to thank our students and parents who were so well organised with stationary items and uniforms. Welcome to those new families who are now attending Boddington DHS. I look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks.

It is great to be in my seventh year of principal at our wonderful school and I am really looking forward to an excellent year. Having spent two days with all staff prior to the students returning, I am extremely grateful for the quality of teachers, education assistants and non-teaching staff we have at Boddington DHS. Their professionalism, dedication and determination to make a difference for all students at the school is to be commended.

This year we were fortunate as a whole staff to participate in On Country learning lead by Debbie Thorne, our Aboriginal and Islander Education Officer, about Noongar cultural practices and the local area. Debbie, along with Megan, Simon, Dave and Brianna, welcomed us on Wilman Boodja at Darminning with a smoking ceremony. We learnt about the cultural significance of the local area and the importance of connection between country and head, heart and hand. This opportunity to learn and connect with country was appreciated by all staff, professionally and personally.



At Boddington DHS our main focus is to develop confident and self-motivated lifelong learners who strive to succeed, are considerate of others, act responsibly and are successful members of society. Our aim is to create a school where every student experiences a sense of connectedness and belonging to the school community, of being known as an individual; and where staff care about every student's overall progress and wellbeing. We believe that 'Every student matters, every day' at Boddington DHS and through working in partnership with our community al students will learn, grow and succeed.

BDHS POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS



StriveDo your best.

ConsiderateBe caring and mindful of others

Responsible

Do what is expected and own your actions.

STAFF CHANGES

We have been fortunate to retain most of our staff from last year, although there have been some changes to staff roles across the school. We welcome Miss Olivia Llyod, Mrs Lena loannou and Mrs Marion Witham to our staff teaching team. Miss Lloyd is teaching Kindergarten and joins us a graduate teaching having completed her final teaching practicum at Boddington DHS and working as a relief teacher in 2023. Mrs loannou, who has moved to Boddington from London with her family, joins us teaching Science in the secondary school. Mrs Witham joins us teaching junior primary Music for after teaching instrumental music and working at Narrogin PS as a music specialist. I am sure Olivia, Lena and Marion will enjoy their time working at Boddington DHS.

THANK YOU!

I would like to thank and acknowledge our gardener and cleaners for the great job they did over the holiday period. It is great to return to a work environment which is clean and tidy. We are most fortunate to have Mr Ian Thomlinson and Mr Malcom Tabner (Gardeners), Mrs Norma Jemmerson (Head Cleaner) and Mrs Annette Norris (Cleaners). Our gardening and cleaning staff make a significant contribution to our school and their efforts are greatly appreciated. We are currently looking for casual cleaning staff to join our team while we advertise for a permanent cleaner this term. Please see the advert in this newsletter for details.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Payment of Voluntary Contributions is now due. Funds raised through these contributions are used to purchase resources etc. to complement the educational programs we run throughout the school. If you are unable to pay at this time please speak to the office and we can arrange a payment plan for you. Thank you to those families who have already paid their contributions. As a school we are always conscious of the costs we seek from parents in relation to educational activities. School contributions can be paid at the office or by direct deposit.

Account Name: Boddington District High School

(use student's surname as reference)

BSB: 086 535 Account: 037298090

Voluntary Contributions are as follows:

Kindy - \$60 per year

Per child (PP - 6) - \$60.00 per year
 Per child (7-10) - \$235.00 per year

ASSEMBLIES

This term we will only have two assemblies due to Y3-6 Swimming lessons and it being a nine week term. Our first whole school assembly for this year will be at 8:50am in the undercover area on Thursday 29 February (Week 5). This assembly will be hosted by Mr Batt and Mrs Rayner's Year 6 class. Please see the term planner for dates of future assemblies.

SCHOOL HATS

It is great to see that most of our students have a school hat to wear at recess, lunch and during outdoor activities. Primary student's hats are a wide brimmed or bucket style hat that is bottle green in colour. Secondary students can wear a plain black cap or bucket style hat. If your child does not have a school hat, you can purchase one from the school.

SCHOOL TIMES

The start of the school day is 8.50am. There is a 'warning' siren at 8.40am which is to let students know that there is 10 minutes until the start of the day. The purpose of this is to make sure students are in their classrooms preparing for the day so that they are ready to learn at 8.50am. The following siren times operate for all students:

8:40 am Get prepared for the day School commences Morning Recess

12:40pm Lunch

1:17pm Toilet/drink/ return to class 1:20pm Lessons commence

3.00pm End of Day

Parents are reminded that students should not arrive at school before 8.30am unless they have made prior arrangement with Administration.

SWIMMING LESSONS

We have been advised by the Department of Education that the Interm swimming lessons for students in Year 3 to Year 6 will begin on Monday 12 February and will finish on Friday 23 February. A note has been sent home to students involved with more details, payment information and permission forms.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Kapture Photography will once again be taking our school photos which will be held on Monday, 11 March and Tuesday, 12 of March (Week 7). More information about school photos will be sent home closer to the date.

P&C MEETING

All parents and caregivers of students at our school are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting on Thursday, 15 February 2024 at 3:15pm in the school staff room. The Parents and Citizens Association is a valuable asset to our school. They run the canteen and the uniform shop in collaboration with the school. They also fundraise to be able to assist the school in providing more for our students to enhance their learning and school experience. It is great to have a diverse group of people in the P & C, representing students from all years and backgrounds. At the AGM all office bearer roles will be vacated and new people will be voted into these roles. Support and training is available for people who nominate for an office bearing role.

CLASS PARENT MEETINGS

Parent meetings for primary classes will be conducted over the next two weeks. Notes will be sent home to inform parents of meeting times. Please take this opportunity to meet your child's teacher and ask him/her any questions you may have about the year ahead. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all parents to remain in close contact with your child's teacher (primary) or homeroom teacher (secondary). It is most important that the school works closely with parents to ensure students have the best possible opportunity to work to their potential. Also, please don't hesitate to contact Melissa Hughes, Scott George, Stephanie Whild or myself if you have any questions or concerns.

TERM PLANNER

Attached to this newsletter is the Term Planner for this term. Please place in a convenient location for easy reference.

Have a great year!

Regards

Danielle Roache

Principal

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CHAPPY'S CHAT

Welcome back to school!

My Chaplain days are Monday, Tuesday and every second Friday. I am happy to chat to students and parents and I love to see students at Breakfast club (8.20am to 8.40am Monday to Thursday in the Crossman block) which will start next week.

My role is pastoral care within the school community and can you believe this is my seventh year doing this at Boddington District High School!!!

Sharon Johnstone

Chaplain BDHS

(Monday, Wednesday, Friday)

SECONDARY ASSISTANCE

Secondary Assistance is for parents with a Centrelink concession card with your child's name on the card and your child is in Years 7 –10.

The payment of \$235.00 towards your school fees and a clothing allowance of \$115.00.

Applications Close: 28 March 2024

Contact Mrs Cunnington for application forms on 9884 2900 or Rhonda.Cunnington@education.wa.edu.au

Abstudy is also available for Indigenous children who are in Years 7 to 10. Apply through Centrelink.

LIBRARY CORNER

Welcome back everyone!

Each week students come into our library so that they can choose a book to take home and read, to make sure this can happen student need to return their previous book and exchange it for a new one.

Students in Kindy to Year 3 require a library bag. These are the days Primary Classes come into the library:

Monday Year 1/2 - Mrs George

Year 3/4 - Mr Watkins Year 3/4 - Mrs Sullivan Year 5 - Mrs MacDonald

Tuesday Kindy Green - Miss Lloyd Year 1/2 - Mrs Griffiths

Wednesday Year 1 - Mrs Whittington

Year 4 - Mrs Norrish

Year 6 - Mr Batt

Thursday Kindy Gold - Miss Lloyd

Pre-primary - Miss Giles

Please encourage your child to read it's a skill that will be with them for a LIFETIME!

Happy days!!

Mrs Sharon Bell

Library Officer - Monday to Thursday



SCHOOL BUS

A quick shout-out to all the awesome parents whose child catches a bus – if your kiddo isn't riding the bus, give your cool bus driver a heads up. Whether it's a sick day or a doctor's appointment, just drop a quick message so we can keep things smooth.

Big thanks for being awesome bus partners!





Boddington District High School is seeking dedicated and enthusiastic Cleaners to join their friendly team.

You are encouraged to contact Rhonda Cunnington, Manager Corporate Services for further information about this employment opportunity, by telephoning (08) 9884 2900 or emailing Rhonda.Cunnington@education.wa.edu.au



Student health care

On enrolment you will be asked to provide your child's health information to help the school meet your child's health needs.

You will be asked to:

- provide your child's Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) immunisation history statement
- complete a Health Care Summary form with details about health care needs and information to use in a medical emergency
- complete Management and Emergency Response Plans where the Health Care Summary indicates your child needs support at school.

If your child's medical needs are complex, you can arrange a meeting with the school.

Management and Emergency Response Plan

A Management and Emergency Response Plan provides your child's school with information they need to respond to specific medical needs. The plan outlines:

- a daily management plan
- an emergency response plan
- staff training requirements
- medication instructions such as dosage, storage and when it needs to be taken
- your authority to act.

Management and Emergency Response Plans may need to have a signature from your child's medical practitioner.

It is important to ensure the plan is in place as soon as possible. You should also review the plan each year or as your child's needs change.

Types of plans

Management and Emergency Response Plan templates are available from your school for common conditions such as:

- severe allergy or anaphylaxis
- mild and moderate allergies
- seizure
- asthma
- activities of daily living
- emergency response plan for students with special needs
- generic health care (for all other conditions).

Plans for students with diabetes are developed using the Diabetes WA templates.

Medication and equipment

If your child needs to be given medication during school hours, you need to provide:

- medication that is labelled with your child's name, in its original packaging and is within expiry
- written authorisation for the school to administer the medication using a standard form from the school.

This applies to medication for long-term and short-term use.

If your child needs medical equipment at school, it is important to ensure you supply the equipment in good working order.

It is important that you maintain communication with your child's school, and advise of any changes or concerns you may have.







The BCRC are hosting a free sausage sizzle for a youth get-together! (ages 10-17)

Join us at the Hotham Park Skate Bowl on Thursday, 15th February from 3.30pm to 5.30pm Bring a scooter / skateboard and musical instrument Calling all budding musicians - come along for a jam session!

Skate board to be WON!!!!





Term 1 Planner			B D H S Student 2024		
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	29 Jan	30 Jan	31 Jan Term 1 Commences	1 Feb	2 Feb
2	5 Feb	6 Feb	7 Feb	8 Feb	9 Feb
3	12 Feb Swimming Lessons Yrs 3-6	13 Feb	14 Feb Swimming Lessons Yrs 3-6	15 Feb Swimming Lessons Yrs 3-6 P&C AGM	16 Feb Swimming Lessons Yrs 3-6
4	19 Feb Swimming Lessons Yrs 3-6	20 Feb	21 Feb Swimming Lessons Yrs 3-6	22 Feb Swimming Lessons Yrs 3-6	23 Feb Swimming Lessons Yrs 3-6
5	26 Feb	27 Feb	28 Feb	29 Feb Assembly – M1	1 Mar
6	4 Mar Labour Day Public Holiday	5 Mar	6 Mar	7 Mar	8 Mar Swimming Carnival Yr 3-10
7	11 Mar Kapture- School Photos	12 Mar Kapture- School Photos	13 Mar NAPLAN	14 Mar NAPLAN	15 Mar NAPLAN
8	18 Mar NAPLAN	19 Mar NAPLAN	20 Mar NAPLAN	21 Mar Harmony Day NAPLAN Assembly – C2	22 Mar NAPLAN Interschool Swimming Carnival
9	25 Mar NAPLAN	26 Mar	27 Mar	28 Mar End Term 1 Easter Hat Parade Secondary Assistance Scheme Applications Close	29 Mar Good Friday Public Holiday