YEAR 7 GIRLS NETBALL TEAM

On Wednesday 8 June, On Wednesday, some of the Year 7 and 8 girls went to Interschool Netball. The girls worked so hard as a team and were great representatives of our College. A big thank you to Chloe, Jess and Bree from Year 9 for coaching the three teams and being great role models!
Greetings,

We've been treated to some wonderful school events in recent weeks including a ‘Secondary Music Showcase’ and a ‘Stage and Screen Concert’. Both musical performances showcased the incredible talent we have in our College and the significant growth students are experiencing under the tutelage of Judy McLaren and Ben Christiansen. Our performers were well supported by a number of students who managed the lighting and sound.

Congratulations to our Early Years Team for their presentation at our Prep Information Evening. All parents who participated responded positively to the information delivered and left feeling very informed regarding our Prep program for 2017. Many thanks also to Emily Phillips and Carli Lange who contributed their time so that parents with small children could participate in the session whilst their children were being well looked after.

I recently participated in a 4 year old ELC session where children in both groups rode their bicycles and scooters through a course under the covered basketball court. The activity was wonderfully engaging, with parents and older students providing support and Mona, our Rangeview Road Crossing Supervisor joined in, (in full uniform), ensuring that we could cross the course safely. It was a very enjoyable and educational activity for all involved. Thanks to Kellee Bukka for her inspiration and hard work in making it happen, to our Phys Ed teachers for their support and to all involved.

If you are interested in seeing what goes on in our Early Learning Centre, (three and four year old kindergarten) I encourage you to get along to their Open Morning on Saturday 18 June from 10:00am to 12:00 noon.

A small group of Year 12 students, teachers and parents conducted a sensitive and heartfelt service in honour of Bung, an ex-student still missing after 5 years. The service took place around the crepe myrtle planted in her memory, with a floodlight shining on her plaque embedded in a rock. Bung’s stepfather was grateful of the opportunity to participate and used some of his time to view some of the art work students produced last year.

Our Prep to Year 6 reports will be sent home with students on Monday 18 June. I encourage all parents to make a time to meet with their child(ren)’s teacher(s) to discuss their progress. This can be done using PTO. If you haven’t booked your interview time already, please do so by CLICKING HERE. Our parent teacher interviews will be conducted on Thursday afternoon, 23 June.

We will experience a number of staff changes in in Term 3. Jennie Wall will be taking some long service leave until the end of the year. Chris Kors will be going on long service leave from the 18th June for the remainder of the year. Sandra Kimpton will also be taking long service leave for the duration of Term 3. We are in the process of finalising their replacements and these will be announced to parents. We thank Helen Zidis and Alison Thomas for their contribution as integration aides in our school. They will finish up with us at the end of this term. We welcome back Vic Emerson in Term 3 as she returns from leave.

Please participate in our online survey regarding the introduction of a language program in our school in 2017. I encourage you to complete the survey. The greater number of responses the more informed we will be regarding our community’s preferences. Simply CLICK HERE to get started.

Don’t forget that school finishes at 2:30pm next Friday 24 June. There will be a whole college assembly in the gym at approximately 1:45pm. I hope you can attend.

‘Literacy is a bridge from misery to hope.’ —Kofi Annan

David Rose
College Principal

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
Vietnam Veteran Visit

On Thursday 19 May, Brendan Kincade from the Vietnam Vets Association came to talk to the Senior/Intermediate VCAL students about his experiences in Vietnam. The students have been learning about the war in Literacy and studying texts about Vietnam.

Brendan was a fascinating speaker and brought many artefacts with him that the students were able to see and handle. We were all impressed with the 40 year old food rations and stunned by the weight (44k) of the pack soldiers carried.

Here are some extracts from letters sent by students to thank Brendan:

There were a few times where I thought I might cry. Hearing how things were and what happened to your brothers. You spoke about coming back to see not a trace of your mate’s things, another boy sitting on his bed and you told us what your reaction was when you saw him sitting there. You also showed us all a beautiful photo of a man with his dog, told us what happened and who he was. When you were talking to us about the Vietnam War, what you went through, what happened when you came back home and many other things, the way you talked to us about everything I thought was great and I learnt a lot. I believe I speak for everyone when I say you had our attention the whole time you were speaking. You have helped me see even more just how things have changed.

Before we started learning about the Vietnam War I knew close to zero about it but now I can say I know a bit about it and I thank you for that.

Alanna, 12V

Your presentation really made me think about what happened in the Vietnam War, because the Vietnam War was not as talked about as the other wars. The way you speak is very engaging, and I very much enjoyed your humour.

Alicia, 11V

Another thing that I found really funny was when you were making fun of the Americans for example how you said to them “do you want to buy a kangaroo tail feather?” I was thinking to myself who would be stupid enough to believe that a kangaroo has feathers?

David, 12V

This definitely got me thinking about my Grandad and what he experienced in Vietnam before he was sent home. It was good to hear even the smallest details about your time there because it gives answers to my questions, as my Grandad doesn’t speak about his time there.

Emilee, 12V

Knowing now what you went through, those awful living conditions, having to carry a gun everywhere with you and 44kg, minimal water you had to live off, has made me realise what my Pop has also gone through.

Thank you for your time and best wishes for the future.

Montana 11V

It was interesting how they gave you a pair of shoes and you had to stand in a bucket of hot water to shrink to your foot, also the part about putting a steel plate that when someone stands on a mine and it explodes, the plate bends with your foot in it.

Daniel, 12V

It’s pretty messed up the way people treated you when you came back. As if you wanted to go there! They don’t know what you did there or anything about you; the blame should have been on government not the individuals, I would hope the people spitting at you and so on feel deep regret today.

Randy, 12V
STEM Program

During the last few weeks the Middle Years students have been learning about Data Representation and Interpretation. They have been analysing and creating a variety of different graphs and data sets.

The students have participated in a range of activities such as, researching numerical secondary data presented in digital media. From this, students have created graphical displays to represent the data.

Many of the students have been calculating the mean, median, mode and range for sets of data. This has aided in their ability to interpret and understand the information conveyed.

The capacity to interpret and represent data in numerous ways is important as it is a transferable real-world skill.

There are at least five things wrong with this graph. Can you find them all?

KIOSC Experience Research

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 are invited to take part in research looking at the impact of KIOSC excursions on attitudes and perceptions of science. Participation would involve doing brief group interviews at school and completing a short survey on their experiences at KIOSC. All kinds of opinions are sought, negative as well as positive, and will be kept completely confidential.

Return of the signed orange consent forms is necessary to participate so please return them to your homeroom or science teacher.

This research is being conducted by Kathleen Hayes as part of her PhD project at the Australian National University and is unaffiliated with KIOSC or Boronia K-12 College. For any questions please contact her at: Kathleen.hayes@anu.edu.au

ELC Bike Ed Session
**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.

**Early Departure**

We ask that parents and guardians make appointments wherever possible outside of school hours, weekends, and school holidays. 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. All students leaving the college must be signed out at the General Office.

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**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

**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.

**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
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 (formally Miss Mead) in the Middle Years Building.

Student Welfare

Schools Breakfast Clubs

As part of our whole school approach to student engagement and wellbeing, we have decided to take advantage of recent government initiatives to ensure that our students receive the best opportunities available to them to improve their health and general wellbeing.

A good breakfast can not only change a child’s morning it can make a big difference to their future. Unfortunately one in seven Australian children arrive at school each day without having had breakfast (Australian Bureau of Statistics, 2013).

The School Breakfast Clubs program is an initiative of the Victorian Government in partnership with Foodbank Victoria. The program will deliver healthy breakfast foods reaching approximately 25,000 vulnerable children and their families. It commenced in Term 1, 2016 and enables children to enjoy a nutritious breakfast, allowing them to engage and participate fully in all the educational and social opportunities that the school years offer.

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. We are confident that no child attending Boronia K-12 College will enter the classroom without having the opportunity in partaking of the most important meal of the day – Breakfast.

Please see the flyer for further details on the next page.

David Husk
Student Welfare Coordinator
BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE BREAKFAST CLUB

Five Days a Week!

Monday—Friday
8.15AM - 8.45AM

Meet us in the Performing Arts Foyer.
BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE
welcomes you to our
Kindergarten
OPEN MORNING
Saturday 18th June
10am-12pm
Come & Explore
our 3's & 4's Rooms

Boronia K-12 College is a place all about growing creatively and evolving with your child. It is a place that values each child's unique qualities and ability to succeed.

Albert Ave, Boronia 9760 4922