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PREP - YEAR 4 PRODUCTION
The past few weeks have been an absolute hub of activity as our Prep to Year 4 students have been busily rehearsing for their production, Bedtime Stories. The show was a fantastic success, students performing on Monday 31 August, Tuesday 1 August, and Wednesday 2 August. Well done!
BOOK WEEK

The Book Week day was a lovely day had by all! It was wonderful to see so many students and staff dress up for the occasion. We especially enjoyed being Thing 1 and Thing 2 for the day...although luckily for Mr Rose, we did not wreak as much havoc on the community as they did in The Cat in the Hat! Thankyou to all the staff who organised this day.

2015 NAPLAN RESULTS

Your child’s 2015 NAPLAN results will be posted home in the next week. In Term 4 we intend to hold a parent information session on helping you to understand your child’s results. The date for this is Thursday 22 October at 6:30pm – 7:30pm. Please record it on your calendar and send back the reply slip that comes home in the mail to indicate your attendance. It will not replace our formal parent – teacher interviews that are subject specific but we will attempt to answer your questions about your child’s individual NAPLAN results on this evening.

LEARNING POTENTIAL APP

The Department of Education are continually coming out with new advice for schools and strategies for parents to assist their child’s learning progress. Earlier this year, we suggested the School Mate app. The Australian Government have released another app called Learning Potential which we also recommend adding to your collection of apps. Packed with tips and ideas for you to get involved in your child’s learning, the Learning Potential app helps you make the most of the time you spend with your child.

Researchers around the world agree that when parents are involved in their child’s learning it really can have a positive impact. This app shows how learning activities fit into your daily routine like getting dinner ready or driving to school and it has ideas from high chair to high school aged children. The app can be personalised for your child and their age group. To learn more go to:


Years 7 – 12 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The Semester 2 parent teacher interviews will be held on the final Thursday of this term for Years 7 -12. Your child’s interim report and details for online bookings will be posted home closer to this date. Parents who have trouble making a booking online, please talk to Catherine from the General Office and she will assist you to make a booking. We encourage all parents to attend this evening to speak to their child’s teachers and ask you to bring your child along to be part of the discussion about their progress. As we get closer to the end of the school year it is important that students and parents find out from their teachers what they need to do to best support them for the expectations of the year ahead to make the transition as smooth as possible.

Parent Teacher interviews are scheduled from 4pm – 7pm on Thursday 17 September.

Rachel Gardiner & Brooke Cross
Assistant Principals

College App. Tiqbiz

If you haven’t already, please ensure that you have downloaded the Boronia K-12 College app ‘Tiqbiz’.

Tiqbiz is our predominant source of communication to families.

Tiqbiz is a free app, available for download from the Apple iTunes store, and Google Play Store. If you do not have a smart phone or tablet, the app can also be downloaded to your computer here. Alternatively, visit tiqbiz.com.au.

The app enables us to send electronic copies of notices to families, as well as notify you of last minute updates, and scheduled reminders.

When you sign up, or if you have already signed up, please ensure you have the correct boxes (or newsfeeds) ‘ticked’ for your child or children.

We ask that all families tick the ‘Whole School’ box.

In future, all notifications that are applicable for the whole school (such as the newsletter) will only be accessible if you have ticked the ‘Whole School’ option.

You can tick as many boxes as you like to ensure you receive all information relevant to your family.

Important notices will still be distributed to students during class time, and printed newsletters are available for collection from the General Office.
Prep Inquiry Unit on Dinosaurs

Preps are working on a Dinosaur Unit for Inquiry where we look at the different theories behind Dinosaur extinction. Last week we made a volcano from play-dough, vinegar, and bicarbonate soda, and watched it explode! We have learnt that one theory in dinosaur extinction is that there were a series of volcanic eruptions on Earth during prehistoric times.

Year 1 Excursion to Como House

On Tuesday 18 August, the Year 1’s went on an excursion to the historic Como House in support of our Inquiry Unit ‘Changes Over Time’.

The students enjoyed learning about what slaves used to do such as providing drinks, washing clothes, and listening to bells to know which room in the house required attention.

They played outside games such as croquet, skipping, egg and spoon races and quoits.

The students looked around the house of the family who used to live there and saw many different rooms. In the ballroom the students learned how to dance. They found out about activities they did inside the house and about different objects that we don’t use now. They were shocked that people used to have to go to the toilet in a bowl and the servants had to collect it!

There was also a clue hunt where the Year 1’s had to find out ‘who broke the doll?’. It was very exciting.

A fantastic day was had by all. Thanks to the parents who volunteered their time and Miss Cottle for assisting in groups.

Miss Simpson & Miss Bondini

NO DOGS
ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
EXCEPT GUIDE DOGS, OR WITH PRIOR CONSENT FROM THE PRINCIPAL
Woolworths Earn & Learn Program

We have been alerted to a shortage of Earn & Learn stickers in the area. If your local Woolworths has run out of stickers, simply keep your receipt and drop it into the Boronia K-12 College General Office.

We will be collecting these receipts in order to continue claiming points for our school!

Year 2 Taskworks Incursion

On Thursday the 20th of August, 2A and 2B had an incursion with Taskworks. Rose and Greg told us about push, pull and gravity. There were six activities. There was a kid lifter and two kids had a go at lifting. A racing car, a high striker, a whiteboard with magnets, a spinning board, a table with magnets and a bridge with 25 magnets and bowling shoes with magnets in them.

**Penny 2A**

On Thursday 20th of August, we did an incursion and it was Taskworks. Rose and Greg always run it. I was in blue group. I was with Kirby (the birthday boy), Shyra and lucky last, Ben in Year 7. There were some more Year 7’s as well, then we started. We started on the go-cart. We had to pull it apart and put it together, that was so, so, so, so fun.

**Kaden 2B**

Thursday the 20th of August, the Grade 2’s had Taskworks. Rose and Greg showed us some push and pull things, and most of them had magnets! We got to build a car then pull it a part again. We had to do lots of team work. One of them was shapes and we could make a ramp then turn over a shape and let it go. There were 6 things to do. I was in red group. I had lots of fun.

**Jemma 2A**

On Thursday 20th of August we had an incursion. Rose and Greg were from Taskworks and they showed us six activities using push and pull. I liked the kid lifter the best. I screamed a lot but I still liked it. Gravity shoes felt weird on the magnetic bridge. I had to walk and count how many magnets. There were 25 and I had normal magnets.

**Henry 2B**
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.

CSEF Applications

As was communicated in various newsletters last term, and via letter to families who were previously applicable for EMA, the Victorian Government unveiled a new $148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities, titled the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF).

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

Applications to apply were to be submitted to the College by Friday 26 June, 2015 (the last day of Term 2). As this date has now passed, we ask that any families that may have overlooked this application and believe they may be applicable, contact the General Office immediately.

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 can download your application form here or collect a copy from the General Office.

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.

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.
The Great Cook Off

As part of the Year 9 Connect Program, students have been working on their “Making a Difference” Unit. This year the students are undertaking the “G. E. M” program - Grow, Eat and Move. For the Grow and Eat components of the unit, students have been working with Year 6 students, looking at healthy recipes.

On Thursday 25 June, Boronia West Primary School ran a 'cook off' against other primary schools, with Boronia K-12 College facilitating the event. We were fortunate to have Nic Puccini, an Italian chef newly arrived to Australia, to run a 'pizza master class' for the event.

Rita Alvero, manager of Healthy Together Victoria, documented the program via photos and videos of participating students.

Pictured are our Year 5/6 students practising for the event, aided by Year 9 Students.

Buddies Program

Last term, Prep students learned all about the Olden Days as part of their Inquiry unit, ‘Now and Then.’ We decided to integrate this topic into a Buddies lesson where students were required to plan, design and create a gentleman’s top hat or a lady’s bonnet. Prep students worked together with their Year 5/6 buddies to build some wonderful creations. This task was made more challenging by following strict guidelines such as: using at least three different materials and creating a brim 7cm deep on the top hat.
Rationale:
Boronia K-12 College recognises that many students now feel the need to carry a mobile phone and accepts that there are genuine reasons for their use – for example to contact parents after sport practice, a part-time job after school or in emergencies.

As a learning community, the use of mobile phones and similar electronic devices can be disruptive to the learning environment and we do need rules to govern their use during school hours. We also acknowledge that mobile phones/electronic communication devices can be used for valid educational purposes as long as guidelines for safe and acceptable use are in place.

Mobile phones and other electronic devices can easily be improperly used, lost or damaged and must therefore be effectively managed.

Aims:
To utilise the benefits of mobile phones whilst managing the problems they can potentially cause.

Implementation:

- If mobile phones are brought to school they are to be used only outside school hours and at their owner’s risk (exception: see dot point 4)
- The College will not accept any responsibility for theft, loss or damage or health effects (potential or actual) resulting from mobile phone use
- Parents and students should ensure that phones (and/or electronic devices) are properly and adequately insured as personal property
- Mobile phones must be turned off and locked in the student’s locker at the start of the school day and not accessed until the final bell unless permission has been given by a child’s teacher for a specific educational purpose in a specific class for a specified period of time. Any unacceptable use of the mobile phone (or similar electronic device) under these special circumstances will mean the loss of this privilege for the students involved
- Mobile phones must not be taken into any examination room or test, in line with Victorian Curriculum & Assessment Authority policy
- Students must not use a mobile or an electronic device to take images or record conversations of other students or staff without written consent
- Use of mobile phones during excursions and on camp is to be determined by the classroom teacher/teacher in charge of the excursion or camp, in accordance with the guidelines for safe and acceptable use as outlined in this document
- Students who become unwell during the day must not use their mobile phone to contact their parent/guardian to collect them. Students must follow the normal procedure of visiting sick bay and/or talking to the Assistant Principal/Class, Pod or Mentor Teacher who will make the necessary arrangements in conjunction with the General Office
- Students engaged in the inappropriate use of mobile phones/electronic devices including but not restricted to bullying or harassing others through SMS, voice or picture will receive immediate consequences, increasing in severity depending on nature of the offense
- Senior students (Years 10-12) may utilise their phones in some subjects to complete learning/curriculum tasks. This must be done in accordance with the guideline for safe and acceptable use, as outlined in this document

⇒ Non-observance or breaches of this policy may result in the student’s mobile phone being confiscated for the remainder of that school day, kept in a safe place for collection by the student after the final bell. The school will take all due care and consideration but ultimately takes no responsibility for damage to or loss of the mobile phone.

⇒ If the student refuses to hand over their phone or is rude/uncooperative towards the teacher confiscating the phone that child’s parents will be notified and further consequences discussed (e.g. phone handed into the General Office each morning and collected in the afternoon for a week)

⇒ If a student’s mobile phone is confiscated more than twice in a school term because of inappropriate use/use during the school day, the phone will need to be collected from an Assistant Principal by the parent/guardian of the student.

⇒ Repeated breaches of this policy may lead to suspension from school.

⇒ Inappropriate or unacceptable use of mobile phones causing harm or distress to other members of the school community will lead to severe consequence including possible suspension.

Evaluation:
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

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
This week students in VCE Studio Arts went on an excursion to Melbourne CBD. They attended a walking street art tour around Melbourne’s famous laneways with a practicing Melbourne Street Artist. They were told some secrets of artists from Melbourne and internationally. The tour ended at the Blender Studios where well known street artist Adrian Doyle explained the concept behind his studio spaces. Attached to Blender Studios is Adrian Doyle’s Gallery, The Dark Horse Experiment, where his current solo exhibition ‘Never Forget to Remember’ was on show. Doyle gave a personalised tour and talk to the students where he discussed his exhibition which is around the theme of ‘Australian Suburban Lifestyle’ which includes mixed media paintings, sculpture, video and installation art pieces.

Miss Karpathiou
Chaplain’s Report

“A Paradox of our time” – Excerpts from George Carlin, comedian of the 70’s & 80’s.

The paradox of our time in history is that we have taller buildings but shorter tempers, wider freeways, but narrower viewpoints. We spend more, but have less, we buy more, but enjoy less. We have bigger houses and smaller families, more conveniences, but less time. We have more degrees but less sense, more knowledge, but less judgment, more experts, yet more problems, more medicine, but less well-being.

We drink too much, smoke too much, spend too recklessly, laugh too little, drive too fast, get too angry, stay up too late, get up too tired, read too little, watch TV too much, and pray too seldom.

We have multiplied our possessions, but reduced our values. We talk too much, love too seldom, and hate too often.

We’ve learned how to make a living, but not a life. We’ve added years to life not life to years. We’ve been all the way to the moon and back, but have trouble crossing the street to meet a new neighbour. We conquered outer space but not inner space. We’ve done larger things, but not better things.

We’ve cleaned up the air, but polluted the soul. We’ve conquered the atom, but not our prejudice. We write more, but learn less. We plan more, but accomplish less. We’ve learned to rush, but not to wait. We build more computers to hold more information, but we communicate less and less.

These are the times of fast foods and slow digestion, big men and small character, steep profits and shallow relationships, two incomes but more divorce, fancier houses, but broken homes. These are days of quick trips, disposable diapers, throwaway morality, and pills [for every purpose].

Remember; spend some time with your loved ones, because they are not going to be around forever. Say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe, because that little person soon will grow up and leave your side. Give a warm hug to the one next to you, because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart and it doesn’t cost a cent.

Give time to love, give time to speak! And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind, AND ALWAYS REMEMBER: Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away.

Father Figures

1) The circle of life applies to fatherhood, too.
"By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong."

2) A face only a father could love... or not.
"To be a successful father, there's one absolute rule: when you have a kid, don't look at it for the first two years."

3) Sometimes dads are just winging this fathering thing.
"If the new American father feels bewildered and even defeated, let him take comfort from the fact that whatever he does in any fathering situation has a 50 percent chance of being right."

4) Dads have a funny way of showing their kids love.
"When I was a kid, I said to my father one afternoon, 'Daddy, will you take me to the zoo?' He answered, 'If the zoo wants you, let them come and get you.'" — Jerry Lewis

5) Daughters always have a special place in Dad's heart.
"It is admirable for a man to take his son fishing, but there is a special place in heaven for the father who takes his daughter shopping."

6) Dads and newborns are quite the pair.
"Having a staring contest with a newborn is one of the weirdest things you'll ever do. And it is highly recommended."

7) Some dads wish they could protect their kids no matter what.
"I want my son to wear a helmet 24 hours a day."

8) Even celebrities take their father role seriously.
"This is my most important role. If I fail at this, I fail at everything." — Mark Wahlberg

9) Funny how maturity can make us view our parents with new eyes.
"The older I get, the smarter my father seems to get." — Mark Twain

I love being a Dad, and a Grandpa. Here I am with our eldest son Sam and his son Ezra, almost two years old. May all Dads and Father figures have an enjoyable Father's Day.

Alan Silverwood - Chaplain
Year 7 Students have been baking cupcakes for allocated staff using the specific staff member’s favourite colours, football teams, and hobbies. The delicious end products have been well received by all!

Don’t forget! The College is collecting Earn & Learn stickers. Feel free to pop into the General Office and drop them off!
The College will not accept legal liability in relation to any advertisements which appear in this newsletter.

Students of the Week

Check out some of our recent superstar Students of the Week! Well done to all our recipients!

WIN A CRICKET CLINIC AT THE MCG WITH THE COMMONWEALTH BANK VICTORIAN BUSHRANGERS & VIC SPIRIT.

Commbank is giving your school the chance to win one of six cricket clinics at the MCG with the Commonwealth Bank Victorian Bushrangers & VIC Spirit. Terms and Conditions apply. Please see reverse for full details.

To enter, we are seeking creative submissions explaining why your school should be selected to win this exclusive opportunity for children to improve their cricket skills and have a ball of fun with our Bushrangers and VIC Spirit players.

Entries must be submitted by Friday 16th September 2016 to

Commbank Bank
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380 Bourke Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

For further information, please contact your School Banking Specialist Kathleen Penny on 0422 116 035.

Tuning in to Teens™
Emotionally Intelligent Parenting

A six-session parenting program for parents of adolescents aged 12 to 17 years

Would you like to learn how to:
- be better at talking with your teen?
- be better at understanding your teen?
- help your teen learn to manage their emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your teens?
- teach your teen to deal with conflict?

Tuning in to Teens shows you how to help your teen develop emotional intelligence. Adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:
- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success — Emotional Intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ.

Dates: Weds: 14, 21, & 28 October 2015
Weds: 11, 18, & 25 November 2015
No session: Weds 4 November 2015
Where: Knox Youth Info Centre (Knox City)
When: 6:30 pm to 9:00pm
RSVP Date: 18 September 2015
Contact: Janine Triandafillou 9871 8700

ANIMAL AID
FANCY DRESS
FUN RUN/WALK

Ringwood Lake Park
Sunday 4th October at 11am

Run/walk 5 kms or 6 laps
Walk with your dog
Best Dressed Prizes
Meet dogs for adoption

Celebrate World Animal Day and help us raise funds to support the homeless pets in our care!

animalaid.org.au
35 Killara Road Goldstream
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Bendigo Bank

Uniting Care
Harrison
The 2015 Book Week Celebrations at Boronia K-12 College were a fantastic success! Keep an eye out for our next newsletter for more details on our celebrations, our announcement on the Boronia K-12 College ‘Book Week Best Books Awards’, and even more photos of the Book Week dress up day parade!

We’re sure everyone had a wonderful time dressing up for a little bit of fun for the day’s celebrations - we know the staff sure did!