Important Dates

- 24 March - Last Day Term 1, 2:30pm Finish
- 24 March - Yr 8 Round Robin
- 11 April - First Day Term 2
- 20 April - Payment & Permission for Chesterfield Farm Excursion Due
- 27 April - Foundation Excursion to Chesterfield Farm
- 19 May - 8A & 8C Kiosc Excursion No. 1
- 20 May - 8B & 8D Kiosc Excursion No. 1
- 9 June - 7A & 7B Kiosc Excursion
- 10 June - 7C & 7D Kiosc Excursion
- 23 August - 9A & 9B Kiosc Excursion
- 24 August - 9C & 9D Kiosc Excursion
- 17 October - 8A & 8C Kiosc Excursion No. 2
- 19 October - 8B & 8D Kiosc Excursion No. 2
- 2 November - 7A & 7C Kiosc Excursion No. 2
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ATHELETICS CARNIVAL
Our whole school Athletics Carnival took place on Tuesday 22 March. Those in attendance had a fantastic time competing!
Greetings,

The end of Term One has arrived rapidly and there’s still plenty of work to be done!

Parents from Year 7 to Year 12 will be receiving their child's interim reports this week. I encourage you to make an appointment to meet with their teacher on Thursday 14th April via Parent Teacher On-Line. You should be able to do this towards the end of the school holidays using your previous login and password details. If you can’t remember them or have misplaced them, please call the College in the first week of Term Two.

We were part of the recent Knox Schools Expo, an event in which parents are able to seek advice on choosing a school for their Year 7 student, and visit the various Knox secondary schools present on the evening. We received a lot of positive feedback from the families attending and our regular Wednesday morning tours have reflected this in increased numbers of interested parents and students.

What a wonderful autumn day for our College Athletics Carnival. Congratulations to our awesome Phys Ed team who organized a day full of tremendous activities and events. Students were fully engaged from Prep to Year 12, with many helping to conduct as well as participate in the various events. Some of our staff displayed a remarkable turn of speed in the student vs staff relay, whilst others would be better timed on a calendar than a stopwatch! (I’m included in the latter group!) Thanks to parents and families who made the effort to come along and assist as well as spectate.

As I write this two of our students are competing at the Eastern Metropolitan Region Swimming Championships. Congratulations to Georgia 8B and Ayaka 11A. I am sure they will represent our College well.

In our last assembly for Term One, tomorrow at 1:45pm, Karen Van Able, a parent at our school, will be shaving her head in support of the Leukaemia Foundation’s ‘World’s Greatest Shave’.

Did you know that? –

Today, 34 Australians will be given the devastating news that they have leukaemia, lymphoma or myeloma, and they’ll turn to the Leukaemia Foundation for help.

Blood cancers are the third biggest cause of cancer death in Australia.

The money sponsors give will go towards research, which is needed to discover kinder and more effective treatments for blood cancer.

Sponsorship will also support families when they need it most, providing people with leukaemia, lymphoma and myeloma with a free home-away-from-home near hospital during their treatment.

We encourage you to donate online, http://worldsgreatestshave.com/ or at assembly as Karen raises funds to support this worthy cause.

I encourage you to make a date in your diary for our Anzac Service Friday 22 April 10:15 – 11:00am.

Congratulations Karen Mead – who was married last weekend! Best wishes also to Bec Russell (singing teacher) as she leaves us for Term Two to have her child.

I trust you will enjoy the Easter/autumn holidays with your family.

We commence Term Two on Monday 11 April.

The way we talk to our children becomes their inner voice.’ (Peggy O’Mara)

David Rose
College Principal

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.

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.

Year 7 Tennis
Assistant Principal’s Report

Why creativity is so important for whole brain development

Research tells us that those kids who continually access creative outlets are the more successful students, because creativity is linked to whole brain development. Brain wise, creativity is important for the development of language, problem solving, reasoning skills, understanding and learning.

Creativity is messy
Creativity is full of mistakes
Creativity is make-believe
Creativity is mucking in

Whether your child is six or sixteen, managing their creativity starts with sharing the value we hold for the arts and new ideas. It’s about taking trips to an art gallery, a science show or museum. It’s about travelling to different places, trying different foods and learning about different cultures. It’s about reading and sharing books, and talking to our kids to encourage an ongoing sense of wonder and curiosity about their world.”

Top tips for fostering creativity:

1. Give permission for freedom of expression. It’s not about you or what you think is the right way to create something. Encourage your child to explore, and create on their own terms while having fun.

2. Encourage play
Encourage active unstructured play that takes them away from the TV, tablet or computer for a while.

3. Foster originality by being accepting of difference. While some rules are important to keep our children safe, being allowed to do things their way when developing ideas, is what helps shape their individuality.

Taken from Michael Grose – Parenting Ideas newsletter

Brooke Cross : Assistant Principal
Student Engagement & Wellbeing

Middle Years News

We have had a wonderful start to 2016. All students, across the Middle Years, started their term with a range of engaging activities, games and assemblies to orientate themselves to the expectations of the sub-school as well as the college. These activities also allowed students and teachers to begin building positive relationships that will support their social, emotional and academic growth.

The Year 7s continued to build on these relationships at our Year 7 adventure camp, at Waratah Bay. The students participated in surfing lessons, hikes at Wilson’s Prom and a range of other challenging and fun activities that were designed to promote positive risk-taking, the formation of new friendships and personal resilience. It was fantastic to see students pushing themselves to succeed in activities that would normally be out of their comfort zone. As a staff member, it was also wonderful to have time to get to know the students in a more casual environment.

The 5/6 students have really hit the ground running with their Term One unit, ‘The Game of Life’. The students were clearly engaged and passionate about this Economics based unit, where they explored the processes involved in earning and spending money. I think we have a few creative entrepreneurs in our cohort, who found new ways to charge their peers money to increase their own net worth! The students have also really enjoyed the chance to participate in and get to know their family groups and buddies, including an awesome Easter Parade on Wednesday!

We ask that 5/6 parents look out for important information that will be sent home early in Term Two, for our 5/6 camp on July 22 2016.

We wish all our families a happy break and look forward to seeing you all in Term Two.

Matthew Scammell
Middle Years Leader

Early Years News

We have had a very busy start to Term 1 in the Early Years. All the K-4’s have worked extremely hard getting to know everyone in their classrooms and making new friends. Over Term 1, we have been busy participating in lots of events like the whole College Swimming Carnival and Athletics, Harmony Day and Easter Bonnet parade.

The Foundation students have begun building relationships with their Grade 6 buddies, creating some wonderful work together. The Grade 1/2 students have been excited to have Grade 5 student mentors visit their classrooms and help them with their work and some of our 3/4 students have been participating in activities organised by our year 8/9 students.

It has been a wonderful start to the year, and I look forward to a fantastic start to Term 2.

Have a restful break,

Hayley Spark
Early Years Team Leader
Senior News

It has been a busy first term for the students in the Senior Years!!

Students have been working hard in their classes, as well as participating in their VET courses. Students are reminded that if they have not already done so, to finalise their VET fees at the office and provide their USI number to Mrs Case.

The Senior students have participated in the College Swimming Sports and the College Athletics Day, and represented the College exceptionally well, including a number of students getting dressed up in their house colours.

First term has flown by, and we will quickly approaching the end of semester one, before we know it. With this in mind, we will be running a number of study days for the VCE students in term two, which students will be shown a number of study techniques and time management practices. More details about the dates of these days will be released in term two.

The VCAL students are also working hard, on a number of projects within the College, including working with Junior years and their projects that will benefit the BK12 community. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

I thank the wonderful Senior Students for a fantastic term one, and I wish you all a happy and safe Easter.

Carlie Case
Senior Years Team Leader

Secondary Knox Division
Swimming

Congratulations to our Secondary Knox Division Swimmers on Tuesday 15 March.

All of the students were amazing, cheering each other on and getting involved as much as possible.

Thanks Sue-Anne for your assistance today along with our helpers Jarod 11V and Jared 12A.

Several of our students were successful in the pool. Our place getters were:

Blake 8B in open 200m Freestyle
Paige 9A 3rd in 15 yr 50m Freestyle
Robert 7B 3rd in 13 yr 50m Freestyle
Breannan 9C 3rd in 16 yr 50m Backstroke
Wade 9C 2nd in the 15 yr Breaststroke (47:63), Butterfly (40:80) and Freestyle (33:21) and 3rd in the Individual medley (3:33:60).

Georgia 8B, 14yrs 2nd in individual medley (3:52:19) and she won the remainder of her events quite easily. 50m - Breaststroke (48:00), Butterfly (45:33), Freestyle (34:92) & Backstroke (43:64)

Ayaka 11A, 20 yrs won all of her events 50m – Breaststroke(43.26 – creating a new record for the event), Freestyle (33:21), Backstroke (51:47) & 400m Freestyle (5:53:31)

Amazing swimming especially from Georgia and Ayaka, these two young ladies have qualified for the EMR swimming finals which took place today, Wednesday 23 March at Aquanation in Ringwood, we will announce the results in our next newsletter.

Meanwhile, Jan of 5/6 B has also been working hard, representing Boronia K-12 College at the Primary, Regional Competition—well done Jan, you have made us all incredibly proud!

Rhonda McMillan
Secondary P.E Coordinator

Picture of Secondary Knox Division Swimming event

Picture of Georgia and Ayaka with their swimming medals
On Monday 21 March we celebrated Harmony Day. In Year 1/2 we learned all about diversity and explored different cultures through discussion, hands on activities, dancing and food. We had such a fun time working with our friends and learning all about our differences! We also completed an activity called ‘What does Harmony Day mean to me?’ and here are some of the students’ responses:

Jesse 1/2 B - "I like that we have diversity in Australia because I like other types of people. It would be boring if everyone was the same".

Matilda 1/2 B - "It means enjoying different cultures with different people from different countries".

Callum 1/2 B - "It means celebrating that we are all different".
On Wednesday 16 March we got a visit from Money girl. We stayed in our classroom and 1/2A came over. We learnt about the difference between needs and wants, we sorted coins and notes and we learnt how to keep our money safe. We all got a group photo with Money Girl. I loved it because we helped Money Girl. - By Liz

On Wednesday Money Girl came to teach us about money and 1/2A came to join us. The most valuable note is a $100 note. There were three challenges. We took a photo. What would you feel like if you did that? - By Sophie

Money Girl was here and we learnt about money. We learnt about needs and wants. We did a challenge. We sat in a big circle and we learnt about money. - By Kevin

On Wednesday the 16th of March Money Girl came to our classroom. Money girl had pictures of coins and notes. - By Jai

On the 16th of March Money Girl came into our classroom. We learnt about money. It was fun. - By Paige

On Wednesday the 16th of March a secret super hero named Money Girl came to our classroom. We learnt about the differences between needs and wants. 1/2A came to our classroom. We sorted coins and notes. - By Donald

On Wednesday the 16th of March the Money Girl came in the classroom. She gave us challenges. We got four questions right. 1/2A came in and to keep our money safe we sorted out coins. We took a photo with Money Girl. - By Reiley

Today we learnt about money with Alex and she is a secret super hero. Her super hero name is Money Girl. She helps people save money. She taught 1/2C and 1/2A about never ever putting your money under your bed and to spend on the things you need and save your money and then get what you want. We did it for fun. - By Maleta

On Wednesday the 16th of March Money girl came to visit. Another class came in and we learnt about safe places to keep our money. We took a photo and sorted coins and notes. - By Jack

On Wednesday 1/2C and 1/2A met Money Girl to teach us about money and we had to do three challenges and 1/2C and 1/2A passed the three challenges. We got a photo and 1/2A went to their classroom. - By Adam

On Wednesday 16th of March Moneygirl came to our classroom. We learnt about money and we learnt cash and coins. She taught us about coins. - By Jacob

On Wednesday Money girl came to our classroom and we learnt about money. We sorted money and dollar notes and we did some challenges and some photos. Why did she come? Because she came to teach us about money. - By Lily

On Wednesday the 16th of March Money Girl came to Boronia K-12 to our classroom to teach us about money. And we did money challenges and safe places to keep our money from getting stolen by people. She is a secret superhero. - By Brooke

On Wednesday 16th March Money Girl came to visit our school to teach us about saving our money and keeping it safe somewhere where no one can reach it or take it and rob it. I put my money in a special box that I got for Christmas. - By Aine

On Wednesday the 16th of March Money Girl visited 1/2A and 1/2C. We learnt about money. We did challenges. She was from the Commonwealth Bank. We also learnt how to keep our money safe. We took a photo. Money is important! - By Lacey

On Wednesday the 16th of March Money Girl the secret superhero came to our school. We were learning about money. The precious coin is the 2 dollar coin and now we are her super hero side kicks and I learnt not to keep my money under my bed. I know it's funny! It was the best day of my life. - By Myra

On Wednesday the 16th of March Money Girl came in or as I say ‘secret money agent’. We did it in 1/2C’s classroom. She told us every type of money in Australia. We all sorted the money into a line and on the 10 dollar note there was a message saying ‘Speed your needs and wait for your wants’. It was so much fun - By Michaela

On Wednesday 1/2C and 1/2A did challenges. We won so we are her sidekicks. - By Zac
With the Summer months upon us it’s time to review what it takes to be ‘sun smart’. A combination of sun protection measures are used whenever the UV levels reach three and above. UV levels and sun protection times are monitored each day to help with the implementation of this policy.

If you can, please check the sun protection times each day so you can be sure you are using sun protection when you need to be. The sun protection times are available as a free app, from sunsmart.com.au and the Bureau of Meteorology website.

During the sun protection times please remember to:

1. Slip on sun protective clothing
2. Slop on SPF 30 or higher sunscreen
3. Slap on a wide brimmed hat
4. Seek shade
5. Slide on some wrap-around sunglasses

Don’t forget, Mondays is student banking day.

If you wish to make a deposit into your child’s Dollarmite account, please send your child to school with their completed deposit slip in their bank book, alongside the cash you are depositing.

Bank books are collected by your child’s classroom or homegroup teacher to be sent to the General Office by 9.30am.

The Banking Team

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

Our Year 1/2s with Money Girl

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The College will not accept legal liability in relation to any advertisements which appear in this newsletter.
On Saturday 5 March a number of our Secondary Instrumental Music students performed at the Knox festival. Jess 9C and Matt 8C performed as soloists, Jess also accompanied Lani 10A, Lockie 8B, Elijah 8C, Amy 8C and Mel 8B in a group performance. Daniel 8A, Jessie 8D and Anthony 8B closed the set with an acoustic version of Seven Nation Army.

All the performers did an excellent job and were great ambassadors for the school. I spoke to a number of people who commented on the high standard of the performers. Thank you to all the performers and parents who attended.

Judy McLaren - Head of Music
Homework Club

Boronia Community Church of Christ is excited to announce the launch of our **Homework Club, Thursdays** each week during school terms.

This program is supported by: **Knox Council Community Development Fund**

The Homework Club provides a safe and supportive out-of-school learning environment where primary and secondary students can participate in activities that develop their academic skills in addition to getting assistance with homework. Through regular attendance, students will be able to enhance their learning and development skills, enabling them to access local volunteer tutors who have appropriate skills and knowledge to support the Club activities.

Who? Students in Year 3-12  
When? 4:00pm-5:30pm each Thursday during school terms  
Where? The Hub, Boronia Community Church of Christ, 59 Boronia Rd., Boronia  
Cost? $2 per session (*Includes afternoon snack at 4:00pm*)  
Contact? Church Office (ph. 9762 1277) or David Delih (m. 0412 433 237).
JOIN US IN ACTIVE APRIL!

Register yourselves, and invite friends and family to join! Once registered join our team at Boronia K-12 College and help us with the chance to win some fantastic prizes!

Register at: www.activeapril.vic.gov.au

Team Name: Boronia K-12 GET ACTIVE
Team ID: boronia-k12-get-active