4 December - All Library books due
7 December - Parent Helper Morning Tea
8 December - Year 7, 2016 State-wide Orientation Day
8 December - Whole School Transition Day
10 December - Yr 4/9 Zoo Excursion
11 December - 7-10 Bike Ride
14 December - Year 8/9 Dark Zone Excursion (45 students only)
15 December - Tree Surfing Exsn
15 December - Yr 6 Graduation
16 December - Christmas Concert
17 December - Sec. Awards Night
18 December - Last Day of Term

TERM 1 - 27 January - 24 March
TERM 2 - 11 April - 24 June
TERM 3 - 11 July - 16 September
TERM 4 - 3 October - 20 December

ARTICLES OF INTEREST
- ELC News
- Library News
- Working Bee
- Vaccinations
- Student Banking
- Whole School Transition Program
- Community Service in Multi-Materials

PREP - YEAR 6 CHOIR PERFORMANCE

On Monday 16 November, students from our Prep–Year 6 Choir visited Boronia Kmart to celebrate the unveiling of the Kmart Christmas Tree by performing a number of Christmas songs. Their performance was fantastic and well received by all in attendance!
Celebrations are so important - but as a Kindergarten Teacher I’ve always looked beyond traditional forms of celebration to better understand the human connectedness part of celebrating. It’s often the immeasurable part of celebration that I search out for in my classroom - it’s the ‘feeling’, the ‘relationships’, the unique ‘traditions’ and quirky family-centric ‘rituals’ that are only known to families and/or friends involved in said celebration. Through meaningful connectedness with children and families a teacher discovers lots of teeny little sparkles that support them to meaningfully celebrate everyone in an educational village.

This week we collectively discovered and created our own unique and quirky ELC 4s manifestation of meaningful celebration.

I introduce to you what can only be described as - ‘Would you like some tree with your tinsel?!’

See you in the sandpit!

**Ben Goodes**

**ELC Director**

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**Library News**

**November/December Scholastic Book Fair**

Congratulations to our wonderful school community who never cease to amaze me with their constant generosity, commitment and support during our school library’s fundraising.

Combined you have bought over $1000 worth of merchandise from our second Scholastic Book Fair for this year. We earned 35% commission on our total sales of $1,871.00.

We earned $654.00 worth of books for our school library which our students and families will be able to enjoy next year.

Well done everyone. Your children will have a lot of wonderful new books to borrow and share with you next year.

Have a safe and happy summer holiday.

**Mrs Young - Librarian**
Our recent College Working Bee was a great success! We would like to thank all the families that volunteered their time on the day, the Rangeview Road end of the school now looks fantastic.
**Vaccinations**

Has your child received the recommended secondary school vaccinations? Knox City Council’s immunisation team has visited the school three times this year to administer scheduled vaccines.

The administered vaccines were as follows:

**Year 7:**
- Human papillomavirus (Gardasil)
- Chickenpox (Varivax)
- Diptheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough (Boostrix)

**Year 8 - 10:**
- Diptheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough (Boostrix)

As of 2016, Boostrix will no longer be free for Year 8 - 10 students. If your child has missed out on their scheduled vaccines, please bring them to a Council run public immunisation session, or your GP by 31 December, 2015.

If you wanted to have your child immunised but are unsure if your child received these vaccines, please contact Council’s immunisation team on 9298 8165.

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**Uniform for Sale**

The College currently has a second hand, although completely brand new (as it was never worn) Boronia K-12 College blazer for sale.

The details are as follows:

- **Size:** 14
- **Cost:** $70.00 (Cash only)

We also currently have two shirts available:

- **Size:** 16
- **Cost:** $10.00 (Cash only)

Simply pop into the General Office for any queries.

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**Sun Smart Season**

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

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**Student Banking**

Do you still have left over student banking tokens? That’s okay, because they carry over to next year!

Reward orders received from Friday 3 December onwards will be held and released for mailing to schools from Wednesday 27 January. This will ensure that no orders “go missing” when schools are closed over the Christmas period.

Please also note that the last banking day for 2015 will be **Monday 7 December**.

Thank you for supporting this wonderful program.

*The Banking Team*
Year 3 ELC Visit

Recently, the Year 3 students paid a visit to the 3 year old kinder room. Year 3s had written the ELC students letters and also shared some hilarious jokes. Students were then given the opportunity for free play, and read a book together.

Whole School Transition Program

Dear Parents and/or Guardians,

We have many events planned for this incredibly busy time of year, one of them being our Transition Program. This program incorporates all students across the College, giving them the opportunity to meet their new classmates and teachers for 2016.

We have our Transition Day planned for Tuesday 8 December.

Please send your child to school as normal on this day.

SCHOOL BANKING REMINDER

Don't forget that MONDAY is School Banking day. Please ensure that your student banking books are handed to the General Office before 9.30am
**Attendance**

**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 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.

Thank you for your support.

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**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**

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**Mathletics, SpelloDrome & IntoScience**

Don’t forget to log on and join in the fun of Mathletics, SpelloDrome and IntoScience.

Your accounts on each of these websites are available to access at any point 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.

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**Parents Club**

With Christmas fast approaching, alongside the annual Christmas Concert, the Parents Club are seeking your assistance. We are currently seeking a variety of donations which will be used towards the annual Christmas Concert Raffle.

We appreciate any donation, big or small (but please ensure the donated items are not second hand). Chocolates, toys, Christmas themed goodies, vouchers, or even something you as a parent or guardian might enjoy!

Please leave donations at the General Office by Tuesday 2 December, 2015. The Parents’ Club will collect the donations and create hampers which will join the raffle, all proceeds of which go directly back to the College.
Our Year 8/9 Connect students are yet to return from camp (at the time of printing), however we have been receiving plenty of updates and it is clear to see that all in attendance are having a fantastic time!
Community Service in Multi-Materials

Over the last month, students in the Year 8/9 Multi-Materials Woodwork elective have been busy repairing broken equipment from the Early Learning Centre.

They have used their skills to dismantle, repair and rebuild items like a model petrol station, dolls house, toy wheel barrow, and quite a number of the children’s building boxes which had deteriorated over time. All the items had to be carefully checked to make sure that there were no sharp edges and any nails and screws fitted safely so that the children cannot injure themselves.

They have done an excellent job judging by the smile on Ben’s face (ELC director) when the students handed over the finished items.

My thanks go to Mahshad and Paige for their solid work in organising and completing these repairs in class!

*Rod Schubert - Multi-Materials Teacher*

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Art Request

Cleaning out your cupboards over the holidays?

The Art department are seeking any old crockery (particularly anything colourful or patterned) that you may be wishing to donate to the College.

This old crockery will eventually be used towards mosaic artworks next year.

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Twilight Community Market

Canterbury Gardens Community Church
281 Colchester Rd, Kilsyth

**Friday 18 December, 6pm - 9pm**

Stall holders welcome at $20 per stall

All proceeds to support Golden Age School in Uganda

Please call Russell on 0412 530 449 for further information
Prep - 6 Choir Performance at Kmart
Free Dental Care is not just for Children of Health Care Card Holders.

Children and youth who attend public dental clinics will NOT incur out of pocket expenses with the Child Dental Benefit Schedule.

**NO FEES ~ YOU WILL BE BULK BILLED!**

On January 1st 2014, the government introduced the new Child Dental Benefit Scheme. Families who receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or a relevant Australian Government payment will receive a letter outlining their eligibility.

It entitles all eligible children aged 2-17 years old to general dental care up to the value of $1000 over 2 years.

Our normal dental care continues to operate for all 0-12 year old children and eligible 13-17 year old youth (must be a holder or dependant of a health care or pensioner concessioner card holder, in out-of-home care provided by Department of Human Services or in Custodial Care).

Following their treatment, your child will be placed on our patient recall system and receive a reminder letter when their next appointment is due.

Please do not hesitate to phone the reception staff on 9757 6200 at Knox Social and Community Health if you require any further information about our dental services.

Thank you for your assistance.

The Oral Health Team, Knox Social and Community Health
1063 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully, 3156, Phone: 9757 6200