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**Important Dates**

- 10 June - Leap Into Law Excursion
- 10 June - Year 8 Sport (netball, football & badminton)
- 11 June - Hansel & Gretel Opera Australia Performance
- 19 June - Primary District AFL Competition
- 19 June - Year 7 Soccer
- 24 June - Year 7 Sport (netball, football & badminton)
- 25 June - Year 8 Soccer
- 26 June - Last Day Term 2
- 30 July - Australian Maths Competition
- 6 August - Whole College Athletics Carnival
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**Primary District Cross Country**

Last Friday 29 May, saw the Primary District Cross Country team compete at Lewis Road Reserve. Boronia K-12 College had 50 competitors who represented the school and looked fantastic in their College sports uniform!
The wearing of a prescribed uniform is compulsory at Boronia K-12 College for Years P-12.

A uniform provides an effective means for students and the community to positively identify with the College. The Boronia K-12 College uniform retains the traditional colours of both Boronia Primary School and Boronia Heights College. The uniform selected for each ‘Stage of Learning’ acknowledges the range of age groups and maturity levels of the students.

Pride, belonging and commitment to our college will be developed through the wearing of this attractive and practical uniform.

The educational atmosphere and ethos of Boronia K-12 College will be enhanced when students wear our school uniform, which the school community has helped to develop.

All students who are enrolled at Boronia K-12 College are expected to wear our school uniform.

As winter approaches, some students have been ‘supplementing’ their uniform with different jumpers and items of clothing that are not part of our school uniform. Please be aware that they will be asked to remove these items of clothing. We believe that our school uniform provides a number of options to ensure students are able to stay warm during this cold weather.

Should you experience financial difficulty in purchasing the required school uniform, I encourage you to contact Brooke Cross, Assistant Principal, for assistance through State Schools Relief.

All school councils have the authority to develop and implement dress codes for their students. This authority arises from a Ministerial Order under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006.

The Ministerial Order under the Education and Training Reform Act 2006 authorises the school council to develop and implement a dress code that covers any matters which a school council considers appropriate in relation to:

- Clothing and other items worn, carried or used
- Grooming
- Physical appearance and the general presentation of students.

Section 16(1)(c) - Education and Training Regulations 2007 states that the principal of a government school may determine the consequences to be imposed on a student for not wearing the school uniform in accordance with any determination of the school council on school uniforms, but the principal must be satisfied that the student’s failure to wear the uniform was because of the student’s disobedience, that the consequences must be reasonable and that the dress code policy has been brought to the attention of the students and parents.

Section 40 - Victorian Equal Opportunity Act 1995 states that an educational authority may set and enforce reasonable standards of dress and appearance for students, where a standard of dress and appearance for students is considered reasonable when the views of the school community have been taken into account in setting the standard. The Boronia K-12 College community went through a long period of consultation and discussion to arrive at the uniform many students now proudly wear.

Exemptions may apply because of student disability or health condition, religious beliefs, ethnic or cultural backgrounds.

Should you wish to pursue an exemption from Boronia K-12 College uniform requirements please do so in writing, stating clearly your grounds for seeking an exemption. The exemption process should only be necessary in exceptional circumstances as we believe our uniform code accommodates the needs of all students.

Regards,

David Rose
College Principal

Assistant Principal’s Report

SchoolMate App

The Department of Education and Training has released an App which is designed to help you better understand the curriculum we use to teach your children every day.

The App, called SchoolMate, is available for free download now in the App Store for iPhones and iPads and in Google Play for Android phones and tablets.

SchoolMate gives you a general overview of the Victorian curriculum in each subject at each year level and:

- Provides you with an overview of what your children are learning in each subject at each year level according to the Victorian curriculum (AusVELS)
- Provides you with tips regarding activities and things you can do at home to help your kids in each subject and year level
- Suggests apps, books, events and activities related to each subject area and year level.

Our school, like all other government schools in Victoria, uses AusVELS as the basis for the learning programs we run at school every day.

Our teachers adapt the curriculum to meet the needs of our students and community, for example, designing learning programs around what your children are interested in, or around days or celebrations that are important to our community.

SchoolMate is designed to give you an overview of what children are expected to learn in Victorian government schools across every subject from Prep to Year 10.

I encourage you to download SchoolMate and to please talk with your teacher or myself if you are interested to find out more about how our school teaches the curriculum.

Rachel Gardiner
Assistant Principal—Curriculum
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 during 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 you 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.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

The Victorian Government have unveiled a new $148 million initiative to ensure all Victorian students can take part in school trips and sporting activities.

The Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) will run over four years and provide payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

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

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

On the first day of Term 3;

- Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 20004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card, or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- Be a temporary foster parents, and;
- Submit an application to the school by the due date

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, are not eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of the above.

For the purpose of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between five and 18 years. CESF is not payable to students attending pre-school, kindergarten, home schooled, or TAFE.

CESF eligibility will be subject to the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validating with Centrelink on either the first day of Term 2 or Term 3.

If the parent/legal guardian’s concession card successfully validates on the first day of Term 2 (13 April, 2015), the application will be processed and the full annual payment will be made to the school from the commencement of Term 3.

For applications which fail the Term 2 validation, but become valid on the first day of Term 3, the application will be processed and payment will be made to the school during Term 3.

The CSEF is an annual payment to the school of the eligible applicant. CSEF payments are for the application year, and cannot be claimed retrospectively for prior years.

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 should lodge your application form by Friday 26 June, 2015.

If you were previously applicable for EMA, you should have received a letter home with your child in the past week containing the CSEF application form. If you did not receive this letter, feel free to contact the General Office and we will send one home with your child.

Maria Jansen
Business Manager

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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UPCOMING PRIMARY SPORTS

Primary District Football (AFL): Friday 19 June
Permission forms and money must be returned by Friday 12 June.

Year 5/6 Open Netball: Friday 12 June
The Year 5/6 Open Netball team has qualified for the District final against Wantirna Primary School. They will compete at Boronia K-12 College on Friday 12 June from 1.30—2.30.

Primary District Cross Country Competition

Last Friday, 29 May, saw the Primary District Cross Country team compete at Lewis Road Reserve, Wantirna South. Boronia K-12 College had 50 competitors who represented the school and looked fantastic in their College sports uniform. All competitors completed their race which was a fantastic effort and there was fantastic support coming from teammates from the side.

Overall Boronia K-12 College finished fourth in the standings, including two second places and a third place in the age group championships. We were lucky enough to have six students finish their race in the top 10 and qualify for the Knox Division Competition to be held this Friday, 5 June at Knox Athletics Track.

We wish good luck to the following students:
Jack 3/4A (1st in 9/10 Boys)
Jarrah 3/4A (4th in 9/10 Boys)
Liam 5/6B (9th in 11 Year Boys)
Ellie 5/6B (6th in 11 Year Girls)
Brodie 5/6B (10th in 12/13 Boys)
Charlotte 5/6B (5th in 12/13 Girls)

Well done to those students and we are all looking forward to hearing how you go on Friday. Thank you to Ms. Hancock and Ms. Fraser for coming and assisting on the day as well as Ashley, Jake & Matt for marshalling. Also a big thank you to all the parents who came out to support the whole team. It was fantastic to see.

Boronia Vocal Students ‘Like it Loud’ at Hamer Hall

‘Like it Loud’ vocal students were invited to perform at the North Eastern Victoria Regional concert at Hamer Hall on Wednesday 27 May. Well done to Lani 9A, Layne 9B, Alyssa 8A, Liam 8A, and Sinead 9B, who participated in all rehearsals and the final performance at Hamer Hall last Wednesday night. This concert included a wide range of school from the NEVR metropolitan and country Victoria, and the standard and quality of performances were amazing. The secondary choir, directed by Judith McLaren, included soprano, alto and bass part singing, with live music backing from an all student band.

Other performances included full symphonic orchestra, music theatre, symphonic band, stage band, primary choir, guitar ensemble, rookie bands and string orchestra. Our students loved being involved and gained valuable knowledge about how to rehearse and plan large events, and discovered what goes on backstage at Hamer Hall. Students had to be ready and listening at all times, and prepared to do whatever had to be done without any delay. Happily, our students showed care and consideration through the rehearsals and performance, and once again made a very positive contribution to our school and community. All students said they can’t wait until next year so that they can be part of this event again.

Thanks also to all parents, staff and friends involved and who helped our students get to rehearsals and to the final evening performance. Great support, much appreciated!

Professional photos of the performance, including the secondary choir, are available for purchase from: https://photogalleries247.com/nevr/index.php (Password: nevr)

Jenny Royle (Secondary Music Coordinator) | Rebecca Russell (Vocal Teacher) | Judith McLaren (NEVR choir director)
Reconciliation

Tuesday 26 May was National Sorry Day. National Sorry Day is an annual event that has been held in Australia on 26 May, since 1998, to remember and commemorate the mistreatment of the country's indigenous population.

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey—the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

On Sunday 31, I attended the 10th Victorian Remembrance Service at the Shrine. It was a special occasion, as we listened to family stories, didgeridoo and clap sticks, heard the Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place Choir sing Amazing Grace in Yorta Yorta and English, and heard a message from the Minister for Aboriginal Affairs, Natalie Hutchins. Heidi Victoria [Shadow Minister] was also there, and we enjoyed talking after the service.

One of my goals this year is to learn more about the Aboriginal people and culture. I plan to join a local Reconciliation Group. When we need learn new things, we can receive renewed vigour in life, and broaden our perspective.

Alan Silverwood
Chaplain
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Pastoral care for our community, with issues of emotional, financial, spiritual, physical nature.

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

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.

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