



BORONIA K-12 COLLEGE  
**Newsletter**

*Boronia K-12 College : Proudly Learning Together*



# Easter Bonnet Parade

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- 23 APRIL** FIRST DAY TERM 2
- 24 APRIL** ANZAC DAY ASSEMBLY
- 25 APRIL** ANZAC DAY
- 26 APRIL** STUDENT FREE DAY
- 2 MAY** CAREERS EXPO /  
YR 11 INTERSCHOOL SPORT
- 7 MAY** PRIMARY CROSS COUNTRY
- 8 MAY** YR 7 CAMP DEPARTS /  
YR 10 ROAD SMART PRESENTATION

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# Meagan Cook

It was wonderful to see our whole school community come together this morning as we celebrated the achievements of a very busy term.

The theme of our assembly was community, one of our 4 College Values.

Below is my Principals Address from the assembly today.

*Whilst we celebrate the value of community today it is important that we live all of our College values*

- *Community*
- *Achievement,*
- *Respect and*
- *Lifelong learning*

*You demonstrate your commitment to these through your attitude, your involvement, effort, behaviour, the way you wear your uniform, the way you treat yourself and others at our school*

*This term I have been impressed by the talent that I see, in our students, as I move around the school*

*Last week I was particularly impressed by our musicians. After only a term of learning, the performances were of a very high standard. Our value of community was on show as students and families supported every performer. It can be nerve racking getting up in front of an audience for the first time, or with a new song to sing or a new instrument to play.*

*All of our students continue to shine through music, sport, academic studies and the arts. I have been particularly impressed by the art that our students are producing in both the primary and secondary years and I love that this art is prominently displayed in our learning spaces and via our Instagram page.*

*I want to congratulate our VCAL students for the contribution they have made to our community this term. They were impressive leading our F-2 students at both our swimming and athletics carnivals and made us all exceptionally proud of the young men and women they are becoming.*

*On Tuesday night we celebrated our Open Night, showcasing our Year 7 Program to prospective families. On the night, I heard our year 8 Transition Ambassadors Ollie and Charlotte, and our Yr 12 Captains Bree and Charlie, speak about our school, the experiences on offer and their journeys so far. It reinforced to me why I do this job, and why I love coming to school each and every day. I thank them for the contribution they are making to build a strong school community.*

*This afternoon I will join our year 8 students as they showcase their shared learning in the areas of Music, Public Speaking and Catering. This new program for 2019 sees all year 8 students hone in on these skills and more across the school year.*

*Communities experience successes and challenges, and this week we have faced our most difficult challenge, with the loss of our friend Harvey and I thank everyone for the support they have shown to each other and his family. We have definitely come together as a community at a difficult time. I ask that we continue looking out for each other and ensure that those around us are OK.*

I wish you all the best for the holiday period and look forward to seeing everyone return in Term 2.

Can I remind families that if they are concerned in any way about their children that they utilise the resource that we placed on Compass at the beginning of the week.

**Meagan Cook**  
**Principal**

# Adrienne Tanner

## ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT

### ISLANDER CULTURAL PROGRAM

In a challenging week for the school community there have been some moments of great pride in the achievements and participation of our students.

As a commitment to provide an inclusive learning environment Boronia K-12 College, EACH and Knox Council have formed a partnership to deliver an ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER CULTURAL PROGRAM called "Journey Tracks - Building Cultural Identity in our Youth."

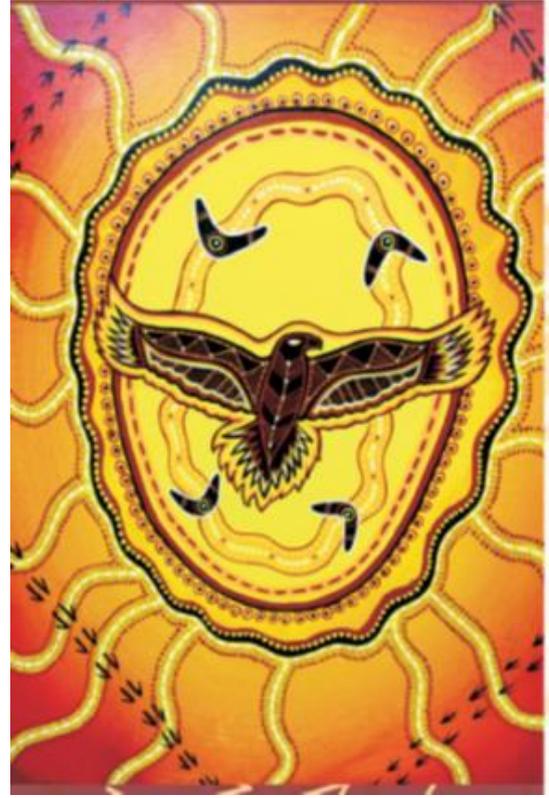
Throughout terms two and three, Boronia K-12 College will facilitate a ten week program to highlight the importance of Aboriginal culture and family in working towards reconciliation. The program is being offered to eligible students who have Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds.

Vanessa Murdoch, the Aboriginal Health Promotion Officer for EACH (Social and Community Health), Angela Thurbon the Community Project Worker from Knox City Council Youth services will be conducting the program.

The program is aimed at bringing all indigenous young people together in a supportive and culturally safe environment, where they can learn about their culture and be proud of their identity. The program will allow these students to celebrate their culture through various activities and encourage them to share their culture and leadership within the school.

During this week our Koorie students came together with Vanessa and Angela for the very first time to meet each other in a relaxed and fun environment. We learnt about each other through a series of get-to-know-you activities.

Permission for the "Journey Tracks" program will appear on Compass over the school holidays. Boronia K-12 College look forward to engaging in this exciting new program as we work to create a culturally safe and inclusive school.



# PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE

The inaugural Year 8 Electives Showcase presentation was held today. The Year 8 Electives program was created to enhance the curriculum opportunities at year 8.

The Performance Showcase was designed to:

- Showcase our students talents
- Celebrate achievement amongst peers, parents and teachers.
- Create a tradition and
- Develop a sense of Community



The subjects in this program are Spanish, Musical Performance, Food Studies and Public Speaking. Selected students from each of these areas showcased their skills to a respectful and appreciative audience.

Alyssa began the showcase with Welcome to Country. Oliver, Sarah, Emma, Erin, Andrei, Patrick, Layla, Liam followed with three outstanding musical items.

It is nerve-wracking enough to stand in front of an audience of your peers and speak in English but Jay and Thomas showed great courage by cleverly switching between English and Spanish to showcase their excellent Spanish language skills.

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Gabby Ashlin, Charlotte, Jarryd, Bianka, Cati, Aaron, Layla, Matt, Ted challenged our thinking with many thought-provoking topics that included "Climate Change", "Life's Moral Lesson", "Exploring Space", "A better world", "Freedom of Speech", "A safe place", "What makes a great school" and "Animal Cruelty". The students showed great passion and poise in their speeches and used a variety of techniques to present their ideas.

Sonya completed the speeches with a summary of the work completed in the Food Studies class. The Showcase finished with platters filled with delicious sausage rolls cooked by the Food Studies students.

The quality of the work showcased today was outstanding and the teachers Peter Ridgeway, Alice Mondon, Marta Garcia and Judith McLaren need to be acknowledged for the work achieved by their students.

*Adrienne Tanner*





### SCHOOL CAPTAIN - BREANNA

I'm in year 12 this year and have the great pleasure of being one of the year 12 College Leaders for 2019. I decided to become a leader because I wanted to make a difference in the school community. The way I show my leadership skills is by helping kids with their work and with what happens out in the school yard. The school has helped me throughout the years since arriving in Year 7. The teachers have helped me with extending my knowledge and enabling me to achieve my goals. At Boronia K-12 College I've been a homeroom leader, participated in a VET course that will help me as I become an adult and have many great friendships that will last a lifetime.

### SCHOOL CAPTAIN - CHARLIE

Hi, I am Charlie and am honoured to be one of the school captain for 2019. I am a highly motivated person that is excited to see the college grow in my year in leadership. I chose to run for Captain because the school has given me so many opportunities from the day of my enrolment in year 7. My teachers throughout my schooling mentored me and have not lost touch with me even after I have moved forward in my studies. I've seen that the teachers truly do care for us. I saw this as an opportunity to give back to the school in as positive a way as possible. I want to see Boronia K-12 prosper and see myself leave at the end of 2019 feeling that I have made a positive change in the school community. I am mostly known for my

contribution to the school's music and performing arts departments, being involved in various performances both as a performer and crew member. I would love to see the school expand our music department, becoming more involved with the larger school community. Overall, I am ready to take on the year by putting my best foot forward and am excited to meet new people and be the first point of contact for student suggestions.

### VICE CAPTAIN - MELANIE

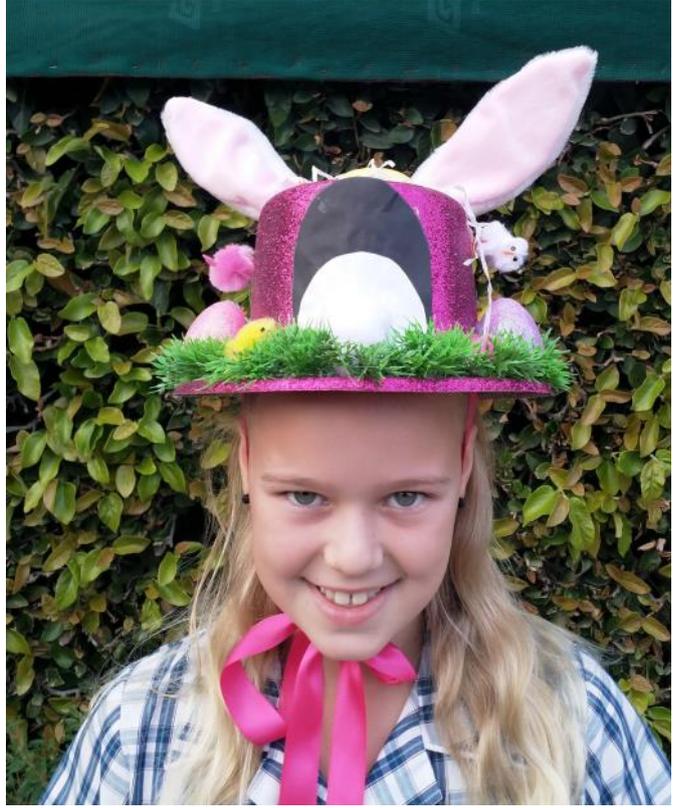
Hello, I'm Melanie and I'm one of the College Vice Captains for 2019. I decided to apply for a leadership role to further develop and improve my leadership skills, taking initiative and contributing or helping around the school. Stepping up to a leadership role is a big responsibility and commitment, but I feel as though I am ready to take on this role with a positive attitude. I plan to be a leader that is approachable and trustworthy but who is also available to hear my peers' suggestions or ideas on what could be changed around our school. As I have learnt recently from going to the GRIP Student Leadership Conference, leadership is about people, not position or power. This is why I strive to focus more on the students at our school, and to follow through with the promises I have made as a pathway to making Boronia K-12 College a fun place, where students are excited to learn and try new things. I plan to contribute my commitment, reliability and the sense of enjoyment in the leadership team this year, I'm positive that together we can make a difference at Boronia K-12 and create a fun and friendly learning culture for all students.

### VICE CAPTAIN - ANTHONY

I am one of the school vice-captains and a member of the school council. I have had a fair bit of leadership experience and been involved in many extra curricula leadership activities such as attending the GRIP Leadership Conference on the 12 March. I wanted to become a leader so that I could help make a difference in the school and support communication between everyone in our community. I aim to support and make new friendships among the many kids in our school as well as improving our school's culture and assisting in communication and support between the seniors and juniors.



# EASTER BONNET PARADE



## CARL AWARDS TERM 1 2019

Our CARL Awards were given out at Assembly this week, the following students received them:



### Junior School

- Foundation A: - Rogue
- Foundation B - Mia
- 1/2A - Alexia
- 1/2B - Sophie
- 1/2C - Tahlya
- 3/4A - Josh
- 3/4B - Adam
- 3/4C - Melody
- 5/6A - Jayde
- 5/6B - Lashana
- 5/6C - Darcy
- 5/6D - Tyler

### Middle School Year 7 and 8

- 7A - Lillee
- 7B - Vinice
- 7C - iRani
- 8A - Emma , Nathan, Ollie and Matt
- 8B - Sarah
- 8C - Charlotte
- 8D - Sonya

### Senior Years School

- 10A - Mary and Kacee
- 10B - Gemma and Brad
- 10C - Luke
- 11A - David
- 11B - Cooper
- 11C - Anthony
- 11V - Liam
- 12A - Charlie and Paige
- 12V Kate and Drew

# HARMONY DAY



On Thursday 21 March our 3/4 students celebrated Harmony Day. We read a picture story book titled *I'm Australian Too* by Mem Fox. Students had some rich discussions about what it means to be Australian and how Australia is such a multicultural country. We discussed how the day is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians. Afterwards, students traced their hand and decorated it in a way which personally reflects their diversity.

Some of the students comments were:

- All cultures come together as one – Miya 3/4A
- Harmony day is represented by the colour orange – Mason 3/4B
- Be proud of who you are – Aodh 3/4A
- Respect everyone for who they are – Jada 3/4B
- Harmony day allows everyone to come together as one – Jeremy 3/4B
- Respect other peoples views and religions – Aine 3/4A

# Important Dates

DATE	EVENT
23 April	First Day of Term 2
24 April	Anzac Day Assembly
25 April	ANZAC Day
26 April	Staff Professional Learning Day— Students not required at school
2 May	VCE and Careers Expo Pop Up Uniform Shop 2.30 to 4pm Year 11 Interschool Sport
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
22 May	National Simultaneous Storytime
24 May	Primary District Cross Country
28 May	Interschool Sport Senior Boys Netball / Junior Girls AFL
4 June	Knox Division Cross Country

DATE	EVENT
7 June	F—6 Footy Clinics
10 June	Queens Birthday
11 June	Year 5/6 Winter Sports Round Robin
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
26 July	Toastie and PJ Day
2 August	F—2 Dance Program
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

# CARE PACKAGES FOR TROOPS

Late last year we were exploring the topic of 'giving' for Christmas as we had a child whose father was serving in the Army. We sought donations from the ELC families to send to our Australian troops who would be away from their own families at Christmas. We were overwhelmed by the generosity of our wonderful families. We excitedly sent 15 packages to the Australian deployed forces in time for them for Christmas.

We have since received a letter from Corporal Zachary Winch from Force Support Element serving on Operation Accordion in the Middle East to thank us for our generous donation. He mentioned that being away from his own family for Christmas was especially challenging and he and his team were humbled to know that we were thinking of them during the long periods away from their loved ones. We have his thank you letter in the ELC and if you would like to read it please come up and do so.

Thank you to all of the families who supported our mission to explore the concept of 'giving' to others at Christmas.



## 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.



# 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

On Tuesday 2 April all students from the Year 11 Physics class visited KIOSC to be part of a Thermodynamics workshop. Students were able to investigate infrared cameras which allow us to see things in the dark. Warmer temperatures show up as red, and cooler temperatures show up as blue. Students also investigated how effective different materials are at insulating a house by creating their own small scale houses, and then measuring heat loss.



## STUDIO ART EXCURSION

On Friday 29 March, our VCE Studio Art class took a trip around the city to explore different art exhibitions and galleries and learn about what inspires artists to create what we see today as Art. On our trip we went to the National Gallery of Victoria Australia to see VCE artworks, Mailbox Art Space, Tolarno Gallery, which was a commercial gallery and finally we went to NGV International, to see an exhibition of M.C. Escher.

During our time we saw beautiful creations of art, not just on paper or board but in mannequins, wire and street art. All of us had a wonderful time with our teacher Mrs. Courtney Storen as she helped us take notes and discover new ways to create our own art back at school. When the trip sadly came to an end, we were all tired but happy at what a great experience it turned out to be.

*Hannah —Year 11 Student*



# CRAZY HAIR DAY

Everyone had a fabulous day at our Annual Crazy Hair Day on Friday 8 March, 2019.

We raised a total of \$349.80



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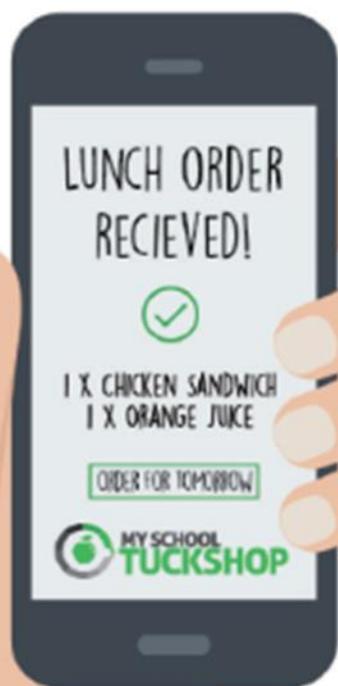
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**Social Tennis**  
**Tuesday night's**  
**April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th**  
**6:30-9:30pm**

**Cardio Tennis**  
**April 3rd & 5th**  
**April 9:30-10:30am**

If you have non-school age children (3+), they may participate in a FREE kids lesson, run in parallel to the cardio sessions - no need to book a 'sitter'.



**Sunday Social Tennis**  
**7th April**  
**10am-1pm**  
**FREE Sausage Sizzle**

**Friday Family Fun Night**  
**12th April**  
**6-9pm**  
**FREE Sausage Sizzle**

**Kids Tennis Clinic**  
**Monday 15th April**  
**9:30am-12pm**

**Games / coaching - all ages - FREE Sausage Sizzle**



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