



Boddington

DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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School Star

Community Update

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BACK IN TIME WITH YEAR 2

The Year 2 students from Boddington District High School recently took a step back in time as part of their History studies, embarking on a guided walk to explore the rich heritage of their local community. The excursion focused on investigating significant people, places, and sites in Boddington, helping students develop a deeper understanding of their town's past and the importance of preserving it for future generations.

Highlights of the day included visits to the Old Police Station, Lions Weir, and the Old Boddington School. At the school, Mrs Kate Forbes welcomed students into the classroom where they explored historical artefacts such as old photographs and a typewriter, offering a glimpse into school life from years gone by.

Students also enjoyed a visit to the Boddington Visitors Centre before stopping for lunch near the War Memorial, reflecting on the town's legacy. They then met with Mrs Hoffman and Mrs Smith from *Bodd News*, who shared insights into the history of the newspaper building and the old grader displayed outside. Students also learnt about the rose garden in front of the Town Hall and its historical significance.

Another engaging activity involved studying the mural of Henry Boddington, the town's namesake, and trying to guess the use of mystery items displayed outside the local IGA.

Teacher, Mrs Kim Hughes extends her sincere thanks to Mrs Duncan, Mrs Forbes, Mrs Hoffman and Mrs Stevens for generously sharing their time and knowledge. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and gained valuable insights into the history and heritage of their town.



What's Happening

28 October - 5 November



Book Fair

30 October



Assembly 8:50am

4 November



School Open Night

7 November



School Development Day

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.

CELEBRATING 48 YEARS OF DEDICATION: KATE FORBES RETIRES

Last week, the Boddington District High School community came together to celebrate the remarkable career of Kate Forbes, who retires after an incredible 48 years and 7 months of dedicated service, making her the longest-serving Boddington District High School staff member to date.

Kate began her career at Boddington School in April 1972 as a Typist Clerk at the old school site. Over the decades, she became the steady hand behind the scenes, progressing through roles from Secretary to Manager Corporate Services, while always maintaining her trademark precision, professionalism and warmth.

Her meticulous work ethic, high standards and genuine care for students, staff and families have made her the heart of the school. Kate has supported more than a thousand staff, countless principals and generations of students, often welcoming the children of those she first met as students.

From typewriters to computers, banking runs in her Celica to online systems, and from the old site to the new, Kate's dedication never wavered. Her legacy of excellence, reliability and pride in our school will continue to shape Boddington DHS for years to come.

On behalf of the entire school and community, thank you Kate for your extraordinary service. We wish you every happiness in retirement and hope the years ahead are filled with relaxation, family and plenty of time in your garden.



Thank you
Kate

