**Important Dates**

- **20 October** - ELC Information Evening
- **20 October** - Unit 2 Biology Excursion to Healesville Sanctuary
- **22 October** - NAPLAN Information Evening (6.30pm - 7.30pm)
- **30 October** - World Teachers Day Morning Tea
- **4 November** - Prep 2016 Transition, Information Evening
- **18 November** - Year 12 Valedictory Dinner
- **19 November** - Year 7, 2016 Information Evening
- **26 November – 3 December** - Book Fair
- **8 December** - Year 7, 2016 State-wide Orientation Day
- **14 December** - Year 8/9 Dark Zone Excursion (45 students only)

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**Term Dates 2015**

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

**Last Day Term 3 Celebrations**

On the last day of Term 3 the whole school participated in a Footy Colours Day with an accompanying sausage sizzle! Pictured above is a Melbourne supporting Mr. Rose alongside a team of student supporters!
Greetings,

I’d like to congratulate two of our senior students for providing assistance to a commuter in need of support. Ryan T (12A) and Leroy H (12A), both Year 12 students, were at Bayswater station, on their way to an external VCE class, when they came across a lady in need of medical assistance. They used their initiative to contact the police and ambulance and remained with her until help arrived, despite being late to class at this important time in their school year. It’s great to see these boys demonstrating the college values of ‘Community’ and ‘Respect’ in the public domain.

I encourage you to make time to congratulate Ben and his team on such a positive outcome.

An Information Evening will be conducted on Tuesday 20 October for all parents interested in the 2016 ELC Program.

As a result of the congestion caused when buses pick up our students for excursions and camps from the Rangeview Road end of our campus, we are trialling running buses from the Albert Avenue entrance of the college. This worked well for our recent Year 3/4 camp. The success of this change relies on your support and cooperation to ensure that the Albert Avenue driveway remains clear when buses are on site or expected to arrive and depart. We realise parking is limited on site. You may need to park outside the college and walk in, particularly when buses are expected at the commencement or end of the school day. Keep clear signs and/or cones will be in place to indicate where parking is not to occur. We require your cooperation for this to work successfully so that we can keep our students and families safe.

We intend to conduct a whole school assembly on Tuesday 20 October at 2:30pm in the school gym to farewell our Year 12 students as they conclude their regular classes and prepare for their Year 12 exams. Best wishes to all our Year 12 students at this stressful time of year. I expect they’ll be studying hard to ensure the best possible outcome for their Year 12 results, ensuring they have choice when considering tertiary study, apprenticeships or employment.

Congratulations to Jade A (12A), Daniel C (11V) and Helen X (10A) for being the top students in their VET class across the Mullum Cluster of Schools. Also nominated for recognition were Connor M (10A), Shae P (10A) and Emilee E (10V).

I was fortunate to spend Wednesday on our Year 3/4 camp at Mount Martha. It was a tough day in the office that morning, standing on the platform of the flying fox, ensuring all students enjoyed a safe and exciting ride! Thank you to all our staff and particularly to our parents who participated. There were many happy and tired campers when they returned to school on Wednesday afternoon.

David Rose
College Principal

Pictured above: Ms Caruso and her Prep C students enjoying their time at the Athletics Carnival last Term.
We have had another busy start to the term. Lots of exciting things are happening as we count down to the end of the year and start to prepare for 2016!

At the end of last term we farewelled our fabulous Chaplain, Alan Silverwood who has dedicated the last seven years to the well being and support of so many students, staff and families of both Boronia Primary and Boronia K-12 College. It is with sadness that we say goodbye to Alan as he is now takes up the opportunity and challenges to work full time at other schools. I would like to take the opportunity to recognise the work that he has done for the benefit of our entire community and to wish him well on his future journey. We will be holding a thank you afternoon tea on Wednesday 28 October in the Staffroom situated in the Administration Building. All members of the school community (past and present) are invited to attend to farewell Alan and to express their thanks (see invitation below).

In preparation for next year, our leadership teams and teachers will shortly be meeting to decide on grade structures and class/pod placements for next year. This will be done in consultation with their current class teachers and will take into account any relevant social, emotional and academic considerations. We consider the following factors when determining grades; even distribution of academic ability within grades, separation of children who do not work well together, gender balance, interpersonal development, friendship groups, attitude, maturity, individual needs and behaviour. We are however, always happy to consider input from parents.

Parents are invited to put in writing a placement request based on education and social factors only. Naming of a preferred class teacher or nominating your child’s preferred friends, is NOT part of this process. Written requests are to be addressed to Mr Rose and marked confidential. These must be forwarded to the General Office no later than Monday 2 November. Verbal requests will not be considered. Only this year’s letters will be considered, so please don’t rely on previous letters or conversations from previous years. Thank you for your co-operation on these points as we wish to be fair and equitable in this process.

We look forward to farewelling our current Year 12’s at our whole school assembly tomorrow and Year 12 Celebration Day on Wednesday. I hope to see many of you tomorrow afternoon for our awards and farewell. As always, if you have any concerns, questions or want to share some positive feedback or a good news story, please feel free to contact me through the General Office.

Brooke Cross
Assistant Principal

Farewell afternoon tea in thanks to...

ALAN SILVERWOOD

Past and present staff and students, please join us to thank and celebrate the wonderful contributions made to Boronia Primary School and Boronia K-12 College over Alan Silverwood’s seven years of service as school Chaplain.

DATE: Wednesday 28 October, 2015
PLACE: Boronia K-12 College: Staff Room
TIME: 3.30PM - 4.30PM

Pop in for some drinks and nibbles or simply to say hello as we bid farewell to a fantastic member of our college community.
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.
**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.

**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.

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**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**

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**Mathletics, Spellodrome & IntoScience**

Don't forget to log on and join in the fun of Mathletics, Spellodrome and IntoScience.

Your accounts on each of these websites are available to access at any point 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.

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**Parents Club**

With Christmas fast approaching, alongside the annual Christmas Concert, the Parents Club are seeking your assistance. We are currently seeking a variety of donations which will be used towards the annual Christmas Concert Raffle.

We appreciate any donation, big or small (but please ensure the donated items are not second hand). Chocolates, toys, Christmas themed goodies, vouchers, or even something you as a parent or guardian might enjoy!

Please leave donations at the General Office by Tuesday 2 December, 2015. The Parents’ Club will collect the donations and create hampers which will join the raffle, all proceeds of which go directly back to the College.
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