**Important Dates**

- 14 March - Labour Day Holiday
- 15 March - Yr 7 Round Robin Payment Due
- 16 March - Yr 8 Round Robin Payment Due
- 22 March - Athletics Carnival
- 23 March - Yr 5/6 Round Robin Payment Due
- 24 March - Yr 8 Round Robin
- 19 May - 8A & 8C Kiosc Excursion No. 1
- 20 May - 8B & 8D Kiosc Excursion No. 1
- 9 June - 7A & 7B Kiosc Excursion
- 10 June - 7C & 7D Kiosc Excursion
- 23 August - 9A & 9B Kiosc Excursion
- 24 August - 9C & 9D Kiosc Excursion
- 17 October - 8A & 8C Kiosc Excursion No. 2
- 19 October - 8B & 8D Kiosc Excursion No. 2
- 2 November - 7A & 7C Kiosc Excursion No. 2
- 3 November - 7B & 7D Kiosc Excursion No. 2

**Term Dates 2016**

- **Term 1** - 27 January - 24 March
- **Term 2** - 11 April - 24 June
- **Term 3** - 11 July - 16 September
- **Term 4** - 3 October - 20 December

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**Year 7 Camp**

This week our Year 7s attended camp! It sounds as though all those in attendance had a great time!
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Mr. Rose participating in ‘Bubble Soccer’ last year!
Assistant Principal’s Report

At the beginning of this week I had the absolute pleasure of attending the Year 7 camp for the entire three days. This is an opportunity that I feel is incredibly important and part of my role that I enjoy immensely. Whilst it means being away from my own three children and having to make arrangements for their care in my absence, it means that I am able to get to know the students at Year 7 on a deeper level early in the year. Many of them are new to our college this year and have come to us from 21 different schools. Some from our local schools, some from schools outside of our region, some have transferred from interstate, and we even had a student transfer from overseas this year! By being able to connect with students in a positive way, outside of the traditional confines of the school grounds, we as staff are able to forge positive relationships with them and are able to draw on that in the future to support and assist them.

I had my own activity group of nine students for the three days of camp, so spent a lot of time with these students but also got to know almost every other student who attended. I’m fairly confident that I would know at least 75 – 80% of their names now! I got to see them challenge and extend themselves through activities such as the Giant swing, surfing, and a beach hike from Squeaky beach to Tidal River. I watched them develop as a team through working together during kitchen duty, cabin inspections and during the team challenges at base camp. Watching their friendship circles widen and their social skills increase by sitting next to new people at dinner and sharing cabins with those they didn’t necessarily know, was also a very rewarding experience.

I am confident that all students came away with new friendships, a sense of achievement, and pride in themselves. I’d like to thank all the staff who attended the camp and gave up their own time and went above and beyond in order to ensure that all students were safe, supported and had a fantastic time. A big thank you to the parents of the Year 7 campers for your support of this important program.

Top 3 Social Skills for Kids to Develop

Children who are able to form friendships when they start school are happier at school and also learn better.

More significantly, positive friendships have long-term implications for social and indirectly academic success.

Friendships skills are generally developmental, but they don't develop in isolation. Kids acquire these skills when they play with their siblings and interact with children and adults outside their family.

Parents can help kids develop important social competencies by teaching them sociable behaviours at home, being good role models and providing opportunities for kids to play with each other in a variety of situations.

Here are 3 important social skills to help children to develop:

1. Ask for what you want

Help children ask for what they want. It means they don’t throw tantrums, whinge, and sulk or expect parents to guess what’s on their minds. While we need to be patient with toddlers, we need also to give older children the chance and opportunity to ask for what they want. Sometimes we need to ignore shrugs and grunts and expect them to articulate their wishes. This is the basis of civil behaviour, as well as a basic human skill.

2. Sharing

Sharing is a basic social skill. Developmentally, very young children like to keep their possessions themselves. As they get older and move into Pre School and beyond the notion of sharing becomes a pre-requisite for playing with and forming relationships with others. Other children like to play and be with those who share their time, possessions and space with them. Sharing is the start of empathy as it shows sensitivity to other people’s feelings.

3. Holding a conversation

Holding conversations with others is a lifetime friendship skill. Conversations require self-disclosure, which can be challenging for some children. Good conversationalists give of themselves, but also take an interest in the person they are talking to. Many children forget that good conversations are two-way events, and tend to focus solely on themselves.

Children within conversations need to learn to ask good or interesting questions; to take turns when speaking and to show you are listening by making eye contact and not interrupting.

As parents we often focus on the development of children’s academic skills and quite easily neglect the development of important social skills, which contribute so much to children’s happiness and wellbeing.

Brooke Cross : Assistant Principal
Student Engagement & Wellbeing
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NO DOGS
ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
EXCEPT GUIDE DOGS, OR WITH PRIOR CONSENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Boronia K-12 College
Buy, Swap, Sell

Following a recent School Council meeting, it was discussed to again have the ability to offer access to a second hand uniform shop for the school.

To begin, we have decided to offer this service through a Facebook page.

Simply search for the page on Facebook. The page is called:
Boronia K-12 College - Uniform & Books - Buy, Swap, Donate and Sell

Sun Smart Season

With the Summer months upon us it’s time to review what it takes to be ‘sun smart’. A combination of sun protection measures are used whenever the UV levels reach three and above. UV levels and sun protection times are monitored each day to help with the implementation of this policy.

If you can, please check the sun protection times each day so you can be sure you are using sun protection when you need to be. The sun protection times are available as a free app, from sunsmart.com.au and the Bureau of Meteorology website.

During the sun protection times please remember to:
1. Slip on sun protective clothing
2. Slop on SPF 30 or higher sunscreen
3. Slap on a wide brimmed hat
4. Seek shade
5. Slide on some wrap-around sunglasses

Student Banking

Don’t forget, Mondays is student banking day.

If you wish to make a deposit into your child’s Dollarmite account, please send your child to school with their completed deposit slip in their bank book, alongside the cash you are depositing.

Bank books are collected by your child’s classroom or homegroup teacher to be sent to the General Office by 9.30am.

The Banking Team

Student Welfare

I’m very happy to announce that four young women from our College were successful in their application with Knox City Council recently. Emilee Egan, Montana Greaves, Alicia Aulsebrook and Madeline Kiker have been accepted into the Knox City Council’s “Be Inspired Mentoring Program” A mentoring program for Young Women. Spaces were limited and quite competitive, so congratulations to these young ladies and we wish them well.

The Be Inspired Mentoring Program is aimed at connecting young women with inspiring women in business. This is a partnership program between Knox City Council and the Outer Eastern Local Learning and Employment Network (OELLEN).

This program will enable female students in Years 11 and 12 from local secondary schools to connect with business women creating an opportunity to share personal and career aspirations.

With the world changing at a rapid rate, and students needing to be prepared to create their jobs for the future, it is important that our future female leaders have significant role models in their lives.

This program will run for 6 months, commencing March 2016, with students and their mentors coming together once a month.

David Husk
Student Welfare Coordinator
On Wednesday 2 March five of our primary aged students competed at the Division Swimming Carnival at Nunawading Aquatic Centre. We had terrific results with Jan 5/6 B qualifying for the Regional Swimming Competition which was held on Monday 7 March! Well done to all students who competed:

Jack 3/4 A - 3rd in Backstroke & 4th in Freestyle
Ruby 3/4 A - 4th in Breaststroke
Jan 5/6 B - 1st in Freestyle & 1st in Breaststroke

Open Medley Relay Team (Jack, Jan, Jacob Allison & Jarrah) - 3rd.

We also had five VCE students who attended the day and help record times for each race with many races coming down to the wire. They were professional and dependable all day and received fantastic reviews from Division Co-ordinators. Thank you Keirah 11A, Connor 11A, Declan 11A, Ravneel 11A and Jared Purcell.

Also thank you to Sue-Anne Mynott for attending on the day and helping. A HUGE thank you also to Drey Baldwin for helping at the last second with timing and doing a terrific job.
Knox Festival

Year 7 Camp
Homework Club

Boronia Community Church of Christ is excited to announce the launch of our **Homework Club**. **Thursdays** each week during school terms.

This program is supported by: **Knox Council Community Development Fund**

The Homework Club provides a safe and supportive out-of-school learning environment where primary and secondary students can participate in activities that develop their academic skills in addition to getting assistance with homework. Through regular attendance, students will be able to enhance their learning and development skills, enabling them to access local volunteer tutors who have appropriate skills and knowledge to support the Club activities.

**Who?**  
Students in Year 3-12

**When?**  
4:00pm-5:30pm each Thursday during school terms

**Where?**  
The Hub, Boronia Community Church of Christ, 59 Boronia Rd., Boronia

**Cost?**  
$2 per session *(Includes afternoon snack at 4:00pm)*

**Contact?**  
Church Office (ph. 9762 1277) or David Delth (m. 0412 433 237).
JOIN US IN ACTIVE APRIL!

Register yourselves, and invite friends and family to join! Once registered join our team at Boronia K-12 College and help us with the chance to win some fantastic prizes!

Register at:  www.activeapril.vic.gov.au
Team Name:  Boronia K-12 GET ACTIVE

ALCHESTER VILLAGE FLORIST EASTER DRAWING COMPETITION

- ENTRYs CLOSE MONDAY 21 MARCH
- All entries must have your NAME, AGE and SCHOOL or PARENTS NAME and CONTACT.
- GROUP 1: AGE 3 TO AGE 7
- GROUP 2: AGE 8 TO AGE 12
- GROUP 3: AGE 13 TO AGE 16
- FREE ENTRY!

All pictures will be displayed from March 1, as a part of the Florist’s main window display.

COMMUNITY SWIMMING CARNIVAL
AGES 6-14. ALL WELCOME

Whether you swim regularly or just at school sports come along and race other people. There will be 25 metre and 50 metre events, in events such as freestyle, breast stroke, back stroke and butterfly. All levels of swimmers welcome.

Saturday 5th March 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
Noble Park Aquatic Centre, 9 Memorial Drive, Noble Park
Closing Date for Entries: Monday 26th February
Sponsored by Oasis Otters Swimming Club and City of Greater Dandenong

For entry form and further details visit: www.oasiosotters.swimming.org.au
email: oasisotters@gmail.com
Knox Schools Expo 2016

The Knox Schools Expo is an annual information night for parents/guardians of Years 5 & 6 children changing to secondary school in 2017/18, or for those with younger children who like to plan ahead. The evening allows attendees to have conversations with representatives from Knox Secondary Schools and Community Organisations, before formal proceedings start at 7pm. The Q and A panel session will provide the audience with an opportunity to explore considerations when selecting a secondary school, after which there will be another opportunity to visit stalls.

When:    Thursday 17 March 2016
Where:   Knox Civic Centre 511 Burwood Hwy Wantirna South 3152
Time:    5.45-8.45pm

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For more information about the Knox Schools Expo contact Knox City Council Youth Services via Angela Thurbon on t: 9298 8533 or e: angela.thurbon@knox.vic.gov.au or Megan Parker on t: 9298 8308 or e: megan.parker@knox.vic.gov.au or visit www.knox.vic.gov.au/KnoxSchoolsExpo

Bookings are not required
National Youth Week Art Display

Application Form

A range of selected artwork will be displayed in the headspace Knox foyer area as well as on the headspace Knox website and social media during National Youth Week.

Submissions close Friday 1st April 2016

Name

Age

Suburb

Artwork name

Medium (materials used)

Are you happy for us to publicise your artwork on the headspace Knox website and social media pages? Yes/No

Would you like your artwork returned? Yes / No

If yes please include your contact number

Please note

- Due to limited space, only a select amount of artwork can be displayed within the headspace Knox foyer.
- headspace Knox maintains the right to refuse to display any artwork that contains offensive or inappropriate material.