REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY
Sunday 8 November marked a day of remembrance for the Knox Community. Representing Boronia K-12 College were two Year 6 students from the Middle Years community, Edward C and Ava K.
Greetings,

We have recently distributed a letter to our Boronia K-12 College community indicating that our daily school times will change in 2016. The major changes include school commencing for all students at 8:30am, all Prep (Foundation) – Year 12 students sharing a common and earlier lunchtime from 1:30 – 2:15pm and the school day finishing at 3:15pm. This revised timetable will enable us to conduct home (or pod) groups/class meetings at the commencement of the school day for all students, and will aid us in providing more lunchtime activities for students at lunchtime.

At our most recent School Council meeting we discussed the results of our community survey asking you what language you would most like to see taught at Boronia K-12 College. There were two clear leaders in the responses; Spanish and Chinese (Mandarin). We have trialled an innovative Chinese language program in a Years 5/6 class and a Year 2 class, where our students learnt Chinese while talking directly with a teacher in Beijing. The student response was very enthusiastic and we have discussed the trial of this program in our College in 2016, from Prep (Foundation) to Year 7.

We have a number of Middle School to Senior School students currently bringing energy drinks and soft drinks to school. High sugar content drinks were banned through school food services in 2007. This included energy drinks and flavoured mineral waters with high sugar content. The Dietary Guidelines for Children and Adolescents in Australia identifies these drinks as being in the ‘Occasional’ category and recommends that they should not be on the normal canteen menu and not be available in schools. There is growing evidence to suggest that regular consumption of drinks with high sugar content, such as energy drinks and soft drinks, makes a young person more susceptible to contracting Type 2 diabetes. We believe their consumption in our school setting is inappropriate and will be directing students not to bring or consume these drinks at school. We appreciate your support in this matter.

Term Four is always a busy time of year. We have a number of relieved Year 12 students now that their exams are over. Some are anxiously awaiting results in the hope that they get their first choice in tertiary education. Others are seeking or have found work and/or apprenticeships. It was great to catch up with most of them at our recent Year 12 Valedictory dinner, where, dressed in their finest, a number of speeches were made and awards presented and received. Thanks to Jenny Royle and our team of Senior School teachers for making the evening an enjoyable success.

One of the delights in working in a K-12 College is the ongoing variety of the workplace. This term we have presented to current and prospective parents and students at an ELC Information evening for 3 and 4 year old Kinder, at a Prep Information evening and at a Year 7 Information evening. A common theme across all evenings was the tremendous manner in which the information was presented to parents by our staff and the mixed emotions of the parents and students - all experiencing a degree of excitement mixed with a ‘dollop’ of apprehension.

I enjoyed a wonderful opportunity to see our Junior Choir sing to shoppers (and a lot of proud parents) in Boronia Kmart this week. The choir’s renditions were appreciated by all and the students were suitably surprised when Santa arrived to distribute gifts. Thanks to Michael Mietzcke and Trish Trounson for their support in making this happen.

As a result of this performance we have spoken to local Salvation Army personnel about the Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal. The Kmart Wishing Tree Appeal is Australia’s largest and longest running Christmas gift appeal (28 years). Thanks to the incredible generosity of Australians, the Appeal has raised more than 6 million gifts that have been distributed to those in need. In 2014, the Appeal successfully collected more than 390,000 gifts nationally.

Kmart, together with The Salvation Army and Mission Australia, are helping to make Christmas brighter for thousands of families in need. We are encouraging members of our school community to donate gifts for children and families in need by placing a gift (no used or second-hand goods please) under the Christmas tree in our office foyer. Towards the end of the school year, we will ensure that all donated gifts are collected by our local Salvation Army for distribution.

We hope you enjoy the last four weeks of term!

Regards,

David Rose
College Principal

Hi, my name is Anthony Smith and it is exciting to be starting as your Chaplain at Boronia K-12 College. Whilst I have only been in the role for a brief period, I have already felt warmly welcomed and accepted by staff and students. I look forward to getting to know the students, parents and the staff better in the coming weeks and months. Before this role I have worked with young people for the past 10 years in various roles both volunteer and paid. These roles include as an integration aid, youth group leader, Red Frogs Chaplain (Schoolies week), footy coach, cricket coach, volunteer running breakfast and lunchtime programs in a high school and in my other current work role where I support VCAL students in their School Based Apprenticeships (Wed-Fri). I have a great passion and desire to see young people supported and encouraged as they navigate through their pre-adult years and have them realise their potential. My work days at Boronia K-12 College are Monday and Tuesday so please come say ‘hi’ if you see me around! If you would like to contact me via email or phone please do not hesitate.

Warm regards,

Anthony Smith
Chaplain
Only four weeks of the school year left, where has the time gone! We are now well and truly entering the ‘busy’ time of the year. Exams, prep and Year 7 transitions, information nights, orientation days, exhibitions, concerts, activities, celebration days and more, are all in full swing! I would like to take the opportunity to introduce you all to our new chaplain, Anthony Smith who joined us on November 2nd to replace Allan Silverwood. Anthony has written a short blurb about himself that appears elsewhere in this newsletter. If you see Anthony around campus, please introduce yourself and help to make him feel welcome.

As many of you would be aware the College’s mobile phone policy states that all student mobile phones need to be stored in lockers from 9:00 – 3:30 each school day. We continue to have issues with students carrying mobile phones into classes and using them throughout the day. We do ask that if you need to get in contact with your child during the school day that you contact them through the school office. I have recently become aware of a number of parental control apps that can be downloaded onto smart phones, iPads, iPods. The idea of these apps is to limit screen time, set boundaries and time frames for your children’s use of these devices, block apps by age rating and prevent in app purchases. This could, for example, be used to restrict phone use during school hours except for emergency phone calls. Some of the apps worth checking out are; Dinner Time Plus, Kidslox, ParentKit and PhoneSheriff.

A growing number of our students, both junior and senior are walking or riding their bikes to school. Whilst it is fantastic to see them engaging in physical activity, it is extremely important that they are doing so in a safe and responsible manner. Please remind your child of the legal and safety requirements of wearing a helmet (fastened at the neck!) at all times when riding a bike or scooter. We have also had a number of reports of reckless and dangerous riding, including cutting across in front of cars and weaving in and out of traffic. Students are required to walk with their bikes (and scooters) rather than ride through the school grounds. This is school policy and is for the safety of all students and staff. When crossing the roads at either Rangeview Road or the Albert Avenue end of the school, please use the school crossing. Upon entering the school from Rangeview Road, please use only the pedestrian gates and not the car park gates. Again, these are serious safety concerns.

Just a quick reminder about parking. Please remember that the parking indentation at the Rangeview Road end of the school is a drop off / pick up zone only, and is not suitable for parking and leaving your car. Whilst off street parking is limited, there is parking available at the Chandler Road netball courts, which is only a short walk from the school. The staff car park at Rangeview Road is not available for parent parking at any time, except for holders of Disabled Parking Permits. Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

If you require any assistance with uniform purchases or stationary/ school supplies for next year, please feel free to contact me via the school office.

Brooke Cross
Assistant Principal
LEAP Design Workshop with RMIT Graphic Designer

Week 2 of Term 4, Year 8 and 9 Graphic Design elective students worked with a Graphic Designer who is a part of the LEAP Design program at RMIT University.

Narelle, the designer, presented the students design background, career information and a workshop based on a design brief. The students’ design brief was to ‘design a free standing lamp or hanging light’ in a small group using only the materials provided, and a LED light.

Students were to work in three stages to successfully meet their design brief: 1. Concept Phase, 2. Development Phase, 3. Construction and Refinement.

Students were to present their final design by the light of their creation to the class. Their final designs were fantastic! Well done to all Graphics students for their keen participation in this workshop setting.

Blazer for Sale

The College currently has a second hand, although completely brand new (as it was never worn) Boronia K-12 College blazer for sale.

The details are as follows:
Size: 14
Cost: $70.00 (Cash only)

Simply pop into the General Office for any queries.

NO DOGS

ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
EXCEPT GUIDE DOGS, OR WITH PRIOR CONSENT FROM THE 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.
3/4 Poetry

I flew through the clouds and past the birds,
The flight was amazing I had no words
I flew all the way to London where my home will now be.
Now I am settled and pleased.
Come and visit me one day for tea
I'll give you directions,
It is on a street called dreams

Laura S - Grade 3

I took a boat to Cloud Mountain
and flew to the exciting world of Bunny Bug
to jump from each cloud to cloud.
I took the short cut to 'The lovely Way'
And explored the world of 'The Lovely Way'
which headed off to Tiggy Time
where you never stop exploring...

Lydia G - Grade 3

Remembrance Day

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
SUNDAY 8 NOVEMBER
10.45AM

TIM NEVILLE ARBORETUM
DORSET RD FERNTREE GULLY

Sunday 8 November marked a day of remembrance for
the Knox Community as members of the local area
gathered to show their respect for our service men and
women who made the ultimate sacrifice for their nation.
Representing Boronia K-12 College were two Grade 6
students from the Middle Years community. Ava K and
Edward C were wonderful ambassadors for our College
and conducted themselves with grace and decorum. It
was wonderful to see such enthusiastic participation in a
community event and the loving support and encourage-
ment from the students’ parents. Ava and Edward
shared reading of the poem reflections:

REFLECTIONS

AS THE LAST NOTES OF THE BUGLE FADE,

AND WITH BOWED HEADS WE PAID,

HOMAGE TO THOSE WHO DIED FOR US PRAYING IT
WOULD

EVER BE THUS,

PEACE FOR ALL TIME AND NEVER AGAIN

NEED OUR PEOPLE FIGHT TO DEFEND THIS DOMAIN

Congratulations to both students on their wonderful
participation in such an important community service.

David Husk

Middle Years Coordinator

Make sure to see the front page for another picture taken
at the ceremony
The College will not accept legal liability in relation to any advertisements which appear in this newsletter.
On Thursday 15 October, 42 Year Two students and a number of teachers and helpers went on an adventure to the City. Well, in reality it was an excursion as part of the “European Languages Festival” which was largely funded by the Department of Education to promote language learning such as German, but for many students it was a true adventure travelling by train to the City and visiting one of Victoria’s landmarks, the National Gallery.

The students had the privilege of visiting the “Hermitage: Catherine the Great” exhibition straight from Russia, followed by a personalised introduction by NGV staff to a number of the German artworks exhibited in the Gallery, such as the fine copperplate engravings by Albrecht Dürer. Lunch was enjoyed underneath the canopies of the Gallery’s lovely gardens.

I wish to extend a warm thank you to all the people who helped; Trish Trounson and Emily Phillips, who organised the collection of forms and had The Met’s safety presentation in their classes and were generally the go-to people, after I had started the organisation and booking of the excursion, only to take off to Europe for my annual family visit in Germany. I’d also like to thank Alison Thomas and Amy Tomlins (Integration Aides), Julie Westworth and Jane Pietrzak (parents) for their phenomenal support and commitment on the day.

Finally, I’d like to congratulate all Year 2 students on their exemplary behaviour, on the train and at the Gallery. Several members of the public commented how great our students are behaved. Fantastisch!

Three cheers to Languages and Visual Arts learning!
Recently, a group of our 4 Year Old ELC students embarked on an expedition around College grounds. Being exam time, the students were making sure to be extra quiet, and walked with stealth—just like Ninjas! A special visit was made to the General Office to visit Mr Rose and the office staff.
### PREP 2016 Transition Program

#### Boronia K-12 College

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Year 9 KIOSC Excursion