Welcome back to the 2013 school year. Both staff and students have spent the first two weeks discussing what makes a successful learning environment. This involves formulating a class code of conduct and setting expectations for how we interact and relate to others. During the next two weeks all classes will have information sessions which give parents a greater insight into the day to day happenings as well as an understanding of school expectations in regards to teaching and learning programs. I encourage parents to take advantage of this opportunity as it helps to build good communication links between home and school which is both important and beneficial for all children and their families.

Congratulations to Jodie Liersch and partner Ty Devitt on the arrival of Claire Hadley in the holidays.

I would like to welcome our new teachers Ebannie Dixon and Alex Curnow to Bordertown Primary. They are both graduates and will be teaching our Year 7 classes.

Our school was a hive of activity during the holiday break. We had three sets of toilets remodelled and refurbished, our new P.A. system installed as well as our new shed and bike rack area erected. Our grounds and facilities are certainly something we can be proud of.


There are many opportunities for parents to actively participate in their child’s time at school. We encourage all parents that are available to support classroom activities to see their child’s teacher. You do not always have to commit to a regular weekly time, excursions, lunchtime activities and clubs or working on the gardens are also a good way to be involved.

There will be a Volunteer Workshop held at the school on Tuesday 19th February at 9.00 in the staff room for anyone interested in volunteering. At this meeting I will outline guidelines for working with children and possible activities you could be involved in.

Please complete the tear off slip in this Newslink and return to the Front Office, if you wish to attend.

PRINCIPAL.

Term Dates 2013

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From The Principal

Volunteers
School Times
It is important students are ready to commence school at 8.50 a.m.

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School Commencement Times for 2013
Teacher supervision at school begins at 8:30 a.m. Please do not send children to school prior to that time in the interests of their safety. Supervision ends at 3:45 p.m. each day. When children are dismissed early (last day of term, etc.) teacher supervision ceases ten minutes after dismissal time. (At after hours school sports/activities, children will be supervised for the duration of the designated times.

Assembly Times 2013
All Assemblies will be held from 9.05 most Fridays in the Gym.

Student Personal Data
Every student has been given a form to bring home containing their Student Personal Data. Please check the information we currently have on record and mark any changes. All forms need to be returned to the student’s teacher by next Monday 11th February.

School Rules
Students will follow directions given by school adults. Students will speak and act in a way that is responsible and acceptable.
Students will take care of school property and equipment, their own and others’ belongings.
Students will allow others to share and use play areas and equipment.
Students will move in and around buildings in a quiet and orderly way.
Students with problems they cannot solve are to see the teacher on duty.
Dangerous objects, glass containers, toy weapons, remote control toys, super balls, chewing gum are not permitted on the school grounds.
Students bringing money and valuables to school do so at their own risk.
Put all rubbish in a bin.

Exemption From Attendance at School
Often we have parents/guardians approach teachers during the year regarding taking their children out of school for a period of time, with examples being family holiday or family commitments. The process for such a request is as follows:
For periods of exemption up to one calendar month, parents/guardians or caregivers apply to the Principal. Application forms are available from school.
For periods greater than a calendar month, an application is made to the Executive Director of Schools on recommendation of the District Director. Application forms are available from the Principal.
These are all departmental requirements that schools are required to have in place as part of the Attendance Policy.

School Banking
Student banking is encouraged on the following days:
Tuesday - Bank SA and ANZ
Friday - Westpac and Commonwealth

Library News
Children in Reception, Year One and Year Two will need a library bag if they would like to borrow from the library. Bags can be purchased from the Front Office for $5.00.
Children in Reception, Year One and Year Two may borrow two books at a time. Children in Year 3-7 may borrow four books at a time.

Payment of School Fees
Parents and caregivers are reminded that school fees are now due and payable. We thank the families who have come in and paid, or who have commenced instalment payment.
A reminder that we have an EFTPOS terminal to allow payment by credit card.
School Card enquiries may also be made now.
Please note that payment of school fees needs to be finalised by the end of Term 1 12/4/13.

Canteen Roster
Mon, Wed (11.00 - 2.00)
Fri (9.30 - 2.00)

FEBRUARY
Mon 11th Tracey Grosser
Wed 13th Tiffany Grambeau
Fri 15th Kylie Makin
Mon 18th Josie Williams
Wed 20th Josie Stokes
Fri 22nd Terri Williamson
Ellie Ballinger and Megan Murch
Canteen 87522846.
Accompanying this Newslink is a pamphlet outlining Bordertown Primary School’s processes for managing conflict, harassment and bullying behaviours, and how the school, students and parents can work together to minimise them. If you do not receive a copy of the pamphlet with the Newslink, there are copies available in the Front Office, or you can access the document on our school website: www.borderps.sa.edu.au.

If you have any questions, or have concerns regarding these behaviours, please do not hesitate to make an appointment to discuss the issue with your child’s class teacher in the first instance, or with one of the Leadership team if you have further concerns.

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**Bus Rules**

Bus rules are published for all students to be aware of as there are often times when students travel for excursions, camps or with a casual bus pass.

**Driver’s rights & acceptable behaviour**
- I will not tolerate any student stopping me from driving a safe bus.
- I will not tolerate any student stopping other students from having safe, quiet bus ride.

I will speak to students courteously and will only accept courteous behaviour from students.

**Rules**
- No objects thrown in and out of the bus.
- Students to be seated all the time.
- Students to obey driver’s directions.
- Hands, feet and objects to yourself.

All parts of the body inside the bus.

**Consequences**
- Shift to Red Seat.
- Two shifts to Red Seat – school detention.

See Principal/Deputy Principal of the appropriate school and parents contacted. Further instances of inappropriate behaviour will result in suspension from using the bus for a period of time. Parents will need to make alternative transport arrangements.

**Positive Behaviour**
- Move seats.
- Sitting up the back.

Positive responses.

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**Christian Pastoral Support Worker**
Bordertown Primary School
South Tce, Bordertown

Schools Ministry Group with Tatiara Schools Chaplaincy
Support Group are seeking applications for this minimum
14 to 15 hour per week position, commencing Term 1
2013.

The position exists to offer support to students, staff and
the school community.

A Job and Person Specification, including details on ‘how
to apply’, is available from Schools Ministry Group on
8378 6800 or mail@smg.asn.au or Pamela Thompson
SMG Regional Manager mb: 0423 936 862.

Closing date: Monday, February 11th, 5 p.m.

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**Sunshine Club**

Scripture Union Primary Age (SUPA) Sunshine club is
a Christian club designed for Primary aged children.
It is held each Tuesday at lunch time in the Drama
room. Leaders are people from local churches. Scriptu-
re Union in an interdenominational, voluntary or-
ganisation which provides training for leaders and
materials for use in SUPA club. Students can choose
to attend this club during their playtime. Parental
permission for this activity is included in our general
consent form completed at the beginning of each
year.

February 12: Off to a great start
February 19: God—Creator

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**MOBILE PHONE RECYCLING**

Do you have any unwanted mobile phones?
DO NOT THROW THEM AWAY!!!

Bring them into BORDERTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL to be recycled. The school earns $3.00 per phone that is collected.

All phones collected will be recycled for re-use. All sim cards and memory cards are destroyed by Australian licensed recyclers.

A phone collection box is located at the
Front Office.
Please complete and return to the Front Office:

Volunteer Workshop

I will be attending the Volunteer Workshop at Bordertown Primary School on Tuesday 19th February at 9.00 a.m.

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Signature:________________________________________________
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