PREP’S 100 DAYS OF SCHOOL

On Wednesday 6 August it was their 100th Day of School. Each student wrote a speech and spoke confidently to our special family members in the audience. Everyone had a fantastic day!
College Principal’s Report

We are looking forward to Heidi Victoria, Arts Minister and Member for Bayswater, taking on the role as Principal of Boronia K-12 College on Friday 15 August as part of the Principal for a Day program. **Please note that we will not conduct a Junior or Middle Years assembly on Monday or Tuesday. These will occur on Friday as part of Heidi’s visit. The Junior assembly will commence at 9.00am, and the Senior assembly at 11.30am**

Did you know there are still some vacancies on School Council for parent members? We are keen to ensure there is a full complement of parent representation on School Council and wish to co-opt interested mums or dads to fill these positions. If you are interested in being involved I encourage you to contact me, or a current member of School Council, to express your interest.

One of the discussions at School Council last Wednesday evening focused on ways to improve communication to our parent community. We discussed various means of ensuring parents received our College newsletter and talked about the variety of communication available to us. We will continue to source alternatives to ensure the provision and delivery of timely and accurate information to parents. One of the changes we are making will be to this newsletter. The College newsletter is currently distributed on a weekly basis. After the publication of this issue, distribution will change to a fortnightly occurrence. It is our intention to develop the College website further, as another avenue for communication.

We’ve enjoyed two significant College events this week. On Wednesday we celebrated ‘Prep’s 100 Days of School’ with a special assembly in the morning. There was little evidence of stage fright as all our Preps took to the stage to read their statements identifying the best things about being a Prep at Boronia K-12 College. It was great to see a large number of proud parents and grandparents in the audience, many of whom enjoyed a special morning tea and time with our wonderful Prep students. Congratulations to Laura Cottle and Shana Johnstone for their work.

On Thursday, despite the inclement weather and unfavourable conditions, we managed to conduct our College athletics, unfortunately without our Prep - Year 2 students. I was fortunate enough to be able to spend some time at the venue. In my conversations with students there was a recurring theme - that of great enjoyment and fun. Congratulations to Mitch Stone, Rhonda McMillan and Sharon Mullins for their persistence and willingness to make the Athletics Day such a resounding success.

**David Rose**

*College Principal*

Rangeview Campus Co-Principal’s Report

In last Saturday’s *Age Good Weekend* there was an interesting article about Generation Z. Gen Z includes every child alive today under nineteen. This is a big age group but a number of generalisations can already be made about Gen Z. They are the biggest demographic group in the country today - 25.6 % or 5.7 million people. Gen Z are the first group to be born into a digital world and are also referred to as ‘iGen’. In 1998 only 16% of households were connected to the internet. In 2011 this had risen to 79 %. I can only imagine that it must be nearly 100% in 2014.

As you will have seen for yourself, Gen Z is switched onto all forms of technology, and can be impatient with older style platforms. I am amazed watching a five year old manipulate their way around an phone or iPad and often hear their parents say, “how did you do that?”

Facebook, alongside other social media platforms, can cause all kinds of social issues which spin into school. It is interesting that Generation Z see Facebook as irrelevant and there has been several articles concerning 13 - 17 year olds (25% in the US ) no longer using Facebook this year. Our newest generation is very safety conscious and are concerned about surveillance (all those little apps want to use your location). Snapchat, Secret, or Whisper, send pictures and videos, appearing briefly in an inbox before self-destructing. These are becoming increasingly popular. Gen Z teens are increasingly not interested in building an online profile such as previous generations.

A different set of issues are appearing for Gen Z which therefore become problems for parents and teachers.

Gen Z can have problems in the real world. Their digital acuity can make them oblivious to their surroundings. They communicate intuitively using icons and emojis instead of words and their attention span is at eight seconds! Unfortunately Gen Z is also more sedentary and obesity is a concern.

Gen Z has a great sense of equality, looking after themselves and each other. They have grown up in a multicultural world and tolerant of difference. They are part of a global community and the world is a small place. They are concerned about safety and are less likely to fall for a scam. Interestingly they want to live in a safe environment but don’t want to be told what to do. They are interested in transparent communication. The digital world gives them information immediately. In recent times we have seen the power of social media and the ability to change things immediately. Generation Z want to have a voice!
At Boronia K-12 College there is a genuine and supportive partnership between the home and the College. Our buildings are designed to cope with the Gen Z world. We are creating an environment that uses 21st Century digital tools, is flexible, open and promotes the ability to develop divergent thinking. Our teachers are involving the students in their learning and our classroom programs are shaped by a belief that high quality learning occurs when it is personalised.

Our students are actively engaged with their learning and they are working with teachers to learn how to inquire and be flexible. It is predicted that the current 5 year olds could have 25 jobs in their lifetime. I'm a baby boomer. I was expected to have one job. Interestingly Gen Z is more attracted in working for themselves and setting up their own business.

It is a very thought provoking article by Amanda Hooton. I recommend everyone to read it in order to get a grasp on the way your child thinks in this digital age.

Colin Davies
Co-Campus Principal

Dear Parents,

Several of cases of scabies have been reported over the last couple of weeks in the College.

Scabies can be contracted by direct, prolonged, skin-to-skin contact with an infected person. Anyone can get scabies regardless of age, gender or standards of personal hygiene. Scabies is an infestation caused by a microscopic mite, just visible to the naked eye (0.4mm x 0.3mm). The female mite burrows into the skin to lay its eggs. This is usually painless; at this stage the infestation is not noticed. The itch and rash are an allergic reaction to the mites. It can take from four to six weeks for symptoms to develop in someone who hasn’t had scabies before. People who have had scabies before usually develop symptoms much more quickly if they are exposed again, usually within one to four days.

We are asking all parents to inspect their child’s body for mites. We suggest that you also look for the following symptoms or signs that would indicate the presence of scabies:

- Pimple-like irritations and a raised red rash, usually on the hands, arms, legs, inner thighs and around the waist.
- Intense itching, especially at night over most of the body
- Sores on the body caused by scratching. These sores can sometimes become infected by bacteria
- Mites are often located on and between the fingers, on the wrists, feet, toes, ankles, arm –pits, genitals and buttocks

The treatment for scabies is simple and effective. A number of anti-scabies creams are available from the pharmacist. The cream is applied to the whole body from the neck down. The whole family should be treated at the same time. People will no longer be infectious within 24 hours of treatment, but it can take up to two months for the itch and rash to disappear completely. Sometimes a follow up treatment is advised 14 days after the first treatment, particularly for moderate to severe infestations. Some children may need something to counteract the itchiness and/or something to treat a bacterial infection caused by scratching. Please seek advice from your doctor or the pharmacist.

Children are able to return to school once the appropriate treatment has been carried out. It is important to discuss with your child the embarrassment this condition may cause to infected students through no fault of their own. It is not a blame game, just essential that any infected individual seeks treatment immediately to prevent further infestation.

The school and school community relies on all parents treating the matter of scabies or similar conditions, (e.g. head lice), seriously and with due diligence.

Yours Sincerely,

David Rose
College Principal
The Preps have been busy counting down the days to their 100th Day of school. Each child needed to collect 100 objects and do various hands on activities with them. Lots of learning has been done around the number 100 and students are now confident at counting by 10’s to 100.

On Wednesday 6 August it was their 100th Day of School. Each student wrote a speech and spoke confidently to our special family members in the audience. Afterwards, everyone was welcomed back to the Prep classrooms for a morning tea. It was a huge success and we want to thank each child for the fantastic effort!

Before I turn 100 years old I want to...
1. Drive a car
2. Find gold.
3. Build a house
4. Learn the time
5. Run in the Olympics
Aiden - Prep B

Before I turn 100 years old I want to...
1. Be a teacher
2. Find gold
3. Be a vet
4. Drive a car
5. Find Prince Charming
Mia - Bella - Prep B

Before I turn 100 years old I want to...
1. Be a mermaid
2. Be a dance teacher
3. Get rich
4. Be a rock star
5. Be a Mum
Hannah G - Prep A

Before I turn 100 years old I want to...
1. Drive a car
2. Find lots of gold
3. Be a dad
4. Travel
5. Be a rock star
James - Prep A

Before I turn 100 years old I want to...
1. Meet a fairy
2. Drive a car
3. Be a teacher
Lashana - Prep B

Before I turn 100 years old I want to...
1. Drive a car
2. Find lots of gold
3. Be a dad
4. Travel

Ella K - Prep A
Year 12 VTAC Information Night - Tuesday 12 August

On **Tuesday 12 August** I will be holding an extremely important Information Night regarding VTAC applications and post-Year 12 options for next year. All students and parents are invited and strongly encouraged to attend this evening. The application process (including all steps involved and all important dates), SEAS applications and scholarships will be covered in great detail.

**I cannot stress too strongly the importance of this Information Night.**

If you have any questions regarding the night or wish to organise an appointment with me for you and your child, please feel free to call me on 9760 5900 and ask for Tim Knowles.

*Mr. Tim Knowles*

*Careers/Pathways Co-ordinator*

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**VCAL News**

**What's on in VCAL**

In Personal Development Skills, both VCAL classes are in the early stages of preparing for the Amazing Race. The Foundation group are planning, completing and assessing courses they’ve planned around the school, as a rehearsal for the types of activities they need to complete before the day. They will refine their courses to prepare an event for the Year 9s to complete in a few weeks.

The Senior class are investigating a social issue and are about to complete and submit a report on their research before they contact community organisations who work in the field they are investigating.

In WRS, all students completed a project preparing to assist as an official at the College Athletics Carnival last Thursday – hopefully their involvement on the day was successful.

The Foundation Literacy Skills class are beginning a project – planning an overseas holiday, with Mr Kearney and Ms Kimpton. The Numeracy Skills class are working on catering for a party as their current project.

**Student of the week Award**

**Week 4: Jas 12V**

Many students were up for nomination this week but the stand out was Jas. She has been working solidly in all classes and is up to date or ahead of schedule in completing her work tasks.

Jas shows quiet determined leadership in class and helps organise her team members in projects. She has completed her Tool time presentation in WRS and is preparing for the next part of her PDS Social Issue project – investigating community organisations/support groups, involved with victims of violence.

Congratulations Jas!

*John Gove*

*VCAL Coordinator*
Year 5/6 Girls Football
Rangeview Campus Student of the Week

Prep A - Ella
Prep B - Beth
1/2 B - Ella
1/2 C - Charlie
1/2 D - Jet
3/4 A - Sarah
3/4 B - Caitlan
3/4 C - Alyshia

Well done everyone!

The Wizard of Oz
REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

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As the preparations for the production are now well underway, we are calling for assistance! We will be hosting a 'set painting' days on the following date:

Saturday 16 August (11am - 4pm)

If any parents, guardians, or students are able to help out, please notify the College.

We are also looking for assistance during dress rehearsals and performances, particularly with makeup and costumes. Please notify the College via the General Office of your availability if you wish to assist.
Now taking enrolments for

PREP 2015

For further information or to book an individual tour, please contact us.

Early Learning Centre Happenings

(Left) The 3 and 4 year olds joined together to make this great building with the large outdoor blocks!

(Below) The Frozen movie has had a huge impact on the children's play, and it's been enhanced by some dress-ups donated by Hugs and Snugs Children's Clothes. The children often ask to go dancing to "Let it Go" in the ELC Foyer.

We also made "Olaf's", lots of them, to go with the Winter theme!

(Right) Ms Mul-lins invited us to visit her in the Gym where she had lots of exciting activities for us to try. She also brought some equipment to the ELC for a half hour of fun.
Chaplain’s Spot

Best Friends Forever

All parents will realise that while their influence on their children reduces over time, we remain the most influential person in their life. It is just they don't readily recognise it sometimes. As they develop, the shift in influence moves away from us, through teachers and settles with their friends.

It is also quite normal for us to wish they had different friends, ‘better’ friends as we see their friends as negative influences sometimes and wish they would exchange them for better versions!

I would want to say that the more you try and influence their friendships the less effect you will have. They can get quite stubborn and find many ways to work behind our backs. One tip I would suggest is that you invite their friends over to your house and get to know them. You may find that they are actually good kids and they will have the benefit of getting to know you too.

However, the good news is that most of the time the friendship group changes and develops over time so it is rare that they stay friends forever.

As long as you work hard at keeping your friendship alive and well with your children then they will always be open to your influence, even if they don’t always admit to it.

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Alan Silverwood
Chaplain

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.
Parents' Club

For only $65, you’ll be helping us fundraise with $13 from every Membership sold contributing to our fundraising, and if you buy a Book online before 15 August 2014, you’ll receive FREE delivery!

Order online now at: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1959x26

Your purchase will help towards our fundraising!
Parents’ Club

WHOLE SCHOOL CHOCOLATE DRIVE
The Boronia K-12 College Cadbury Chocolate Drive chocolates have been distributed to most Rangeview Campus students. Remaining families who have not notified the school that they do not wish to receive chocolates, will be receiving theirs shortly.

If you do not wish to receive a box and your student attends the Mount View Campus, please return your notice as soon as possible.

Families who have received a box, but do not wish to sell them, please return them to the College as soon as possible. These chocolates can then be distributed to families who wish to sell more.

All monies and unsold chocolates to be returned to the College by 4.00pm Friday 15 August.

Ferntree Gully Nissan: Great Community Raffle 2014
Get your tickets back! We are proud to be part of this great opportunity and 100% of sales are returned to the school.

Please return your sold tickets and monies AND unsold tickets as soon as possible.

The Parents’ Club would like to thank the following organisations for their kind donations for our Silent Auction at Bogan Bingo on Saturday 9 August 2014:

- Bunnings Bayswater
- Kmart Boronia
- Metro Cinemas
- Puffing Billy Railway
- Chesterfield Farm
- Zagames Boronia
- Lowes
- AMF Bowling Centre
- Banksia Nurseries
- Beaver Swim School
- The Cheesecake Shop
- Eastwood Golf Club
- National Sports Museum

Commonwealth Bank
Scooter Restaurant
Knox Leisure Works
Tesselaar Tulip Farm
Kings Wantirna
Collingwood Childrens Farm
Cameo Cinemas
Lunar Drive Inn
Lisa Angus Photography
Mr Alan Tudge
Timezone Knox
Hillside Café
Tupperware
Home Repairs and Garden Services
Club Kilsyth
Luna Park

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS - FINAL DAYS
Selling for only $65, the 2014 | 2015 Melbourne Entertain™ Membership is packed with over $20,000 worth of valuable offers you can use right away, valid up until 1 June 2015!

Plus, 20% of all purchases contributes to landscaping for the Early Learning Centre & literacy & numeracy resources for Preps - 12! The more we sell, the more we raise – so please forward this email to your family and friends!

Year 9 Parents Info Night

When
Thursday 5 September

Time
7.00pm - 8.15pm

Where
Mount View Campus in eSpace

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THE WIZARD OF OZ

BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE
Directed by Wayne Robinson

Tickets on sale as of 4pm Friday 6 June
Adults $20 | Concession $15
Visit the College Website or click here to book

Thursday 28 August : 7.30pm - 10.30pm
Friday 29 August : 7.30pm - 10.30pm
Saturday 30 August : Matinee 2.30pm - 5.30pm
Saturday 30 August : 7.30pm - 10.30pm