This week Boronia K-12 College was visited by a group of astronauts searching for a new planet… These wonderful creations were created by all 1/2 students in their Art classes. Students were to follow a set of success criteria to create suitable space helmets fit for an astronaut. This project was integrated from their classrooms to the Art room and were completed with a short oral presentation to their peers.
Greetings,

Well, the end of term has come around rapidly yet again. We’re just about to head off into spring holidays, where hopefully we’ll get the opportunity to experience some dry days and sunshine. The beginning of daylight savings is not far off.

I’ve just returned from the Junior School’s Footy Parade, where I’m proud to say the number of Melbourne supporters is increasing incrementally each year! We are still totally outnumbered by Hawthorn and Collingwood supporters (and other teams) but I am happy to remind them that we did manage to beat them this year! I look forward to the lunchtime sausage sizzle conducted by our Parents’ Association today.

Our Father’s Day celebrations were a huge success, with many Dads coming in the morning to spend some time playing with their children and enjoying a sausage sizzle breakfast. Thanks also to the staff who were involved in the preparation behind the scenes, who arrived early on the day to cook and assist in making the morning an enjoyable experience. Our Parents’ Associated conducted a successful Father’s Day Stall with a great range of items for children to choose from.

Rachel Gardiner (Assistant Principal) has taken leave for the remainder of 2016. Matthew Scammell is now acting Assistant Principal and Mel Hancock is the acting Middle Years Team Leader. Thanks to Olga Kowalczuk who has been acting Upper Middle Years Team Leader in the latter part of this term.

Welcome to Michelle Buchanan, our new teacher for our 4 Year Old kindergarten groups.

Congratulations to the Buildings and Grounds Committee who have been working over the course of this term to finalise plans for the installation of a new playground. The design looks amazing and we are working to ensure that it will be installed over the coming summer holidays, in readiness for use when school returns in 2017. Thanks to Donna Eichinski for her hard work and persistence in making this become a reality.

We have been interviewing potential and current staff members for positions in our school for 2017. I am pleased to say that we have secured the employment of a Spanish teacher, Carlos Galvez, who is very excited about working with us next year. We will be doing more planning over the school holidays and finalising, in early Term 4, staff positions for 2017.

As you may be aware, we have been conducting a school self-evaluation of our progress over the last four years, since the School’s Strategic Plan was originally written in 2013. As part of the evaluation, we would like to invite parents to join us for a parent forum on Wednesday 5 October at 5:30pm. We are seeking your feedback on perceptions of the school and strategies for improvement for the next four years.

I hope you managed to get along to our production of ‘Back to the 80s’, held over several nights last week. I thoroughly enjoyed the evening I attended and wish to congratulate Judith McLaren, Ben Christensen, Emily Phillips and Wayne Robinson on their hard work over the term. Our students were sensational, whether they were performing, providing the music or working backstage.

Our Year 9 City Experience was a great success. Thank you to the team of staff who made this happen. They certainly looked tired on Thursday evening as they returned from an overnight stay in Melbourne and then fronted up to our Parent/Student/Teacher interviews. It was pleasing to see the number of parents taking the opportunity to talk with their children’s teachers about their progress at this time of year.

We wish our Year 12 VCE students all the best as they go into their last school holiday period before the commencement of exams early in Term 4.

I encourage all parents with any concerns about their child or school program to contact that child’s teacher in the first instance. If you are not satisfied with the response from your child’s teacher you are encouraged to make contact with their Team Leader and then a member of our Principal team should you still seek resolution.

David Rose

Principal

It has been a busy and exciting Term Three at the college, particularly in the last few weeks. It has been wonderful to see both students and members of our wider school community come together to celebrate and support our special events.

We had a fantastic turn out for our Father’s Day breakfast two weeks ago. The music pumping, sausages sizzling and families getting active on the courts – an excellent start to a Friday and wonderful way to celebrate all our dads.

All the long hours and hard work that our students and staff have put in, culminated in an invigorating trip ‘Back to the 80s’, at our college production. The cast of students rocked big hair, bright clothes and some of the best music from the 80s. It was brilliant to see the range of year levels involved in the production and the way they worked with and supported each other to stage a fantastic show. There were also a number of students and staff that did a terrific job backstage. Well done to everyone who was involved and thank you to all the families that came to support them.

On Monday of this week, I also had the opportunity to attend the Year 9 City Experience excursion. We had a fascinating tour of the MCG with some very knowledgeable and enthusiastic volunteers. It was great to have an access-all-pass, especially at this time of year. We also spent some time in the Sports Museum and were able to test our skills at an interactive exhibit. From there, we took a scenic walk along the Yarra to Federation Square for lunch and spent some time exploring the Australian Centre for the Moving Image before returning home. It was a great day and I was impressed with the level of respect and courtesy our Year 9s exhibited while moving around town.
The Year 9s have also been involved in the process of choosing their pathways for Year 10, 2017. Last week the school ran an informative evening exploring the wide range of pathways our college offers in the senior years. The key messages I took from the evening were:

- Think about what you enjoy doing and let this guide your decision making process. We often excel and succeed in the disciplines we enjoy.
- That our senior team of staff are more than happy to spend time with students discussing options and looking at future pathways.
- It’s okay to change your mind!

Good luck to our Year 9s on making these exciting decisions for next year.

School Review

In order for schools to continue to grow and develop, they are part of an on-going strategic planning and reviewing cycle. This cycle consists of the major components. The School Strategic Plan, which is developed every four years and outlines the school’s long term vision and goals. The school then develops an Annual Implementation Plan, each year, to help the school progress towards its targets. Finally, we have a review stage where the school, in conjunction with external representatives, reflect upon the schools progress, achievements and pathways for the future.

Throughout this term, our leadership team has been working with Toby McIlrath, an Education Improvement Leader, to complete a school self-evaluation. It has been a great opportunity to reflect upon some of the great work the college has done over the past four years.

As a part of the reflection process we feel that it is vital to obtain the feelings and opinions of all stakeholders in our community. With the help of department representatives we will be getting information from staff and students right across the college. We also feel that it is important to gain as much insight as we can form our parent community. In order for us to engage the maximum amount parent input, we have decided to offer parents two ways to contribute to our review process. Early next term we will be hosting a parent forum and we will also be inviting parents to respond via email. Stay tuned for more information.

I hope everyone has a safe and restful Term Three holiday.

Matthew Scammell
Acting Assistant Principal

Three Mindful Things to Do to Start Your Day”

A little gentleness and taking a few moments to pay attention to the body can have a strong impact on how the rest of the day unfolds.

How we wake up in the morning has a fundamental impact on how the rest of the day unfolds. There are a few things we can integrate into our morning routine that can have an immediate impact in supporting us in being more mindful, self-compassionate, connected, and resilient throughout the day.

Set your judgments aside and try these out over the next week as an experiment...allow your experience to be your guide.

1. Your First Sounds: Rather than starting the day off with an alarm that makes your body tense and startled, choose an alarm that’s gentle and soothing—chimes, bells, more relaxing music, whatever it might be. This allows your body to take in something soothing to start the day.

2. Hydrate before You Caffeinate: Rather than going straight for the coffee or tea, see if you can take in a big glass of water. Your body is dehydrated—your body needs water, it hasn’t drunk water all night long. Then move to your coffee or tea.

3. Observe Nature: Instead of grabbing your technology to begin with, go outside and take in the sky, take in a tree—allow your eyes and body to take that in. Then move on to starting your day.

(By Elisha Goldstein- mindful.org)

Lyndel Armstrong and Jody Daff.

NEVR School Nursing

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
EXCEPT GUIDE DOGS, OR WITH PRIOR CONSENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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
Library News: Book Week Celebration

This year the students of Boronia K-12 College read 54 CBCA’s Picture Books and Early Childhood shortlisted books from the previous 10 years (2004 – 2014) and voted for our Boronia K-12 Student Choice Book Awards for Best Story and Best Illustrations.

The books were on display in the Library this term and were read during library sessions and lunchtimes when the library was open. The students read as many of the books as they wanted to and filled out a voting slip for each book they read and placed it in the ballot box. All of the books up for nomination were written and illustrated by the Author.

Our students have chosen the following books as their Book Week 2016 Boronia K-12 College Student Choice Book Award for Best Story and Best Illustrations.

Winners for our Boronia K-12 College Student Choice Book Award for Best Story are:

- **1st** Shhh! Little Mouse written and illustrated by Pamela Allen
- **2nd** Mutt Dog written and illustrated by Stephen Michael King
- **Equal 3rd** King Pig written and illustrated by Nicholas Bland
- **Equal 3rd** The Night Garden written and illustrated by Elise Hurst

Winners for our Boronia K-12 College Student Choice Book Award for Best Illustrations are:

- **1st** Shhh! Little Mouse written and illustrated by Pamela Allen
- **2nd** Mutt Dog written and illustrated by Stephen Michael King
- **Equal 3rd** King Pig written and illustrated by Nicholas Bland
- **Equal 3rd** The Trouble with Dogs written and illustrated by Bob Graham

This year’s Book Week theme was Australia! Story County. Our amazing Junior Art Teacher Mrs. Trounson and our P-6 students have been busy creating wonderful artwork inspired by various Indigenous Australian Rainbow Serpent Dreamtime stories read to them during their art lessons.

The students’ imaginative artwork reflecting Australia! Story Country based on Indigenous Australian Rainbow Serpent Dreamtime stories is currently on display in the library.

On Friday the 26th August our college held a Book Week Dress up Day and Parade to which our staff and students, Kinder to Year 12, were invited to take part in. Following the parade our P-6 students participated in some book week activities in their classrooms in their family groups.
Semester 2 Street Art students have been very resourceful by redesigning empty spray cans! Students have used a range of techniques and art mediums to create their designs, such as, spray paint, acrylic paint, markers, stencils and paste ups, all commonly used by Australian and International Street Artists. They have been inspired by their interests such as animals, imaginative characters, patterns and colour. Their fantastic designs are on display at the General Office. Check out a snapshot of their highly creative designs featured here.
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.
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 or end 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.

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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.

Fun Banking Activities

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

Bonza Boronia
Beanie Bonanza

Boronia Road Uniting Church is helping harness the winter chills by conducting a hand made beanie competition!

Sew, knit, felt, weave or crochet your beanie, to try and win in one of the following categories:

- Best beanie by a primary school student
- Best beanie by a secondary school student
- Best novelty beanie
- Best beanie by a man
- ‘People’s Choice’ beanie
- Best beanie set

Cool prizes to be awarded in each category!

Entry Drop Off: Boronia Road Uniting Church
Cnr Zeising Court & Boronia Rd Boronia VIC 3155

Entry Fee: $2.00

Exhibition and judging will take place on Saturday 24 September.

Afterwards, either collect your beanie or leave it with the church to find a home through Mission Without Borders.

Entries can be lodged at the church office on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings between 10am and 12pm.

Can’t knit? Haven’t got a pattern? Contact the church on 9762 6732 for any help you may need.

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

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Back to the 80’s Production Flat Designs

A HUGE thank you to everyone involved in painting the four main set designs for the school production! A special appreciative shout out to Jett H, Liam B, Sinead F, Belinda O, Candice W, Layne W and Jazmin B. These VCAL art students worked really hard on painting these set designs over a short period of time.

Finally, a MASSIVE thankyou to Susie Collings and Mark Collings who donated over $500 worth of Dulux paint for us to use on these large scale flats, it was amazing support!!

Miss Karpathiou - Secondary Art Teacher

Year 8 Table Tennis
BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE BREAKFAST CLUB

Five Days a Week!

Monday—Friday
8.15AM - 8.45AM

Meet us in the Performing Arts Foyer.
1/2B took advantage of the beautiful weather and went outside to put their Solar System knowledge to the test. Students worked in teams to construct Solar System pictures with all the planets in the correct sequence. Some pictures included, orbit lines, planet labels, stars, rockets and even astronauts.
Power of the Flower

Remove Connect Create

REMOVING the stigma - it's ok to talk!
Let's CONNECT and communicate, to CREATE a positive ripple effect!
Promoting living, not just surviving.
Discovering that mental illness does not define who you are!

“World Mental Health Day”
Flower deliveries sent Monday 10th October
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Carlisle Homes Grant

We are seeking a grant from Carlisle Homes and need your support. We need as many votes as possible to be in the running! Simply click HERE or HERE and click on ‘support’ for Boronia K-12's submission.

The buildings and Grounds committee have some exciting plans and are working hard on making quite a few changes in the school yard for your children. A new playground, a veggie patch, mini orchard, composting, line marking and other school yard equipment. With the click of a few buttons, please show your support to get a few of these ideas funded and set the wheels in motion!

Please show your support

VOTE

for a veggie garden

at Boronia K-12

Vote for our school to receive a grant from

Carlisle Homes

via the links to their website

or Facebook

Thank you!