**Important Dates**

- **12 May** - NAPLAN
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- **13 May** - Leap into Engineering Excursion
- **14 May** - NAPLAN
- **15 May** - Yr 7 - 9 Girls Footy
- **20 May** - Prep Excursion to Como House
- **25 - 27 May** - Book Fair
- **28 May** - Pupil Free Day
- **29 May** - Primary District Cross Country
- **1 June** - Henny Penny Hatching for Year 2 Students

**Term Dates 2015**

**Term 1** - 28 January to 27 March
**Term 2** - 13 April to 26 June
**Term 3** - 13 July to 18 September
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**YEAR 9 GARDENING WORKSHOP**

As part of the Year 9 Connect Program, we’re working on our “making a difference unit”, as a part of this, Year 9 students are working together to plant and maintain a vegetable garden for our college.
Greetings,

Tonight Ellesha Wilson, a Boronia K-12 Year 12 student in 2014, will be presented with a David Burgess Foundation Scholarship. These scholarships are awarded to Year 12 students who have had to struggle to overcome adversity, who have shown commitment to their own goals and to those of the community and who, with some help, will achieve those goals. Ellesha is one of only three students in Victoria to be awarded this scholarship this year. It is wonderful to see that the perseverance, commitment and dedication exhibited by Ellesha has resulted in this recognition. Congratulations!

It's been a busy week at the College as we commence the process of installing our recently acquired interactive whiteboards into our classrooms. There will be some disruption as this occurs but the long term benefits for our teachers and students will significantly outweigh the initial inconvenience.

We have conducted a number of parent tours for our College since Term 2 began. The groups have been quite large as interest is running high for both our Year 7 intake and Prep classes. It is gratifying to hear of the positive regard held for the College in our community.

I met with a landscaper this morning to plan for further landscaping in our College grounds, particularly at the Rangeview Road end of the school. We talked about ideas for outdoor learning spaces and student involvement in the project. Russ from Maroondah Landscaping has some very exciting ideas which I look forward to viewing soon.

Jessica and Hailey (our College Captains) and I will be attending Heidi Victoria’s (MP for Bayswater District) ‘Biggest Morning Tea’ next week in a fundraiser for the Cancer Council Australia.

I attended the official launch of the BIG Futures program last week with James Merlino, Minister for Education. The BIG Futures program provides adult mentors for students in a secondary school setting. We are fortunate to have eight mentors supporting middle and senior school students at Boronia K-12 College. They met today for the first time in what we envisage will be a long and productive relationship for all involved.

If you don't have Tiqbiz installed on your phone, tablet or computer I encourage you to do so. It's our major method of instant communication with our families and community. If you’re an Early Learning Centre (ELC) parent, I am sure you are enjoying the blog that Ben our ELC Director is posting, with regular updates, photos and information regarding what’s happening in the ELC.

There was an air of excitement about the College today as students arrived with money to spend at our Mother’s Day stall. Thank you to all the parents involved (our Mums!) for providing this service. To all our mothers in the Boronia K-12 College community I wish you a day to enjoy. Happy Mother’s Day!

Regards,

David Rose
College Principal
Do you find that your child is having emotional or behavioural issues? OnPsych are a team of fully qualified and registered psychologists who specialise in child and adolescent services working in primary and secondary schools in both individual and group settings. Services are performed at NO COST to the school, student or parent through Medicare bulk billing. We are now lucky to have OnPsych at Boronia K-12.

OnPsych are a team of passionate psychologists who work with both children and adolescents who are experiencing a range of psychological issues such as anxiety and mood disorders, Autism Spectrum Disorders, interpersonal, learning and behavioural disorders, exam stress, self harming and adjustment difficulties (social & situational). OnPsych employ psychological techniques such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, client-centred and solution-focused therapy with psycho-education. They firmly believes that a collaborative approach will produce the most successful outcomes for a child.

If you believe that this might benefit your child, please contact Brooke Cross, Assistant Principal for Student Engagement and Wellbeing for further information.

Brooke Cross
Assistant Principal (Student Engagement and Wellbeing)

ELC News

Today marks an incredible four weeks of being warmly welcomed to the Boronia K-12 College Community as new ELC Director. In this short time I have discovered how amazing and important the BK12C educational setting is from the sandpit all the way to the VCAL rooms and back again. The ELC educators (team awesomeness), families and children have made me feel so at home in the ELC and I am forever thankful. And that’s just the beginning! These past few weeks I have been gifted the opportunity to meet some incredible members of the wider BK12C team - Magical and Committed Educators K-12, IT Superheroes, Administrative Superstars, Maintenance Masters, Wood Tech (we’ll fix the broken toy) magicians, Senior students that like winter beanies, Ninja Cleaners (you don’t see them but they LOVE making our school sparkly) and a Principal and Assistant Principal team with massive hearts and educational vision.

In a nutshell - BK12C you are an amazing community, and I would like to thank every one of you for gifting me the privilege of joining you all on this exciting adventure.

Ben Goodes
ELC Director and 4s Educator

*This photo sums up everything I feel so privileged to have witnessed in my beginning days at BK12C - Principle David Rose being gifted a beautiful headpiece from one of our ELC students.

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**
Staying Connected and Healthy
From New Economics Foundation

How good are the connections in your life? How proactive are you in developing those relationships and your own self?

It’s good to be reminded of some key factors in staying connected, because people are what matter most, and staying healthy, because it empowers us for our life.

1. Connect… Think of relationships as the basis of your life and invest time in developing them. Building connections will support you when times are tough and enrich you every day in life.

2. Be active… Exercising makes you feel good so join a sports team, or find a physical activity you enjoy and that suits your level of mobility and fitness.

3. Take notice… Keep a journal, or take a photo. Be mindful. Be aware of the world around and what you feel. Reflecting on your experiences will help you appreciate what matters to you.

4. Keep learning… A given at school, but it should not be limited to academic studies. Try a new musical instrument, learn a new language, learn to draw, the possibilities are endless.

5. Give… Do something nice for a friend, or a stranger. Thank someone. Smile. Volunteer your time. Join a community group. Your time is the most valuable thing you can give anyone.

Life can have the most meaning for us when we are contributing to other’s lives, or to an important cause, something of great significance. May these points help your daily life choices, in staying connected and healthy!

EACH – Shine Program

Shine is a program for young women, 14-17 years, who are experiencing symptoms of anxiety and/or depression that are having an impact on their self-esteem and relationships. The program will cover topics such as body image, identity, coping skills, friendships, relationships and respect. All young women referred to the program will meet with the facilitators prior to the program beginning to ensure the program will best meet their needs. The program is running on Thursdays (21 May – 25 June) from 9.30am – 12noon in Nunawading. The program is free! Contact Tammy Moran on 9871 1802 or Melanie Fearn on 8878 3800, or email youthandfamilyvic@each.com.au.

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

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.

Rachel Gardiner
Year 12 Biology Teacher &
Assistant Principal of Curriculum.

During their lunchtime break, students had the opportunity to visit Melbourne University and wonder the grounds while having a bite to eat and get the feeling of university life as they start to make decisions about their future pathways. It was a very nice day and a great facility to visit. I would definitely take my class there again.
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.

Year 9 Gardening Workshop

As part of the Year 9 Connect Program, we’re working on our “making a difference unit”. Our focus for this project is “G.E.M” (grow, eat, move). The Year 9s have been divided into two groups, Grow & Eat, and Move. Each group has been assigned a task. The Grow & Eat group are working with the college’s Year 6 students, assisting them in a cooking competition against other local primary schools. As one of the criteria for the cooking competition, the Year 6s must incorporate one or more ingredients from our school garden into their dishes. The Year 9s were set a challenge to create a garden in our school. With the help from Emily and Rita from Healthy Together Victoria, a garden workshop was planned and Maria from My Green Garden ran an informational workshop for the Year 9s. During the workshop we were informed about seasonal vegetables, how to plant from seeds, and how to construct a no dig garden. All the students eagerly assisted with the layering of the garden, some smelly fragrances appeared but overall it was a very successful workshop. We’re now eagerly awaiting for our vegetables to grow.

By Max L & Sam B

NO DOGS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS
EXCEPT GUIDE DOGS
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 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 date of your child's absence. Please provide written notes and or medical certificates when applicable.

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College Cross Country

The Boronia K-12 College Cross Country took place on Tuesday 28 April. The weather shone through, providing us with a beautiful morning for our event, adding to the fantastic atmosphere of fun, frivolity, and competitiveness.

Well done to all the students who participated, and gave the run their all.

Donning house colours, students competed not only for the opportunity to carry on to district events, but also to win the glory for their house. House totals were:

- **CHANDLER:** 2209
- **FREEMAN:** 2688
- **HOLLOWS:** 2285
- **PATERSON:** 2584

Well done to Freeman house for wracking up the most points!

Congratulations to all the students who will be moving into district competition. Also, a big thank you to all the parent helpers who assisted on the day!

Attendance

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.
**Entertainment Books**

On behalf of Boronia K-12 College, the Parents Club are currently selling the 2015/2016 entertainment book/digital membership to fundraise for our college. This amazing book has thousands of vouchers, with up to 50% off and two for one offers!

Digital memberships and books may be purchased [online](#) (your book will be delivered to your nominated classroom) or can be purchased by completing the attached [payment slip OR providing cash](#) and sending it to the General Office. Once processed, your book will be sent to your allocated child’s classroom. The college is unable to take payments via EFTPOS for this fundraiser.

Thirteen dollars ($13.00) from each Membership sold goes to our school.

Please direct any enquiries to Donna Eichinski (Parent) 0416 050 022 or dle73@bigpond.com

**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

**Year 9 ‘Making a Difference Project’**

Our Year 9 connect students as part of their ‘making a difference project’ are working with Grade 4 students from Boronia Heights Primary School. They will be visiting our neighbouring school two more times and will continue coaching the students on soccer skills which assists the Grade 4s with their S.E.P.E.P Soccer program.

The Grade 4 BHPS students have been invited to visit our college for a soccer challenge against our Grade 4’s later this term!

**Mathletics Champs!**

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Year 2 First Aid

On the 5/6/2015 we learnt first aide. 2A and 2B had different classes. I'm in 2A. I learnt if you have a blood nose you block your nose and put your head down. If you have a snake bite you freeze and lay down. When you get burnt you put it under cold water. The person's name that taught us was Kate. We also learnt D is for danger, R is for response and S is send for help. I loved it!

- Baily 2A

On Wednesday the 6th of May, the grade 2's had a brilliant day. First we had first aide and we learnt a lot of things to help sick people. 2B's instructor's name was Amy. We learnt what to do when you have a blood nose, you pinch the soft bit of your nose and lean forward. You should call triple zero for help and tell them your name, address and what happened. We learnt to look for danger with our eyes, mouth and nose so you're safe, the sick person is safe and everyone is safe.

- Bree 2B

Prep Easter Bonnet Parade at Kmart

Last Term, Prep students participated in a Easter Bonnet Parade at Kmart. Students made, and paraded their crowns, and were rewarded with a visit from the Easter Bunny with some special treats!
Dear Parents and Families,

Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one you can influence the most.

We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: encouraging kids to open a world of possible.

Giving kids access to good books and the opportunity to choose their own books will motivate them to read more, and like most acquired skills, the more children practice reading, the better they’ll achieve.

Reading is vital to every child’s success, and raising children as readers means getting involved while they’re young. Now is the time. Since there will never be a substitute for a parent’s direct involvement in his/her child’s education, please make plans to visit our Book Fair. Hope to see you there!

Scholastic Book Fair Monday 25 May to Wednesday 27 May, 2015

Monday 25th May       Closed       3.30pm-4.15pm
Tuesday 26th May       8.30am-9am  3.30pm-4.15pm
Wednesday 27th May     8.30am-9am  Finished

PLACE: Upstairs in our new Library. Enter via internal doors.

Sincerely,

Mr. David Rose
College Principal

Mrs. Young
Librarian