Important Dates

- 25 - 27 May - Book Fair
- 27 May - Soundtrack Concert at Hamer Hall (Vocal Students)
- 28 May - Pupil Free Day
- 29 May - Primary District Cross Country
- 1 June - Henny Penny Hatching for Year 2 Students
- 2 June - The Zoo Who Comes to You Incursion (Year 1 Students)
- 2 June - Secondary Division Cross Country
- 5 June - Primary Division Cross Country
- 19 June - Primary District AFL Competition
- 6 August - Whole College Athletics Carnival
- 24 - 28 August - Book Week

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Term Dates 2015

Term 1 - 28 January to 27 March
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Term 4 - 5 October to 18 December

STUDENT FREE DAY

Thursday 28 May
No students required at school

BIGGEST MORNING TEA WITH HEIDI VICTORIA

On Tuesday 12 May, Heidi Victoria invited Mr. Rose and College Leaders, Jess and Hailey, to the 'Biggest Morning Tea' at the Knox Community Arts Centre to raise money for the Cancer Council. See inside for the full report.
Principal’s Report

I was privileged to accompany Jessica and Hailey (our College Captains) to Heidi Victoria’s (MP for Bayswater District) ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ last week in a fundraiser for the Cancer Council Australia. Boronia K-12 College was one of only two schools represented, so I was pleased we had made the effort. We enjoyed a conversation with Heidi as well as making connections with School Captains from Heathmont College and the Principal.

I was fortunate to be invited to our Early Learning Centre this week to meet and talk with our 3 year old (and some recent 4 year old) students in our 3 year old kinder program. They were very animated and asked questions, sang to me and we read a story together. I walked away with a handful of flowers the students made for me (see photo), which now occupy pride of place in my office and a renewed sense of appreciation and awe for the work that Kellee and Bronwyn do in the kindergarten. Thank you!

It’s been a busy fortnight for our junior and senior students who have been participating in a wide variety of activities and experiences.

We’ve had Year 7 students receive their next round of immunisations, Middle Years students have been involved in a CERES Environmental Leadership Incursion, Year 8 students have attended a ‘LEAP into Engineering’ excursion at La Trobe University in Bundoora and Years 7 to 9 female students played in a football round robin against other schools. We’ve had students involved in rehearsals for a massed choir for a Regional concert, Year 2 students have enjoyed their stick insect incursion and our Prep students have enjoyed their very first excursion this year to Como House. You can see the photos elsewhere in this newsletter.

Don’t forget that next Thursday 28 May is a student free day. Students are not to attend school on this day. Our Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) will not run unless we receive sufficient numbers by next Tuesday at the latest. Please contact Camp Australia to reserve a spot.

David Rose

College Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report

Can you believe that we are now just past the half way point of Term 2! Where has the time gone? Our College has been a hive of activity in the last few weeks. Our Big Brother, Big Sister mentoring program has commenced with a select group of Year 7 to 9 students and we have On Psych offering on site counselling services. NAPLAN was held last week. A big thank you to all the teachers and students involved for your participation and co-operation, and for accepting the disruption to our normal timetabling.

Miss Gardiner had the pleasure of attending her first junior excursion this week as she accompanied the Preps on their excursion to Como House. All the children were extremely well behaved and by all reports, had a fabulous time learning about life in the 19th Century.

On Monday 11 May the students in Years 8 to 12 took part in a session with the Stop. One Punch can Kill education program. It was a very moving session that delivered an important message. Judging by the feedback we have had, we are confident that the message was well received. It is our intention to hold more of these kinds of information sessions, covering a range of issues, throughout the year.

Just a reminder too, that if you have any queries or concerns relating to any curriculum, classroom, behavioural or social issues, we urge you to bring them to our attention. Your child’s class teacher and co-ordinators are often your first port of call, but as a Principal team we are always keen to hear from parents and carers and to look at ways to support your children in improving their learning and well being outcomes.

Brooke Cross | Assistant Principal,
Student Engagement and Well being

Rachel Gardiner | Assistant Principal,
Curriculum

On Psych

Do you find that your child is having emotional or behavioural issues? OnPsych are a team of fully qualified and registered psychologists who specialise in child and adolescent services working in primary and secondary schools in both individual and group settings. Services are performed at NO COST to the school, student or parent through Medicare bulk billing. We are now lucky to have OnPsych at Boronia K-12.

OnPsych are a team of passionate psychologists who works with both children and adolescents who are experiencing a range of psychological issues such as anxiety and mood disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorders, interpersonal, learning and behavioural disorders, exam stress, self harming and adjustment difficulties (social & situational). OnPsych employ psychological techniques such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, client-centered and solution-focused therapy with psycho-education. They firmly believes that a collaborative approach will produce the most successful outcomes for a child.

If you believe that this might benefit you child, please contact Brooke Cross. Assistant Principal for Student Engagement and Well being for further information.
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 you 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.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Victorian Government have unveiled a new $148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities.

The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are 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.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

On the first day of Term 3;

1. Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
2. Be a temporary foster parents, and;
3. Submit an application to the school by the due date

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of the above.

For the purpose of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years. CESF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

CESF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on either the first day of Term 2 or Term 3.

If the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validates on the first day of Term 2 (13 April, 2015), the application will be processed and the full annual payment will be made to the school from the commencement of Term 3.

For applications which fail the Term 2 validation, but become valid on the first day of Term 3, the application will be processed and payment will be made to the school during Term 3.

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school of the eligible applicant. CSEF payments are for the application year, and cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

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 should lodge your application form by Friday 26 June, 2015.

Please see the attached flyer accompanying this newsletter for simplified details.

Maria Jansen
Business Manager

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

Attendance

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

Congratulations to all Year 5/6 students for competing in the Winter Sports Round Robin Competition over Term 1 and 2.

The students represented Boronia K-12 College in Netball, Soccer and T-ball against surrounding schools in our district. All competitors put in 100% effort in each game no matter what team they were playing in and no matter what the score was.

We had some outstanding team results during the competition and some outstanding individual performances. All teams had at least one win which was great considering less than 10 students actually played their represented sport outside of school.

Well done to the Boys T-Ball, Girls T-Ball, and Boys Soccer teams who finished third on their ladder.

Congratulations to Girls Soccer and Girls Netball who both finished second on their ladder.

Congratulations and good luck to the Open Netball team who finished first on the ladder and will compete against the other competition winner in the District Final. Date for the final is yet to be confirmed, more information will come when organised.


We would also like to thank the handful of Year 3/4 students who were lucky enough to get the opportunity to fill in for these teams and represent Boronia K-12 College. They didn’t look out of place at all and competed at a very high level. Well done and thankyou to Nicola W, Gabby A, Brady B, and Jack B.

***Primary District Cross Country (3-6) is at Lewis Road Reserve next Friday, 29 May.

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PRIMARY (3-6) SPORTS

SECONDARY (7-12) SPORTS

PLEASE NOTE: All students competing in interschool football (AFL) must wear a mouthguard or will not be allowed to play.

PRIMARY DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY (YR 3 - 6)

FRIDAY 29 MAY, 2015 (Lewis Road Reserve)

WHOLE COLLEGE ATHLETICS DAY

THURSDAY 6 AUGUST, 2015 (TERM 3, WEEK 4)
The College will not accept legal liability in relation to any advertisements which appear in this newsletter.

**The ABC of Aussie Slang**

A – Argy-bargy: heated argument  
B – Bullamakanka: a mythical outback town  
C – Chillax: Chill out and relax  
D – Done like a dinner: Finished or defeated  
E – Earbash: Talk incessantly or boringly  
F – Fair Dinkum: Genuine, honest  
G – Grommet: young surfer or snowboarder  
H – Humdinger: wonderful person or thing  
I – In the bag: certain outcome [a win]  
J – Joe Blake: a snake  
K – Kip: brief sleep or snooze  
L – Lose the plot: become confused or irrational  
M – Moosh: mouth  
N – Never Never: Australia’s remote inland areas  
O – On a good wicket: situation likely to be useful or profitable  
P – Pushover: Person or thing that is easy to master  
Q – Quick buck: money earned or acquired quickly  
R – Run around like a headless chook: frantic or disorganised  
S – Squiz: a look  
T – Thunderbox: toilet, usually outside  
U – Up a gum tree: lost or puzzled  
V – Veg out: relax, hang out  
W – Work like a drover’s dog: work very hard, often for low pay  
X – XXXX: Pronounced Four-X, a Queensland beer  
Y – You wouldn’t read about it: expression of uprise or disbelief  
Z – Zonked: very tired

**Chaplain’s Report**

**Heidi Victoria**

Heidi Victoria invited Mr. Rose (College Principal), Jess Cowling and Hailey Close to a morning tea at the Knox Community Arts Centre, on Tuesday 12 May.

We had a good chat with Heidi, as well as the College Leaders of Heathmont College and their Principals. There were other members of the local community who also participated in the event.

We enjoyed some delicious cakes and sandwiches with a side of a hot cup of tea or coffee. All money that was raised by people who donated at this event went towards the Cancer Council in a bid to cure cancer.

Check out the front page of the newsletter for a photo of the morning!

*Hailey C & Jess C*  
*College Leaders*

**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.

**Entertainment Books**

On behalf of Boronia K-12 College, the Parents Club are currently selling the 2015/2016 entertainment book/digital membership to fundraise for our college. This amazing book has thousands of vouchers, with up to 50% off and two for one offers!

Digital memberships and books may be purchased online (your book will be delivered to your nominated classroom) or can be purchased by completing the attached payment slip OR providing cash and sending it to the General Office. Once processed, your book will be sent to your allocated child’s classroom. The college is unable to take payments via EFTPOS for this fundraiser.

Thirteen dollars ($13.00) from each Membership sold goes to our school.

Please direct any enquiries to Donna Eichinski (Parent) 0416 050 022 or dle73@bigpond.com

*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.*
On Wednesday 20 May the Prep students enjoyed a fantastic and very informative excursion to the Como Historic House. They participated in many activities including: ballroom dancing, solving olden day mysteries, learning how to be servants, old fashioned games of quoits and croquet and much, much more!
Students from Year Prep to Four have combined their artistic skills to create a banner which is to be placed at the Rangeview end of the college. Contributors to the banner are:

Bella 1B
Sarah 3/4B
Bree 2B
Lily 2B
Emily 2A

Skye 1A
Shayla 3/4B
Allanah 3/4B
Phoebe 1B
Lucinda 2A

James 1A
Jasmine 2B
Kaden 2B
Tillie Prep C
Patrick 3/4B

Max 3/4B
Hanna 1B
Jack Prep C

Don’t forget, the Rangeview drop-off zone is a drop off area only in mornings and afternoons.
Dear Parents and Families,

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: **encouraging kids to open a world of possible.**

Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more, and like most acquired skills, the more children practice reading, the better they’ll achieve.

Reading is vital to every child’s success, and raising children as readers means getting involved while they’re young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent’s direct involvement in his/her child’s education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair. Hope to see you there!

Scholastic Book Fair Monday 25 May to Wednesday 27 May, 2015

Monday 25th May          Closed          3.30pm-4.15pm
Tuesday 26th May          8.30am-9am     3.30pm-4.15pm
Wednesday 27th May        8.30am-9am     Finished

**PLACE:** Upstairs in our new Library. Enter via internal doors.

Sincerely,

**Mr. David Rose**  
**College Principal**

**Mrs. Young**  
**Librarian**
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef