**Important Dates**

- **20 July** - State School Spectacular Tickets on Sale
- **21 July** - Boys Netball Competition
- **22 July** - Bright Lights Concert
- **29 July** - Prep 100 of School Presentation
- **30 July** - Australian Maths Competition
- **6 August** - Whole College Athletics Carnival
- **10 August** - Curriculum Day (no students required at school)
- **24 - 28 August** - Book Week
- **31 August** - Prep - 4 Production
- **1 - 2 September** - Prep - 4 Production
- **12 September** - State School Spectacular Performance
- **5 – 12 November** - Book Fair

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**_TERM 3 ISSUE 1_**

**20 July 2015**

**Term Dates 2015**

- **Term 1** - 28 January to 27 March
- **Term 2** - 13 April to 26 June
- **Term 3** - 13 July to 18 September
- **Term 4** - 5 October to 18 December

**PREP ‘NOW & THEN’ ‘WOW’ DAY**

On Tuesday 23 June Prep students celebrated the completion of a very successful Inquiry Unit, ‘Now and Then.’ Students dressed up in ‘olden day’ clothes and participated in a variety of activities, followed by a visit from a special ‘older’ friend.
Greetings,

I hope you were able to enjoy time with your families over the (very) wintery school holidays. I am looking forward to some sunshine this week, if not warmth.

We conducted a very engaging forum with our student leaders from Year 7 to Year 12 last week. We were seeking their feedback and views regarding our mobile phone policy. Our students carefully considered all the issues surrounding the use of mobile phones in our school and contributed thoughtful and mature suggestions to the discussion. It is likely that their suggestions will be submitted to School Council as amendments to our policy.

I encourage you to read and discuss the College's Mobile Phone Policy, (included in this newsletter), with your child.

'Mobile phones must be turned off and locked in the student's locker at the start of the school day and not accessed until the final bell unless permission has been given by a child’s teacher for a specific educational purpose in a specific class for a specified period of time.'

'Non-observance or breaches of this policy may result in the student's mobile phone being confiscated for the remainder of that school day, kept in a safe place for collection by the student after the final bell. The school will take all due care and consideration but ultimately takes no responsibility for damage to or loss of the mobile phone.'

The Basin Big Break Youth Stage (http://www.thebasinmusicfestival.org.au/content/big-break-youth-stage) was conducted in the Chandler Theatre at our College this past weekend. This event is a competition open to all music performers up to the age of 25. This is the first time this community event has been conducted at Boronia K-12 College and we look forward a successful weekend for all involved. As part of the event, the premiere screening of the ‘Wall to Wall’ Mentoring Program took place at 3:00pm on Saturday afternoon. This program included students from our College designing and painting the large mural you now see on the wall of the IGA store at Alchester Village. A huge thank you to Jenny Royle and Wayne Robinson for their participation over the weekend.

Tomorrow, Tuesday 21 July we will be hosting a visit by James Merlino, Victorian Education Minister and Deputy Premier. Mr. Merlino was an active supporter for our College in the early stages of planning and his visit will provide us with a wonderful opportunity to showcase our completed College.

Regards,

David Rose

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.
Rationale:

Boronia K-12 College recognises that many students now feel the need to carry a mobile phone and accepts that there are genuine reasons for their use – for example to contact parents after sport practice, a part-time job after school or in emergencies.

As a learning community, the use of mobile phones and similar electronic devices can be disruptive to the learning environment and we do need rules to govern their use during school hours. We also acknowledge that mobile phones / electronic communication devices can be used for valid educational purposes as long as guidelines for safe and acceptable use are in place.

Mobile phones and other electronic devices can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.

Aims:

To utilise the benefits of mobile phones whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.

Implementation:

- If mobile phones are brought to school they are to be used only outside school hours and at their owner’s risk (exception- see dot point 4)

- The College will not accept any responsibility for theft, loss or damage or health effects (potential or actual) resulting from mobile phone use

- Parents and students should ensure that phones (and/or electronic devices) are properly and adequately insured as personal property

- Mobile phones must be turned off and locked in the student’s locker at the start of the school day and not accessed until the final bell unless permission has been given by a child’s teacher for a specific educational purpose in a specific class for a specified period of time. Any unacceptable use of the mobile phone (or similar electronic device) under these special circumstances will mean the loss of this privilege for the students involved

- Mobile phones must not be taken into any examination room or test, in line with Victorian Curriculum & Assessment Authority policy

- Students must not use a mobile or an electronic device to take images or record conversations of other students or staff without written consent

- Use of mobile phones during excursions and on camp is to be determined by the classroom teacher / teacher in charge of the excursion or camp, in accordance with the guidelines for safe and acceptable use as outlined in this document

- Students who become unwell during the day must not use their mobile phone to contact their parent / guardian to collect them. Students must follow the normal procedure of visiting sick bay and/or talking to the Assistant Principal / Class, Pod or Mentor Teacher who will make the necessary arrangements in conjunction with the General Office

- Students engaged in the inappropriate use of mobile phones / electronic devices including but not restricted to bullying or harassing others through SMS, voice or picture will receive immediate consequences, increasing in severity depending on nature of the offense

- Senior students (Years 10-12) may utilise their phones in some subjects to complete learning/curriculum tasks. This must be done in accordance with the guideline for safe and acceptable use, as outlined in this document

⇒ Non-observance or breaches of this policy may result in the student’s mobile phone being confiscated for the remainder of that school day, kept in a safe place for collection by the student after the final bell. The school will take all due care and consideration but ultimately takes no responsibility for damage to or loss of the mobile phone.

⇒ If the student refuses to hand over their phone or is rude / uncooperative towards the teacher confiscating the phone that child’s parents will be notified and further consequences discussed (e.g. phone handed into the General Office each morning and collected in the afternoon for a week)

⇒ If a student’s mobile phone is confiscated more than twice in a school term because of inappropriate use / use during the school day, the phone will need to be collected from an Assistant Principal by the parent/guardian of the student.

⇒ Repeated breaches of this policy may lead to suspension from school.

⇒ Inappropriate or unacceptable use of mobile phones causing harm or distress to other members of the school community will lead to severe consequence including possible suspension.

Evaluation:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.
FAREWELL MRS. BATTYE

You are invited to help celebrate Storm Battye’s Retirement after 37 years of educating our children in 3 & 4 Year Old Kindergarten. We are sure that you will have many happy memories of your time spent with Storm and would like for you to join us on:

WHEN: Saturday 1 August, 2015
TIME: 1pm - 5pm
WHERE: Old Allandale Kindergarten
         The Hub, Boronia Church of Christ
         Corner of Allandale Road & Boronia Road, Boronia
RSVP: 9760 4922 by Sunday 26 July

Please feel free to pop in for a cuppa and a chat. In Lieu of gifts please bring along a plate of food and a photo of your children when they attended Kinder and a current photo to be added to a timeline in honour of her career. Please feel free to spread the word to people who may have been taught by Storm.

Year 7 Portraits in Art

Last Semester, students in Year 7 art completed a portrait of someone they admired based on inspiration from the Australian Annual Archibald Prize.

Students had their portraits on display in the Middle Years building and were in the running for awards. Congratulations to ALL year 7 art students from semester 1 for courageously displaying their portraits and their excellent artworks!

There were three categories for students to be given an award. ‘People’s Choice Award’ was voted by Year 5-7 students and the two ‘Principal Awards’ by the Principal class. The last day of Term 2 at the whole school assembly, students were awarded their award pack of art supply goodies!

Congratulations to the following students:
1. People’s choice award: Sam A, 7A #24
2. Principal award: Justin L, 7B #20
Next Wednesday 22 July will be our Bright Lights concert for Prep to Year 6 students. These concerts are traditionally put on to showcase students who have a special talent to share, often something they participate in out of school hours.

Due to the difficulty of fitting the whole audience into the performing arts space, we will be conducting two shows that will run for approximately one hour each. Students from Kinder to Year 7 are invited to attend the performances.

SHOW 1 will be at 9.30am for Students from Kinder to Year 2

SHOW 2 will be at 11.40am for Students from Year 3 to Year 7

Most performers will be appearing at both shows.
Family members are welcome to attend either session.
Program of performance will be published early in Term 3.

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

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.

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.
**Inside Out – A journey with a lesson**

I saw a movie during the holidays. It was quite a different kids movie with a strong message. After young Riley is uprooted from her home and moved to San Francisco, her emotions - Joy, Fear, Anger, Disgust and Sadness - conflict on how best to navigate a new city, house, & school. I recommend this movie to parents & kids.

In the early part of the movie, joy plays a major part in keeping Riley happy, whatever happened. However, life unravels for her and she doesn't know hope to cope. She had never been 'allowed' to experience and work through the other emotions.

An important aspect in learning to be resilient is allowing children to experience all types of emotions, and supporting them through each stage. Permanent happiness is a myth. As George Harrison sang, 'All things must pass'.

Parenting will always be a balancing act: Keeping our kids safe, keeping them moving forward and keeping them happy. To make that more doable for our family, I've given up on that last one. My kids aren't always happy, and that's OK. We embrace the pain together. Through each issue we face, they grow stronger and closer to becoming fully-functioning adults. [Elisabeth Duckett - Wife, Mother, Friend, Baker]

I googled 'I just want my kids to be happy'. There are some helpful thoughts in these articles. Don’t forget the movie too!

*Alan Silverwood*

**Chaplain**

silverwood.alan.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Pastoral care for our community, with issues of emotional, financial, spiritual, physical nature.

The Chaplaincy program is funded through the Federal Government & Community support. This is a voluntary program in our school community.

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### 2015 Open Days

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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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### Chaplain’s Report

**NO DOGS**

**ON SCHOOL GROUNDS**

**EXCEPT GUIDE DOGS, OR WITH PRIOR CONSENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL**

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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
Thank you for supporting Boronia K-12 College
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UNIFORM AND APPEARANCE EXPECTATIONS

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

Boronia K-12 College is an inclusive environment that believes in having high expectations for uniform and appearance; this includes a policy on School Uniform, making it compulsory for all students to wear. Our College uniform reinforces a student’s sense of pride in our school and imparts recognition in seeing themselves as an integral part of the school community. The uniform also provides a measure of security when students are travelling to and from school or participating in excursions.

Guidelines for uniform:

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• Shorts – grey drill with side tabs  
• Burgundy woollen jumper  
• Blazer (compulsory)  
• Micro-fibre jacket  
• Tie (compulsory)  
• Grey socks  
• Rugby top (VCAL only) | • White (logo) cotton shirt – long or short sleeve  
• Grey trousers  
• Burgundy woollen jumper  
• Blazer (compulsory)  
• Micro-fibre jacket  
• Tie (compulsory)  
• Shorts – Grey drill with side tabs  
• Grey socks  
• Rugby top (VCAL only) | • Summer dress  
• Shorts – grey drill with side tabs  
• White cotton shirt – long or short sleeve  
• Burgundy woollen jumper  
• Blazer (compulsory)  
• Micro-fibre jacket  
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• White socks – long or short  
• Rugby top (VCAL only) | • Winter skirt  
• White (logo) cotton shirt – long or short sleeve  
• Burgundy woollen jumper  
• Blazer (compulsory)  
• Micro-fibre jacket  
• Tie (compulsory)  
• Navy blue tights/stockings  
• Grey tailored dress pants  
• Rugby top (VCAL only) |

**PHYSICAL EDUCATION (P.E) UNIFORM**

| PREP – 4 | • Standard school uniform  
• The College recommends students wear suitable running shoes (non-marking soles) on days with P.E/Sport/Circuit scheduled |

| YEAR 5 – 12 | • College P.E polo shirt  
• College P.E rugby top (for added warmth if required)  
• Navy blue shorts  
AND/OR  
• Navy blue track pants  
• Suitable running shoes (non-marking soles) |

**SHOES**

| YEAR PREP – 12 | All students are required to wear shoes that are consistent with College Council expectations of **black leather**, lace up or buckle up shoes.  
Canvas slip on shoes, ballet flats, vans, converse high tops, and similar, are **not** acceptable shoes for school.  
Students are to change into suitable running shoes for P.E classes or sport days. |

**ACCESSORIES & APPEARANCE**

| YEAR PREP – 12 | • Hair colour is to be a ‘natural’ colour. This includes any colours that are naturally occurring such as brown, black, blonde, etc. Unnatural hair colours, such as blue, pink, green, etc. are not acceptable.  
• Facial piercings must be covered or be filled with clear jewellery only.  
• Navy blue scarf  
• Ear rings must be silver or gold studs or small sleepers. Earrings that dangle, such as hoops, are not acceptable. Spacer earrings are not allowed.  
• Plain black leather belt (if required)  
• Navy blue hair clips or ribbons (if desired)  
• Navy blue, black, or ‘hair coloured’ hair ties  
• Long hair (shoulder length or longer) must be tied back each day |
IS YOUR CHILD THE NEXT NANOBOT DESIGNER OR DIGITAL ARTISAN? DO YOU KNOW THE HOST OF POSSIBILITIES THAT AWAIT THEM IN A GLOBALLY CONNECTED, RAPIDLY CHANGING, TECHNOLOGICAL WORLD?

FIND OUT AT CAREERS OF THE FUTURE

THIS IS NO ORDINARY PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT! THIS IS YOUR CHANCE TO:

✓ Hear from future thinkers, educators and industry leaders about the career opportunities that will exist for the next generation of global citizens.
✓ Discover why subjects like maths, science and technology are more important than ever before.
✓ Find out how to support your child as they explore choices and make decisions about their future.
✓ Tour the award winning KIOSC facility, the technical innovation centre visited by thousands of local secondary students each year.

Navigating the maze of subjects, courses and career pathways can be daunting. How will you help your child or student find a course or career that is best suited to them? Will it be secure, interesting and rewarding? What if they don’t get the ATAR they want? The good news is, these questions can be answered at KIOSC’s “Careers of the Future”.

Join us as leading social researcher Mark McCrindle presents his thoughts on what the future holds for Generation Z, followed by a panel discussion which will shine a light on future employment opportunities and career pathways.

WHERE: KIOSC @ Swinburne University of Technology, 369 Stud Road Wantirna Victoria
WHEN: Thursday 20th August, 2015. KIOSC Tours from 4.00pm – 7.00pm followed by Presentation and Panel Discussion from 7.00pm – 8.30pm.
WHO: Any parent or teacher. To register for a KIOSC tour or to book your place for Mark McCrindle’s presentation and panel discussion CLICK HERE.

For more information contact Angela Valentine at KIOSC on 0400 093 692 / avalentine@swin.edu.au or go to www.kiosc.vic.edu.au
Sometimes feel like a square peg in a round hole?
Do your worries get in the way of doing the things you’d like to?
Would you like to be more confident and explore your direction in life?

Mankind is a fun, experience-based program for young men aged 14-16 years of age. This program aims to help participants develop coping skills, enhance self-esteem and confidence, as well as connect with activities that they enjoy.

For more information or to register please contact Sean Rayner on 98906833 or Julie Ritchie on 88783807.