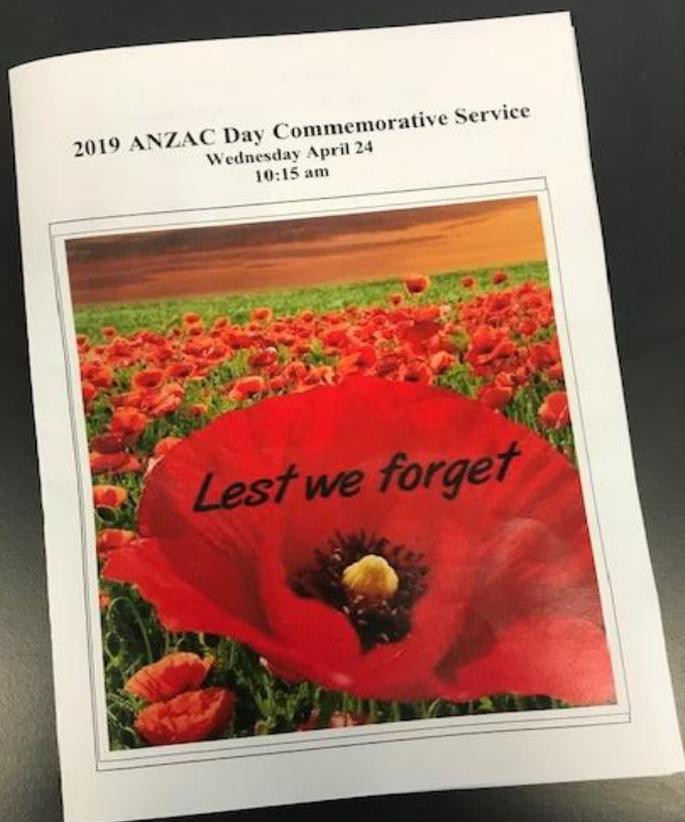




BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE  
**Newsletter**

*Boronia K-12 College : Proudly Learning Together*



**ANZAC Day**

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- 7 MAY** PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY
- 8 MAY** YEAR 7 CAMP DEPARTS
- 9 MAY** MOTHERS DAY STALL
- 10 MAY** YEAR 7 CAMP RETURNS
- 13 MAY** YEAR 9 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS - GIRLS AFL
- 14 MAY** NAPLAN
- 16 MAY** YEAR 8 INTERSCHOOL SPORTS - NETBALL AND AFL

**See page 7 for more important dates**



# Meagan Cook

## ANZAC DAY

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 Wednesday 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, Maggie and Lashana (Gr6), Ash and Tigheaman (Yr9), Charlie and Bree (Yr12) and Anthony (Yr11) reminded us all of the reasons this is an important day in our Nations calendar. The musical performances were outstanding. I was particularly impressed with Charlie (Yr12), who led members of his cadet unit who played an important role in the service, and Melanie (Yr11) who lead the singing of Advance Australia Fair.

The laying of the College wreaths by student representatives from each sub-school was particularly moving and symbolised our collective acknowledgement of those that served. Thank you to Mr Wayne Robinson for his organisation of the service and Ms Judy McLaren and Ms Rebecca Russell for the musical items.

Whilst our Community came together our Grade 6 Students represented the College at the Boronia Rotary Club's ANZAC Ceremony with our local member Jackson Taylor, where they also laid a wreath on behalf of our School



# Meagan Cook

## Professional Learning for Staff

Last Friday we held a professional learning day for all staff at the College. The focus was varied to meet the needs of different teams within our College. Our staff are engaged and committed to ensuring that we are providing the best possible learning environment that we can for your children and that is why days like this are so important in building our collective capacity and efficacy.

Our Secondary English Team worked with an expert to:

- Discuss the keys to successful intervention and explore the literacy learning context.
- Review the importance of understanding the characteristics of text in planning lessons.
- Identify the need for Intervention using the Benchmark Assessment System.
- Discuss the characteristics displayed by readers who need intervention.
- Explore some of the instructional procedures used with Levelled Literacy Intervention and how they relate to the classroom program.

Other Secondary teachers worked with Rowena from Bricks Learning to extend their knowledge of the Office 365 suite and its applications to team planning and classroom use. During this time they investigated:

- Using Teams for faculty communication
- Designing a structure for Team planning in OneNote
- Effective strategies for Class Collaboration using Teams & OneNote
- Creating Class Teams & Class Notebooks
- The Personal & Social Capabilities Curriculum

- Design learning with focus on Capabilities Curriculum
- Ideas for effective and success Collaborative Learning using OneNote

Our Education Support staff also engaged with each other and a range of experts on the day as they undertook customer service training and worked with Chris Varney, CEO of the I Can Network. These workshops enabled our support staff to further develop their capacity to support the school community.

Our Junior School Staff worked with Emma from the International Baccalaureate Organisation (IB). Emma is our partner and will continue working with us as we journey towards our full accreditation as an IB school delivering the Primary Years Program (PYP). Our Junior School Staff and Principal Team participated in a **two day** workshop (Friday and Saturday) on making the PYP happen at Boronia K-12 College.

## The Music Bus

This week our Junior School Students started their instrumental music lessons with the Music Bus. It was a fantastic morning of learning for the students that have registered for the program. The Music Bus will be here every Tuesday morning delivering lessons in Keyboard, Guitar, Singing and Drums.

There are a limited number of places available for students that are yet to register, so it is not too late to "get on board". Contact the General Office if you need another expression of interest form to get started.

**Meagan Cook**  
**Principal**

# Kathryn Middleton

Welcome back to what looks to be an action-packed Term 2. It is pleasing to see students looking refreshed and ready to learn. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all the new students and families joining us this term. It has been rewarding to hear the positive feedback which has led to your decision to enrol or transfer to Boronia K-12 College.

Our planning and Compass calendars are full of exciting events including visits to KIOSC, Intra and Inter-School Cross Country, Year 7 Camp, Jump Rope for Heart, National Simultaneous Story Time, Road Smart incursion and various inter-school sports days to name a few. We look forward to our students showcasing their skills and talents during these events whilst displaying the school values and attributes of a good school ambassador.

## NAPLAN

As you may be aware, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2019 for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will be held on Tuesday 14 May, Wednesday 15 May and Thursday 16 May 2019. All students are expected to participate in the NAPLAN tests. During the 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 17 May 2019.



NAPLAN tests assess student knowledge and skills in Writing, Reading, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. Tests will be conducted on the mornings of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 14-16 May. Over time, the NAPLAN tests provide parents, teachers and the school with a rich source of information on how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy as they advance through their schooling. Individual student results will be provided to parents and students later in the year.

It is important that students do their best on these assessments so that we gain realistic data about the effectiveness of the programs we are running in the school and the growth of individual students. 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 with confidence.

We ask parents to ensure that home address and postal details are up to date as we will be posting NAPLAN results. Results are expected to be posted from mid-August to end-September. The school does not get a copy of the results therefore parents must ensure that the report is kept for future records. Please note, if a duplicate report is required, the school must order it especially and it can take some weeks to be delivered.

Students are asked to make sure that they arrive punctually for each of the test sessions. They are required to bring a sharpened 2B or HB pencil, an eraser and a sharpener to each test. On Tuesday May 14, they can also bring either a blue or black pen for the Writing Test. On Thursday May 16, they should bring a calculator for the first Numeracy Test.

Further information for parents can be found at the following links:

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/prep10/naplan/parents/index.aspx>  
<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/naplan/parentpamphlet/naplanbrochure.pdf>

## 2019 Student Attitudes to School Survey

The *Attitudes to School Survey* is an annual questionnaire of the student voice that provides data about students' perceptions and their experience of school.

The survey will be conducted for students from Years 4 to 12 from Monday May 13 to Friday May 31, 2019 and will be conducted online during class time. The overall objective of the annual Attitudes to School survey is to collect valuable data about the opinions of students to assist schools with planning, developing curriculum and supporting students. At Boronia K-12 College, we take this survey very seriously and use the results and subsequent student forums to guide our practice in all areas.

Parents/guardians will have their opportunity to undertake a similar survey from July.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>

## Ride safely to and from school

A reminder to all students who ride their bicycles to school that it is mandatory that helmets are worn for your own safety. Cyclists are required to obey the same road rules as car drivers plus some bicycle specific rules, e.g. wearing a securely fitted and fastened helmet, whether you are riding on the roads, bike paths or shared footpaths. Students can be fined for not complying and, most importantly, we value your safety and do not want to see any of our students end up with a major head injury.

## Uniform

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 without a hood). The school has a supply of spare jumpers and jackets for students to borrow if necessary.

*Kathryn Middleton*

*Assistant Principal - Secondary*





**BORONIA K-12 AND  
RAW IMPACT PRESENT**

# **CAMBODIA 2020 GLOBAL DEVELOPMENT TOUR**

**"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself  
in the service of others..."**

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**We warmly invite you to attend a  
Parent Information Session on  
14th May, 2020 in the PAC @  
6:30pm**

Raising Awareness to inspire powerful change through a  
life-changing volunteering and sustainable project.

# Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
7 May	Primary Cross Country
8 May	Year 7 Camp Departs Year 10 Road Smart Presentation
9 May	Mothers Day Stall Intermediate Sport Round Robin
10 May	Year 9 TAFE Taster Day Year 7 Camp Returns
13 May	Year 9 Interschool Sport Girls AFL
14 May	NAPLAN
16 May	Year 8 Interschool Sports— Netball and AFL
17 May	Jump Rope for Heart JUMP OFF DAY
22 May	National Simultaneous Story Time
24 May	Primary District Cross Country
28 May	Interschool Sport Senior Boys Netball / Junior Girls AFL
4 June	Knox Division Cross Country
7 June	F—6 Footy Clinics
10 June	Queens Birthday
11 June	Year 5/6 Winter Sports Round Robin

DATE	EVENT
14 June	K—6 Disco
24 June	Central Australia Trip Departs
28 June	Last Day of Term 2
3 July	Central Australia Trip Returns
15 July	First Day Term 3
20 July	Trivia Night—Glitz and Glamour
26 July	Toastie and PJ Day F—2 Dance Program
9 August	Year 5/6 Hoop Time
29 August	Fathers Day Stall
30 August	Lamont Book Fair
11 September	Art Show
20 September	Last Day of Term 3
7 October	First Day Term 4
20 December	Last Day of School

*What's happening*

# State Swimming

## Superstar State Swimmer!

A HUGE congratulations to Daniel (5/6) for competing in the Victorian Primary Swimming Championships at MSAC on Wednesday, 24 April.

Daniel continued to apply himself to the best of his ability throughout the competitions and his hard work and dedication all paid off coming home with a silver medal in Breaststroke and a bronze medal in Freestyle.

A fantastic effort and one that the whole Boronia K-12 College is very proud of. Well done Daniel, an inspiration to us all!!



## ELECTION BBQ

With the Federal Election approaching on Saturday 18 May, Boronia K-12 College will be running a BBQ to all voters attending the polling booth at the school.

We are looking for Volunteers for to assist with the BBQ. We are running 2 hour shifts as follows:-

7.30am - 9.30am

9.30am - 11.30am

11.30am - 1.30pm

1.30pm - 3.30pm

3.30pm - 4.30pm

If you are interested in helping out, please let Meaghan in the General Office know on 9760 4900 or alternatively Shaye Owen from the Parents Club.

*Coming Up...*

# Mothers Day Stall

BORONIA K-12-PARENTS CLUB

*shhhh,,,,,*  
*Mother's Day Stall!*

**Thursday 9 May**

*Gifts will range between \$1-\$8  
Please remember to bring a reusable bag to  
hide your gift in.*

If any parents are able to help out with the stall on the day between 9am to 11am please contact the General Office for more details on 9760 4900.

Secondary students are welcome to visit the stall at Recess on the day.

# School Banking

**Term 2 update.**

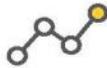
## School Banking Newsletter.

### Helping your child to budget.

Budgeting, or balancing saving and spending, is a valuable skill that children can use throughout their lives. When we spoke to over 1,000 parents of primary school students, 83% thought it was important to help their child learn to budget and 91% found it especially relevant for students in years 5 and 6<sup>^</sup>. Here are three easy ways you can teach your child to budget, at any age.



Set a savings goal together and explain the importance of setting aside a little money each week to reach the goal.



Help your child keep track of their money by teaching them to check the amount they've saved and what's left when they take money out.



Play a fun shopping game, in-store or online. Add up the prices of things you want to buy and compare the total with the amount in your spending budget. This teaches your child about cost and how they may not be able to afford everything.

### Term 2 Polar Savers rewards.

To encourage kids to keep saving regularly, they can redeem a reward every time they make 10 deposits with School Banking. Our new Term 2 rewards are now available to order, while stocks last.



Yeti Fluffy Notebook



Icicle Slapband Ruler

### Budgeting fun with the Dollarmites.

The Dollarmites are saving to buy Pat a new \$65 coat to wear on his Polar Savers adventure. Add up how much they've saved so far, and how much more they'll need.

Lucas: \$5.00      Addy: \$8.80      Pru: \$7.70      Spen: \$12.00

Working Space

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To find out more about the School Banking program and how to get your child involved, ask your School Banking Co-ordinator for a School Banking Parent Pack or visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](http://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking)

<sup>^</sup> Parents of Australian primary school children (n=1144), School Banking Research, conducted by Fiftyfive5, May-June 2018. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.

## SCULPT YOUR WORLD

This is the finished product from the Year 10 "Sculpt My World" class.



Glance at

## WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN

Between 1 May & 25 June, 2019 the Woolworths Earn & Learn is on. For every \$10 spent at Woolworths, you receive 1 earn and learn sticker. Each primary student will receive an Earn & Learn sticker book where they can place their selected stickers. Once completed, this book is to be taken to the College and dropped in one of the collection bins or given to Mr. Stone. Alternatively, stickers can be returned to the College to the below collection points or online via the earn and learn website. These stickers will then be used to purchase equipment for use in the College.

F-2: Cricket poster in the middle space of the F-2 building

3/4: Microscope poster in the middle of the 3/4 building

5/6: Collection Box in middle of 5/6 Building

*Gym: Collection Box outside of Mr. Stone's office*

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

The Wellbeing team consists of

- **Adrienne Tanner:** Assistant Principal of Wellbeing and Inclusion
- **Nicole Costa,:** Student Wellbeing Co-ordinator
- **James Latu:** Youth Worker (Tuesdays and Thursdays)
- **Deborah Ellis:** Adolescent Health Nurse (Mondays and Thursdays)

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 Schools Program at school on Monday
- Yarra Valley Psychology at school on Tuesday mornings and all day Wednesday (Start date TBC)
- 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
- Breakfast Club each morning 8:20am – 8:50am in the Performing Arts Centre
- 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 the sub-school leaders for a member of the wellbeing team to begin the process of setting up supports for your child at school or in the community.

## HEAD LICE

Cases of head lice have recently been reported within the school.

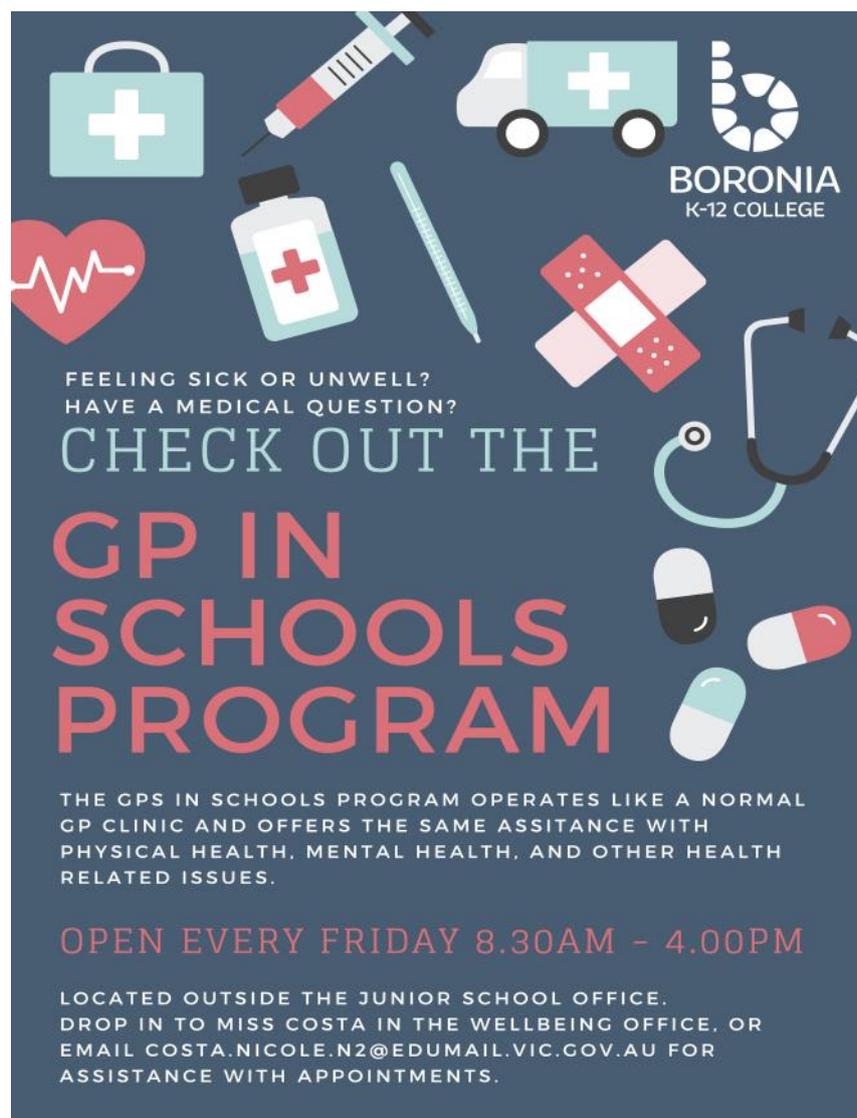
The following signs may indicate the presence of head lice:

- Student scratching his or her head excessively
- Fine black powder or pale coloured material on bedding
- In the hair, signs of eggs (nits)
- Cream or coffee coloured specks close to hair roots
- Lice approximately the size of a pin head

Many lice do not cause an itch so you have to look carefully to find them.

The school relies on all parents treating the matter of head lice seriously and with due diligence.

## DOCTORS IN SCHOOLS



**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.



# SCHOOL BREAKFAST CLUBS

**WHERE:** Performing Arts Centre

**WHEN:** Monday and Tuesday - Cereal, fruit and oats  
Wednesday and Friday - Toast, cereal, fruit and  
oats  
Thursday - 'Toastie Thursday'  
8:20-8:50am



A Victorian Government initiative in partnership with Foodbank Victoria