

BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE

# Newsletter

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## Get Wild

The Term is flying with plenty of activities going on, such as the 'Get Wild' elective's surfing excursion.

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### Important dates...

- 21 NOV** 2019 PREP TRANSITION DAY 2
- 21 NOV** K - 12 ART SHOW OPENING NIGHT
- 22 NOV** K - 12 ART SHOW AFTERNOON
- 23 NOV** EXAM CATCH UP DAY
- 26 NOV** YEAR 9 CAMP DEPARTS
- 26 NOV** YEAR 7 KIOSC EXCURSION
- 29 NOV** YEAR 9 CAMP RETURNS
- 29 NOV** 2019 PREP TRANSITION DAY 3
- 1 DEC** CAMP BORNEO DEPARTS

**See page 7 for more important dates**

# Meagan Cook

## Congratulations Year 12s

This week marks the end of the Year 12 Exam Period, as usual it is with mixed emotions that we celebrate this, as it also marks the end of the journey at Boronia K-12 for a number of students and families.

We wish our VCE students all the best as they now await the outcome of these exams and hope that their hard work has paid off and they are able to achieve what they have aspired to.

Always remember, that although you are no longer attending school, you will always be a Boronia K-12 student. That means we are always there to offer support when needed!

## Examinations for Years 7 - 11

Our internal exam period is also upon us. Teachers have collaborated to produce the exams to ensure they reflect the learning that has occurred and the format and question styles matched those used in VCE examinations.

We were very impressed with the way in which students applied themselves in our Semester One exam period and are anticipating the same high level of response this term. Our rationale for completing the exams each semester, is that we want students to go into their Year 12 exams so accustomed to the experience that they can fully concentrate on displaying their knowledge and skills. This is based on neuroscience - cognitive load theory. 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 aim 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.

The timetable for the exams and the expectations of students during this time is being presented at student assemblies over the coming days and can be seen on their daily schedule via COMPASS. Catch up sessions have also been timetabled for students who are unable to attend an exam due to illness or another valid reason.

## Borneo Expedition

It was about this same time last year that we first published information about the proposed trip to Borneo and it is exciting to see this now being realized. Just this week I attended a BBQ breakfast, put on by our brave students, that are about to embark upon this journey. Whilst the trip itself, can and will be life changing, so too is the preparation, planning and fundraising. We are very proud of all students that are involved and can't wait to hear about the experience when they return.



## Art Show

*"The eye sees only what the mind is prepared to comprehend."*  
— Henri Bergson

Whilst the media often bombards us with information about students' performance in reading, writing and numeracy they rarely talk about our students' progress in the arts. Yet in Victoria, we also have targets set to have more students achieving excellence in the arts with a focus on critical and creative thinking skills. At Boronia K-12 College we value the performance of students across all academic endeavours and the Arts is no different. Recently we were involved in a VCAA study that measured the performance of our Grade 6 students against the state in visual arts. Our students performed above the state average. This doesn't occur by chance, it is the result of ensuring that we prioritise teaching time to enable all students to flourish and is a testament to the work of our students and Mrs Trounson.

On Wednesday the 21st of November the Art and Technology department will be holding the inaugural Art Show! We will be showing art from the Kinder, Primary and Secondary school. The event starts at 6.00pm in the Senior School.

*Meagan Cook*

*Principal*



# Kathryn Middleton

## Senior School Exams & Step Up

Congratulations to all of our Year 12 students who have now completed their VCE exams. Being new to the school this year, I have enjoyed meeting our Year 12 students over the last 10 months and I have been impressed with their dedication to study, support of their peers and positive relationships with their teachers. We would like to congratulate all of our Year 12 students on their completing 13 years of formal schooling and we would like to thank them for the valuable contribution they have made to the school. We wish them all the best as they prepare for the next stage of their lives. Thank you also to the 2018 Year 12 teachers for their hard work and dedicated effort throughout 2018 and also for the concerted effort from all of the members of staff (teachers and support staff) who have supported our Year 12 students throughout their time at Boronia K-12 College. Your effort and dedication is highly appreciated. Thanks to Mr. Tim Knowles, Mr. Lyle D'Rozario and Ms. Carlie Case for their dedicated work across the year and in particular to the lead up to ensure the efficient organization of the Year 12 final exams.

Years 10 and 11 students started their exams on Thursday, 15th November and Senior School exams will continue until Thursday, November 22nd. These exams are a very important learning experience for all students as they build their confidence and skills in this important aspect of assessment that may help determine the future pathways for many of our students. We require all our students to take these exams seriously so that they gain the best experience they can from them. After the exam period, from 26th November, Year 10 and 11 students begin our school rollover (Step up) into the 2019 academic year.

Years 7-9 students begin their exams as of Monday, 19th November followed by Step Up on Wednesday, 12th December. It is expected that all students

returning to Boronia K-12 College in 2019 attend these very important Step Up weeks. There will be holiday homework set in the Step Up programs and work expected to be submitted in the first week back next year. The Senior School team will also be reviewing student achievement and effort to ensure students have made the correct subject selections and are on track for a successful year. In the Middle School, a task will be set in each subject and this will count towards their assessment for 2019.

## Transition Programs

Boronia K-12 College is committed to ensuring that all students are welcomed to the College through an informative, nurturing and supportive transition program. As part of our transition initiatives this year we have offered a special pre orientation day for students from primary schools "out of our neighborhood" where often only one or two students come from. It is an opportunity to experience life at secondary school through a morning immersion program and not only do they participate in a range of hands on activities across the College, they get the chance to make new friends ahead of the state wide orientation day on Tuesday 11th December. Four of our current Grade 6 students will assist Mrs Blair (Transition Coordinator) on the day acting as student friendship ambassadors.

On the evening of Monday 10th December we will hold a Year 7 Transition Evening from 6.30pm to officially welcome our 2019 Year 7 and students and their parents.

## Awards Ceremony

The Awards Ceremony will be held on Wednesday 19th December at the Whitehorse Centre in Nunawading. Students from Years 7-11 will be recognized for academic excellence, effort and community involvement. This evening provides an opportunity to recognize the positive achievements of our students in the presence of parents, staff and members of the

wider community.



## Student Activities and Camps

Our Year 2 students will participate in a sleepover this Friday 16th November. The activity is designed to help students develop the skills of independence and responsibility away from home as part of the transitional lead up to Year 3 Camp. Students are given the opportunity for personal and social development in a camp situation, under the full supervision of staff.

As part of the B Program, Year 9 students will head off to explore the Victorian High Country via Horseback and Bushwalking on Monday November 26th. Whilst hiking throughout the Mansfield State Forest and Alpine National Park they will familiarise themselves with the local flora and fauna. Students will experience camping in tents and a range of camp craft activities including cooking on trangias, campfire activities, orienteering and hut building. In addition to the bushwalks, students will have the opportunity to participate in horse riding, archery and paintball. This camp promotes Team Work, Cooperation, Initiative and Leadership.

We would also like to wish Mr Dan Camille and Ms. Carlie Case all the best as they travel overseas with 11 students to Borneo as part of a Camps International joint local community project. Students have been

preparing and fundraising for many months now and we wish them safe travels and many rewarding experiences.

## Donations of Textbooks & Uniform

If you have textbooks or uniform items you no longer need, please consider donating them to the College. We would appreciate the donations as it helps us to assist students and families in need. It's also handy to have spare uniform items to assist students on cold or wet days. If you wish to do so, please drop your books and clean uniform items off at the General Office.

*Kathryn Middleton*

*Assistant Principal: Secondary*



Our final group of Year 12 exam students bid farewell to Boronia K-12 College this week. We're sure they left the school halls with a spring in their step knowing that they were to be bothered by exams no more!

*Fun, fun, fun with the*

## SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE



# Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
16 November	Year 2 Sleepover Instrumental Music Concert
19 November	B Active BBQ Lunch at Arboretum
21 November	Prep 2019 Transition Day 2 K-12 Art Show 6.00 - 8.00pm
22 November	K-12 Art Show 3.00 - 5.00pm Year 10 – 11 Exam Program Ends
23 November	Exam Catch Up Day
26 November	Year 9 Camp departs Year 7 'Water' KIOSC Excursion
29 November	Year 9 Camp returns Prep 2019 Transition Day 3
1 December	Borneo Camp Departs
6 December	Bye, Bye Birdie Performance
7 December	Prep 2019 Transition Day 4 Bye, Bye Birdie Performance
8 December	Bye, Bye Birdie Final Performance
10 December	Pop Up Uniform Shop 2.00 - 4.30pm

DATE	EVENT
11 December	Prep 2019 Transition Day 5
12 December	Step Up Program
19 December	Secondary School Awards Night
20 December	Year 6 Graduation
21 December	Last Day Term 4
30 January 219	Term 1 2019 commences
27 February 2019	Year 7 Camp departs
1 March 2019	Year 7 Camp returns
5 April 2019	Last Day of Term 1, 2019
23 April	First Day Term 2, 2019
28 June	Last Day Term 2, 2019
15 July	First Day Term 3, 2019
20 September	Last Day Term 3, 2019
7 October	First Day Term 4, 2019
20 December	Last Day Term 4, 2019



In preparation for the Year 9 Camp, students have been busy learning all the skills required to survive out in the wilderness.

This week, teams worked together to pitch tents on the school oval.



Check out the...

## COLOUR RUN FUN





BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE'S  
PRODUCTION OF

# BYE BYE BIRDIE

A MUSICAL COMEDY

December 6, 7, 8 2018

Chandler Performing Arts Centre  
Boronia K-12 College Albert Ave, Boroniaa

**Bookings**  
**[trybooking.com.au/XJKD](https://www.trybooking.com/XJKD)**

Book by MICHAEL STEWART  
Music by CHARLES STROUSE  
Lyrics by LEE ADAMS

Originally produced by EDWARD PADULA  
by arrangement with Hal Leonard Australia Pty Ltd

*'Get Wild' snapshots of*

## SURFING AT PHILLIP ISLAND



## Who is the wellbeing team and what do we do?

The Wellbeing team consists of Adrienne Tanner, Assistant Principal of Wellbeing and Inclusion and Nicole Costa, Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator. As a team we have been working on making wellbeing services much more accessible and creating a wellbeing culture that is inclusive and supportive.

## What type of issues can wellbeing help your child with?

- Anxiety
- Struggles with social relationships
- Emotional regulation (e.g. anger)
- Engagement with education (e.g. difficulty getting your child motivated to come to school)
- Family concerns (e.g. family breakdown)

## What if my child has the following issues?

- Depression
- Severe anxiety
- Anger management issues
- Bereavement
- Drug and alcohol concerns

If you hold any of the above concerns, the wellbeing team are here to support you and your child get the appropriate assistance by linking you in with external agencies.

Here is a quick reminder of the services and supports the wellbeing team can offer:

- Counselling (short term)
- Doctors in Secondary School's Program at school on Mondays
- Yarra Valley Psychology at school on Wednesdays

- Student Support Services Officers (Educational Psychologist, Speech Therapist and Social Worker)
- Support for students that may be disengaged or at risk of disengagement from education
- Support for families with students with disabilities
- Supporting our Koori students
- Headspace Clinicians In schools offering counselling on Thursday's
- Breakfast Club each morning 8:20am – 8:50am
- State School's Relief for families eligible to receive uniform assistance
- Wellbeing based programs that support our students with issues such as self-esteem, friendship issues and emotional regulation
- Working actively with our students to workshop ideas and plans around bullying and mental health concerns

## Who do I contact if I have concerns about my child's wellbeing?

It is best to raise the issue with your child's classroom or homeroom teacher and they will pass this information onto sub-school leaders for a member of the wellbeing team to set up a time to meet and create a plan to best support your child.

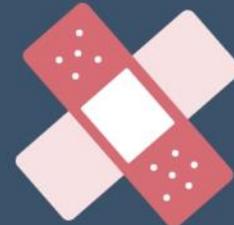
## SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS

**WHERE:** Performing Arts Building

**WHEN:** Monday to Friday (8:20am - 8:50am)



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FEELING SICK OR UNWELL?  
HAVE A MEDICAL QUESTION?

CHECK OUT THE

# DOCTORS IN SCHOOLS PROGRAM

THE DOCTORS 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 MONDAY 9AM - 3:30PM

LOCATED NEXT TO THE LOWER BASKETBALL COURT AND THE MAIN BUILDING.

DROP INTO SEE MISS COSTA OR MRS TANNER 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

# SUPERSTARS

## Week 5

Teachers were looking for students who are always 'ready to learn.' These are students who consistently and eagerly contribute within all areas of schooling, always participating in whole class discussions and completing all tasks to the best of their ability. These students are committed to being Life Long Learners.

Lawrence, Danae, Kasey, Marwan, Bella, Lilly-Ann, Aiden, Lexi, Jayde, Isaac, Boudica, Mason, Omar.

### WEEK 5 Specialist Awards:

SPANISH – Noah

PE – Alexia

SCIENCE – Emersyn

MUSIC – Lucinda



## Week 6

Teachers were looking for students who are 'safe and respectful.' These are students who are safe, caring, respectful, supportive and inclusive.

The winners were: Amber, Sophie, Bailey, Adam, Myra, Dhwani and Dante.

### WEEK 6 Specialist Awards:

ART – Peter and Charli

SPANISH – Phoebe

PE – Jasmine

SCIENCE – Shayla



# Foundation 2019 Transition Program

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<b>Wednesday 7th November</b> Time: 7:00pm - 8:00pm	2019 Transition Information Evening for new Foundation Parents
<b>Tuesday 13th November</b> Time: 12:00pm - 1:15pm	Foundation Transition Program: Bring your favourite Teddy Bear along for our special 'Teddy Bear Hunt'
<b>Wednesday 21st November</b> Time: 9:15am - 10:30am	Foundation Transition Program: Specialist Visit- Art and Languages
<b>Thursday 29th November</b> Time: 9:15am - 10:30am	Foundation Transition Program: Specialist Visit- Physical Education and Music
<b>Friday 7th December</b> Time: 9:15am - 10:30am	Foundation Transition Program: 'Let's learn together' Discovery session
<b>Tuesday 11th December</b> Time: 10:00am - 1pm	Orientation to school life at Boronia K-12 College



# Parent Information Sessions 2018



Date	Session	Location
Tuesday 13th November 12:00-1:15pm	<b>Welcome Morning Tea</b> A chance for you to chat and meet other new parents as well as the Principals of our school.	OSH Building (next door to Gym)
Wednesday 21st November 9:30-10:15am	<b>Additional Services</b> A presentation from our very own school nurse and speech pathologist providing information about preparing your child for school, fine/gross motor skills and lots more.	Break Out Space
Thursday 29th November 9:30-10:15am	<b>Student Well-being</b> A presentation from our Assistant Principal Well-being and Inclusion, Adrienne Tanner, our Student Well-being Coordinator, Nicole Costa and our school psychologist about student well-being in the school environment.	Break Out Space
Friday 7th December 9:30-10:15am	<b>Interested in helping in the classroom next year? Parent Helper Induction</b> An induction process run by our Director of Junior School, Mel Hancock, providing you with information and training to assist your child and others in the classroom.	Break Out Space



# Lunar Drive In

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## Disney Christopher Robin

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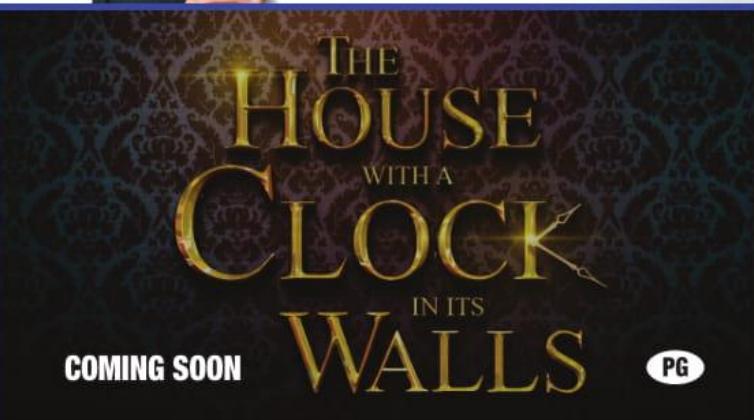


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