

SCHOOL NEWS

Here we are at Week 8!

As our students prepare for the incredible show Borderville, the show goes on for their Schooling.

3/4/5 – Greg has been working on Narratives with the class, and the students have been creating and editing small clips to show how story structure can unfold. The students are still working on the Reading program and in Art they have completed their sculpture plaster unit and are now learning about tone and shape in their 'Up' drawings.

The students have also been working on Mindfulness activities with Kat and discussing strategies around how to manage stress and tiredness.

Math/Science – Chance and Probability has been the focus in class, and the students have been creating board games. Greg and Helen have been crossing the Curriculum Streams with Tech to create the board game pieces on the 3D printer, and the students are looking at Forces and Friction with their Toy assignments. Year 8 are looking at weathering, erosion, formation and Geology. They had a great experiment in the Science room melting Starburst lollies to show the change in properties and to mimic Natural Processes in Rock.

English/Humanities – The students are working through 'The Heroes Journey' theme. This has been about implementing the themes from Joseph Campbell that we see throughout literature and film and building those links to not only the Greek Mythology unit the students have just completed but how they can also implement those structures in their own Narrative writing.

6/7 Art are completing their Lego Sculpture/ Design pieces and are now moving straight into a Graffiti piece that will take them right up to the last week.

Year 8 Art students are completing their Wildlife drawings and have been also given the option of working a Graffiti wall as well.

The students and teachers are creating some excellent work in the classroom.

Next week we will publish our [last week of school program](#) so that you can see what is happening each day at the school, and of course [transition](#) and [The Awards Ceremony event information](#).

Welcome new families who have now been added to our newsletter list.

It's great to have you on board and we look forward to meeting all of you and getting to know our new students and families.

If it hasn't been done so already, can you please complete and send back your [school enrolment form](#)? Ideally, we would like these back by the end of next week. Thank you.

Upcoming Events:

- 28 November – Wodonga Cup Public Holiday, no school
- 10 December – Transition Day
- 15 December – End of Year Award Ceremony, 10am at the school
- 17 December – Whole school excursion to Zootopia 2 at Albury Cinema

6/7/8 Making 'Games of Chance' to coincide with the maths unit of Probability and Chance



Year 6/7

Science students completing final assessment task for 'Forces' unit: Making a Toy



Lego man mini figures Art project



Completed paintings

Some of our students have put the finishing touches on their paintings. As you can see from the photos we have some very talented students. Well done to everyone.



Student of the week:

Congratulations Emi, you have a cheerful demeanour, great sense of humour and creativity in game making, cooking (Rudolph heads) and the Arts.

Social media age restrictions

What you need to know

From 10 December 2025 Australian young people under 16 will not be allowed to create or hold accounts on certain social media platforms.

Delaying account access allows more time for young people to build digital literacy and greater resilience.

How will it work?

Under the law, the responsibility lies with the age-restricted platforms to find and deactivate existing accounts held by under-16s and to prevent under-16s from creating new accounts.

There are no penalties for under-16s who access an age-restricted social media platform, or for their parents or carers.

Social media platforms

The age restrictions are likely to apply to **Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, X and YouTube**, as well as other platforms. [See the latest list.](#)

Most standalone gaming and messaging apps, as well as many services that support health and education, will not be affected by the new law.

Information and resources

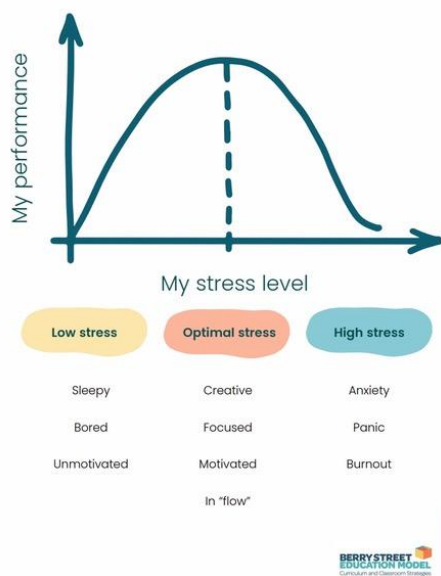
Visit eSafety's social media age restrictions hub to find out what's happening and how to prepare.

The hub includes practical guidance for parents and carers and young people, including get-ready guides and actions plans to prepare the for the change.



Mental Health & Wellbeing

The stress curve



In mental health and wellbeing sessions this week both the 3/4/5 class and the 6/7 class took part in a lesson about stress and how we all need a certain amount of stress, which we could think about as physical tension/energy. When we are very low in stress, we might feel unmotivated, tired and bored; when we are high in stress, we might feel anxious, over-excited or panicky. Being somewhere in the middle of these states where we are calm, motivated and 'in flow' is often the best state for learning or for performing. The students mapped their stress level for the day on an escalation map, and we did some mindfulness and nature journaling outside as a way of considering strategies that can help us change our stress level.

Kat Beaton
Mental Health & Wellbeing Leader

End of year movie excursion

Zootopia 2 (rated PG)

Wednesday 17th December.

Price \$15.00 includes bus travel to and from the cinema, a bottle of water and popcorn, and cinema ticket.

(Please note no other food and drink purchases can be made on the day)

All students will be returned to school for lunch except for the preparation training students who will be dropped at circus training. **All students will need to bring their own lunch.**

Please give permission on the portal and for the payment click CSEF and write SSB – Anthea will check that you will have SSB to cover it, and let you know if not.

This must be done by Friday 5th December so numbers can be finalised with the venue.

Have a lovely week everyone.

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TERM 4 WEEK 8

Thank you so much for all your support and help with volunteering for Borderville! We've now filled all the spots for Chaos and Mayhem, which is fantastic. 🐞

We're still looking for a few more hands to help out with Night Flies, The Portrait, Circus Arts Saturday, and the Grad Show.

Another great way to support our performers and the artists behind the shows is by donating snacks to keep everyone fuelled during long rehearsal days — muesli bars, fruit, crackers, or anything you think they'll enjoy is greatly appreciated!

Reminder: This Friday is Wodonga Cup. Students will need to make their own way to Circus for rehearsals, as buses will not be running.

If you haven't already got your tickets for The Portrait, get them now! This preview performance is an event not to be missed and is a wonderful way to support the amazing external artists bringing this bold new work to life: The Portrait tickets: <https://fruitflycircus.com.au/performance/the-portrait-borderville/>

If you're keen to help in any way, just get in touch with Bek at bgibbs@fruitflycircus.com.au

PAY NO ATTENTION



We are thrilled to return to Sydney next year with our brand-new world premiere show Pay No Attention where the audience will step into a circus of contradictions, where nothing is as it seems - a kaleidoscope of illusion, disguise and reinvention.

Tickets are now on sale just in time for Christmas: sydneyoperahouse.com/pay-no-attention

ALBURY WODONGA FOODSHARE CHRISTMAS APPEAL



This year we are participating in the Albury Wodonga FoodShare Christmas Appeal to help feed local families experiencing food insecurity.

You can help by donating items from the list of most needed items on the Christmas Appeal poster and dropping them off here at Fruities.

Together we can make sure more families experience the joy of Christmas.

CLASS CLOWNS 2026

The search for Australia's next teen comedy sensation!

Melbourne International Comedy Festival's national competition and workshop program, Class Clowns, is back in 2026 to inspire, engage and elevate humorous people aged 14–18. All it takes is 3-5 minutes of original material in any genre - whether it's stand-up, sketch, solo, group, musical or physical comedy - the possibilities are endless! Participants take part in a free workshop to fine-tune their acts under the guidance of a professional comedian before taking to the stage.

The funniest acts will earn a trip to Melbourne to perform at the National Grand Final, and the chance to win a \$1,500 cash prize plus a workshop package for their school.

To register and find out more head to classclowns.com.au.

HOSTING

We'd love to hear from any families who might be interested in hosting a new student joining the Flying Fruit Fly Circus in 2026. Homestay families play an incredibly important role in making it possible for young people from across Australia (and sometimes overseas!) to take part in the unique circus experience we offer here. By opening your home, you're giving a student the chance to pursue their dream and be part of something truly special.

Many families have found hosting to be a deeply rewarding experience, building lifelong friendships and gaining a real sense of pride in supporting the next generation of Fruit Flies.

If you'd like to learn more or register your interest, please contact Melanie McClure mmcclure@wmyc.vic.edu.au and I'll be in touch to chat through the details.

UPCOMING DATES

The Borderville Festival dates:

- **Night Flies Cabaret** | 2 December | Borderville Theatre
- **The Portrait** | 4 & 5 December | Borderville Theatre
- **Circus Arts Showcase** | 6 December | Guang Rong Lu Stage
- **Chaos** | 9, 10 & 13 December | Borderville Theatre
- **Mayhem** | 11, 12 & 13 December | Borderville Theatre
- **Circus Cubed** | Sunday 14 December | Hyphen Courtyard – Free Community Event
- **Curtain Call: The Grad Show** | 16 - 20 December | Borderville Theatre

Tickets can be purchased here: <https://fruitflycircus.com.au/performances/>

WEEK 8 (This week)		Borderville rehearsals continue
WEEK 10	Tuesday 9 December	Chaos 7PM
	Wednesday 10 December	Chaos 7PM
	Thursday 11 December	Mayhem 7PM
	Friday 12 December	Mayhem 7PM
	Saturday 13 December	Mayhem 11AM Chaos 3PM
	Sunday 14 December	Circus Cubed 10 AM, 11 AM, & 12.15 PM
WEEK 11	Tuesday 16 December	Grad Show 7PM
	Wednesday 17 December	Grad Show 7PM
	Thursday 18 December	Grad Show 7PM
	Friday 19 December	Last day of term Grad Show 7PM
	Saturday 20 December	Grad Show 3PM & 7PM

Please remember to email both school and circus if your child will not be attending school and training

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