



Boddington
DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

Boddington DHS Newsletter

Term 2 Week 6 2024



Strive

Considerate

Responsible

From the Principal

With the recent purchase of new digital technology in the primary school, all the students in Years 1 to 6 have begun to develop their coding knowledge through the Grok program with Mrs Millar during digital technology lessons. The Year 1/2 students are working on Blockly and getting Wombot to go on adventures around Australia. They have used the Beebots to program on different mats and can now make the Beebot spell their names and go on adventures around Australia. Year 3/4 are starting to learn how to code to make characters, changing outfits, background and travel around the screen. Year 5/6 students are working towards programming the Microbot Cars. There is also a small group of students in Years 3-6 working on a coding competition to make their own webpages. This group have 310 challenges to complete in the month of May. It is great to see our students developing these skills, which is part of our Future Focus school priority. Thank you to Mrs Melissa Millar who is leading this initiative in the primary school.



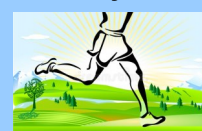
Coming Events

23 May 2024



Assembly - C5
2.10pm

31 May 2024



Faction Cross
Country

3 June 2024



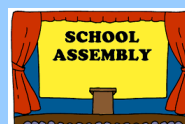
WA Day - Public
Holiday

4 June 2024



School
Development Day

13 June 2024



Assembly - High

14 June 2024



Interschool Cross
Country

Correct at time of printing

BDHS POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR EXPECTATIONS



Strive
Do your best.

Considerate
Be caring and mindful of others

Responsible
Do what is expected and own your actions.

OUR SCHOOL - SPELLING MASTERY

Boddington DHS implements the *Spelling Mastery* program from Years 2 to 6. *Spelling Mastery* is a research-based program that employs the direct instruction method to enable teachers to deliver highly interactive, structured lessons that help their students learn dependable spelling skills. *Spelling Mastery* teaches students dependable spelling skills by blending the phonemic (predictable spellings for different sounds), whole-word (memorising the spellings of high-frequency words used in writing), and morphemic (meaningful units of words and how to combine them to form multisyllabic words) approaches. Spelling Mastery interweaves these three approaches according to the student's skill level development and provided straightforward lessons to help students efficiently and effectively learn the spelling skills needed to become proficient writers.

All students are given a placement test and placed in the appropriate spelling/ability group. Each spelling group is taken by a different teacher; this may not be your child's classroom teacher. Groups are constantly assessed and monitored by classroom teachers and changes within groups can be made through the year if required.

Each student is provided with a student workbook which has been purchased by the school and funded by Newmont. Each of these books is worth \$30 and the substantial investment made in this spelling approach resulted in significant gains over the years.



BIKE RESCUE PROGRAM

As part of our Future Focus priority and through sponsorship from South32, we partnered together again with Dismantle Inc. and provided an opportunity last week for 10 students from Years 7-9 to work with mentors and participate in the BikeRescue program.

BikeRescue is a dynamic youth development program that uses hands-on skill-building to engage and mentor young people. BikeRescue builds knowledge, social skills, confidence and teamwork through various mechanical and mentoring activities.

Over the course of the week, participants completely dismantle and rebuild two bikes each. The first is donated to charity, which earns them the second one to customise and keep for themselves.

During the sessions, BikeRescue mentors work alongside participants while exploring their mental health, hobbies, passions and vocational aspirations. They help them to identify their barriers, figure out how to tackle their challenges and provide support.



FACTION CROSS COUNTRY

The Faction Cross Country competition day is next week on Friday 31 May and is held at the Boddington Golf Club. Students from Years 3 to Year 10 will be participating in this event and the first race will commence at 1:10pm. The total distance and number of laps vary for each age group.

- Year 3 and Year 4 = 2 km
- Year 5 to Year 8 = 3km
- Year 9 and Year 10 = 4km

Each event will start and finish near the 1st Green, which can be accessed from Adams Street or Illyarrie Crescent. Supporters are very welcome and encouraged to attend and support us with this event. We appreciate the support of the Golf Club in enabling our students to have this opportunity.

KINDERGARTEN POSITIONS 2025

Enrolments are now open for Kindergarten students for 2025. Please contact the office to make the necessary arrangements to complete the "Application for Enrolment" forms.

BOOST PARENT WORKSHOP

Yesterday on 21 May the school hosted the BOOST parent workshop run by the Dyslexia Speld Foundation (DSF). The workshop provided information to parents of children in Kindergarten to Year 2 about how children learn to read and write. Parents who attended the workshop received a "literacy pack" valued at \$80. Thank you to the P&C and DSF who subsidised the workshop, lowering the cost for participants to \$20. Thank you also, to Melissa Hughes who initiated and coordinated our involvement with DSF and the provision of this workshop.

ASSEMBLY

The next assembly is on tomorrow, Thursday 23 May, and will be conducted at **2.10pm** in the undercover area. The assembly will be hosted by the Year 3/4 students in C5, Mr Watkin's class.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

A reminder to parents that **Tuesday 4 June** is a School Development Day and that students do not attend school. This day follows on from the WA Day Public Holiday on Monday 3 June. It will be used by the school for professional learning for staff.

Regards

Danielle Roache

Principal

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LIBRARY CORNER

What is National Simultaneous Storytime?

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is an important, annual campaign that supports children's literacy by encouraging reading in a fun, community event.

NSS is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, family day cares, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops, and many other places around the country. Now celebrating its 24th successful year we have no doubt that the experience of reading Aura Parker's Bowerbird Blues will inspire you.



Happy days!!

Mrs Sharon Bell

Library Officer - Mon to Thurs



CHAPPIE'S CHAT

WORDS

The Words that go into your ears, can actually affect your heart! Words have power to make us happy or make us cry. I have always encouraged students to follow this rule: STOP - before you say anything...

Is it kind?

Is it true?

Is it necessary?

OR Before you speak THINK - Is it - T= True / H= Helpful / I= Inspiring / N= Necessary / K = Kind

I hope this can be helpful for all of us - not just the students. 😊

Sharon Johnstone

Chaplain BDHS

(Monday, Wednesday, Friday)



P&C NEWS - 30 CANS IS ALL IT TAKES

Boddington District High School P&C are raising money to replace the play area at the front of the school.

If all the kids donated 30 cans each a month to our containers for change, we could raise \$7500 by the end of the year.

We will have a drop point at the front office every school day where cans can be dropped off at your convenience.

There is going to be a whole school surprise when we reach our target. Let's make it happen.

CAUSAL GARDENER NEEDED

Boddington DHS is seeking a Gardener to start immediately in a casual capacity to cover the position whilst our school gardener is on leave.

The position is for 24 hours a week with the days/times negotiable. Contact Rhonda for more information about the roster and hourly rates.

Enquire Now

9884 2900

Rhonda.Cunnington@education.wa.edu.au



TO DONATE TO OUR CAUSE SIMPLY
USE OUR MEMBER NUMBER

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WHEN YOU RETURN YOUR 10¢
CONTAINERS AT A REFUND POINT



Department of
Education

The WA Student Assistance Payment

Helping you get
the things you need
for your kids.

\$150

For each Kindergarten
and primary school student

\$250

For each secondary
school student

To help ease cost-of-living pressures on families with school-aged children, the State Government is offering the WA Student Assistance Payment.

This payment is to help you get the things you need for your kids. From new school shoes, backpacks and sports equipment to uniforms, healthy meals, school excursions and more.

Get ready to claim

Download the ServiceWA app to your mobile device.

Available from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Locate the student's 8-digit WA student number (WASN).

You'll find it on:

- school reports
- previous NAPLAN results
- secondary student's SmartRider

If you have trouble locating the number, contact your school for assistance.

Claims open Monday 15 April

For more information about the WA Student Assistance Payment and how to claim, go to education.wa.edu.au/wasap

Claim on the
ServiceWA app



BODDINGTON YOUTH CENTRE

FREE!

ABOUT THE BODDINGTON YOUTH CENTRE

The Boddington Youth Centre is a safe and supervised space for young people aged between 10 - 17 to hang out, learn new skills, connect with other young people and try a wide range of activities. Programs are free unless otherwise stated and will be facilitated from the Youth Centre. Information is correct at the time of printing.

OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays: 3pm - 6pm
10-17 years only

Thursdays: 3pm - 6pm
10-17 years (10/U must be accompanied by an adult)

FACILITIES

Sport and Art Equipment
Pool Table and Table Tennis
Kitchen
Theatre Room
Computer Room
Bikes

Food & Drinks available to purchase at our kiosk.

MAY 2024

Term 2 Planner B D H S Student 2024

| | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|----|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 15 Apr | 16 Apr | 17 Apr | 18 Apr | 19 Apr |
| 2 | 22 Apr | 23 Apr | 24 Apr ANZAC DAY - Commemorative Ceremony – 9am | 25 Apr ANZAC DAY Public Holiday | 26 Apr Crazy Dress Day Dojo PBS Reward |
| 3 | 29 Apr | 30 Apr | 1 May | 2 May Assembly – C4 | 3 May |
| 4 | 6 May RAC Road Safety Presentations | 7 May P&C Mother's Day Stall K Green only | 8 May P&C Mother's Day Stall | 9 May | 10 May National Walk Safely to School Day |
| 5 | 13 May | 14 May | 15 May | 16 May | 17 May |
| 6 | 20 May | 21 May | 22 May | 23 May Assembly – C5 - 2.10pm | 24 May |
| 7 | 27 May | 28 May | 29 May | 30 May | 31 May Faction Cross Country |
| 8 | 3 Jun Western Australia Day Public Holiday | 4 Jun School Development Day | 5 Jun | 6 Jun | 7 Jun |
| 9 | 10 Jun | 11 Jun | 12 Jun | 13 Jun Assembly – High School | 14 Jun Interschool Cross Country - Kojonup |
| 10 | 17 Jun | 18 Jun | 19 Jun | 20 Jun | 21 Jun |
| 11 | 24 Jun | 25 Jun | 26 Jun | 27 Jun | 28 Jun |