



# BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE

# Newsletter

*Boronia K-12 College : Proudly Learning Together*



## ANZAC Day Ceremony

**Lest We Forget.**

### *In this issue...*

- ⇒ Principal's Report
- ⇒ Assistant Principals' Reports
- ⇒ Assistant Principal's Farewell
- ⇒ Primary District Athletics
- ⇒ From the Senior Years
- ⇒ Year 9 Program
- ⇒ ELC News

*And much more...*

### *Important dates...*

- 30 APRIL** YEAR 10 - 12 GIRLS AFL
- 30 APRIL** YEAR 5/6 CAMP DEPARTS
- 30 APRIL** YEAR 9 'B ACTIVE' PROGRAM
- 3 MAY** CENTRAL AUST. CAMP INFO EVENING
- 4 MAY** YEAR 12 MEDEA EXCURSION
- 4 MAY** YEAR 11 ELEVATE INCURSION
- 7 MAY** YEAR 9 'B ACTIVE' PROGRAM
- 8 MAY** YEAR 9 CITY EXPERIENCE
- 8 MAY** YEAR 11 & 12 RSA TRAINING

**See page 8 for more important dates**

# Meagan Cook

Again we have had a busy two weeks at Boronia K-12 College.

I was incredibly proud to see the conduct of our students during our ANZAC service on Tuesday 24 April. The students that spoke and performed represented themselves, their families and our school with pride. It is events like these that demonstrate our commitment to two of our core values – Community and Respect.

Our speakers, Ethan (Gr. 6), Ella (Gr. 6), Gemma (Yr. 9), Karl (Yr. 9), Mary (Yr. 9), Lani (Yr. 12) and Shane (Yr. 12) reminded us all of the reasons this is an important day in our Nation's calendar. The musical performances were outstanding, with the Honourable Heidi Victoria - member for the Bayswater District, commenting on the quality of our Senior Choir. I was particularly impressed with Charlie (Yr. 11), who came in his cadet uniform and again played an important role in the service, and Melanie (Yr. 10) who lead the singing of Advance Australia Fair.

The laying of the College wreath, as our piper (Ronan Mummery) played Amazing Grace, by our College Leaders was particularly moving and symbolised our collective acknowledgement of those that served. The firing of the canon, by Chris (Yr. 9), completed a wonderful tribute by the Boronia K-12 College community. Thank you to Mr Wayne Robinson for his organisation of the service and Ms Judy McLaren and Ms Rebecca Russell for the musical items.



This week a number of our Year 10 students officiated at the Primary District Athletics Carnival and I was pleased to receive an email from the organisers describing our students as "STARS". Congratulations to David C, Jordan I, Sam T, Ben Z, Vinnie H, Callum O, Reuben F, Brad L and Jaidyn M. Congratulations also goes to all of our Year 3 to 6 students that qualified to compete at this level.

## New Assistant Principal

At the end of last term, we farewelled Brooke Cross as the Assistant Principal - Wellbeing and Inclusion, and wished her well in her new role as Principal of Bayswater Primary School. This term, we congratulate Ms Adrienne Tanner who has been appointed as the Assistant Principal - Wellbeing and Inclusion. Adrienne joined Boronia K-12 College at the beginning of this year in the role of Director of Middle School (7-9), whilst she will be missed in this role, we are confident that her skills and expertise are well placed in her new role. Rhiannon Smith and Rhonda McMillan will continue the great work supporting our Middle School students.

## Annual Report 2017

As I completed the Annual Report, for 2017, I have been reflecting on the achievement of students at Boronia K-12 College over the last three years and want to share some observations.

Below is a snapshot of some of the three year NAPLAN outcome trends for Boronia K-12 College (2015-2017).

At Year 3 when compared to similar Primary schools Boronia K-12 outcomes in Numeracy have been (on average) above the results of primary schools with similar characteristics.

At Year 5 when compared to similar Primary schools Boronia K-12 outcomes in Writing have been (on average) above the results of primary schools with similar characteristics.

At Year 7, the percentage of student's achieving in the top two bands in Numeracy has more than tripled across the three years.

Between Year 7 and Year 9, the relative growth of students (improvement), in Numeracy and Reading (on average) is above that of the results for secondary schools with similar characteristics

Whilst this is all great news, schools should not be judged on NAPLAN data alone and certainly not in the superficial way that it is often portrayed. We need to be judged on the quality of young people that we are committed to producing and celebrate the diversity of pathways that they go on to.

The Annual Report (mentioned earlier) was endorsed by Council at the April meeting and will be published via COMPASS at the end of April. On Wednesday 16 May from 4.00pm to 5.00pm, I will be available in the Conference Room for any parents/careers who would like to meet me and look over the Annual Report.

*Meagan Cook*

*Principal*

*Assistant Principal's Farewell*

# Brooke Cross

I wanted to take this opportunity to say goodbye to the entire school community of Boronia K-12 College. As many of you will have heard I finished up at the College on the last day of last term. I have been appointed as the Principal of Bayswater Primary School and commenced here at the beginning of this week. It was with mixed emotions that I made the decision to leave Boronia K-12 after three and a bit years. I am excited about returning to Bayswater Primary School where I worked as a classroom teacher and Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator for 13 years, leaving seven years ago to pursue other opportunities.

Bayswater Primary is a small school with a wonderful community feel and great potential for future development. However I am sad to leave Boronia K-12 as I will dearly miss the students, staff and parents. I am particularly torn to be leaving at a time when the school is doing so well, with enrolments increasing, the Learning Culture being embedded, engagement increasing and so many valuable programs and initiatives in place. I am confident that the school is in a strong position, has an excellent, dedicated and

experienced leadership team, will go from strength to strength and will soon be the school of choice in the Boronia area.

I will be maintaining connections to the school and hope to see you all from time to time. I really enjoyed my time as Assistant Principal at Boronia K-12 College, I have many fond memories that I have taken with me and I believe I learned a great deal about leadership, the importance of building and maintaining strong relationships and school management during my time with you. Thank you also to all of the people that I managed to catch up with before I left, for your kind words of congratulations and encouragement. I will miss you all.

*Brooke Cross*

*Principal, Bayswater Primary School*

# Kathryn Middleton

Welcome back to our students, staff and families for Term 2. It has been wonderful to see so many happy smiling faces over the first two weeks. Before I mention the important upcoming events, could I take the opportunity to reflect on the end of Term 1. In particular, I wish to thank the families who attended the Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews during Week 8 and hope that the feedback and discussions that took place were valuable and informative. This term, as in previous terms, we aim to expect only the best from our students. We believe that a very important element in helping children do well at school is to set our sights high. Just as our students' belief in themselves can translate into either high or low performance, teacher and parent beliefs and behaviours can also affect how well they perform at school. Educational research tells us that highly effective teachers are tenacious in their high expectations for all of their students – no matter what the circumstances. This also applies to parents.

A very important component of Our Learning Culture at Boronia K-12 are our College Wide Expectations which are underpinned by the College Values of Community, Achievement, Respect and Lifelong Learning. These expectations will feature on our Semester 1 reports, and I would like to take this opportunity to highlight examples of valued behaviours and work habits that exemplify these expectations.

## Being Safe and Respectful

- Listens to and follows teacher instructions
- Treats peers with respect

## Being Ready to Learn

- Brings appropriate materials to class
- Brings their computer to class charged and ready to use

## Being an Active and Attentive Learner

- Asks questions to improve skills and understanding
- Constructively remains on task

## Being on Time

- Arrives at school and at class on time
- Keeps up to date and submits work on time

Major events in the first few weeks of this term include the commencement of the dance lessons for the Debutante Ball, which will be held on the 15th June. This is the first of several sessions to ensure our students shine on the night. Interschool sport continues this term including Cross Country, Volleyball, Netball and Football. Years 8, 9 and 11 students will participate in their next 'Elevate Education' session in Week 3, while Year 12 students are off to see a live performance of the play "Medea" as part of their English program.

NAPLAN testing commences during Week 4. Year 7 and Year 9 students will undertake four tests commencing Tuesday, 15th May. NAPLAN isn't the only indicator of student success, but it does provide us with information around the growth of each individual student and their cohort overall. We encourage all students to challenge themselves to perform at their best when attempting the NAPLAN tests across the three days.

Finally, we wish to remind all families that if any student has a genuine uniform emergency and is unable to wear any part of their uniform on any given day, they should provide a signed note from their parent/s or guardian/s explaining the reason. The temporary alternate item should be as similar as possible to the school uniform (e.g. a navy jumper or windcheater). The school has a supply of spare jumpers and jackets for students to borrow if necessary.

Whilst our classrooms are heated, we understand that

transition to and from school as well as at recess and lunch breaks can be chilly. We advise that students consider wearing a plain white T-shirt under their school shirt for extra warmth. Students who wear trousers may wish to wear stockings or 'skins' under their long pants and students are encouraged to wear the navy school scarf and/or beanie for neck and head warmth. We welcome the donation of any school uniform items that are in good condition and no longer required by families. These donated second hand uniforms will be redistributed to families in need and are very much appreciated. Families wishing to seek uniform assistance are asked to contact Ms. Costa (Student Wellbeing Coordinator) or Ms Tanner (Assistant Principal - Wellbeing).

*Kathryn Middleton*

*Assistant Principal - Secondary*



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.



**BORONIA**  
K-12 COLLEGE

# Adrienne Tanner

What a whirlwind start to my teaching career at Boronia K-12. I began at Boronia K-12 in Term 1 this year after 25 years at a local High school. My position was Head of Middle School and it was a position that I truly loved. The position gave me the opportunity to work closely with the staff and students of Year 7-9. The students at Boronia K-12 impress me with their friendliness, openness and willingness to be reflective. The staff impress with their genuine desire to create the best possible learning environment for the students. They invest time and effort into building genuine relationships with the students.

In my role as Head of Middle school I worked hard to understand the school community, familiarize myself with the way the school operated and to know my cohort of students, but when the position of Assistant Principal came up as a result of Brooke Cross' promotion to a Principal role it was an opportunity I could not refuse.

The innovative initiatives being undertaken at Boronia K-12 College are impressive and I hope to drive achievement, engagement, wellbeing and productivity for the whole school community. I welcome the challenge and truly desire the opportunity to help the school community to implement strategies that build inclusiveness and engagement, and drive a culture of high expectations. Creating a school environment that is safe and inclusive of everyone, engaging so that students want to attend, and accessibility to learning for all will be my priorities. I know I have big shoes to fill, but I look forward to meeting the needs of the wider school community in my new role and making a difference for all.

*Adrienne Tanner*

*Assistant Principal - Student Engagement & Wellbeing*

# Matthew Scammell

## NAPLAN

As you may be aware, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2017 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 9 May, Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 11 May 2017. NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy.

The results of the tests provide information for students, parents, teachers and principals which can be used to improve student achievement.

All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During test week, catch-up tests will be available for individual students who are absent on test days. These students may undertake catch-up tests on the days in the test week after the scheduled test, up to and including Friday 12 May, 2017.

It is important that students do their best on the assessment, so that we gain realistic data about the effectiveness of the programs we are running in the school and growth of individual students. In order for students to perform at their best, it is important they get a good night's sleep, have a healthy breakfast, stay hydrated and enter each assessment confident.

Andrew Fuller has talked about the importance of 'Standing tall and walking proud'. He stated that, "your brain is incredibly intelligent. In fact, you possess at the top of your neck, humanity's latest upgrade – the most intelligent brain in all of history. But! Your brain is also incredibly stupid. It believes what you tell it. This means if you stand-up and maintain a powerful posture your body sends a signal to your brain that tells it you are feeling in charge of things and it can reduce your stress."

We do not want our students to experience anxiety over the NAPLAN assessments – we just want everyone to believe in himself or herself and do the best that they are capable of.

If you have a student in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, please look out for more information coming home and out on COMPASS. For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at [www.vcaa.vic.edu.au](http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au) or the NAP website at [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

## Foundation 2019

Our Foundation 2019 enrolments are starting to come in! We have had a large number of families come in to look at our school on our weekly tours. We are looking forward to showcasing what our school, in particular our Foundation to Year 2 learning area, has to offer at our upcoming Open Night. On Tuesday 22 May 2018, we are inviting families to attend a night promoting our 2019 Foundation program.

We encourage new and existing families interested in 2019 enrolments to come along. We are accepting Foundation enrolments now. We ask that enrolments are made as early as possible to allow us to start planning the transition program for Semester Two and make plans for 2019.

*Matthew Scammell*

*Assistant Principal - Primary*

We warmly welcome families to attend our

# PREP OPEN NIGHT

TUESDAY 22ND MAY 2018

Please join us for the Principal's address at **6.00pm** in the **Performing Arts Centre**, followed by a College tour, where you can witness our staff and students in action.

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.

**BORONIA**  
K-12 COLLEGE



PRESENTED BY  
**BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE**

**Classic**  
**ROCK**  
**Showcase**

6:30 PM

**11.05.18**

CHANDLER  
PERFORMING  
ARTS CENTRE

---

TABLE TICKETS ON SALE NOW:  
[WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM / VJMS](http://WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/VJMS)

---

**\$80 PER TABLE (SEATS 8)**  
**BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES**  
**ALCOHOL FREE EVENT**

# Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
30 April - 2 May	Year 5/6 City Camp
2 May	Year 11 Elevate: Study Skills Kick Start IncurSION
3 May	Central Australia Camp Information Evening
4 May	Year 12 Medea Excursion
5 May	ELC Open Morning - 10.00am Debutante Ball Dance Lesson 2
8 May	Year 9 City Experience Day 4 Year 11/12 RSA Training
10 May	Mothers' Day Stall Debutante Ball Dance Lesson 3
11 May	Classic Rock Showcase Year 10 Holocaust Museum Excsn.
17 May	Debutante Ball Dance Lesson 4
18 May	Primary District Cross Country
22 May	Open Night - 6.00pm (Prep Focus) Year 9 City Experience Day 5
23 May	Year 9 City Experience Day 6 National Simultaneous Storytime

DATE	EVENT
24 May	Debutante Ball Dance Lesson 5
31 May	Debutante Ball Dance Lesson 6
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
4 August	ELC Open Morning - 10.00am
14 August	Year 5/6 Hooptime
20 August	Year 12 Elevate: Study Skills
24 August	Year 10 Elevate: Memory & Pneumonics
4 September	Book Fair
5 September	Book Fair
6 September	Book Fair
21 September	Last Day Term 3
8 October	First Day Term 4
21 December	Last Day Term 4

**2019 Central Australia Trip**

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

For students in Years 10, 11 & 12 in 2019

Senior Years Building  
Thursday, May 3rd  
6pm

**Junior Rockers**  
primary music education specialists

APPLY FOR MUSIC LESSONS NOW!

Junior Rockers runs instrumental music lessons right here at school. To find out all about our music lessons, head to our website. From there you can check which instruments are available at your school, get up to date pricing and apply for lessons online.

www.juniorrockers.com

Rather chat in person? We'd love to speak to you.

Call us on 1300 GO ROCK (1300 46 76 25)

*What's happening*

# Around the College

## Primary, Scoresby District Athletics Carnival

Well done to the 54 Year 3-6 students who competed in the Primary District Athletics Carnival last Tuesday 24 April. It was a fantastic day and all competitors gave their all in all track and field events, helping Boronia K-12 College finish 5th overall.

Congratulations to Jarrah (5/6 B) who won the 12 year old boy age group champion for the day. Some outstanding efforts through the day from him, including a terrific win in the 1500m race to start the day.

A big thank you to the teachers who attended the day as well as the nine Year 10 students who came as assistants for the district. They showed maturity and professionalism throughout the day and received nothing but positive feedback from teachers, students and parents from the other schools.

We had plenty of students win ribbons and plenty of students who came 1st or 2nd in their A division event and progressed to the Division Athletics Carnival to be held on Wednesday, 10 October.



The Primary, Scoresby District Athletics Carnival was a big day for all involved. Check out these recounts written by some of the Year 5/6 students involved!

My name is Lucinda, I'm in 5/6A and I, along with 54 other Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6's, went to District Athletics on the 24th of April to represent our wonderful school, Boronia K-12 College. There were lots of events, like shot put, triple jump, long jump, discus, hurdles, relays, and lots of running distances, some big and some small. I was in triple jump and relay B. Lots of people got some awesome ribbons, but that sadly, wasn't me. Lots of people are going to division as well, which is the next level in the sporting events. In triple jump, I'm not sure what I placed, but I jumped 5.4 metres, which I'm happy with because it beats my personal best of 5 metres. And in my relay, I came 4th. District was an amazing experience, that if you ever get the opportunity to do, you should definitely do it.

*Lucinda, Grade 5*



On the 24/4/2018 the primary had districts, it was a tough day because it was rainy and cold, but had a great time. The events I did was Triple Jump and Relay. I had fun in my events but didn't make it to the next round. There were lots of schools there, and I meet up with some of my friends from other schools. My events were two hours apart. I liked districts for a first time, and good luck to those going into division.

*Vinice, Grade 6*

I had so much fun at Athletics! I competed in shotput and discus and the results were awesome! I came first in shotput and third in discus, which means I'm going through to division! It was such an awesome day and I'm looking forward to division!

*Laura, Grade 6*

I tried but I didn't go through to the next round. I was in long jump and triple jump. I was also in relay with Luis, Jasper and Mathew. It was good!

*Phoenix, Grade 5*



BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE

# MOTHER'S DAY STALL

THURSDAY 10 MAY

EARLY LEARNING CENTRE FOYER

Pop your money in a named envelope



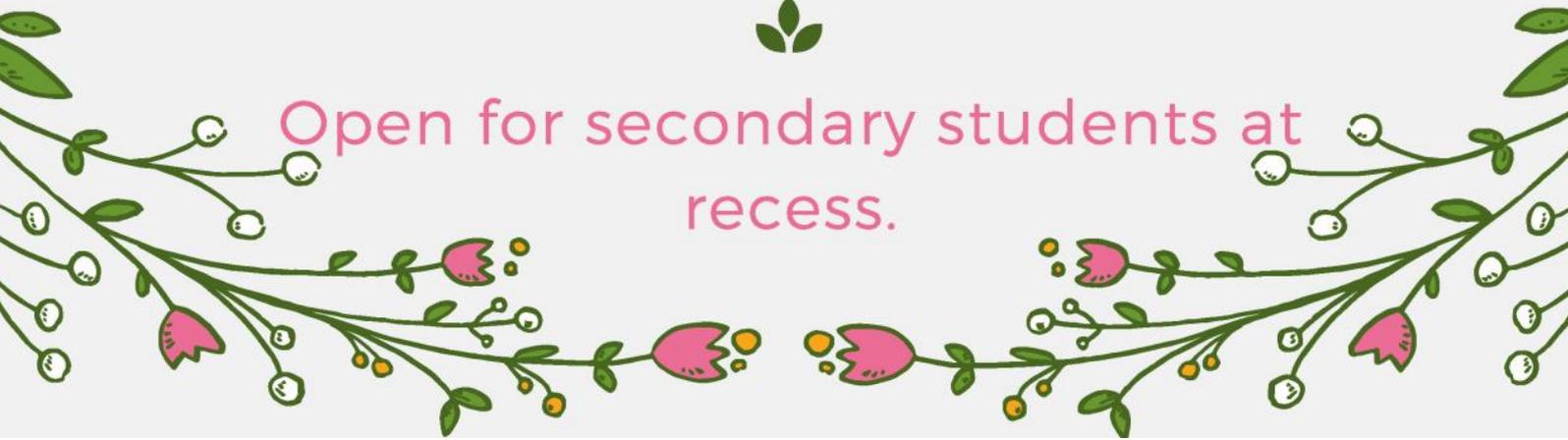
Don't forget a plastic bag to keep  
your gift safe



K-6 Students will purchase their gifts  
during a set class time



Open for secondary students at  
recess.



## VCAL News

Students will be able to purchase pizza from the pizza oven on selected dates; as outlined on the timetable published on compass.

Students will need to write their name and order on the envelopes and order forms provided to their classroom teacher/homegroup teachers and will need to return their order at least one week prior to their designated day. VCAL students will prepare, cook and deliver the order to the students for lunchtime on their order day.

Pizzas available;

- Hawaiian (cheese, ham and pineapple) \$5.00
- Margarita (cheese and oregano) \$5.00
- Vegetarian (onion, mushroom, capsicum, zucchini) \$5.50
- Meat lovers (ham, salami, bacon, cheese, bbq sauce) \$6.00

All pizzas come on a pita bread base and are single serve.

## Old Melbourne Gaol Excursion

The VCE Legal Studies and Year 10 Crimes of Melbourne class visited the Old Melbourne Gaol, Watch House and the Old Melbourne Magistrates Court last week to explore the origins of law and order in Melbourne to apply to their studies. Students undertook a mock trial, based on Ned Kelly's original trial. Students also explored the Melbourne remand Centre, and experienced being locked up and being arrested.



## Shine of Remembrance

The Shrine of Remembrance ANZAC service Students from the Year 10 Modern History class attended the annual Legacy ANZAC day ceremony on behalf of Boronia K-12 College at the Shrine of Remembrance.



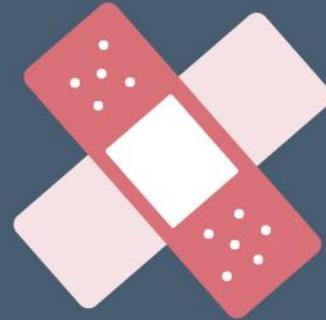
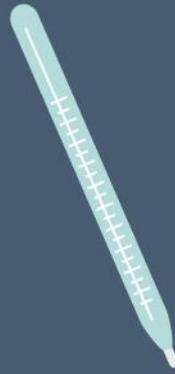
## Debutante Ball

Students have started their dance rehearsals for the Deb Ball and are looking fantastic!





**BORONIA**  
K-12 COLLEGE



FEELING SICK OR UNWELL?  
HAVE A MEDICAL QUESTION?

# CHECK OUT THE GP IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM



THE GPS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM OPERATES LIKE A NORMAL GP CLINIC AND OFFERS THE SAME ASSISTANCE WITH PHYSICAL HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, AND OTHER HEALTH RELATED ISSUES.

**OPEN EVERY FRIDAY 8.30AM - 4.00PM**

LOCATED OUTSIDE THE JUNIOR SCHOOL OFFICE.  
DROP IN TO MISS COSTA IN THE WELLBEING OFFICE, OR  
EMAIL [COSTA.NICOLE.N2@EDUMAIL.VIC.GOV.AU](mailto:COSTA.NICOLE.N2@EDUMAIL.VIC.GOV.AU) FOR  
ASSISTANCE WITH APPOINTMENTS.

## YEAR 9 PROGRAM

At end of last term our Year 9s were treated to an Easter egg hunt. However, there was a challenge to complete first... in their small teams they had to create an Easter basket within the short time limit. It had to hold the weight of a drink bottle, be colourful, and include Easter theme pictures and phrases.

In Term 2, Year 9s have another busy term ahead...

**B Creative** - Three more days of City Experience which includes their small group independent investigations and the overnight stay. Concluding with the presentation of their 'Big Question' later this term.

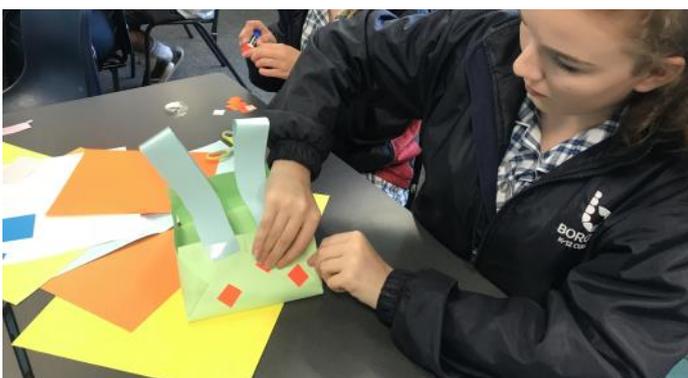
**B Well** - Cybersafety and digital footprint, healthy relationships, mental health and fitness and sexual health.

**B Active** - Two four week blocks will include geocaching, sport coaching, ten pin bowling, lawn bowls for first activity block, sport coaching, bushwalking and orienteering, racquet sports, and laser strike for block two.

**B Connected** - Students will start their community placements in the coming week with a range of organisations.

Reminder to all students interested in participating in the **Duke of Edinburgh** that there will be a meeting with Mrs McMillan on Thursday 2 May during recess in T7.

**Year 9 Camp in Term 4:** Buttercup and the High Country. Students will experience horse riding, bushwalking, camp cooking, camping in tents/bush huts and a paintball session.



Check out these happy snaps of some of the 4 year olds in the ELC.

We went on a discovery walk and found the Anzac mural which sparked a discussion on soldiers and Anzac day. We also had fun on the oval playing 'what's the time Mr wolf' followed by a picnic lunch and some fun with ribbons.

The puppet theatre has been a popular choice as we can role play so many different people in our community. We recorded their puppet shows and all enjoyed watching ourselves on the big interactive whiteboard too.



Our 3 year olds enjoying kinder time.

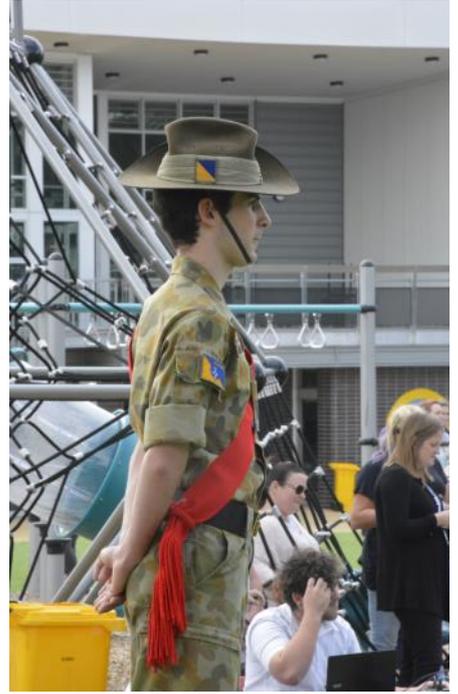
Group play in the sandpit has encouraged the children to share and negotiate the play.

Our gross motor skills and fine motor skills are hard at work each day.



Snapshots of...

# ANZAC DAY CEREMONY



Check out the...

# TRIENNIAL STUDIO ART EXCURSION

