



BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE
Newsletter

Boronia K-12 College : Proudly Learning Together



F- Year 2

The F-2 Learning Neighbourhood is bursting with fun and colour!

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Important dates...

- 23 FEB** PRIMARY DISTRICT SWIMMING
- 26 FEB** YEAR 11/12 INTERSCHOOL SPORT
- 26 FEB** YEAR 9 'B ACTIVE' DAY 1
- 26 FEB** BORNEO STUDENTS MEETING
- 27 FEB** 7C & 7D KIOSC EXCURSION
- 28 FEB** 7A & 7B KIOSC EXCURSION
- 5 MAR** YEAR 9/10 INTERSCHOOL SPORT
- 5 MAR** YEAR 9 'B ACTIVE' DAY 2
- 5 MAR** PARENTS' CLUB AGM

See page 11 for more important dates



Meagan Cook

At the end of 2017, nearly every teacher in the College had to pack up their belongings and move to a new classroom and/or office space. Many students contributed to this move in the final weeks of school. It also was very disruptive at the time but it has been great to see how well staff and students have settled into these new spaces. Very quickly, everyone is back and focussed on our core business of learning.

We finished 2017 feeling very proud of the growth that we achieved as a community, especially in relation to the implementation of "Our Learning Culture". As 2018 has begun I have again seen staff, students and families embracing our "Our Learning Culture" and I am hearing many high quality conversations taking place between members of our community.

Our focus for 2018 is outlined in our Annual Implementation Plan, below are our Key Improvement Strategies:

- Review the Boronia K-12 College Instructional Model and high impact teaching strategies for literacy and implement across the college.
- Fully document our curriculum and ensure it is aligned to the Instructional Model and the high impact teaching strategies for literacy, as well as giving student's choice and providing high quality feedforward.
- Provide our students with more opportunities to develop their leadership and explicitly teach them about Our Learning Culture, Restorative Practices, Resilience and Growth-mindset.

By focussing on these three areas, we aim to continue our work towards achieving the goals of our Strategic Plan:

- Maximise academic outcomes and further enhance teaching practices.

- Maximise student engagement in all aspects of school life.
- Build a leadership structure which enhances the school's capacity to innovate and implement change.

Professional Practice Days

As part of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2017, each full time teacher is entitled to one day per term (four days per year), to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning programs.

At Boronia K-12 College, teachers will be using these days to further develop their skills in the areas outlined in our Annual Implementation Plan/Strategic Plan. Our students will directly benefit from this work, as we know the most important thing we can do to improve student outcomes is to develop and improve the skills of our teachers.

We know children sometimes find it challenging when their teacher is away from the classroom and with that in mind we have planned so that there is minimal impact on your child's program. Classroom teachers are required to leave appropriate work for students to continue with and we have a great team of Casual Relief Staff many of whom are known to our students.

Directing Enquiries

Parents often ask whom they should contact when they have queries, below is some advice.

Questions relating directly to your students learning in a particular subject or grade:

"I wonder how my daughter is progressing in her mathematics class?"

"I wonder if my son in Grade 6 can be extended in literacy because he loves reading?"

These questions should be directed at the classroom teacher.

Enquiries about payments, COMPASS access, dates – general operational information.

"I am having trouble logging on to COMPASS"

"I need to set up a payment plan for the Year 9 Camp"

"What date are the School Photos?"

If the information is not available on COMPASS or you have having trouble finding it, contact the General Office and they will assist you or direct you to the right person.

If you have general questions about your child in relation to attendance, friendships or information that you feel would be beneficial in working with your child, often the first port of call is the classroom teacher (Primary) or the Homegroup Teacher (Secondary). Alternatively, you can contact your child's Sub-School Leader (see below for information regarding who they are)

If you have concerns about your child's wellbeing, contact our Wellbeing Coordinator, Nicole Costa.

If in doubt, contact the General Office and they will be able to point you in the right direction.

Our Sub-School Leaders

The Sub-School Leaders at Boronia K-12 College oversee the engagement and wellbeing of groups of students. They assist team members in establishing and maintaining a focus on learning in our classrooms and guide staff in the development of cohort specific programs and events. They are experienced teachers with a wealth of knowledge and are eager to assist all members of the community to ensure great outcomes for all students.

Year Levels	Director Of Sub-School
Junior School (K-6)	Mel Hancock
Middle School (7-9)	Adrienne Tanner
Senior School (10-12)	Tim Knowles

Our Assistant Principals

Role	Yr Levels	Assistant Principal
Assistant Principal – Wellbeing and Inclusion	K -12	Brooke Cross
Assistant Principal – Curriculum, Engagement and Policy	K -6	Matt Scammell
Assistant Principal – Curriculum, Engagement and Operations	7 -12	Kath Middleton

Facebook

The purpose of our Facebook page is to celebrate events and promote the programs of the College. Our Newsletter will be put up on our Facebook page as well as on COMPASS.

I encourage all members of our community to go on, like our page and start following all the great things that are happening at Boronia K-12 College. Utilising social media within such a large and diverse community means that I will be relying on all parents and guardians to reinforce good etiquette in relation to our posts.

Visit our Facebook page [here](#).

Meagan Cook

Principal



We warmly welcome families to attend our

YEAR 7 OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 27TH MARCH 2018

Please join us for the Principal's address at **6.30pm** in the **Performing Arts Centre**, followed by a College tour, where you can witness our staff and students in action.

- Boronia K-12 College provides a safe, supportive and stimulating learning environment that stretches all students, enabling them to reach their full potential.
- Our Sub-School and Wellbeing structures support the development of the whole child with students building strong relationships with significant teachers and teams.
- Our contemporary buildings and grounds are second to none and continue to be enhanced to meet the needs of our growing population.



Come along and join us for a school tour.
Middle School (7-9) Tours run on **Monday mornings at 9:30am** and depart from the General Office.

Bookings are essential and can be made online at www.boroniak-12.vic.edu.au/SchoolTours or by calling the College directly



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Proudly Learning Together

Kathryn Middleton

What a great start to 2018 we've had at Boronia K-12! Walking through the Years 7 -12 classrooms is an absolute pleasure as I see all our young people hard at work and engaged in their learning. Many thanks to our teachers and support staff for the hours of preparation they put into the lessons, to our parents and families for getting your children here on time and ready for learning, and to our students, who are showing an ever increasing commitment to their own learning.

There is a palpable culture of respect for all at Boronia K-12 and I am constantly reminded of this when watching the manner in which our students and staff interact with each other.

Visitors to the school often remark that the students are pleasant, polite and thoughtful, offering information, directions and holding open doors. We receive a lot of feedback from the general public that our students are positive ambassadors for our school and this includes helping others in need. This was evident recently when a group of our students came to the aid of a fellow student when he was knocked off his bike by a motorist. They provided comfort and reassurance until help arrived. Fortunately, the young man did not receive serious injuries. However, it was a timely reminder about the need to follow some basic rules such as wearing a helmet at all times when riding a bike and walking your bike across pedestrian crossings.

By and large, our students are great ambassadors for our school when they travel to and from school. They are respectful to members of the community and of the local environment. I would like to take this opportunity to remind a very small handful of students that they must not interfere with the landscaping or fixtures of local properties. For example, running through landscaping pebbles to scatter them might seem harmless but it becomes a slip hazard for others (especially the elderly). Please remember that the display of our College Values extend beyond the school gates.

Upcoming Events

Information Evenings

Parents and students are invited to attend our upcoming Sub-School Information Evenings to be held across the week starting Monday 12 March. These sessions begin at 6.00pm and are tailored for each sub-school and will have as their focus information about our Learning Culture, sub-school programs and activities and key dates. The dates for these events are as follows and an information flyer will be sent home shortly.

- Junior School Information Night (K-6)
Thursday 15th March
- Middle School Information Night (7-9)
Wednesday 14th March
- Senior School Information Night (10-12)
Tuesday 13th March

Photos Catch Up

The catch up day for school photos will be held on Wednesday 7 March between 9.00am and 11.30am. Unfortunately, Compass needed to reschedule our initial date and we apologise if this has created an inconvenience for families. On this day, we will be taking the Grade 6 photo, re-taking 1/2C to include Miss Phillips, School Captains, sibling photos and any student who was absent on Tuesday 13 February.

Crazy Hair and Sock Day

Just a reminder that Friday 9 March is Crazy Hair and Sock day. This is a fundraising initiative organised by our hard working Parents' Club and we hope all staff and students join in the fun.

Kathryn Middleton

Assistant Principal - Secondary



CRAZY HAIR & SOCKS

FRIDAY 9 MARCH

GOLD COIN DONATION

FULL SCHOOL UNIFORM

(ASIDE FROM YOUR CRAZY SOCKS & HAIR)

Matthew Scammell

Building Teacher Capacity in using Technology

It is amazing that we are at the end of Week Four, but it has been a great start to the year and an extremely productive one. One of the exciting initiatives we are involved in this year is the Knox Network ICT Leaders Project. This project is bringing leaders in digital technologies together, from primary and secondary schools in Knox, to work with Trent Ray from Collective Education. They are exploring best practice when incorporating digital technologies in the classroom.

A recent Australian study uncovered that only 1 in 10 teachers have participated in professional learning aimed at upskilling and building capacity to design curriculum that explicitly helps build future work skills in students. In a year of increased technology across the college, we are committed to ensuring our teachers have the necessary skills to utilise the technology in way that will enhance student learning.

The facilitator we have partnered with is a Curriculum Innovation Specialist, bringing a unique skill set and experience as a Primary and Secondary school teacher and leader. He is also a Microsoft Master Trainer, ICT Peer Coach and 21st Century Learning Design Framework Consultant. Trent supports schools nationally with 1:1/BYOD strategic planning, technology integration and curriculum coaching across all education sectors.

A team of five staff have completed two full day workshops already and another six are scheduled across the year. This team will then provide professional learning to all staff across the college. We are excited at all the new possibilities for our students' learning.

Events

It has been another busy fortnight at the college, with a number of exciting events. Last Thursday, we had the Whole School Swimming Carnival. We had great

weather for a day filled with fun events and activities for all students F – 12. The organisation of the day was a credit to our PE team and all supporting staff. It was also great to see so many parents and grandparents there to support the students.

This week, we had the Twilight Picnic. It was a lovely night, filled with the smell of sausages on the BBQ and the beautiful sound of our students singing. Thank you to the Music team for their contribution to this event and to Parents' Club for their help selling drinks on the night.

Matthew Scammell

Assistant Principal: K-6, Curriculum, Engagement & Policy



meet our

PARENTS' CLUB

PARENTS' CLUB AGM

Help make a difference.
Monday 5 March

ELC CONFERENCE ROOM - 9.15 AM
\$1.00 VOTING RIGHTS
FREE TO JOIN

(03) 9760 4900
parents.club@boroniak-12.vic.edu.au



Brooke Cross

Can you believe that it is already the end of week four of the school year! Nearly half way through Term 1! My work this year involves me meeting regularly with parents, carers, teachers, education support staff, agencies, para professionals and members of our leadership team on a regular basis. It has been great to get to know even more of you, some new to our school community this year and others who I hadn't yet met.

"When children miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work, they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self esteem.."

Nicole Costa (Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator) and I have been working closely with a number of families around increasing attendance and ensuring that all students feel supported to attend school. I am pleased to say that we have been able to encourage a large number of students to attend school more regularly and to be engaged in their education. To do this we have needed the support of parents / carers, teaching staff and co-ordinators. Plus of course, the student themselves! We have met with all stakeholders, devised plans and offered support, encouragement and at times, cups of tea and cheese toasties!

When children miss school, not only is their academic progress impeded, forcing them to catch up on missed work, they often miss important interactions with their peers which can compound issues of social isolation and low self esteem. This is where it is essential that we are able to offer support and help as early possible to break the cycle of non attendance.

Co-ordinators and class teachers have been busy keeping us up to date with student attendance concerns but families are also able to contact either myself or Nicole if they are having trouble getting their child to attend school regularly or are experiencing difficulties with lateness.

Missing a few minutes each day by coming late in the morning may not seem like a big deal, but your child may be missing more than you realise if he or she is continually late. Research shows that mornings are the most productive time for a majority of children and adolescents. When children arrive late and take time to settle as they inevitably do, valuable learning time is lost. With a slightly later starting time this year of 9:00, it is vital that students arrive at school between 8:30 and 8:50 to allow time to socialise in the morning and get organised for the day.

Just a reminder that we run our breakfast club from 8:20am – 8:50am each morning too to enable them to have a quick, but nutritious, bite to eat to help get their day started!

As always, if we can be of any assistance please contact either myself or Nicole Costa through Compass or by phoning the front office.

Brooke Cross

Assistant Principal - Student Wellbeing & Inclusion (K-12)



ANNUAL PARENTS' CLUB

Easter Raffle

TO BE DRAWN: THURSDAY 29 MARCH
END OF TERM ASSEMBLY



Seeking Donations

EASTER THEMED GOODIES
BIG & SMALL

Easter eggs, plush toys,
decorative baskets.

Leave your donations at the
General Office.

Raffle tickets coming home with
students soon.



Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
23 February	Primary District Swimming Carnival
26 February	Year 11/12 Interschool Sport Round Robin Year 9 'B Active' Day 1
27 February	Year 7C & 7D KIOSC Excursion
28 February	Year 7A & 7B KIOSC Excursion
5 March	Year 9/10 Interschool Sport Round Robin Year 9 'B Active' Day 2 Parents' Club AGM
6 March	Unit 1 & 3 Studio Art Local Exhibitions Excursion
7 March	Primary Division Swimming Carnival School Photo Catch Up Day
8 March	Year 1/2 Past & Present Excursion Secondary Division Swimming Carnival
9 March	Crazy Hair & Sock Day
12 March	Labour Day Public Holiday
13 March	Yr. 8 Interschool Sport Round Robin Senior School Information Evening
14 March	Middle School Information Evening
15 March	Junior School Information Evening
16 March	Year 10 KIOSC Excursion
19 March	Whole School Athletics Carnival
20 March	Yr. 7 Interschool Sport Round Robin Year 9 City Experience Day 1
21 March	Year 9 City Experience Day 2

DATE	EVENT
23 March	Unit 1 & 3 Studio Art City Exhibitions Excursion Year 9 City Experience Day 3
26 March	Year 9 'B Active' Day 3
27 March	Open Night - 6.30pm (Year 7 Focus)
29 March	Primary Easter Bonnet Parade End of Term Assembly & Easter Raffle Draw Last Day Term 1
16 April	First Day Term 2
18 April	Year 10/12 Old Melbourne Gaol Tour
18 May	Primary District Cross Country
23 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
20 April	Year 10 History ANZAC Day Service
24 April	Primary District Athletics Carnival
25 April	ANZAC Day
2 May	Year 11 Elevate: Study Skills Kick Start Incursion
8 May	Year 9 City Experience Day 4
18 May	Primary District Cross Country
23 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
1 June	Primary Division Cross Country Carnival
11 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
22 June	Year 5/6 Girls Interschool AFL
29 June	Last Day Term 2
16 July	First Day Term 3

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WHOLE SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



**MONDAY 19TH MARCH 2018
RINGWOOD ATHLETICS TRACK
SYLVIA GROVE, RINGWOOD**

PERMISSION FORMS DUE
WEDNESDAY 14TH MAR 2018

Around the College

Year 7 Camp

In Week 2 our Year 7s ventured off with loads of enthusiasm to camp at Waratah Bay. They participated in a range of team building activities, including surfing, beach games and a hike through Wilson's Promontory from Squeaky Beach to Tidal River. It was wonderful to see the students embracing new challenges, developing their confidence and forming new friendships.

"My favourite part at camp was surfing. I stood up on the board the whole way on my second try. It was so much fun!" *Tanyle 7C*

"The best part of camp was the disco and Norman Bay because I made new friends." *Patrick 7A*

"My favourite thing about camp was the ocean. The sound of the waves was really calming." *Josie 7B*

"My favourite part of the camp was going to Squeaky Beach and doing the big hike. Ollie wouldn't stop taking pictures!" *Sean 7D*

"I think the best part of camp was going to Wilson's Prom, Squeaky beach and playing beach games." *Charlotte 7C*



"One thing I found really good at camp was when we went stargazing on the night walk at the beach because to me it was amazing!" *Charlotte 7D*

"I liked surfing and riding the waves to shore. It was fun how we went to Squeaky Beach and played fun activities with the teachers." *Bayden 7A*

"I liked the hike through the Prom because it was hard, but the views were amazing!" *Olivia 7B*

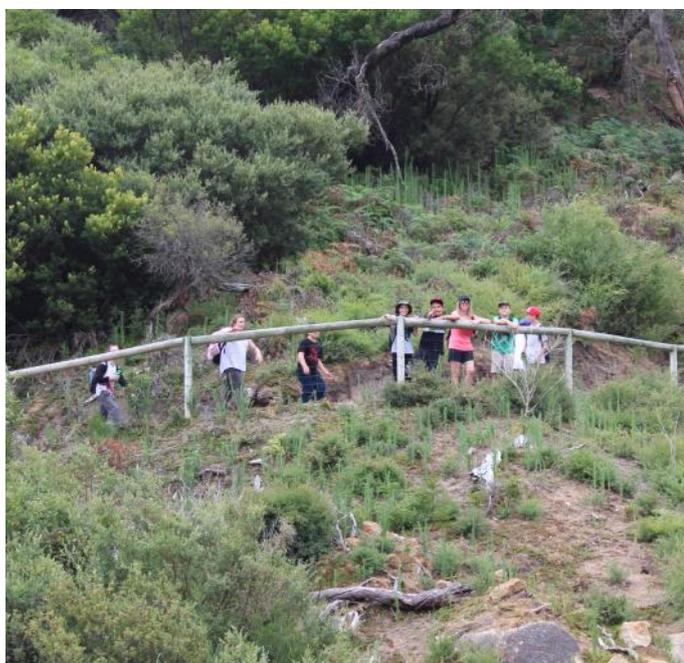
"I think everything was fun in a way, but I found surfing amazing and something to remember." *Chloe 7D*

"Surfing was fun but making new friends was the best." *Nathan 7A*

"I enjoyed learning how to surf and about Squeaky Beach and the Prom." *Jarryd 7C*

"I liked the surfing, the night walk and trying to scare the teachers and fellow students!" *Sam 7B*

"I liked going to Squeaky Beach because the sand squeaked and surfing was amazing!" *Jamieson 7A*



YEAR 7 CAMP





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ARTIST OF THE MONTH

Enter Now
W I N

Ron
Mueck

INSPIRED

All students
welcome to
enter



From the

ART DEPARTMENT

Artist of the Month: Ron Mueck

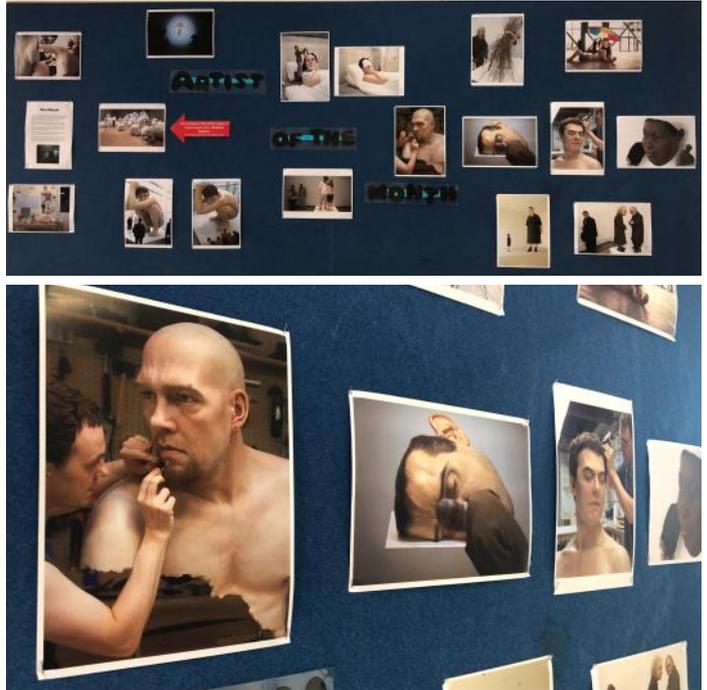
Our first Artist of the Month for 2018 has been selected, Ron Mueck!

Check out our Artist of the Month display (in the corridor outside of the secondary art room) to learn all about him. The display will be up until the end of this month and once again we are running the competition for artworks inspired by this artist!

What do we mean by inspired? Your artwork can be your own interpretation of Mueck's work. Whether it be the colour, the technique, the style, we want to see what this artist makes you want to create!

The competition is open to all year levels!

Enter your Ron Mueck inspired artwork to Ms. Wills or Ms. Tandberg to win a prize and have your artwork on display around the school!



Year 9

FIRST AID TRAINING

As part of our 'B Program' our Year 9 students completed their first aid accreditation, (HLTAID002 Level 1), on Monday, February 19. It was a long day of study and practical work, with our students doing an amazing job. Thank you to the team from Healthguard for facilitating these sessions.



Coles

SPORTS FOR SCHOOLS

Coles has launched their 2018 Sports for Schools program and we are excited to announce that we are participating, and collecting vouchers for much needed sports equipment. Vouchers are available in all Coles stores, with collection bins in Coles Boronia, our General Office, and outside of our PE Office. Collect as many vouchers as you can! By donating and encouraging friends and family to do the same, you are helping to provide a healthy and active education for our children.



Check out

LEARNING IN FOUNDATION

Foundation students have now begun full learning days here with us at Boronia K-12 College and they have hit the ground running with lots of Reading, Writing, Maths and even a Swimming Carnival. Check out these busy learners...





*Saturday
3 March
1 pm*

*Foundation Ballet
Free Tryout and Registration
Saturday 3 March
for Boys and Girls 5-8 years old*

Boronia K-12 Theatre

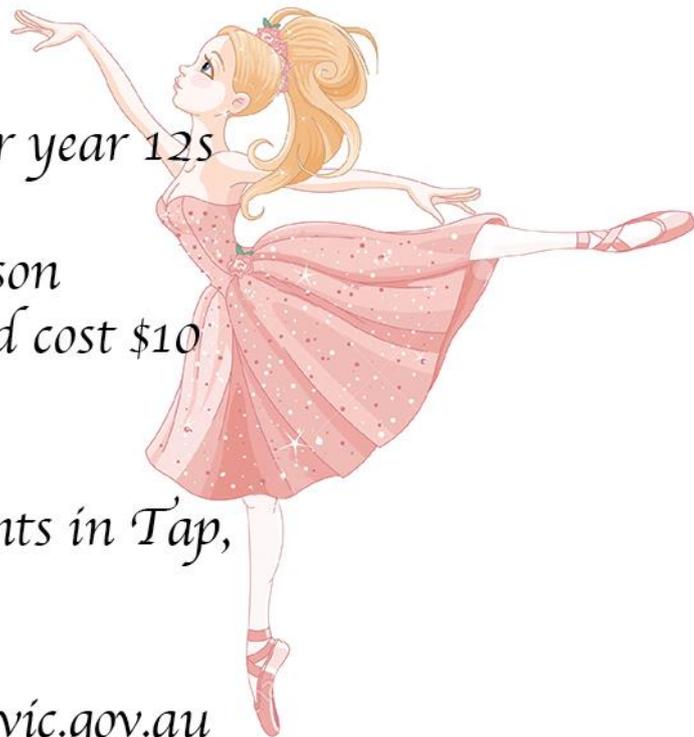
*Teachers: Jaz Hill & Jess Lewis (our year 12s
from 2017)*

Supervising Teacher: Wayne Robinson

*Normal class will be 45 minutes and cost \$10
per lesson.*

*Classes are available for older students in Tap,
Jazz and Ballet.*

Contact: robinson.wayne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our 2018 Swimming Carnival kicked off with a splash on Thursday 15 February. With all students across the college getting involved, it was a day overflowing with smiles.

It also marked the beginning of our house competitions, with Chandler taking home the prize:

CHANDLER - 488

FREEMAN - 416

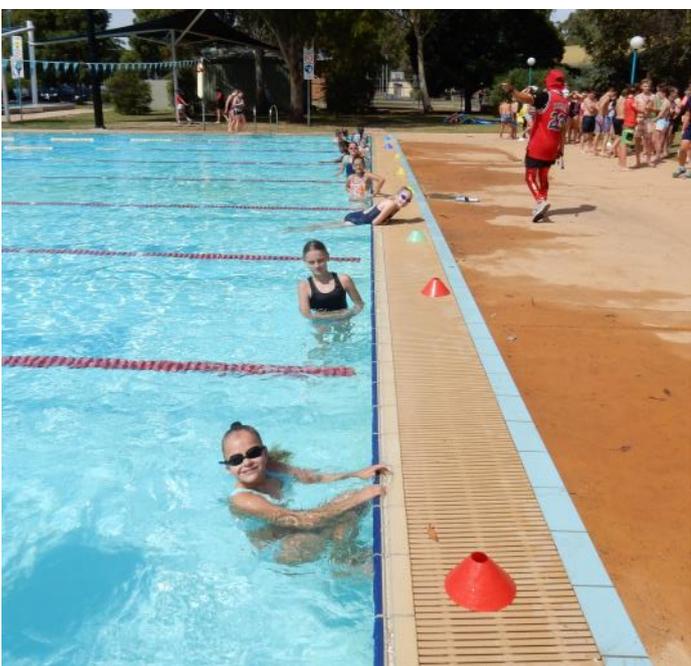
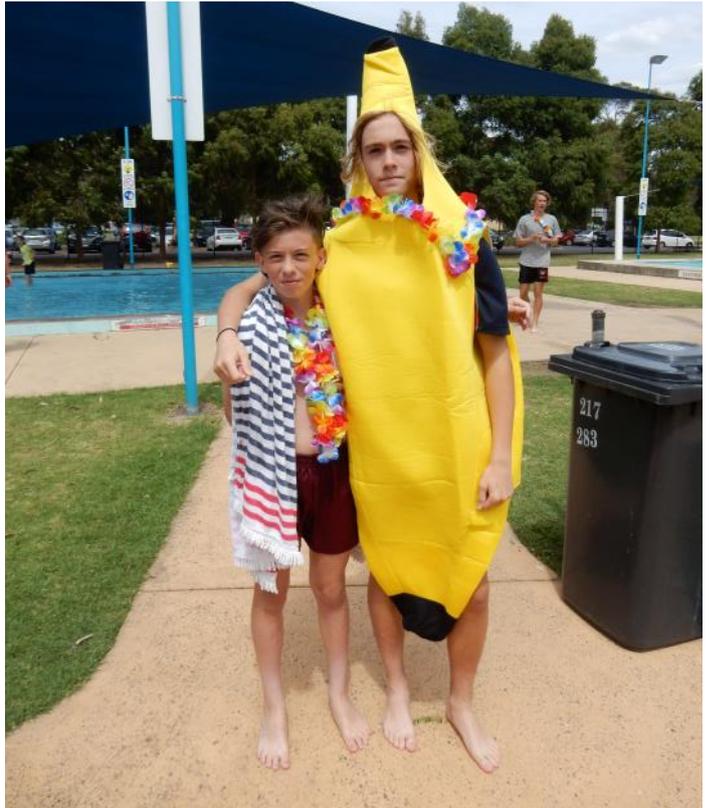
HOLLOWS - 383

PATERSON - 325



More snapshots of the

SWIMMING CARNIVAL



COLLEGE LEADERS

On Monday 19 February, our Year 6 College Leaders were awarded for their fantastic leadership skills, with their Year 6 College Leader Badges.

Awarded at the Junior School Assembly by our special guest, Alan Tudge, these Leaders can now be recognised for their achievements when spotted around the College.

This special occasion marked the second Junior School Assembly run by the Leaders, and we can see that they are well and truly falling into the role wonderfully.



PIZZA OVEN



With the VCAL Pizza oven well and truly nearing completion, our VCAL students are now seeking firewood in preparation for the first time it's fired up!

Donations of firewood, pre-cut to a size suitable for a small pizza oven, and of a slow burning timber such as redwood, oak, and cedar will be greatly appreciated.

If you think you may be able to help us out, feel free to leave your details at the General Office and we will be in touch.

The Community

Homework Club

HOMEWORK CLUB RETURNS!

The Homework Club provides a safe and supportive out-of-school learning environment where primary and secondary students can participate in activities that develop their academic skills in addition to getting assistance with homework.

They will have access to local volunteer tutors who have appropriate skills and knowledge to support the Club activities.

Who? Students in Year 2 - 12

When? 3:30 - 5:00pm each **Tuesday** during term

Where? The Hub,
Boronia Community Church of Christ,
59 Boronia Rd., Boronia

Cost? \$2 per session (**Includes afternoon snack at 4:00pm**)

Contact? David Deith (mob. 0412 433 237 or email: david@bccoc.org.au)



Homework
club

Parent Voice Survey: Sunsmart Victoria

This short survey is being conducted by Parents' Voice for the Cancer Council Victoria.

This survey is voluntary, anonymous and confidential. We will not ask for your contact details or any personal or identifiable information. You can choose to exit the survey at anytime. Your survey responses will be combined with other survey responses and used to help the Cancer Council Victoria plan public health programs and activities.

[CLICK HERE](#) to participate.