



BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE
Newsletter

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Debutant Ball

Year 10 - 12 students dressed to impress and danced up a storm at the Debutant Ball.

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Important dates...

- 23 JUNE** 80s DISCO TRIVIA NIGHT
- 25 JUNE** YEAR 9 'B ACTIVE' PROGRAM
- 26 JUNE** YEAR 5/6 WINTER SPORT
- 26 JUNE** WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
- 28 JUNE** YEAR 5/6 EXHIBITION
- 29 JUNE** LAST DAY TERM 2
- 29 JUNE** PYJAMA DAY
- 16 JULY** FIRST DAY TERM 3
- 24 JULY** YEAR 7 SHOWCASE

See page 6 for more important dates



Meagan Cook

Teaching and Learning

We were very impressed with the way in which students applied themselves in our Semester One exam period. Our rationale for completing the exams each semester is that we want students to be prepared for this type of assessment in the Senior School Program, especially exams associated with school completion. We know that this regular and routine practice reduces the cognitive load on the adolescent brain - you cannot fully engage when your brainpower is required for other things (like - where do I put my name? what do I do with this booklet? what does 'explain' mean?)

The examinations continue to:

- Develop student confidence and skills in exam techniques and settings
- Give students experience in formal testing situations that may be useful in later life
- Promote a culture of regular revision and test preparation at home
- Develop subject specific exam skills
- Reinforce the learning culture of Boronia K-12 College amongst the students, parents and wider community
- Provide an additional assessment tool for teachers and students.

Debutant Ball

Last week, 20 lovely couples were presented to Hon Heidi Victoria, member for the Bayswater District, at the Boronia K-12 College Debutant Ball. Prior to the event starting Heidi and I spoke with the kids, whilst they were nervous they were definitely keen to get the night underway.



The night reflected our College value of Community in a truly authentic manner as we saw students from Year 10 to 12, staff and families, all come together in celebration. I am sure I speak on behalf of all staff and families, when I say how proud we were of our students on the night. They did a fabulous job with their dances and all looked amazing in their formal attire. The families and staff "scrubbed up" alright too. Nights like this don't happen without the hard work and dedication of our staff at Boronia K-12 College and I want to acknowledge the work of Carlie Case in running this event. A number of staff supported her not only on the night but during rehearsals and in the lead up to what was a wonderful College event. Our next Debutant Ball will be held in 2020, we look forward to seeing our current Year 8 and 9 students participating in the event then.

Doctors in Schools Program

Nearly 12 months ago the College became one of the first 20 secondary schools selected to receive the Doctors in Secondary Schools Program.

The Doctors in Secondary Schools program aims to:

- Make primary health care more accessible to students

- Provide assistance to young people to identify and address any health problems early
- Aim to reduce the pressure on working parents and community-based GPs.

As the program has been implemented it has become increasingly obvious that its location, at the Rangeview Road end of the site (in a carpark), has not been ideal. The locking of gates in the Primary School end of the College has further reduced accessibility and connection to the College.

I have been negotiating with the DET across this term to find a more suitable location within the College grounds. Last week DET notified me that they will fully fund the relocation of the building. The new location is adjacent to the shade sail next to the Year 7 Learning Centre on the Albert Avenue side of the Basketball courts. This space provides both privacy, visibility and connection to the spaces most frequented by secondary students. The move is expected to be completed before the term break.

were here for the Eastern Metropolitan Partnership Community Assembly, undertaking consultation on key areas identified in 2017.

The Eastern Partnership is one of six Metropolitan Partnerships established by the Victorian Government, recognising that local communities are in the best position to understand the challenges and opportunities faced by their region.



Early Learning Centre

Last year Michelle and the team in the ELC successfully applied for a grant to improve the play space for our Kinder program. During the holidays the full transformation will be completed, we look forward to seeing these improvements.

Annual Community Assembly

Last week the College welcomed Deputy Premier and Minister for Education James Merlino along with the Minister for Suburban Development/Energy, Environment and Climate Change Lily D'Ambrosio. They

Year 12 Student Lani W was invited to address the assembly to provide her perspective on local priorities for young people. Lani spoke about public transport, social inclusion, climate change and community interaction. She was an outstanding ambassador for our College community. The night ended with a fantastic performance by our College Choir.

Meagan Cook

Principal

Adrienne Tanner

As Term 2 comes to a close I reflect upon my first term in the new role as Assistant Principal of Wellbeing and Inclusion at Boronia K-12. The role is an exciting and varied one, ranging from managing Funding applications for our students to building school culture based on restorative practices to working alongside community partners such as the GP's in schools program and most recently attending the Debutante Ball.

Each of these roles rely heavily on building relationships with our school community to ensure that our school grows from strength to strength. The Debutante Ball was a wonderful mixture of formalities and informalities. The couples looked amazing and carried themselves with poise and grace. The audience who filled the ballroom was appreciative of the efforts these young adults had made to make the evening such a success. Congratulations to all of the students who were involved.

As I am writing this article, the GP's rooms are being relocated to a new site within the school grounds. The thinking behind this move is to give it greater visibility to our secondary students which may lead to even more through traffic. This term, the number of students attending the GP's room has increased significantly and as a result the Clinic will extend its hours from 9am to 3:00pm.

The GP's in Schools team want to inform our secondary families that students can update their Asthma and Anaphylaxis Action Plans. It is in your child's best interest and also a legal requirement that the college have recently completed plans on file.

The Doctor and Nurse are present on a Monday from 9:00am to 3:30pm. You can book an appointment directly at the GP clinic or Nicole Costa in the Wellbeing Centre. We look forward to building our relationship with the GP's and providing an amazing community resource for our students and families.

Bullying Student Working Party

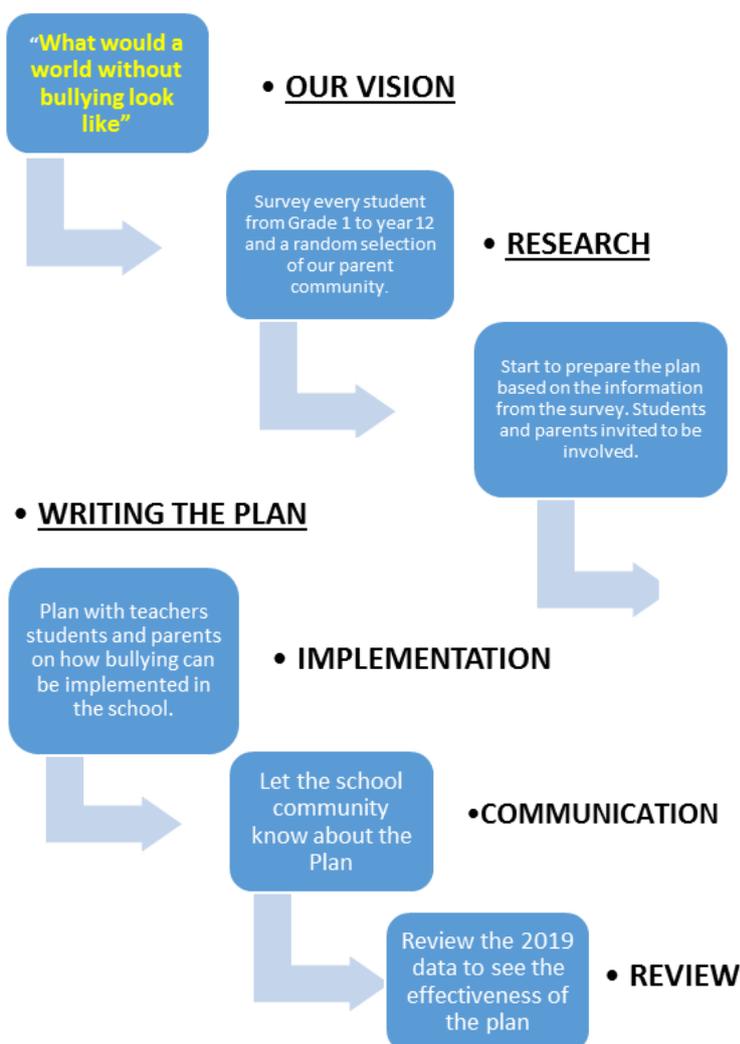
For the past month a group of more than 15 interested students are meeting to work on a Bullying Prevention Plan. The working party is made up of SRC Representatives, Sub-school Leaders, Home Group leaders and other interested students. It is so great to see students of different ages working together, sharing ideas and gaining leadership skills along the way.

See our plan below.

The Working Party will provide regular updates on the progress of our Plan.

Adrienne Tanner

Assistant Principal - Wellbeing and Inclusion



Matthew Scammell

Student Reports

Next week, you will receive your child's semester report via the Compass portal. This year, we have made some significant changes to the way we report progress and achievement to students and their families. Staff have spent a significant amount of time adapting to the new system and entering data on student achievement. As with any new process, there has been some trial and error, along with professional learning, to ensure the system operates correctly.

In previous reports, you received generalised comments about student achievement and areas for improvement. The new reports are based on specific feedback around Common Assessment Tasks (CATs) that students have completed throughout the semester. For each of these tasks, students will receive written feedback and a performance grade. These performance grades will be explained more on the opening page of the report.

The feedback around learning tasks will then be complimented with feedback about your child in relation to the Victorian Curriculum and our college's Learning Culture.

All Victorian government schools are required to report on every student's achievement against the Victorian Curriculum F-10 standards to parents and carers:

- At least twice a year
- Using a five point scale or equivalent

Schools can determine the timing, frequency and format of reports. A single common report format is no longer required. Both achievement and progress against the achievement standards are included in the student report. Achievement means locating a student on a learning continuum for a learning area and/or capability by making an on-balance, evidence-based

and defensible judgement of assessment evidence gathered during a reporting period.

As it is new system for our college, I encourage you to read all accompanying information that will explain each section of the report. If you have questions or concerns, contact the relevant subject/classroom teacher.

Starting next term, the reporting against CATs will be continuous throughout the semester. Each task, including feedback and performance grade, will be available for parents to view as soon as it has been submitted and marked. This allows you to more easily track your child's progress and keep up to date with the work they are completing.

We are always looking to improve the quality of work and welcome feedback. This feedback will be especially important in this round of reports in order for us to adjustments as needed.

Matthew Scammell

Assistant Principal - Primary



We warmly welcome families to attend our

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE OPEN MORNINGS

SATURDAY 5TH MAY 2018, 10AM
SATURDAY 4TH AUGUST 2018, 10AM

Come along and join us for a school tour.
Junior School (K-6) Tours run on **Thursday mornings at 9:30am** and depart from the General Office.
Bookings are essential and can be made online at <https://www.trybooking.com/TNFU> or by calling the College directly.



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Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
23 June	80s Music Trivia Night
25 June	Year 9 'B Active' Program
26 June	Year 5/6 Winter Round Robin Competition Whole School Assembly 9.15am
28 June	Year 5/6 Exhibition 2.30pm
29 June	Last Day Term 2 Whole School Pyjama Day
16 July	First Day Term 3
20 July	Year 11 & 12 Spotjobs Career Expo
24 July	Year 7 Showcase
25 July	Year 3/4 iMax & Melbourne Museum Excursion
3 August	K - Year 6 Disco
4 August	ELC Open Morning - 10.00am
6 August	Year 8 KIOSC: Energy & Geo Hazards
14 August	Year 5/6 Hooptime DET Somers School Camp Departs (selected students)
20 August	Year 12 Elevate: Study Skills
24 August	Year 10 Elevate: Memory & Pneumonics
30 August	Fathers' Day Stall
4 September	Book Fair
5 September	Book Fair
6 September	Book Fair
7 September	Year 9 KIOSC: Forensic Science

DATE	EVENT
21 September	Last Day Term 3
8 October	First Day Term 4
19 October	Year 9 KIOSC: Food Futures
31 October	Year 12 English Exam
2 November	Year 12 Further Maths Exam 1
5 November	Year 12 Further Maths Exam 2
7 November	Year 12 Food Studies Exam Year 12 History Revolutions Exam
8 November	Year 12 Design & Technology Exam Year 12 Health & Human Exam
9 November	Year 12 PE Exam VET Digital Media Exam Year 12 Accounting Exam
12 November	Year 12 Studio Arts Exam
14 November	Year 12 Legal Studies Exam
21 December	Last Day Term 4



Choir students performing at the EMR Eastern Metropolitan Partnership Community Assembly.



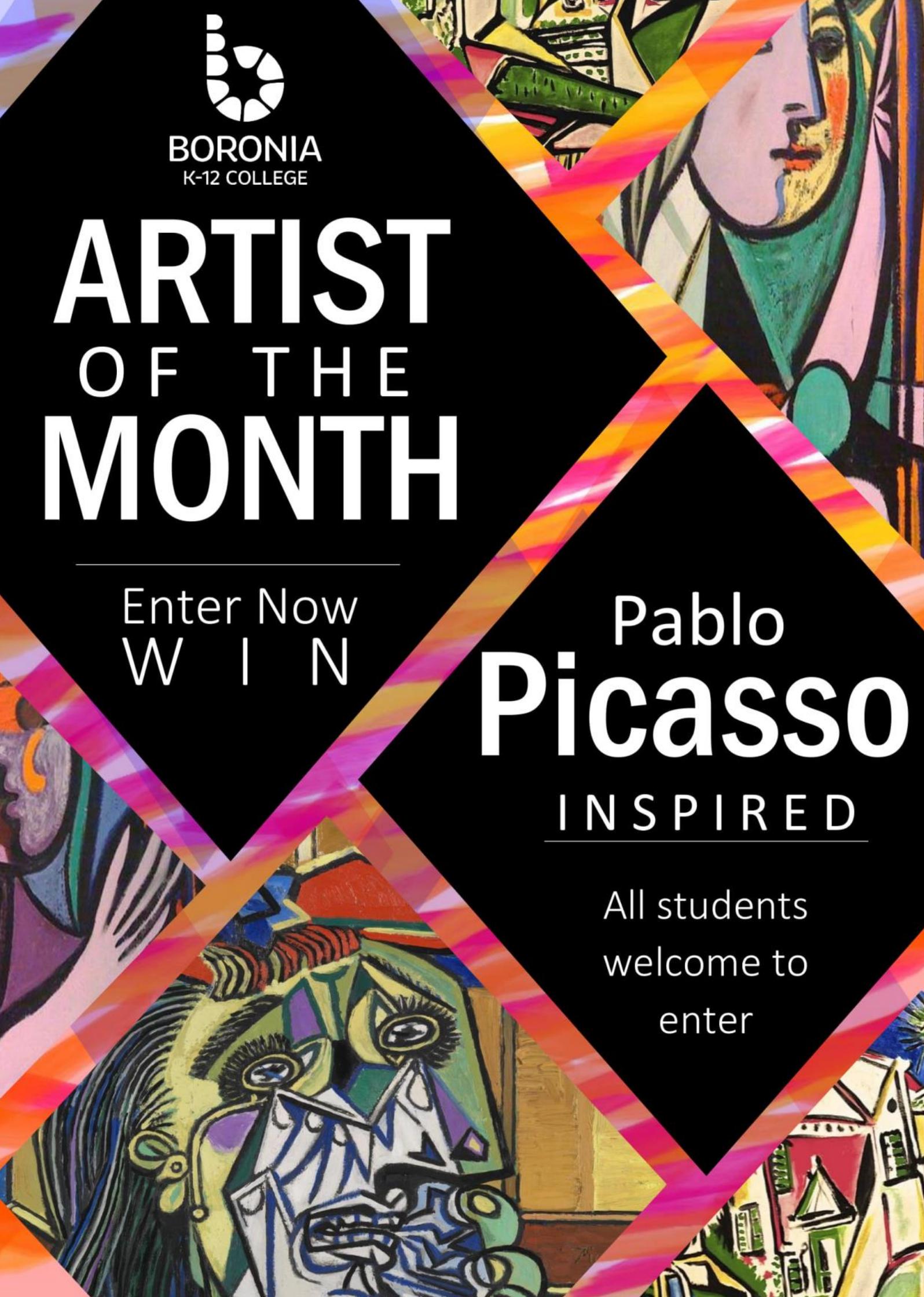
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ARTIST OF THE MONTH

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Pablo
Picasso
INSPIRED

All students
welcome to
enter



What's happening

Around the College

Coles Sports for Schools

Thanks to everyone in the Boronia K-12 College community who helped contribute to the Coles Sport for Schools initiative, bringing in all their vouchers. The last tickets are being counted at the moment and Boronia K-12 College already has over 40,000 tickets collected which is a fantastic effort! The PE staff are now busily organising what to spend the vouchers on and students will be able to start using this equipment when it is delivered during Term 3!



Year 5/6 Winter Sport Round Robin

Students had a fantastic time participating in the Year 5/6 Winter Sport RR Comp last Wednesday, 13 June playing in football, netball, soccer and T-Ball. All teams put in a fantastic effort and we are all looking forward to Day 2 of the competition next Tuesday, 26 June!



Eastern Region Cross Country

On Tuesday 19 June, six of our secondary students and two of our primary students ventured out to Yarra Glen Racecourse to compete in the Eastern Metropolitan Region Cross Country Finals.

Our finalists represented the college proudly as they ran 3km and 5km courses across the picturesque Yarra Valley landscape. Huge congratulations to Will in Year 10 who finished 9th in the Under 16's race, missing out on state qualifications by 2 seconds! Also running fantastic races in highly competitive fields were Ollie in Year 7 (25th), Nic in Year 8 (91st), Gabby in Year 8 (71st),

Brad in Year 10 (54th), and Blake in Year 10 (59th).

Congratulations to Jarrah 5/6 B and Dom 5/6 B. with both boys finishing in the top 75 of their respective races.

A fantastic effort to compete against the best long distance runners from over 300 schools! Well done team!

Boronia K-12
Parents Club
Presents

Dress to impress

80's MUSIC TRIVIA NIGHT

23 June

DOORS OPEN @ 7pm

Performing Arts Building

B40 drinks & nibbles

Silent auction

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The following report has been written by Environmental Team students.

Hi Everyone,

We would like to introduce ourselves to the school community.

We are the Boronia K-12 College Environmental Team for 2018.

Our names are Daniel 5/6 C, Caleb 5/6 A, Ghia 5/6 C, Emily 5/6 A, Jemma 5/6 B, Jasmine 5/6 A, Lucinda 5/6 A and Penny 5/6 C.

We have been getting our hands dirty replanting the veggie garden between the Year 5/6 and Year 1/2 buildings.

So far we have planted beans, herbs, carrots, snow peas, lettuce, onions, beetroot, okra, chillies, strawberries, etc.

We were lucky enough to have these plants donated to our school by the Mount Evelyn Nursery.

Please feel free to inspect our hard work. We are very proud of what we have achieved but it is only with love and attention our plants will thrive.

Our second project this semester, has been setting up a composting system in our primary area.

We are very proud of all our hard work.



This takes time and effort and this group is determined to make a difference!

There is a great need at our school to recycle plastic correctly - any community ideas?

Our compost bin system is working well in the Junior School and our paper recycling program continues.

Future Events

Along with the S.R.C, the team will be introducing NUDE FOOD DAYS. Get hunting for those containers that can be washed out and re-used.

The Foundations and the Year 1/2s are the mighty team that continually keep our Junior School rubbish free - thank-you all for your help!

A huge thank-you to our maintenance man John Forbes who bends over backwards to help our team!

So that is our report this semester - a very busy one for this great team of Earth Champions!



The wonderful Environmental Team have also been selected to join the Learning for a Sustainable Future Student Leadership Program.

Their Project? To reduce waste at Boronia K - 12.

We are committed to continue working with C.E.R.E.S to earn the stars that will mean Boronia K-12 is a Sustainable School.



DEBUTANT BALL

Students from Years 10 - 12 participated in the 2018 Debutant Ball on Friday June 15th at the Grand in Mulgrave. Students have spent the last eight weeks practicing their dances, and were able to showcase their work to Heidi Victoria MP, Ms Cook, College Council, staff, families and friends. It was an amazing night celebrating their hard work and demonstrating our Community value so well.



GIRLS WITH ATTITUDE & MARTIAL ARTS THERAPY

In Term 2, I was lucky enough to facilitate a group for young females in Years 7 and 8 called "Girls with Attitude". This program is aimed to assist young females in navigating through the struggles that teenage girls face. Topics covered were identity, self esteem, emotional regulation, communication styles and how this impacts our state of mind and relationships. We hope that this program was a chance for students to feel safe, supported, open, and that our discussions of the issues that teenage girls face were positive and helpful. Our goal was for girls to leave feeling empowered knowing their strengths and having the tools to face conflict and challenges positively in everyday life.



The girls in the program have shown a great level of commitment, openness and positive attitude in each session which has made the program the success it has been. I would like to congratulate the girls and hope that they have enjoyed their time and the relationships they have made in the group with peers and the facilitators.



Another program that has been happening at the College over the past eight weeks is a group made up of Year 7 and 8 students have been engaged with Kate, Sasha and Guy who run The Workshop and Martial Arts Therapy program at Boronia K-12 College.



I have been lucky enough to be part of this program every Tuesday afternoon where the students have learnt the Martial Arts techniques and the way in which it relates to aspects of their life such as positive relationships, making positive choices, impulse control and emotional regulation.

We hope that from this program, the students continue with the friendships they have formed in the group and use the skills they have learnt as a positive influence on the choices they make in everyday life to assist in times on conflict with themselves or with others. The students have shown commitment, team spirit, positive relationships and the skills that led to them being successful in "breaking tiles" during the last session, which is a great achievement and all students involved should be proud of their efforts.

A celebratory lunch will be held to congratulate and praise the efforts of the students involved across both of the programs!

Nicole Costa - Student Wellbeing Coordinator



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20 - 22 July 2018



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