TERM 1
ISSUE 4
23 March 2015

Important Dates

- 23 March - Year 7 Round Robin Competition
- 23 March – Presentation Ball Dance Rehearsal 5
- 24 March - Unit 3/4 Chemistry Excursion
- 24 March - Prep Easter Bonnet Parade at Kmart
- 26 March - Year 9 Leap into Design Excursion
- 26 March – Presentation Ball
- 27 March - Last Day Term 1 (2.30pm Finish)
- 13 April - First Day Term 2
- 17 April - Year 5/6 Winter Sport Round Robin
- 21 April - Year 8/9 Information Night RE: Compass, Duke of Edinburgh Awards, and Health Program
- 24 April - Year 5/6 Winter Sport Round Robin
- 8 May - Year 5/6 Winter Sport Round Robin
- 20 May - Prep Excursion to Como House

*Cut off deadlines are final. Students and/or families who have not provided payment by the specified date will NOT be able to attend the activity.

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

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YEAR 7 CAMP

See inside for the report on the Year 7 Camp to Waratah Bay. Our students clearly enjoyed a fantastic three days away!
Greetings,

I was fortunate to be able to present ribbons to finalists at the Knox Division Secondary Swimming Finals recently. It was an enjoyable outing, seeing our students compete against students from other secondary schools. I must commend them on the manner in which they conducted themselves at this event. They were well supported by parents, Rhonda McMillan (PE teacher) and Hailey (Year 12 student). We ‘punched well above our weight’ on the day, finishing fourth against some much larger schools. Congratulations to all involved.

The Hon Heidi Victoria, MLA for Bayswater visited the College last week. She is a staunch advocate of our College and we were able to use the opportunity to canvass ideas and address concerns with her. No doubt we will see her shortly at different school functions.

We celebrated ‘Pink Stumps’ day on Thursday 19 March, with students attending out of uniform and in pink clothing. Through gold coin donations and the sale of merchandise we managed to raise over $800 for the McGrath Foundation. The cricket games on the oval were a lot of fun.

The same day we held our first ever Open Night as a united Boronia K-12 College on the one site. There were a lot of visitors to the school, including current families and prospective families. Congratulations to our staff and students for the contribution they made to ensure the night was a success.

Our stand at the recent Knox Schools Expo was also a resounding success, so much so that we ran out of brochures to distribute to interested parents.

It’s the last week of school this week and there are a few events taking place. **School will finish at 2:30pm on Friday 27 March.** Please ensure you note this time in your diary.

We also intend to conduct a whole school assembly on the last day of term. Please watch the College app Tiqbiz for confirmation of the time.

We will celebrate our Presentation Ball on Thursday evening. Our students have been practising their dances and are excited about their big evening ahead at The Grand, in Cathies Lane. I look forward to seeing them all dressed to impress.

At our most recent School Council meeting, School Council passed a motion that, from the beginning of Term 2, no dogs would be allowed in our school grounds. This decision was made to ensure the safety of our students within our grounds. We ask that parents respect and abide by this decision. If you do walk your dog to school, please tie it up outside the school grounds, well away from school entrances and exits. Thank you, in anticipation of your cooperation.

Our Year 5/6 students were fortunate enough to enjoy some autumn sunshine on Friday as they participated in Round One of the Primary District Winter Sports. The various teams met with mixed success.

 Regards

David Rose
College Principal

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**FUSION 2014**

College Magazine

$20 each (limited number of copies left)

80 pages in full colour. Includes many activities from 2014 - ELC to Year 12
DAY ONE

“After all the groups had finished surfing, it was finally Group 6’s turn. We were divided into two groups, one with a white rash-vest and the other without. Of course we had a wetsuit on. Before we went in the water, we learned – how to get up on a board, when to get on, how to get on, and some safety. On the sand, it seemed way too easy. Once we learnt how to surf, we went over to the surf boards; I picked the smaller board because I’m a bit smaller. We grabbed the surfboard and walked towards the water. I was starting to feel a bit scared of surfing, but I went on. One of the surfing teachers came and helped me on my first wave, I was told to get on my board, so I did. She span the board around and told me to paddle. I started to paddle and as I did, I felt water pushing on my feet. She told me the steps as I followed them. Chicken, Push Up, Leg in front, pop! The feeling I felt when I was standing while getting pushed to shore from the waves, it was awesome. After that wave, I tried myself. I got wiped out so many times, but that encouraged me to keep on trying. After what seemed like an hour at least, but was only 30 minutes, we packed up our boards and headed back to camp. That was a great experience I will never forget.” - Vincent H

“We went on the giant swing and I went first. It was about 8 metres high. You would get hooked up to a cable with your harness on, then everybody else would pull a rope and you would go up. Then Emma (the instructor) would say, “3, 2, 1....” And then she would pull a rope and you would go falling backwards from 8 metres in the air. You could even see the beach from the top of the swing” – Cooper M

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**DAY TWO**

“On the second day we went on the bus to Squeaky Beach and went on a hike. During the hike Matt let me use his camera to take photos along the way. The teachers said that I should be a photographer when I am older because they were that good!” – **Connor M**

“After breakfast we went to Wilson’s prom and got to see emus and kangaroos with their joeys. We then went to Squeaky beach for a one hour hike. Everyone was sookking and whining, but I think everyone was proud of it for doing it. We also played some games on the beach” – **Hayley L**

“On the second when we went for the big walk up the mountain and across the beach. It was fun because I have not done an experience like that before and it was a good experience.” – **Brayden H**

**DAY THREE**

“I really enjoyed every bit of camp, but day one had to be my favourite. Thank you for such a fun time at Waratah Bay” – **Leah H**

“The food was delicious, I loved all of the food. Good idea with the duty groups as well. The disco was even better than I thought. It was fun. Waratah Bay Beach Camp was a very fun camp. I want to come back again.” – **Sam T**

“I had so much fun playing soccer and footy with all my mates on the beach. It was fun sitting in the sand talking with friends.” – **Bailey T**
We would like to acknowledge Miss Holland, who bravely participated in the World’s Greatest shave, completely taking off her luscious locks. Students and staff looked on, as Miss Holland’s strands fell to the floor during recess time. Well done Miss Holland!

On Friday 13 March, Year 8 students made their way off to a day of sport, ending with some fantastic results. Well done to our girls Tennis and Volleyball teams who made it to finals!

Our Volleyball girls placed fourth overall, winning four games and having a fantastic time!

Our Tennis girls placed second overall a super result!

All students involved were great participants, showing excellent sportsmanship.
CALL FOR DONATIONS

The Secondary Art Department is in need of your assistance! We are currently seeking donations of glass jars, plastic containers, tomato sauce bottles (or anything similar) for use within the classroom.

If families have any of the above available at home, and are willing to donate them to the College, simply leave them at the General Office.

Any donation will be greatly appreciated.

Year 1 Fire Fighter Visit

On Wednesday 11 March, the Year 1s received a visit from the Boronia Fire Brigade. At 9.45am, Class 1A went to see the fire truck which was outside the senior building, when suddenly the brigade were called out to an emergency! For this reason unfortunately, the students had to return to class. Luckily, they were kind enough to return for a visit after lunch. The students learned about what firefighters wear and why, as well as what to do in an emergency. They were also able to see what was inside the fire truck. For most of the students their favourite activity of all was squirting the hose! We would like to thank the Boronia Fire Brigade for taking the time to visit Boronia K-12 College while on call. We all really enjoyed it and learned a lot about fire safety.

Chelsea- 'I liked when we got to squirt the hose.'
Callum- 'I liked looking at the fire engine.'
Hannah C- 'I liked firing the hose'.

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.
Congratulations to our small team of swimmers who attended the Knox Secondary Division Swimming Finals at Monash Aquatic centre. An amazing effort was contributed by all students!

THANKYOU to Hailey (12V) for assisting with official duties, Mr Rose for popping in for a visit and ribbon presentations, and to our wonderful parents who cheered us on all day.

Our team managed to bring home a number of colourful ribbons across the 13, 14 and 15 year age groups that were represented today.

An amazing effort from our superfish Georgia (7A) who will represent Boronia K-12 College in three individual events at the Eastern Metropolitan Regional finals held at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic centre. Good luck Georgia!

Overall we placed fourth for the day, GO BORONIA!!!!!
Excessive Family Stress

Stress is a part of life and an essential one too. You may consider it a negative force but it can be healthy if not in excess and if you have strategies to deal with it. The difficulty comes when there is a large amount, and most children haven’t developed a range of suitable strategies. Clearly excessive stress in a family will cause the children to feel unsure about their place in the family and also doubt the stability of the future. It is difficult to maintain focus and motivation levels if you aren’t sure what the next day will hold.

There can be many causes of stress, some of which are beyond your control but there are still techniques to reduce the effect they have on your children. Over the years I have worked with young people whose families were facing financial hardship, job loss, separation, divorce, siblings with substance abuse issues, jail etc. Very difficult times and very difficult problems.

When these are a feature of your life there are some things you can do depending on the age of your children.

Don’t try and avoid discussion. Lack of communication leaves room for imagination and the children will be wondering what is happening. Talking with them won’t solve the problem but it will reduce their stress level considerably.

Don’t allow them to accept the blame for what is happening. Too many children feel responsible for their parents’ divorce and wrongly believe that it was their behaviour, or even their very presence, that caused the marriage to fail.

Don’t add to their stress by unloading your issues onto them – they aren’t equipped to help in that way. Seek professional help.

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Make A Difference

I am sure that most people want to make a difference in our world, whether near or far. That is certainly true for me. One of my major challenges in 2015 is a Justice Project, to make a difference for our country’s refugees. Each time I sing the National Anthem, with the line ‘boundless plains to share’, I feel that we can do more in making this a reality for many. Therefore, my project is to encourage people to challenge our country’s leaders, to create a process whereby the thousands of people who have been displaced from their own country, can live fruitful lives in Australia. What things make you mad in life? What positive difference can you make in that area? Why not chat with a friend of family member about what action you could take? Sharing with others gives us greater results. Synergy is the creation of a whole that is greater than the simple sum of its parts, from the Greek word synergos meaning “working together”. In other words, we get more done when we work with others.

What issue is high on your priority list? Perhaps you could email me and I might share it with the school community. We all need the support of each other as we seek to change the world, little by little.
Monday 23 March, 2015

FUSION MAGAZINE 2015

The College Magazine “Fusion” will be a great souvenir of your child’s time at school. It includes many of the activities for students from the ELC through to Year 12 in 80 full colour pages.

Fusion is designed and put together by a team of students and the cover is chosen by a college wide vote from designs submitted during the year.

If you did not pay for a magazine in the college fees, you can order one on the attached form.

The College Magazine can be ordered for a cost of $20.00.

CALLING FOR COLLEGE MAGAZINE COVER DESIGNS

All members of the college community are invited to submit a design for the cover of the 2015 College Magazine. To be eligible for consideration all designs must meet the following criteria:

- Include: the name “FUSION”, year “2015”, College name and logo
- Provided in a digital file which is set to A4, 300ppi

Designs are to be submitted to Mr Robinson by the end of Term 2, 2015.

The person who created the winning design will receive a $50 prize from the College.

COLLEGE MAGAZINE 2015 ORDER FORM

I wish to order ______ copy/ies of the College Magazine “Fusion 2015”.

STUDENT NAME: ____________________________________________

CLASS/HOMEGROUP: ________________________________

PARENT NAME: ____________________________________________

SIGNATURE: ____________________________________________

CREDIT CARD DETAILS

CREDIT CARD NO. ____________ ____________ ____________ ____________

Cardholder’s Name ____________________________________________  Expiry Date ______ / ______

Cardholder’s Signature ____________________________________________ Amount _____________________

*Payment can also be made via cash or EFTPOS at the General Office.*
Year 8/9 Students

SAVE THE DATE

Tuesday 21 April
7.00 pm - 8.00 pm
Boronia K-12 College
Upper Middle Years Learning Neighbourhood

We will be hosting an information evening regarding Compass, Duke of Edinburgh Awards, and Health Program.

The following guest speakers will be present on the night:

Jasmine Mikschi - Program and Relationships Coordinator
Lyndel Armstrong - Regional Adolescent Health Nurse.

Further information will be distributed to students the first week of Term 2.

For additional information contact Olga Kowalczuk at Boronia K-12 College.

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Backyard League is an exciting initiative introducing students to Rugby League in a safe, non-competitive and fun environment.

For more information contact Len Mason 0411 057 303 or lmason@nrl.com.au