## Important Dates

- **8 October** - Rescheduled Whole School Athletics Carnival
- **17 October** - Stringybark Festival
- **22 October** - NAPLAN Information Evening (6.30pm - 7.30pm)
- **26 November – 3 December** - Book Fair

### ARTICLES OF INTEREST

- Sport Report
- Environmental Star for Boronia K-12 College
- Library News
- Prep - 4 Production
- State School Spectacular
- Chaplain’s Last Report

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**STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR**

After weeks of practise and rehearsals the Boronia K-12 College group of State School Spectacular students finally took to the stage. All in attendance agree that it was the most fantastic performance, with a great (although tiring) time had by all!
Congratulations to all of our place getters at the Knox Division Athletics (Secondary). A number of our team members came home with a 1st, 2nd or 3rd place ribbon or a Personal Best result.

A huge thank you to the staff and student teachers who assisted with official duties at the event and all of the parents/guardians who popped down to cheer the kids on. We are now looking forward to our College House Athletics carnival that has been rescheduled and is to be held on Thursday 8 October, 2015 at Knox Athletics Track.

Good luck to all competitors, and please remember to return your rescheduled athletics permission forms!

YEAR 7 ROUND ROBIN

Well done all Year 7s (plus our 3 x Year 8 hockey boys) and of course all of the amazing staff who went along to the Year 7 Round Robin.

At table tennis our Boys ‘A’ team looked promising to start out with a few wins under their belt but unfortunately their luck run out as the day went on.

Our girls table tennis did extremely well. Our ‘A’ team made it into the grand final against Wantirna but they were unfortunately defeated. A huge THANKYOU to Amy F (7B) for her help with scoring and running the competition today.

At hockey our kids tried their very hardest and some promising hockey players showed great talent. Thanks Juanita Blair and Gavin Pohlen for braving the bitter weather!

Our Basketballers literally gave me goose bumps when I heard how well they performed. Our ‘A’ boys were one of the teams to watch out for, alongside Rowville Eastern Campus (Sports Academy). They won all games convincingly against all other teams and were beaten only by the undefeated Rowville Eastern team by only 13 points.

Our ‘B’ boys were undefeated ALL day! Well done Mr Husk (the man with all the basketball signals and rules!) Congratulations boys!

The ‘C’ boys were our shortest team on the court, they worked extremely well as a team, however they were unfortunately defeated.

The girls basketball team, won two games, draw, and were defeated in their last game against Rowville Eastern by less than 20 points.

THANKYOU Sharyn Williamson, David Husk, Gavin and Daniel for coaching and supporting our Basketballers. Thanks also to the parents who managed to get out and about, and those who lent a hand, it is as always greatly appreciated!

GO BORONIA!!!

Rhonda McMillan

Secondary Sport Coordinator
If you haven’t already, please ensure that you have downloaded the Boronia K-12 College app ‘Tiqbiz’.

Tiqbiz is our predominant source of communication to families.

Tiqbiz is a free app, available for download from the Apple iTunes store, and Google Play Store. If you do not have a smart phone or tablet, the app can also be downloaded to your computer here. Alternatively, visit tiqbiz.com.au.

The app enables us to send electronic copies of notices to families, as well as notify you of last minute updates, and scheduled reminders.

When you sign up, or if you have already signed up, please ensure you have the correct boxes (or newsfeeds) ‘ticked’ for your child or children.

We ask that all families tick the ‘Whole School’ box. In future, all notifications that are applicable for the whole school (such as the newsletter) will only be accessible if you have ticked the ‘Whole School’ option.

You can tick as many boxes as you like to ensure you receive all information relevant to your family.

Important notices will still be distributed to students during class time, and printed newsletters are available for collection from the General Office.
This year the students of Boronia K-12 College read 106 CBCA’s Picture Books and Early Childhood shortlisted books from the previous 10 years (2004 – 2014) and voted for our inaugural Boronia K-12 Student Choice Book Awards for Best Story and Best Illustrations.

The books were on display in the Library from the start of 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. The winning books of our Boronia K-12 Student Choice Book Awards are announced on the next page.

Also for the last few weeks our Junior Art Teacher Mrs. Trounson and our P-6 students have been busy creating book week characters in their art lessons and are on display in the library.

On Friday 28 August we had a Book Week Dress up Day and Parade and our Prep - 6 students met in family groups afterwards and participated in some book week activities in their classrooms.
The Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) celebrated its annual Children’s Book Week on Saturday 22 August to Friday 28 August, 2015.

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Mrs. Young
Librarian
2015 Book Week Celebrations
Attendence

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.

Absences

In the event of whole day absence, families are encouraged to prior notify the College of their child’s absence by leaving a message on the student absence line or via Tiqbiz (the college app). This must be completed each day your child is absent, or covering the duration of your child’s absence. Please provide written notes and or medical certificates when applicable.

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.

If you wish to know more about the Tiqbiz communication app, available on all devices, please contact the college.

Thank you for your support.

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

Mathletics

The Boronia K-12 College Mathletics program is up and running. Visit the link below and sign in to get started!


It is available at any point over the school holidays and throughout the year. Please encourage your child to log in and get involved.

Your child’s login details were distributed earlier in the year by their classroom teacher.

CSEF Applications

As was communicated in various newsletters last term, and via letter to families who were previously applicable for EMA, the Victorian Government unveiled a new $148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities, titled the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF).

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card, or temporary foster parents, were eligible to apply. $125 per year will be paid for eligible primary school students, with $225 per year for eligible secondary school students. Payments will go directly to the school and be tied to the student.

Applications to apply were to be submitted to the College by Friday 26 June, 2015 (the last day of Term 2). As this date has now passed, we ask that any families that may have overlooked this application and believe they may be applicable, contact the General Office immediately.

The CSEF system only allows one application per student. Parents in shared custody situations are to decide as to who applies for the CSEF.

You can download your application form here or collect a copy from the General Office.

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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
Term 3 held our Bedtime Stories Production. After weeks of preparation and three sold out shows, our Year Prep to 4 students finally took to the stage.

Following the adventures of two children as they made their way through storybook inspired dreams, the show was a cacophony of song and colour.

It was a great show and enjoyable experience (although incredibly tiring!) for everyone involved.

Keep your eyes peeled in Term 4 for the opportunity to purchase a recording of the show on DVD!
Well, this is my final contribution at Boronia K-12 College. Over the course of this year I have been working at three schools. Extra funding became available, which necessitated a decision. I have decided it is time to move on, after seven and a half years of pastoral care here, which began in Term 2, 2008 at Boronia Primary School.

Saying goodbye can be an emotional experience, especially as I consider all those with whom I have shared life over that time – staff, parents and students. There are many special moments I can recall.

As I go, I would like to share the following 'Wonderful Balanced Me'. May it be a helpful 'life audit' for you and your family, as you contemplate next term and whatever the future may hold.

**WONDERFUL BALANCED ME**

How balanced does your life feel? I am sure we all feel 'out of whack' at times. Here is a helpful checklist to ensure we consider all the important aspects of our life and health. Perhaps you might like to print this off and answer each question for yourself.

We all need time to reflect on our life priorities and how to make the best choices for our future.

1) **Spiritual**  (Things I do that help me find peace and meaning in life)

2) **Recreation**  (Things I do to re-charge my batteries)

3) **Intellectual**  (Things I do to stimulate my brain)

4) **Emotional**  (Things I do that help me cope with thoughts and feelings)

5) **Work**  (Things I do to give meaning to my day)

6) **Relaxation**  (Things I do to help me unwind)

7) **Social**  (Things I do with others)

8) **Physical**  (Things I do to stimulate my physical wellbeing)

*Alan Silverwood - Signing off*
The State School Spectacular includes a cast of 3000 Victorian government school students, working towards a common goal in a collaborative, competition-free environment. Providing an invaluable performing arts opportunity to students and showcasing the enormous talent that exists in our schools, the show comes together in a three hour scripted show that celebrates a diversity of performance mediums, including choir, dance, vocal, drama, and orchestra.

Our participating students had the most fantastic time, and putting on the most amazing show. Those that attended can all agree it is certainly something to be seen!
VET Programs 2016

VET in Schools Forms Due: Tuesday 6 October

Please note that all First Round enrolments for VET subjects are due by Tuesday 6 October. Failure to complete enrolment by the due date may result in not getting into the program of your choice. All VET subjects are listed through the Mullum Cluster network. You can view and download the 2016 VET subject handbook from the Mullum Cluster website: www.mullumcluster.com. Please fill in the VET enrolment forms supplied in your 2016 pathways package, or collect a new form from the General Office. You and your parents must also submit your registration details online at the Mullum Cluster website.

IMPORTANT: To process your enrolment you will also need to complete the Mullum Cluster online application, in addition to submitting your enrolment forms to the General Office. Please note that a $50.00 administration fee must accompany all applications. Enrolments will not be processed unless all forms and the administration fee have been received by the school.

For more information, please contact Jenny Royle (Senior Programs) or Tim Knowles (Careers Coordinator) at the College on 9760 4900.

VCAL and VCE Selection Sheets due 6 October

Subject selections and VCE/VCAL interview forms are due by the first week of Term 4. Please make sure you submit your selection forms ASAP in order to arrange for your interview. If you need further assistance in completing your preferences, please contact Jenny Royle (Senior Programs), Tim Knowles (Careers Coordinator) or John Gove (VCAL Coordinator) on 9760 4900.

Recent Students of the Week!
Students from the Year 8/9 ICT and Street Art electives attended a joint excursion to Melbourne’s CBD. Students were a part of a guided tour by a practising Melbourne street artist around Melbourne laneways focusing on photography and street art techniques and designs. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to meet Melbourne artists, take photos, and become inspired by Melbourne’s famous street art movement.

After the tour, student’s went to Blender Studios where they were able to visit practising artist’s studios and view artist Adrian Doyle’s current exhibition.

“I enjoyed seeing all the different kinds of artwork there is. I liked Blender Studio’s and the creations they made there.” – Tom

“I really found the artworks inspiring. My favourite artwork was a stencilled bird that quoted ‘no hand like freehand and no style like freestyle.’” – Sophie L.S

“I enjoyed walking through the alleyways looking at all the cool art and techniques. My favourite technique was the one with the fire extinguisher.” – Dylan H.

“The tour was really interesting to learn about how the artworks in the laneways are constantly changing” – Jaide.
Positive Behaviour Support Workshop

For Parents and Carers of Children and Young Adults with Autism

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based three (3) day Autism specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshop in Wantirna South.

More than 2000 families have participated in Aspect’s Positive Behaviour Support workshops across Australia. Post workshop evaluations showed an effectiveness of the workshops, with participants reporting decreases in challenging behaviours and increases in confidence and capacity to support their children and young adults.

When: 7th, 8th & 9th October
Where: Knox Civic Centre - 511 Burwood Highway, Wantirna South, VIC, 3152
Time: 9:30am-2:30pm (9:15am for registration)
Cost: FREE (Tea, coffee & biscuits provided ~ participants to bring own lunch)
Registration: Register via the “Events & Workshops” section of our website www.autismspectrum.org.au

Aspect would like to acknowledge Knox City Council for their support and promotion of our program and for generously donating the venue to host this event.

Eligibility to participate in this Workshop:
» Parents or carers of children and young adults aged between 6 - 25 years, diagnosed with Autism
» The individual with autism must be living at home
» Participating families are encouraged to invite professionals or service providers working with them to attend the workshop

Families participating in this workshop will:
» Develop an understanding of autism and how autism impacts upon learning and behaviour
» Learn how to be proactive by creating an autism friendly environment at home
» Learn how to write an autism specific behaviour support plan for one of their child’s behaviours
» Learn how to write a plan to respond confidently when challenging behaviour occurs
» Learn how to teach new skills to promote their child’s independence and quality of life

Enquiries:
Workshop enquiries: Contact Amber Day Administration - Phone: 03 9377 6600 or email: aday@autismspectrum.org.au
Significant barriers to attending a workshop: Contact Heather Kirkhope - Service Coordinator 9377 6600

What participants say about Aspect Positive Behaviour Support Workshops:

“Brilliant information and concrete strategies to use, thank you. I have learnt very important self-reflection, being able to step back and really look at and examine behaviour, so valuable. I really value the focus on being positive and improving my child’s, my own and my family’s quality of life. Great workshop – I will highly recommend it to others.”

“Fantastic presentation. Very interactive, affirming & capacity building. Ideas not just discussed but taught how to follow through on. “Best information session on Autism I have been to. So much clarity about getting to the core behaviour, unpeeling the onion. Enjoyed all the visuals. Thank you so much.”