**Important Dates**

- **27 August** - Rangeview Campus Nude Food Day
- **28 & 29 August** - College Production: The Wizard of Oz, Evening Show 7.30pm
- **30 August** - College Production: The Wizard of Oz, Matinee 2.30pm, Evening Show 7.30pm
- **15 September** - DRN English Master Class
- **15 - 19 September** - Year 10 WOW Week
- **15 - 19 September** - Year 9 City Experience
- **15 - 19 September** - Year 5/6 Camp
- **19 September** - Year 9 Motivation Day
- **19 September** - Last Day Term 3
- **6 October** - First Day Term 4
- **7 October** - Year 9 'Keys Please' Program
- **19 December** - Last Day Term 4

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**HEIDI VICTORIA PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY**

On Friday 15 August, Heidi Victoria, MP for Bayswater and Minister for the Arts, became ‘Principal for the Day’ at Boronia K-12 College.
Bogan Bingo Night

Congratulations to the Parents Club who organised the Bogan Bingo on Saturday 9 August.

It was a highly entertaining evening with many participants taking the opportunity to release their ‘inner bogan’, complete with a plethora of flannelette shirts, ugg boots, and beanies. The silent auction was popular, with many bargains on show and the bidding was fierce!

The evening culminated in the crowning of the ‘Bogan King and Queen of the Ball’. The identities of these recipients remain a closely guarded secret in order to protect the innocent!

Heidi Victoria, Principal for the Day

On Friday 15 August, Heidi Victoria, MP for Bayswater and Minister for the Arts, became 'Principal for the Day' at Boronia K-12 College. Ms Victoria participated in our school assemblies, read to our excited and animated Prep students and spoke to our Middle Years students about her experiences as a politician. After lunch she visited our Mount View Campus where she met with our Senior Students and talked with them about a range of topics including their art work. Ms Victoria has a history of experience and involvement in the fine arts field and is passionate about her work. It was a pleasure being able to host Ms Victoria for the day.

College Production: The Wizard of Oz

I encourage you to purchase your tickets to the Wizard of Oz. The production begins next Thursday evening with more performances on Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and evening. There has been a great deal of work happening behind the scenes with teachers, parents and students contributing their time on weekends and after hours to ensure sets are constructed and painted, costumes are created, lighting and staging is in place and performance is fine tuned in rehearsals. Don't miss it! Please see the last page of this newsletter, or visit the College Webpage to book.

LEAP News Featuring Boronia K-12 College Students

Year 9 – 12 Boronia K-12 College students were featured in LEAP News after their recent excursion to LaTrobe University, Faculty of Engineering. As reported by Tim Birrell, the behaviour of all our students was excellent. They were polite and courteous and are to be commended on their maturity and behaviour. They also seemed to gain a great benefit from this excursion. Click the below link for the feature:

Staff Leave & Staff Welcome

We have a number of staff taking some leave this term. Jennie Wall will be absent from Thursday 28 August – Friday 12 September, Judy Triffett will be on leave from Monday 1 September – Friday 19 September and Shana Johnston will be on leave from Monday 8 September until the Friday 19 September. Students in any grades impacted should receive a letter detailing their teacher’s replacement for that period of time. We are pleased to welcome Kimberly Campbell as a teacher at Boronia K-12 College. Ms Campbell is providing some time release for Mr Hodge and Mrs Kors on a Tuesday in Year 3/4 and is working in Grade 3/4B exclusively on Fridays.

QuickSmart Literacy Program

Unfortunately, we are unable to continue offering the QuickSmart Literacy Program at this time. We are arranging some literacy intervention support for those students previously involved in the QuickSmart Literacy Program and will ensure this information is communicated to the relevant families.

I trust you are able to get out and enjoy this magnificent winter weather while it lasts!

David Rose
College Principal
Gastroenteritis (Gastro)

Recently a parent complained that her child had been suffering from gastro, stayed at home for 48 hours after the last sign of infection, returned to school to be re-infected by a sick child who had been sent to school.

There have been a number of students and staff suffering from gastro or gastro-type symptoms and it is important we all take note of the following information downloaded from the RCH website.

Gastroenteritis ('gastro') is a bowel infection which causes diarrhoea (runny, watery poo) and sometimes vomiting. The vomiting may settle quickly, but the diarrhoea can last up to 10 days.

Gastro can be caused by many different germs although the most common cause of gastro is a viral or bacterial infection. Most children do not need to take any medicine.

It is more common and severe in babies and young children. Babies under six months can become ill very quickly because of the loss of fluid from their body.

Signs and symptoms:
- Gastro causes your child to feel unwell, and not want to eat or drink
- Vomiting may happen in the first 24 to 48 hours
- Then your child may have diarrhoea lasting up to one week
- Your child may have some stomach pains
- Your child may also have a fever

Treatment:
- Young babies and children can become dehydrated very easily and need to be checked by a doctor. Signs that your child may be dehydrated include drowsiness (being very sleepy and not waking for feeds), dry lips and mouth, not passing wee and cold hands and feet.
- If your child is very dehydrated and cannot keep any fluids down they may need to be admitted to hospital to have fluids by: a tube through the nose into the stomach or directly into a vein by intravenous therapy.

Care at home:
- Children with mild gastro can be looked after at home. The main treatment is to keep your child drinking fluids often. This is needed to replace fluid lost due to the vomiting and diarrhoea. It is important for the fluids to be given even if the diarrhoea seems to get worse. Do not withhold drinks from your child if they are thirsty.
- Do not give medicines to reduce the vomiting and diarrhoea. They do not work and may be harmful.
- Your baby or child is infectious so wash your hands well with soap and warm water, particularly before feeding and after changing nappies.
- Keep your child away from other children as much as possible until the diarrhoea has stopped. Your child is not free from gastro until 48 hours after the last sign of vomiting or diarrhoea.

## Please remind your children to wash their hands carefully after they go to the toilet and to cover their mouth when they cough.

Clear fluids:
Give small amounts of clear fluid often - ie a few mouthfuls every 15 minutes for all children with diarrhoea or vomiting and especially if your child is vomiting a lot. Give older children one cup (150 - 200ml) of fluid for every big vomit or case of diarrhoea.

Gastrolyte, Hydralyte, Pedialyte and Repalyte are different types of oral rehydration fluid that can be used to replace fluids and body salts. These are the best option if your child is dehydrated. For mild gastro without dehydration you can also give water or diluted cordial, but do not give sports drinks, Lucozade, or undiluted lemonade, cordials, or fruit juices.

Food:
Your child may refuse food at first. This is not a problem as long as clear fluids are taken. Doctors now suggest there is no need to restrict food. Generally, if your child is hungry at any time, give them the food they feel like eating. Do not stop food for more than 24 hours.

When to see a doctor:
- If your child is not drinking and still has vomiting and diarrhoea.
- If your child has a lot of diarrhoea (8-10 watery motions, or 2 or 3 large motions per day) or diarrhoea continues after 10 days.
- If your child is vomiting frequently and seems unable to keep any fluids down.
- If you think your child is dehydrated eg not passing urine, is pale and has lost weight, sunken eyes, cold hands and feet, or is hard to wake up.
- If your child has a bad stomach pain.
If there is any blood in the faeces.

If there is any green vomit.

OR you are worried for any other reason.

Does Skipping School Hinder Kids?

*Sunday Age 3 August 2014*

Missing just one day of school has negative consequences for a student’s academic achievement, the first major study linking poor attendance to lower NAPLAN results has found.

And school attendance patterns established as early as Year 1 can predict how often a student will show up to class right through high school, according to the research.

The average public school student in Victoria misses more than three weeks of school each year. Australia is alarmingly slack when it comes to school attendance, with high school students skipping more days of school than peers in almost any other developed country.

An analysis of the attendance records and NAPLAN results of more than 400,000 students from Western Australia found any absence of school leads to a slip in academic performance. The study dispels the common belief that there is a safe level of absence students can get away with before their grades will suffer.

“We were able to show that actually every day counts, and days that you’re missing in year 3 and year 5, we can detect that all the way through to year 9,” said the report’s co-author, Professor Stephen Zubrick from the University of Western Australia.

“A 10-day period of unauthorised absence in a year is sufficient to drop a child about a band in the NAPLAN testing.”

The most startling finding, he said, was that students arrived in year 1 “with their school attendance careers already in their pockets”.

“For most children, year 1 sets the pattern for what school attendance will look like in the future,” Dr Zubrick said. “You’re learning more than reading and writing. You’re learning to show up.”

While poor attendance is a problem across the socioeconomic spectrum, families in affluent areas often interrupt schooling for overseas holidays.

Dr Zubrick insists his message is not about finger-wagging or guilt trips, but says “we do need to recognise that when a child is standing on the Eiffel Tower so to speak, they may be learning a lot about the world but they’re not necessarily learning everything they’d be learning at school.”

Principle of Lauriston Girls’ School Susan Just said the school does not endorse families taking holidays during school time, and while students may take homework on a trip, they risk missing out on the “classroom experience”.

She said acceptable grounds for leave could include health complications or athletic and cultural commitments sanctioned by the school.

Brighton College principal Julie Podbury said the school does not consider a family holiday to be an appropriate reason for missing school, but acknowledged that overseas travel can be beneficial to children.

“If the students go overseas, it impacts on their education. If they’re not engaged in any part of their education, they can fall behind the class and returning to school can be traumatic,” she said.

But Ms Podbury conceded that extended family travel can be “educational and enlightening”. “There are things you just cannot learn in the classroom,” she said.

In a major international survey of 15-year-olds, conducted by the OECD in 2012, almost one-third of Australian students said they had skipped at least one day of school in the previous two weeks.

That means Australian students skip school more frequently than any other developed country except Turkey and Italy. In high performing countries such as Japan and Korea that figure was less than 2 per cent.

The Victoria Education Department’s school attendance policy states principals have the authority to grant students exemptions due to full-time approved education, training or employment; employment in the entertainment industry or if leaving school is in the “best interests of the student”.

Chris Chant, the headmaster of Gardenvale Primary School, said absenteeism is a long-standing challenge of the school, with up to 10 of the 430 families withdrawing their kids during the year for travel.

Mr Chant said younger students were at greater risk of suffering academically after extended absenteeism, but older kids can stay afloat by keeping a travel diary, sending postcards to their teachers, learning a new language and keeping up to date with homework.

He added if parents were going to pull their kids out of school, it was up to them to ensure the trip is enriching.

“If the parents just want to go to Bali to buy cheap souvenirs and sit on the beach, you have to question their logic. But if it’s a four-week tour of Italy, that’s different,” he said. “In some cases, kids will get to see things that I and the teachers can’t provide.”

*Kate Harnetty & Colin Davies*

*Rangeview Campus Co-Principals*
Mount View Campus Principal’s Report

Student Learning Conferences

Our Student Learning Conferences on Tuesday night were well attended and there was a positive hum in the room with the consistent flow of parents and students who attended.

It was a nostalgic occasion for some of our families with Year 12 students, a few of whom are the last children in the family, and so ending the family connection with the College. We had very positive feedback from these parents, but as I pointed out, it works both ways! These students have blossomed over the years and are on the way to achieving their goals, and that is due in great part to the positive relationship that their families had had with the College over the years, engaging in honest and supportive discussions about their child. We wish the students well on their journey through the exam period and into adult life.

We realised that it is also our last Parent/Teacher night at this campus, so we are all moving on to bigger and better things. New beginnings all round!

Anyone who was not able to make it on Tuesday night is invited to ring or email the College and arrange to speak to key teachers.

Excursions and Events

This term is packed with exciting events and excursions for our students, which presents both challenges and opportunities for staff and students. We have had access to a number of high-level senior excursions which allow our students to see how various subjects studied lead to a range of options at tertiary institutions, and how these are applied in the world of business. These excursions broaden the student’s horizons immensely and allow them to see what is possible, and although they do stretch the College resources, we consider them very worthwhile. We have held Information Evenings for two important events coming up at the end of term – the Connect City Experience for Year 9 students and the World of Work program for Year 10s.

Both these programs require the students to show a level of maturity, responsibility and good decision-making skills. We will look at the list of students in the coming weeks to ensure that all students who are allowed to go display these qualities, so the groups and teachers can maximise the positive impact of these programs.

Discovering Engineering Program

On Thursday 21 August a group of students from Years 9-12 visited LaTrobe University to participate in the Discovering Engineering Program. It was a fun and informative day which involved learning about how engineering impacts nearly every aspect of our lives, as well as an action packed hand-on session. Students were challenged to create a crumple zone for a small cart, and then have its effectiveness tested with a G-force meter. This became quite a competitive affair with teams trying to outdo each other as their carts were hurled towards a brick wall. Students also had the opportunity to wirelessly control small tank-like robots using a laptop. Not limited to forwards and backwards, these robots were able to shine lights, take photos and move over steep obstacles.

Before leaving we were given a tour of the spacious grounds of the university to get a feel for what university life is like. All students enjoyed the experience and the opportunity to meet a large number of university students as well as staff in the engineering field.

The Faculty of Engineering at LaTrobe University is running an Open Day on Sunday 24 August. Any student who is interested in a career in engineering is welcome to attend. Please contact Tim Birrell for further information.

LEAP News have published an article of our visit on their website. The link is available in David’s report.

Judy Triffett
Mount View Campus Principal
Our Grade 3/4 Buddies come to visit us several times each week, sometimes for a play and sometimes for Lunch and stories - We have lots of fun together and look forward to their visits!

Last week, our 3 Year Old ELC students had a wonderful time at their pyjama day with Mrs Bukka, Mrs Driessen and Miss Kendall.

Enrolling now for 2015 and beyond...

BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE
3 Year ELC, 4 Year ELC, and Prep
On a cold and blustery day, it was very pleasing to see the number of VCAL students participating in events and assisting as officials too. A few students provided excellent assistance to me at the shot put, helping to measure, record and coach competitors.

In Personal Development Skills for the Amazing Race, the five competing teams have planned and mapped their itineraries of where they will go and the places they will visit and collect information. The Senior teams have prepared for the Amazing Race – met with Ms Triffett and organised permission letters and a risk assessment for the day. They have also planned the challenges for the competitors to undertake at each of the four pit-stops and some of them are REALLY CHALLENGING!

The Foundation group in PDS are refining their ‘Race around the School’ courses to prepare an event for the Year 9s to complete in next week. Some of the original courses have changed to be more challenging for the Year 9s to undertake.

In Foundation Work Related Skills, Mr Pohlen is assessing students’ participation as assistant officials at the college athletics sports and is now beginning a new unit based on the movie ‘Bucket List’, where students make their own lists and investigate their top five selections in detail before presenting them to the class.

In Senior Literacy skills, Ms Mahler is working with students to identify ways to commemorate and celebrate past achievements at the former Boronia Heights College, by investigating the cultural history.

**Student of the week Award**

**Week 5: Hailey 11V**

After the athletics sports, several students were in the running for Student of the Week because of their excellent community spirit and willingness to help and the work they’ve done in class since has separated the ultimate winner.

After a solid day competing and helping at the athletics sports, Hailey has followed up in class by completing her work, seeking assistance to improve her work and in PDS has met with Ms Triffett to discuss arrangements for the Amazing Race as well as work with her team to prepare their itinerary.

In Numeracy, she led her team to survey students in other classes to collect data for a project.

Congratulations Hailey.

*John Gove*  
*VCAL Coordinator*
In celebration of Environment Week, Sunday 24 August - Saturday 30 August, Boronia K-12 College, Rangeview Campus will be participating in Nude Food Day.

Nude Food Day
Wednesday 27 August

On this day we ask that all children bring food with no wrappers to school to try and reduce the amount of rubbish. Try to bring your snack and lunch in reusable named containers.

Each class will record the amount of rubbish they bring on the day and the winning grade with the least amount of rubbish will be announced at assembly.

Let’s work together to reduce rubbish in our College!

Knox Youth Leaders Program

Each year, we send a small group of lucky Year 10 students to the Knox Youth Leaders Program held by the Knox City Council.

This year Alina 10A, Sabitri 10A, and Natalie 10A were nominated by the staff at the Mount View Campus.

The three girls attended Knox City Council every day from Monday 4 August to Friday 8 August with other students from Scoresby Secondary College, Fairhills High School, Mater Christi College, St Joseph’s College and Waverley Christian College. The students had an excellent week, learning about leadership skills, communication skills, public speaking skills and interpersonal skills. From the photo collage I saw, it looked like this was lots of fun. The girls made numerous new friends from the other schools and grew in themselves across the week. The finale of the week, was a group presentation to the parents, teachers and Knox City Council staff of what they had learnt across the week. I was very proud to see the girls get up and present to us all and receive their certificates from the Mayor. Well done girls!

Rachel Gardiner - Later Years Leader

Rangeview Campus Nude Food Day

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NEWSLETTERS

As noted in David Rose’s report in our last Newsletter, the College Newsletter will now be a fortnightly occurrence. The Newsletter will continue to be emailed to families, as well as posted on the College Webpage.

OPERATIONAL HOURS

Please note that the General Office on both campuses operates from 8.30am to 4.30pm.

The student absence line is accessible both during and outside of operational hours.

ABSENCE SMS

As part of attendance management at the College an SMS is sent out to families if a child’s absence is marked as ‘unexplained’.

The SMS message is automatically generated and sent out to families at 9.30am. If your child arrives late to school, after this time, you will receive a text message.

EXCURSION REPLY SLIPS AND PAYMENT

The General Office asks that any notices with accompanying payments are enclosed within a clearly labelled envelope (with your child’s full name, class, and details of what is enclosed). These can be handed either directly to the General Office, or handed to your child’s teacher first thing in the morning.

Payments can be made by cash, cheque, supply of credit card details (Visa or Mastercard), or through EFTPOS (at the office). We ask that any excursions or events that require both a signed reply slip and payment, are handed in together. Please do not return a notice without it’s accompanying payment unless otherwise organised with the General Office.
Science Week

In order to celebrate National Science Week we have registered for Australia’s Biggest School Excursion through the Jenolan Caves. We have participated in this during classes and as a bonus have access to the Intoscience website until the end of term. Students can login using their Mathletics username and password at the following address:

www.intoscience.com

It is also the International Year of Crystallography, so during Term 2 we grew crystals made from alum (potassium aluminium sulphate) and sent these off for judging. Unfortunately none of ours were large enough but all students who participated received a participation certificate, which was awarded during assembly by our visiting Principal for the Day, Heidi Victoria.

We also have a lunchtime class for Year 5-8 students on Tuesdays in the Science building. Due to popular demand we are going to have another go at growing crystals during Term 4, so any interested students should join us on Tuesday 7 October.

As part of Year 7 Science, we completed a unit on Classification, which included going for a nature walk through our own Boronia K-12 forest and observing fungi, mould and mosses. Students also completed an assignment on an animal with students making wonderful models and posters. Our next topic is Space, so we encourage students to get outside on clear nights and observe the universe in a way we cannot do at school during the daytime.
Science Week Continued

In Year 8 Science we have been completing the topic of chemistry, including using the Bunsen burners to turn magnesium metal into magnesium oxide powder. Students have had the opportunity to complete a few different experiments and extend their knowledge by completing their Portfolio Cube assignment. Our next topic is living systems and to most of the student’s great pleasure, we will be dissecting a heart and looking at chicken bones.

Good luck investigating the Jenolan Caves via the IntoScience website and congratulations to our future scientists!

Miss Holland

on behalf of the Science Team
### Rangeview Campus Student of the Week

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### Rangeview Campus July Aussie of the Month

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<td>Darcy</td>
<td>You are a hardworking, friendly and helpful member of our class. You continue to always try your best and take on constructive feedback from me. You spoke confidently at our 100 Days of School performance and enthusiastically answered questions about measuring 100 things. Well done on a fantastic first semester of school!</td>
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<td>Prep B</td>
<td>Emily</td>
<td>Congratulations on all the wonderful achievements you have made so far this year. You always try your best and listen to feedback in order to improve your work. You are such a kind and caring member of Prep B who is a friend to everyone. We are very lucky to have you as a classmate. Keep up the good work! Well Done!</td>
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<td>1/2 A</td>
<td>Jessica</td>
<td>You are an amazing student. You try your hardest to complete tasks to the best of your ability and always put a huge effort into reading, writing, maths and your homework. You are a fantastic student and a sensational caring and kind friend. Congratulations.</td>
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<td>1/2 B</td>
<td>Amelia</td>
<td>You have made tremendous improvements throughout this month. You have increased your speed in reading more fluently and use great expression. Your handwriting is neat, correctly sits on the lines and you are increasing the amount of writing you do in a given time. In Mathematics you have overcome your fears to have great success in learning division and multiplication with confidence. Congratulations and well done.</td>
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<td>1/2 C</td>
<td>Laura</td>
<td>What an amazing class member you are! You are always striving to achieve the best and continue to push yourself in all areas of your learning. You are kind and considerate to all of your classmates and are always there to support your friends. It is a pleasure to have you in our class!</td>
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<td>1/2 D</td>
<td>Rhiannon</td>
<td>It has been wonderful to see your attitude and enthusiasm for learning has continued to grow all year. You are continually extending yourself in all aspects of school and when given a challenge you take it and apply all your knowledge to succeed. You are an asset to this class. You are a superstar!</td>
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<td>3/4 A</td>
<td>Blake</td>
<td>You are making wise choices about how you work in class. You have been showing great improvement in your writing of information reports including building fantastic paragraphs. You are continuing to practise and improve with your times tables and spelling words. Your attitude in maths has been wonderful and you have been working well with other members of our class. Well Done!</td>
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<td>3/4 B</td>
<td>Isla</td>
<td>I have been really impressed with the way you are furthering your learning by asking great clarifying questions. You show that you are willing to take risks with your learning and as a result you have shown improvement in many areas. This is a great skill that will assist you with all of your future learning. Well done and keep up the excellent listening and work.</td>
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<td>3/4 C</td>
<td>Jacob</td>
<td>You are an entertaining member of our class who co-operates well with others. I admired the great effort you put into giving one of our student’s a great send off when they left the school. You and your friends created a wonderful card and managed to get the entire class involved, without any teacher assistance. Your ability to reflect on your work is improving and you are challenging yourself more in the classroom. Well done!</td>
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<td>5/6/7 A</td>
<td>Bailey</td>
<td>I have been so impressed with your behaviour at school this term. Your attitude towards learning has improved so much and the results are showing. You have done a fantastic job as House Captain during our house activities on Fridays. Keep up the good work!</td>
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### 5/6/7B – Cooper
You have made an outstanding start to Term 3 and are demonstrating a fantastic work ethic. I am extremely proud of your compassion and empathy towards other students in our Pod and learning community. You are an active participant in all classes and you should be pleased with your progress this year. Keep up the great work!

### 5/6/7 D – Jared
You are an enthusiastic and caring class member, who always supports and cares for others. You are putting in place all of the skills and behaviours that will assist you to achieve your personal best. Keep asking questions and making the most of all the opportunities that come your way. Awesome job, keep up the fantastic effort!

### 5/6/7 F – Dale
Your enthusiasm and dedication in completing work this term has been very impressive. Your "Lightning" personification poem is fantastic and your shape poem is very clever. I appreciate it when you offer to clean up the pod. You are a funny, clever and great member of Pod F. Keep up the excellent work!

### 5/6/7 E – Mary
You have to be commended for your fantastic attitude to school life. You have a great work-ethic; you are always polite, respectful to the teaching staff across the college and are always willing to assist your peers in the Middle Years Community. You constantly seek assistance to improve yourself your learning and in the way you interact with your peers. You thoroughly deserves to be nominated as Pod 7E's, 'Aussie of the Month'. Well done!

### 8A – Derek
For an excellent month of hard work, you always apply yourself in maths and are achieving excellent results. Your support and assistance to your peers by sharing your knowledge of Photoshop is to be commended. As is your perseverance to your poetry writing. Keep up the good work!

### 8B – Brent
For an excellent month of hard work, including helping with the painting of the playground area which shows great community spirit. You have written some outstanding poetry in Literacy. You are a motivated learner in your Humanities classes and apply yourself diligently in every class. Keep up the good work!

### An extra special congratulations to Darcy of Prep A, the overall Aussie of the Month!

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### Chaplain’s Spot

#### Think Differently
Following the tragic loss of comedy genius Robin Williams this week, it’s a good time to reflect on one of our favourite scenes from his movie, *Dead Poets Society*. "Why do I stand up on this desk?" Williams' character John Keating asks his students.

"I stand up on my desk to remind myself that we must constantly look at things in a different way. You see, the world looks very different from up here. Don't believe me? Come see for yourselves." "Just when you think you know something, you have to look at it in another way, even though it may seem silly, or wrong, you must try." "Break out. Don't just walk off the edge like lemmings, look around you. Dare to strike out and find new ground."

**Think Differently**: It's easy for us to think and do things the same way all the time. However, sometimes we need a different perspective on life. Other people may help us to look at our circumstances in another way. Perhaps we can choose an alternative path for a change, to walk a journey on a track previously untravelled by us.

Robin Williams’ characters certainly thought differently; for example in Mrs. Doubtfire he was very creative in keeping connected with his kids; as Patch Adams, his first priority was always the wellbeing of his patients, rather than rigid rules; as well as his role in Hook, where he finally escaped his disconnected attitude into fantasy and a new reality. This week I am featuring inspiring quotes from some of his movie characters:

**Deadline Poets Society** - “Carpe diem. Seize the day, boys! Make your lives extraordinary!”

**Good Will Hunting** - “Real loss is only possible when you love something more than you love yourself.” and “You'll have bad times, but it'll always wake you up to the good stuff you weren’t paying attention to.”

**Awakenings** - “The human spirit is more powerful than any drug and that is what needs to be nourished: with work, play, friendship, family. These are the things that matter.”

#### Integrity - Character Counts
In a world where (almost) anything is acceptable, one often ignored part of life is character. I recently re-read my featured book below. In it the author discusses character, challenging us about the influence of our life. George Washington (USA President 1789-1797) once said, “Few men have integrity to withstand the highest bidder.” In other words, it is tough to stay with your values in a world of compromise.

Here are the chapter headings, with some quotes, some from the book and others from elsewhere:

**Honesty**: “It’s discouraging to think how many people are shocked by honesty and how few by deceit.” (Noel Coward)

**Compassion**: “Compassion is sometimes the fatal capacity for feeling what it is like to live inside someone else’s skin. It is the knowledge that there can never really be any peace and joy for me until there is peace and joy finally for you too.” (Frederick Buechner)
Parents’ Club would like to thank all who supported our Bogan Bingo Night fundraiser. It was a fantastic entertaining evening, with some great bogan costumes. We appreciate those who attended, provided donations for the Silent Auction and assisted with setting up and cleaning up.

Congratulations to the King and Queen of Bogan Bingo 2014 – David Rose and Glenda Bray (Despite Mr Rose insisting the title should remain a guarded secret!)

A huge thank you to Bayswater North Primary School for providing tables and a special thank you to David Renton and Clayton Phillips for all their time and muscle delivering and organising those very heavy tables.

Well done Boronia K-12 College community!

Wisdom: “The biggest difficulty with mankind today is that our knowledge has increased so much faster than our wisdom.” (Frank Whitmore)

Self-control: “A little kingdom I possess, where thoughts and feelings dwell; and very hard the task I find of governing it well.” (Louisa May Alcott)

Trust: Trust is like a boomerang, once you throw it to someone, it will sooner or later return to you.

Faithfulness: “I meant what I said and I said what I meant.” (Dr. Seuss, Horton Hatches the Egg)

Balance: “One can give without loving, but one cannot love without giving.” (Amy Carmichael)

Sexual purity: “Purity of personal life is the one indispensable condition for building up a sound education.” (Ghandi)

Endurance: Success is not final, failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts. (Winston Churchill)

Joy: “I believe the single most significant decision I can make on a day-to-day basis is my choice of attitude. When my attitudes are right, there is no barrier too high, no valley too deep, no dream too extreme, no challenge to great for me.” (Charles R. Swindoll)

Can one person make a difference? “If you can’t feed 100 people, then feed just one.” (Mother Teresa)

May you be encouraged and challenged as you consider your life impact, especially on your children.

My featured book is ‘Character Counts – The Power of Personal Integrity’, by Charles H. Dyer. It was a challenging book for me, as I seek to live with integrity in my family, church and school life.

Alan Silverwood

Chaplain

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.

Parents’ Club would like to thank the following organisations for their kind donations, for our Silent Auction at Bogan Bingo 2014:

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BDS Panels
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Parents’ Club

The Boronia K-12 College Cadbury Chocolate Drive chocolates have been distributed to most Rangeview Campus students.

Families who have received a box, but do not wish to sell them, please return them to the College as soon as possible. These chocolates can then be distributed to families who wish to sell more.

All monies and unsold chocolates are to be returned to the College as soon as possible.,
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Directed by Wayne Robinson

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