**Important Dates**

- 28, 29 & 30 October - Year 7 Camp
- 30 October - Year 12 Exams begin
- 30 October - College Council
- 31 October - Yr 9 First Aid Training
- 31 October - Rangeview School Banking Account Opening Day 2.45—3.45 pm
- 5 November - Melbourne Cup Day
- 7 - 14 November - RC Book Fair
- 8 November - Year 9 City Experience
- 11 November - Prep 2014 Information Evening
- 12 November - Year 8 Information Evening
- 15 November - Yr 9 City Experience
- 18 - 22 November - Year 10 WOW Week
- 21 November - Year 6/7 KIOSC Excursion
- 22 November - Yr 9 City Experience
- 26 November - Connect MAD Evening
- 27 November - College Council
- 29 November - Year 6 Graduation Photo (9.00am)
- 29 - November Yr 9 City Experience
- 10 December - Year 7 Transition Day
- 11 December - RC Christmas Concert
- 17 December - Year 6 Graduation
- 18 December - MVC Awards Night
- 20 December - Last Day 2:30 Finish

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**RANGEVIEW CAMPUS BREAKFAST CLUB**

We would like to thank our wonderful helpers in the weekly Breakfast Club in the Year 3/4 rooms. Jason Hodge coordinates the program, ably assisted by Hayley Toomer-Smith, Alan Silverwood, Laura [an ex-student] and Barb who are members of the Boronia Community Church of Christ. We were recently visited by a journalist from the Bible Society who wrote an article for their on-line Eternity magazine.
COLLEGE STARTING TIMES

A reminder to all parents that staff are not rostered on for yard duty before and after school until the following times:

Rangeview Campus - 8.40am (morning) and 3.45pm in the afternoon
Mount View Campus - 8.30am (morning) and 3.45pm in the afternoon.

Students should not be arriving at school prior to staff coming on yard duty. I am aware of the difficulties surrounding this with the traffic congestion at Rangeview but if they do arrive early, they should wait quietly outside their classroom entrance until 8.40am.

RANGEVIEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

The parents of Rangeview students are requested to have their children vacate the playground equipment by 3.45pm in the afternoon. This is due to the fact that staff will no longer be on yard duty and the students in Out of Hours School care often use the equipment after this time.

PLANNING

Could the parents of students leaving the school at the end of the year and not returning (for whatever reasons), please advise the relevant General Offices or Campus Principals of their intentions as soon as possible. If confidentiality is an issue, please contact myself. The knowledge of projected student numbers for the following year, helps the College to finalise groupings, subject offerings and the hire of additional teaching staff. In addition, parents of next year’s Preps are encouraged to submit their enrolment forms as soon as possible so that we can decide on the number of groups we will run at this level.

NAPLAN

Individual Student Reports should have been made available to students and parents by the time our meeting takes place. The College will be conducting an in depth review of student performances in this year’s testing program over the next few weeks.

BUILDING PROJECT

Over the coming weeks we will publish information for parents and students in relation to the move from our current Prep to Year 4 facilities to the new Admin and Senior Programs buildings. At this stage, despite the ongoing wet weather, we expect to take possession of the buildings at the end of November and commence the movement of materials and equipment to these buildings during the first week of December. Once completed, this will then allow us to move the Preps to Year 4’s into the new buildings. The builders are hoping to commence demolition of the current Rangeview Admin block prior to Christmas. Once the focus shifts to the admin end of the Campus, access arrangements will alter slightly but any new arrangements will be communicated well before they come into effect.

adolescent school nurse

We have been very fortunate to gain the services of Emily Dawson as the Adolescent School Nurse for our College. Emily takes over from Lyndel Armstrong who previously held the position. Emily’s focus will be on the provision and support for our health and wellbeing programs, interacting generally with Middle Years students. She will also provide greater breadth to our counselling programs and work in close cooperation with our Chaplain Alan Silverwood and our Student Wellbeing Coordinator Jackie Dyck. Emily will be with us on Mondays and Thursdays and although based at the Rangeview Campus, will be working across the two campuses as required.

year 7 information evening

This was held in the Middle Years Learning Neighbourhood on Tuesday Evening and despite the miserable weather conditions on the night, we still had approximately 50 of the 70 families associated with our 2014 Year student enrolments represented. The mood of the evening was very positive and we had a fantastic turnout of staff to support the event. These included; Helen Dunbar, Corinne Molloy, Karen Mead, Victoria Emerson, Amanda Cilanti (student teacher), Pam Porter, Alan Silverwood, Leela Holland, Olga Kowalczuk, Rachel Gardiner, Kate Harnetty and Emily Dawson.

Stringybark performances

Last Sunday we had over 25 of our music and Street Beats students from a variety of year levels perform at the Rowville Community Centre as part of the Stringybark Festival. According to Ms Royle, all our students did very well indeed. A big thank you to Ms Royle, Mr Nick Adams and Mr Dave Hartney for all the preparatory work and support on the day for our students. Many thanks also to the many parents who came along to add their support. We are hoping and planning for our music program will go from strength to strength in the coming years.
Periodically I am asked about employment opportunities in the College with respect to non-teaching roles. Generally such positions are advertised through the Department’s online website dealing with Recruitment. Periodically however, short term vacancies do arise that need someone to fill in. Such roles could be for Office Admin support, Integration Aides, Kindergarten Support, Out of School Hours Care support etc. Wherever possible we would like to fill short term roles with suitably qualified members of our community but to do so we need to build a local register. If you are interested in having your name placed on such a register with the College please forward your details to the General Office at either Campus. If something arises, we can then contact those on the list and conduct interviews (if necessary) for the role. Please note that to work in any school, prospective employees must have a current Working With Children check. Working with Children checks are administered through The Department of Justice and the applications are made by the prospective employee through most Post Offices, there is a cost involved in such a check which would need to be paid by the prospective employee. Volunteer WWCC’s are unfortunately not suitable for these purposes. If you require any further information, please feel free to contact our Business Manager, Maria Jansen.

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

The 2014 Victorian State Schools Spectacular, which will be staged at Hisense Arena next September.

Students interested in being a lead vocalist, dancer, or musician to complete a registration form online. Students interested in registering for a behind-the-scenes role can contact the PAU at performing.arts@edumail.vic.gov.au.

It is the responsibility of individual students, not the school, to submit an expression of interest to audition as either a vocalist or musician.

Registrations for individual vocalists and musicians close on Friday 22 November 2013.
Auditions for vocalists and musicians will be held in November and December 2013.
Registrations for mass choir and mass dance close on Friday 20 December 2013.

For further information, see: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/spectacular

Ross Bevege
Executive Principal

Our administration staff will be sharing the reception/administration duties across the Mount View Campus and the Rangeview Campus from now until we move into the new Administration building later this term. We have adjusted the office opening hours slightly taking into account the busy times at each campus. Please note that both offices will now be open daily as follows:

Monday – Friday 8.15am – 4.15pm

We ask for parents’ and students’ patience as we work towards ensuring the smooth operation of the College and as we prepare for the new Administration Centre.

We also ask that parents, and other members of the college community please note that the small car-park outside of the Rangeview Campus General Office is for Administration staff, disabled sticker holders, and service and emergency vehicles only.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or questions. I will be sharing my time across the 2 campuses until we move into the new building.

Maria Jansen
Business Manager

The Rangeview Campus NAPLAN results (Years 3, 5 and 7) are available for collection from the General Office as of Monday 28 October.

A parent can only collect the results of their own child or children, not those of other families.

Results that are not collected will not be posted. These will be distributed later in the year with the prospective child’s Semester 2 report.

The OSHC Program is currently looking for staff to work in our Before School Care, and After School Care Program as well as our Vacation Care Program.

The hours required for each of our programs are:

Before School Care: 7.00 am - 9.00 am
After School Care: 3.00 pm - 6.00 pm
Vacation Care, runs in a split shift, from 7.00 am - 1.00pm, then from 1.00pm - 6.00pm.

Qualifications required are a Certificate III in Children’s Services (or studying towards), a current Working with Children’s Check, and current First Aid requirements.

Please contact OSHC, or call Janina on 0419 556 512.
What’s on in VCAL?

Highlights of the past few weeks include the Mullum cluster VET awards – which were organised by Senior VCAL students – Heidi, Jemima and Tayla as a part of their event management course – a job they completed very professionally. I attended the night as a very proud VCAL Coordinator not only to witness the culmination of their work over the last few months but also to witness Jacob (12V) receiving his award for Building and Construction Units 3 and 4, as well as other Boronia K-12 College students receiving their awards, who were acknowledged in last week’s newsletter.

This week is the final week for classes in Senior VCAL – they have finished it off by officiating in the VCAL Amazing Race around the local area. The two senior teams conducted pit stops where they ran a challenge for all four competing teams to undertake. They will spend Friday reviewing each team’s folder of evidence collected on the day and will determine which team won.

Mullum Cluster VET Awards – Jemima (12V)

On Tuesday 15 October, Tayla, Heidi and myself attended the Mullum Cluster Awards night that we had been planning for the past few months. It was a very stressful time when we arrived because we had to make sure everything was perfect before the event started.

Over the past few months, we have been preparing the slideshows, nametags, seating plans and many “behind the scenes” organisational tasks. On the night, it all came together and the event ran smoothly.

As the night started we each had our individual tasks to do – Tayla and Heidi were on stage giving the award nominees and winners their show bags and I was at the registration desk, giving award presenters their name tags and showing them to their seats.

Overall, I think each of us did an amazing job and I’m so proud of what we have achieved.

Amazing Race

From observations on the day and some reflections by students at the end showed that all teams had a great day – they were busy visiting community resources in Boronia, Bayswater, Ringwood and Wantirna, collecting information, taking photos as well as undertaking various challenges – all with the aim of gaining the most points on the day.

The overall aim of the activity is for students to visit a variety of community resources and agencies, collect information from them as well as use public transport to get around the local suburbs. Teams had to select their places to visit, plan an itinerary allowing time to walk around, visit and take a team photo at each place during each stage, before catching a train or bus to the next stage. It utilises most of the key employability skills:

- Communication: talking with people, asking for information
- Teamwork: sharing responsibilities for roles – collecting information, taking photos, keeping track of the time and the itinerary
- Organisation and planning: the weeks leading up to the event involved looking up the places to visit, plotting maps and preparing an itinerary
- Problem solving: how to visit all the compulsory resources and fit them into each stage, as well as coping with problems on the day, such as places that were closed or not even there!
- Using ICT: plotting their itineraries on maps, recording evidence of places visited with photos and videos of challenges completed
Take a look at this fabulous creation that simply rose out of our sandpit one afternoon. It took lots of keen, hard-working students to build it!

- Initiative and enterprise: thinking of creative ways to complete the challenges as well as constructing an itinerary that fitted everything in
- Self-management: keeping track of the time and the itinerary and the tasks that needed to be completed

As many teams discovered by the end of the day, a reasonable level of fitness was ALSO required!

When students have completed their reflections on the event, some of their experiences on the day will be shared in future articles but I can relate one particular experience this week.

The Blue team – who shall remain nameless (to protect their dignity) – misinterpreted the directions for the second last pit stop and ended up spending hours at Eastland when they should have been at Knox City!! Sadly as a consequence they missed the Knox City challenge as well as the opportunity to visit all the resources there and had to travel back to Boronia (with slightly bruised egos) to finish up at Boronia Mall handing in a smaller folder than their competitors.

John Gove
VCAL Coordinator

In the Rangeview Playground
The College Year Book has been a tradition of the Mount View Campus for many years. Last year the Rangeview Campus also had the pleasure of being able to purchase this annual publication.

The Year Book presents a compilation of student work, art work, photos, and stories from numerous events and activities from throughout the year in a professionally bound, gloss paper, colour, publication.

All members of the college community are invited to submit a design for the front cover of this year’s College Year Book. All designs are to be in electronic format and meet the following criteria:

- Include the college logo (coloured or black and white)
- Name of the magazine “FUSION”
- Year “2013”

- College name “Boronia K-12 College”
- Be on A4 portrait or landscape
- Be at 300 ppi (pixels per inch)

All designs are to be submitted by 25 October to Mr Robinson.

Students and staff will vote on their preferred design and the winning designer will receive a $50 voucher.

If you would like to place an order for the College Year Book, and you have not already done so, please send notification to the office accompanying a $15 payment as soon as possible. Purchases following the order and printing of the Year Book may incur a higher cost.
Knox Division Athletics Championships

On Thursday 10 October, Boronia K – 12 College were represented by 15 student athletes in the Knox Division Athletics Championships. The persistent rain and wind couldn’t keep the athletes from giving their all in what were terrible conditions.

We were lucky enough to have four students who were successful in winning their competition and will moved onto Regional Championships on Thursday 17 October (results of the day in the article below). Going through we had Lachlan 5/6 D (Shot Put), Cooper 5/6 B (Long Jump), Emily S 5/6 C (Shot Put) & Emily W 5/6 C (100m & Long Jump).

We wish those students the best of luck for the next round and we all know you will try your hardest and represent the school with pride.

Congratulations also go to Liam, Vincent, Jordyn, Leah, Ray, Mitch, Declan, Brihny, Sian, Sally & Nicole. It is a great achievement to get to the district finals, and we look forward to another huge effort from all Boronia K – 12 students in 2014.

Eastern Metropolitan Region Athletics Championships

The four students who made it through to Region Championships battled the hail, rain and wind at Bill Stewart Athletics Track on Thursday 17 October. Making the region is a major achievement in itself and the way these students went about doing their best was a great thing to watch. Even though they were against other students who had been training and doing athletics for most of their lives, our four competitors gave their all with some brilliant results. Well done to Emily S 5/6 C who finished 8th in her Shot Put, as well as Lachlan 5/6 D (Shot Put) & Cooper Mac 5/6 B (Long Jump) who both almost finished in the top 10. Well done guys and great effort.

A big congratulations and good luck goes to Emily W 5/6 C, who made it through to the State Championships in her AWD competition in both Long Jump & 100 m Sprint. Emily goes to the State Championships at Albert Park this week and we wish her the best of luck. Remember Emily, that everyone from Boronia K – 12 College wishes you luck and we know you will try your best and do us proud.

Mitch Stone

Rangeview Campus P.E Coordinator

Summer Sport Round Robin Day

The Year 5/6 cohort competed in their final inter-school sport competition Friday 18 October. With the basketball team bringing back fantastic results from the week earlier, each student was determined to do their best for their team and represent the school with pride.

The boy’s cricket team had a great day in the sun at Lewis Park. We had some fantastic results and they worked so well as a team that it looked like they had been playing together for years. The encouragement and sportsmanship shown not only to our teammates but to the other teams as well was fantastic to see and after just missing out on the grand final, we finished in 3rd position out of eight schools which was an outstanding result. Well Done Boys!!

The boys and girls table tennis teams made their way down to Our Lady of Lourdes Primary School in high spirits and excited for the day ahead. More than half of our students had not played table tennis before, however after a few practices in the gym they were confident of giving a great effort. The team work again was phenomenal no matter what the score, and from that the boys also just missed out on the grand final by one point. Great job boys and girls and thankyou to the Superstar Table Tennis coaches Mrs. Molloy & Ms. C!!

The Girls Volleyball travelled to the Knox School to compete against schools that had been playing volleyball together for over a year. The determination and effort that
the girls gave in a sport that at times can be difficult was incredible and the girls finished 3rd in their pool which was a great result. Very impressive girls, and thank you to Mrs. Gemmell for her wonderful help and coaching!!

Finally, the open volleyball team (which was full of girls) went to Knox Central Primary School to compete against teams that had most, if not all, boys in their team. The girls didn't take a backwards step and showed they can compete with anyone at any time. The teamwork the girls showed, no matter what the score was, was great to see and their hard work paid off as they finished 5th overall which was a great result and something to be very proud of. Great job girls and thank you to Mrs. Mynott & Mrs. Mitchell for their terrific coaching & inspiring words!!

Thank you to all the parents who came to watch and support. We all really appreciate it and look forward to another fantastic year of inter-school sports next year.

Go Boronia!

Mitch Stone

Rangeview Campus P.E Coordinator

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**Pyjama Day**

As part of your Childs YMCA Learn to Swim program with Boronia K - 12 College, they are required to practise simulated open water and water safety activities.

Part of these activities involves a swimming in clothes assessment. This is done during a Pyjama Day. Students are required to swim in their pyjamas. (Long sleeved top and pants are preferred.)

Boronia K – 12 College will be having their Pyjama day on:

**Thursday 31 October 2013**

Please ensure your child comes to swimming with their bathers on, and their pyjamas in a plastic bag ready for the activity. The plastic bag is needed to take their wet pyjamas home again.
Congratulations to Years 5, 6 and 7 Street Beats performers who participated in two percussion workshops and performance at the Knox Stringybark Festival on Sunday 20 October. The energy and focus during the performance was excellent, and performers carefully followed the musical directions from Nick Adams, our percussion teacher and Street Beats leader. Look out for some further Street Beats performance events in Term 4.

We were also treated to two live performances from our current VCE music group, who performed Radioactive and Little Talks for the appreciative and responsive audience. Thanks to Dave Hartney (Guitar Teacher) and Nick Adams (Percussion), and supportive parents who kindly offered to transport instruments. Much appreciated!

Jenny Royle (Music Classroom Teacher)
Roald Dahl on Parenting

Angela Mollard News Limited, July 14, 2013

It’s Children’s Week, so let’s check out Roald Dahl. 50 years after he magically spun ‘Charlie and the Chocolate Factory’, a story as wonderful as it is timeless. It’s as if he had some portal into the future in 1964, when he imagined the gluttonous Augustus Gloop, the entitled Veruca Salt, the IT-addled Mike Teavee and the whiny Violet Beauregarde. Was he before-his-time, or is it coincidence that many modern children are like the little miscreants he created?

The question we’d ask him is clearly: How do you raise a Charlie? How in this age do you create a kind, respectful, curious kid like Charlie Bucket (and not just for the purpose of inheriting a squillion-dollar chocolate factory)? We could email a parenting expert and try lots of sensible things for 12 and a half minutes, until the nagging to use the iPad got too great or someone needed bribing to eat their broccoli. Let’s instead turn to Mr Dahl for his tips on how to deal with children.

DON’T GIVE CHILDREN EVERYTHING THEY WANT:

Mr Salt, Veruca’s father, insists his staff unwrap chocolates to find a golden ticket for his darling daughter. Who does that? Hmm, the parent that buys an iPod for a six-year-old, who eventually says “yes” after repeatedly saying “no”, one that agrees to a pet without insisting on the child feeding it. “No good can ever come from spoiling a child like that, Charlie,” says Grandpa Joe.

SELF-CONTROL IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN SELF-ESTEEM:

An entire generation of kids has their self-worth poised precariously on a lifetime of praise. Augustus Gloop’s parents are as “proud as anything” of their butterball of a child, even though he troughs himself silly at the chocolate river, or that he’s a candidate for diabetes or that he’s not been taught the restraint so vital for a valuable life. His self-esteem is intact and that’s what matters.

YOUR CHILD IS NOT SPECIAL:

"You are a clever girl," says Mrs Beauregarde as Violet pinches Mr Wonka’s magic chewing gum and shoves it down her little gob. Mr Dahl has her blow up into a blueberry, a warning if ever there was one, not to let your children get too full of themselves.

CONSEQUENCES MATTER:

If you try to steal a squirrel (Veruca) or transmit yourself via television (Mike) it will end badly. If they had been sent to their room, sat on the naughty step or been banned from play dates, we might have been reading Mike and the Chocolate Factory.

GROWN-UPS ARE THE BOSS:

When I was a kid in the ‘70s no one ever said “you’re not the boss of me”. These days they come home from hospital with it embedded in their psyche. Give up your chair/lunch/life for your child and you’re asking for it.

CABBAGE IS A PERFECTLY GOOD MEAL:

Likewise, hand-me-downs are perfectly good clothes and sharing a laudable concept.

BEING GOOD AT STUFF IS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS BEING GOOD:

“Kindness is my number one attribute in a human being,” says Dahl. "I'll put it before anything like courage, bravery, generosity or anything else. If you're kind, that's it.”

Alan Silverwood
Chaplain
silverwood.alan.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Boronia K-12 College - Wednesday, Thursday
Great Ryrie Primary School - Mon, Tue, Fri

The Chaplaincy program is funded through the Federal Government & Community support. This is a voluntary program in our school community.

Ex Serviceperson Grants

ARE YOU EX NAVY, ARMY, OR AIR FORCE?

Then Carry On (Victoria) may be able to help you with education costs if you meet our eligibility criteria.

If you have served in the Australian Defence Forces or Allied Forces and you wish to apply for a Secondary Education Grant for 2014, please telephone Carry On (Victoria) on (03) 9629 2648 to establish eligibility and request an application form.

Carry On (Victoria) assists Secondary School students in Years 7-12 with grants for expenses such as fees, books, uniforms, excursions etc. For those students going on to Tertiary Education a grant may also be available.

Children whose Parent/s or Legal Guardian/s have a need for financial assistance and comply with our eligibility criteria may apply. All grants are income tested and applications should be submitted by 7 November 2013.

Rangeview Junior Rockers

Junior Rockers is currently offering lessons to Boronia K-12 College students in guitar, keyboard/piano and drums.

The lessons are run weekly after school at Boronia K-12 College.

You can choose private lessons ($24/lesson) or shared lessons ($18/lesson). Shared lessons have a maximum of 2 students.

For more information or to book in for lessons, please email sue@juniorrockers.com or call us on 1300 46 76 25.

Or go to www.juniorrockers.com and fill in the online application.
Boronia K-12 College - Trivia Night 2013

Boronia K-12 College Parents Club would like to acknowledge the following businesses and people for their contribution to the Trivia night held on 12 October, 2013. We had some fantastic support from our local and wider community which ensured the night was a huge success!

Crayola
Chesterton Farm
Goldcross Cycles
Puffing Billy Railway
Alan Tudge (MP)
Melbourne Museum
John Alan Betta Electrical
Collingwood Childrens Farm
Lowes
Boronia Travel Centre
The Good Guys (Greg Rako Bayswater)
Creative Dreams
Bayswater Roller City
Knar
Metro Cinemas
PartyLite Candles
Body Bronze
Bunnings
Tupperware
Word of Mouth Technology
Zagames
Kellie Churchill

Commonwealth Bank School Banking
To help your child learn about good money management and the importance of saving, Boronia K-12 College is pleased to offer the Commonwealth Bank’s School Banking Program.

Banking Day is Monday
Students need a Commonwealth Bank YouthSaver Account to participate. For your convenience you are invited to open an account for your child at our Account Opening Day. Simply bring along your photo identification and Kath Penny from the Commonwealth Bank will take care of the rest.

CBA School Banking encourages good saving habits; rewards good saving behaviours and helps raise funds for your school.

Join now for your chance to win some amazing treasure!

60 x Apple Ipod Touch 16GB & 100 kids Adventure DVD packs to won
Students simply need to make two or more school banking deposits before the end of November. For more information visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland