**Important Dates**

- 18 July - Knox T. Ball Finals
- 20 July - Year 5/6 Camp Departs
- 21 July - Year 5/6 on Camp
- 22 July - Year 5/6 Camp Returns
- 20 July - Yr 3/4 Hoop Time Basketball
- 25 July - Yr 1/2 ‘Off this Planet’ Incursion Payment Due
- 28 July - Prep 100 Days of School!
- 1 August - Yr 1/2 ‘Off this Planet’ Incursion
- 4 August - Yr 5/6 Hoop Time Basketball Payment Due
- 10 August - Yr 5/6 Hoop Time Basketball
- 23 August - 9A & 9B Kiosc Excns
- 24 August - 9C & 9D Kiosc Excns
- 8 - 10 September - Production of ‘Back to the 80s’
- 17 October - 8A & 8C KIOSC Excns
- 19 October - 8B & 8D KIOSC Excns
- 2 November - 7A & 7C KIOSC Excns
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**BREAKFAST CLUB**

Boronia K-12 College is glad to announce that we will continue to provide our current Breakfast Club that has been operating for the past several years, and now we have been given the opportunity to expand our breakfast club initiative to five mornings per week. So far it has been a great success!
Greetings,

A major focus for our college for the remainder of this year will be engaging in a process of analysing our progress against the goals and targets articulated in the School Strategic Plan (2012 – 2016) and writing a new School Strategic Plan for 2017. This will involve the close study of our data from the past four years and many conversations with students, staff and our school community. I encourage you, when given the opportunity, to contribute to these discussions and to the development of a new plan for our college that will set our direction for the next four years.

Our teachers will also be engaged in preparation for the implementation of the Victorian curriculum in 2017. This will involve teachers working collaboratively in year level teams and subject areas to ensure that the teaching and learning that is delivered in our college in 2017 is aligned with the expectations of the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority and our Department of Education.

Many thanks and congratulations to our Parent Club for their organisation and running of a sausage sizzle at our school on Election Day. They were kept very busy on the day and raised a significant amount of funds for our college.

Our Breakfast Club has become quite popular, not only amongst students taking advantage of the offer of a free breakfast on a daily basis, but also amongst staff who are providing the service. A lot of fun, good humour and interaction – a great way to begin the school day! Thanks to David Husk for setting it up and to staff who are donating their time in support of this program.

Our Year 5/6 Camp takes place next week from Wednesday to Friday in Toolangi. Best wishes to all campers and I hope to see you there.

Thank you to those parents and families who responded to our recent languages survey. I am currently collating the results and these will be presented to School Council next week. Conversations will be taking place with our students to ascertain their preferences regarding the implementation of languages program in 2017.

There have been some changes in our Early Years team. We said farewell to Mrs Jennie Wall last term and say goodbye (for a little while) to Mrs Chris Kors this week. We also said goodbye last term to Alison Thomas and Helen Zidis, two of our Education Support staff. As a result, we’d like to welcome four new staff to our Early Years team. Mrs Emma Hadley will be teaching in 3/4B on Monday and Tuesdays and Mrs Kelly-Anne Fulmizi will be teaching in 1/2B on Wednesday, Thursday and Fridays (starting Week 2). Mr Stuart Beever is running our Lit30 program for the remainder of the year. Miss Ally Dunford and Mrs Ashleigh Danes are our new Education Support staff and will working throughout the week in different classrooms. We are currently advertising a position for teaching our 4 Year Old kindergarten groups.

'Too often we give children answers to remember rather than problems to solve.' - Roger Lewin

David Rose - College Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report

Welcome back to another busy and exciting term, here at the College! I hope everyone has come back rested and ready to cope with the cold weather and another long and action packed term. We have the Year 5/6 camp coming up next week and rehearsals for the school production are well underway. Also coming up throughout this term are a number of excursions and incursions in all stages of learning, Interschool sports, T-ball division finals, the District Athletics Carnival, Book Week and the College Production performances. So lots to look forward to!

The first week of our new five day a week Breakfast Club has gone really well. We have served breakfast to an average of 50 – 60 students each morning, so far. A big thank you to Mr Husk for getting this important program off the ground and a massive thank you to all of the teachers who are coming in early to assist in the running of the program. It has been fabulous to see many students taking advantage of this government funded program and gobbling up a healthy and hearty breakfast to start their day in a positive way! We encourage all families to join us in the performing arts foyer from 8:15 each morning!

Next week will see ten of our Year 9 students begin attending the Woori Yallock farm school on Tuesdays for the duration of this Term and Term 4. For almost three decades, the Woori Yallock Farm School has offered a range of programs for students. It is a healthy, peaceful and productive learning environment where students can spend time to re engage with learning and realise their potential. The Farm School has developed a Certificate 1—Conservation and Land Management program, which our selected students will be undertaking. The program aims to reengage, build social and team working skills, increase self-esteem and provide real pathways for students. The selected students are enthusiastically and eagerly awaiting the start of this program. We are hoping to be able to offer this opportunity to more students in the future.

As always, if any families need assistance with school uniform, referrals to support services or have any concerns or suggestions they would like to discuss, please feel free to contact me via the front office.

Brooke Cross - Assistant Principal (Student Wellbeing & Engagement)
Parenting Tips

Taken from Michael Grose, Parenting Newsletter

Three Ways To Balance Your Parenting Approach

It’s a quirk of twenty-first century parenting that we need an objective measure to assess our parenting. Past generations were satisfied with more subjective measures such as whether their kids were happy; whether they got good marks at school; whether they were employable; and whether or not if they stayed out of trouble (read goal in extreme cases)! It’s safe to say the parenting waters were far clearer in the past than they appear to be now. But the parenting industry has come a long way in a short time so we now have stringent indicators that let us know what parenting track we maybe on. And that, for many people, would appear to be the over-parenting track.

You know you are over-parenting if:

1. You take on all, or nearly all, of a child’s problems.

Kids are good at handballing their problems to their parents. They’ll bring disputes with siblings for you to sort; expect you to take forgotten school lunches to school and pester you to organise their after-school lives. Mums and dads that over-parent invariably end up sorting out all their children’s problems which may make life easier in the short-term, but can mean kids become more dependent on their parents than children in the past.

Point to remember: Leave some problems for kids to solve.

2. You regularly do for a child the things he or she can reasonably do for themselves.

It’s an irony of modern life that the busier parents get the more we tend to do for kids. In the race to get things done we dress young children; prepare children’s snacks and accompany them on trips outside the house even when they are old enough to do these activities themselves. If your child is becoming more rather than less dependent the older he becomes then it’s probably time to reassess your parenting.

Point to remember: Never do regularly for a child the things they can do for themselves.

3. You parent the individual and not the gang.

If you are constantly trying to make sure life is smooth for each child then you are probably parenting the individual, rather than for the good of the whole family! I’m not talking about ‘playing favourites’, but having an intense focus on meeting each individual’s wants can often be at the expense of family life in general. For instance, you allow a child to go on a sleepover rather than attend the birthday of a sibling. Parenting the gang means that children need to fit into the patterns of family life and don’t always get what they want.

Point to remember: Raise your small family with a big family mindset.

Most of the research indicates the authoritative approach as ‘parenting best practice’. Authoritative parenting is a mix of firmness and warmth; discipline and nurturance; high expectations and relationship building. It’s an approach that sits… surprise, surprise… somewhere between over-parenting and under-parenting. Yep, as always a balanced approach to parenting, as to most things in life, seems to be the best way to go. Who would've thought it!

Environmental Action Group!

Boronia K-12 College now has an Environmental Action Group. If you care about the environment, and you’re eager to give gardening a go, be sure to meet us in the Middle Years Building (Year 5, 6 & 7 Building) each and every:

Thursday lunchtime

Do you have succulents at home? We are collecting plant pots, succulent cuttings, and potting mix.

If you have any questions or wish to donate, please see Mrs. Hocking in the Middle Years Building.

Attendance

Late Arrivals

All students are to sign in at the office in the event of arriving at school late. We ask that younger students are signed in by their parent or guardian. If a student signs in late without a note or parent/guardian present, their absence will be noted as being ‘unapproved’.

Students signing in late after 9.30am without prior notification will result in their parent and/or guardian receiving a text message notifying the student’s unexplained absence.

Early Departure

We ask that parents and guardians make appointments wherever possible outside of school hours. If your child must be collected early, please provide a written note which is to be given to your child’s teacher. The teacher will release your child from their class at the specified time to meet you at the General Office. Alternatively, simply arrange to meet your child in admin at the beginning of either recess or lunch.

We are not able to make P.A announcements during class time due to the disruption this causes to not only our entire student and staff body, but also our neighbouring community.

All students leaving the college must be signed out at the General Office.

Absences

If your child is absent, please notify the college the morning of, or the day prior to the expected absence. Simply call the College number; 9760 4900 and leave a message on the absence line (select option 1), or submit an absence notification via TiqBiz, the college app.

If you have not notified the College of your child’s absence by 9.30pm, a text message will be sent to the nominated parent/guardian.
Student Banking

Don’t forget, Monday 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.

Want to teach your child the importance of banking, and saving money? Be sure to visit the Commonwealth Bank School Banking segment of their website to download activities and articles aimed to get your child excited about saving money.

Be sure to visit ‘The Beanstalk’:


The Banking Team

Boronia K-12 College
Buy, Swap, Sell

Looking to buy, swap or even sell your child’s second hand uniform or books? Simply search for the Boronia K-12 College Facebook page developed to assist in making these transactions happen. Monitored by College Council simply search on Facebook for the page below:

Boronia K-12 College - Uniform & Books - Buy, Swap, Donate and Sell

Canteen Helpers

If you're looking to help out at the College and would be interested in offering your assistance at the Canteen, our Canteen Manager, Karen, is seeking your help!

In order to help out in the canteen all we require is a copy of your Working With Children Check.

To offer your expression of interest, or for further information simply pop into the Canteen and speak to Karen.

German Exchange Students

A number of German Exchange Students, both girls and boys aged 15-18, hope to be coming to the area this July for 3, 5 or 10 months. If you and your family feel you would like to host a German student during their stay here or even part of it, can afford an extra person at meal times, and have a spare bed, please contact Klaus Schumann, their coordinator, on 03 9758 4279 or by email to let me know of your interest. There is no payment involved. There are students of other nationalities also seeking host families if you wish to enquire further.

Hope to hear from you.

Yours sincerely,

Klaus Schumann
SCCE Community Coordinator
klaus.schumann@hotmail.com

Knox Historical Society
Family Crest Competition

In conjunction with Family History Week in August, the Knox Historical Society is holding a design competition for all school aged children. Children are invited to design and create a family crest and motto.

Entries close on Friday 22 July, 2016. Cash prizes will be awarded in four categories.

Be sure to contact the Knox Historical Society for further details at:

Postal Address: Knox Historical Society Inc.
P.O. Box 8124
Ferntree Gully 3156

Telephone Number: (03) 9758 6722
(Answering Machine)

Email Address: khs@relics.com
Last term Year 9s Jess 9D, Lexi 9A and Mary 9B made Billy Carts in their Woodwork class and presented it to all Year 1 and 2 students. The Year 1/2s enjoyed the presentation as they helped disassemble and assemble a Billy cart using tools under the Year 9’s guidance. The highlight was each junior student had a turn at pushing and riding in the Billy Carts.

A big thank you to the Jess, Lexi and Mary and Rod Schubert organising such a fantastic experience for the Year 1s and Year 2s.
Senior Exams and Outcomes

It has been a very busy time of year in the Senior Years over the past few weeks, with the VCE students sitting the GAT Exam on Tuesday 7 June as well as undertaking subject based exams that week, and commencing Semester 2 in the last two weeks of term. Students undertaking Year 12 subjects are very quickly approaching the end of their year and are working hard to achieve their desired outcomes and to prepare for the October/November exams which will be here before we know it!

The VCAL cohort are working hard to achieve their outcomes are beginning to prepare for their work experience block, which will be happening in term 4. We have a number of students who will be looking for work experience in the local area and surrounds, so if you (or someone you know) would be willing to take a student for work experience, please feel free to contact our Careers Teacher (Mr Tim Knowles).

Year 12 VTAC Information Night – Tuesday 2 August 6.30pm

On Tuesday 2 August I will be holding an extremely important information night regarding VTAC applications and post Year 12 options for next year. All students and parents are invited and strongly encouraged to attend this evening. The application process (including all steps involved and all important dates), SEAS applications and scholarships will be covered in great detail. I cannot stress enough the importance of this information night.

If you have any questions regarding the night or wish to organise a meeting with your child and yourself, please feel free to call me on 9760 4908.

Mr. Tim Knowles (Careers/Pathways Co-ordinator)

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### School Banking Reminder

Don’t forget that **MONDAY** is School Banking day. Please ensure that your student banking books are handed to the General Office **before 9.30am**

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Welcome to Term 3 — it’s hard to believe that we’re already halfway through the year!

We’re happy to announce that we’re running an exciting School Banking competition during Term 3. Students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour will have the chance to win one of hundreds of prizes. More information is still to come!

**Rewards Program update**

In Term 3, two new reward items from our Outback Savers range become available to redeem!

- Jump and Skip Rope
- Backtrack Eraser Pen

Don’t forget, Student Banking takes place every Monday! Make sure your bank books are handed to your classroom teacher first thing in the morning.

All bank books must be at the General Office by 9.30am.

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