Important Dates

- 18 March - Open Night (6pm - 8pm)
- 18 March - Yr. 10 NAP-ICT Trial
- 19 March - Final day for College House name suggestions
- 20 March - MVC Crazy Hair / Out of Uniform Day
- 20 March - RC Student Banking Account Opening Day
- 21 March - RC Winter Sport Round Robin 1
- 24 March - Year 8 & 9 Parent Evening 7.30pm
- 26 March - College Council AGM 7pm, followed by meeting of new Council at 7.30pm
- 28 March - RC Winter Sport Round Robin 2
- 2 April - Bright Lights Concert RC 9.30 am - 11.00 am
- 3 April - College Cross Country
- 4 April - End of Term 1, Dismissal at 2.30 pm
- 2 May - RC Winter Sport Round Robin 3
- 23 May - RC Winter Sport Round Robin 4

Term Dates 2014

Term 1 - 28 January to 4 April
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YEAR 8 CHANGE DAY

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COLLEGE COUNCIL

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) for the Boronia K-12 College Council is to be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 26 March in the staff room at the Rangeview Campus. New Council members are encouraged to attend this event as are departing members. All Council meetings including the AGM are open to the College community.

OPEN NIGHT (6.00pm – 8.00pm Tuesday 18 March)

Parents are advised that the College Open Night is scheduled for Tuesday 18 March between 6.00pm and 8.00pm. A number of our students will be active participants on this night, either in class activities or as Tour Guides. Parents will be advised by letter if their children are involved.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Last week I attended a student leadership conference at the Melbourne Convention Centre with our Student Leaders from Years 5 – 8. We had 14 students attend the event and all gained some fresh understanding as to what it takes to be an effective leader. One of the more interesting comparisons made on the day was in relation to the difference between a strawberry leader and a watermelon leader. Effectively a strawberry leader was characterised as “is the same on the inside as to how they act and speak on the outside”. The watermelon leader actions on the outside did not match with what they believed on the inside. A strawberry leader was therefore a leader with integrity. Students were advised of five ways in which they could demonstrate integrity:

- Be sure to do the right thing
- Encourage others to do the right thing
- Refuse to be dishonest
- Respond when you see something is not right
- Overcome criticism in a constructive and positive way

At Boronia K-12 College we expect all our students to be “strawberry” leaders and will be reinforcing this message with them all.

COLLEGE HOUSES

As mentioned last week, one of the objectives we have this year is to establish four houses for a variety of College activities. The Houses once established, will be used for activities including sport, performing arts, community, academic etc. A small working party has been established to initiate a consultative process that will seek input from students, parents and staff in relation to the names for the Houses.

The primary task for the committee is to identify an appropriate theme for the naming of the houses. Should the names of the Houses be based on indigenous, local, state or national identities; should they be based on local flora and fauna; should they be local geographical names or landmarks? To assist the committee in this process, we are seeking input from parents and students over the next week. You can email your thoughts to the College email address: boronia.k12@edumail.vic.gov.au or provide your written ideas to one of the following staff members: Mrs McMillan, Mr Stone, Ms Cellante or Mr Bevege.

The date for the submission of suggestions has been extended to 4.00pm on Wednesday 19 March. The existing committee will then be expanded to include some parent representatives from Council and some student representatives as well. We hope a recommendation will then be provided to the March 26 meeting of College Council for ratification.

THREE YEAR OLD KINDERGARTEN

At the current time we have a small number of vacancies in our three year old kindergarten classes. If any parents are interested in this opportunity, or know friends who would may be interested, please contact Fran Barton – Smith on 9760 4922, or Storm Battye on 9760 4925.

Ross Bevege
Executive Principal
On Thursday 6 March the Year 8 students, as part of their Connect Program, organised activities that would make a difference in the Boronia K-12 Community. The students made a commitment to make a change in their lives by volunteering their time to organise and run activities across the Rangeview Campus. They organised activities that could improve the wellbeing of students and staff.

During lunchtime lots of fun was had with many students of all ages, dancing to music provided. Many of the little folk requested more days like this as it was “fun”.

Students also had the opportunity to learn how to do origami and produced great animals and flowers with the help from Ms Karpathiou and some Year 8 students.

A group of Year 8 boys organised a basketball tournament for Years 5-7. It was great to see some of our Year 8 boys in the teams and showing great leadership. The size difference in height did not impact on the game or the fun.

Another group of Year 8 students worked with Mrs Kowalczuk and Emily Dawson (Adolescent Health Nurse) to prepare yummy cakes. They distributed them in cute little boxes to all the staff and even included many parents collecting their children from the Early Learning Centre. These little boxes of goodies brought many smiles to the faces of people receiving these gifts.

It was great to see the Year 8 students display sound leadership skills as well as unselfishness when giving up their lunchtime. Great work Year 8- terrific participation and enthusiasm!

Stay tuned during the year for more activities run by the Year 8s!

Olga Kowalczuk, Olivia Karpathiou and Emily Dawson
YEAR SEVEN CAMP

Two weeks ago 70 Year 7 students and eight staff participated in an exciting experience at Camp Waratah Bay.

We departed on Monday morning and made our way to camp in time for the surfing lessons. These lessons were conducted by very experienced surfing professionals. The students and staff who participated were instructed in the correct techniques for mounting a board, riding the waves and dismounting safely. At the conclusion of the sessions, there were many exhausted but exhilarated students and staff. At the same time, other students were involved in the camp adventure activities including the giant swing, initiatives course and beach volleyball.

On Tuesday we spent the whole day at Wilson’s Promontory. We broke our bus trip to wander into the natural environment where we were lucky enough to see plenty of kangaroos. After morning tea, we began a hike from Squeaky Beach to Tidal River. The scenery was spectacular, with many opportunities for memorable photo stops. The rest of the afternoon was spent playing on the sand at Tidal River. Everyone enjoyed the cricket, tugs-of-war, sand-castle building and sand-writing. There were some very weary passengers on the return bus trip.

Wednesday saw us packing to return home. We then completed the rotations through the adventure activities and finished off with a delicious barbecue lunch. It was remarkably quiet on the bus as we made our way back to Boronia. Plenty of energy had been expended and everyone was ready for a good night’s sleep.

Staff who attended the camp were David Husk, Amanda Cellante, Cate-Linne Fraser, Scott Broadfoot, Emily Phillips, Emily Dawson, Mitch Stone and Helen Dunbar. Thank you to all these people for making the camp experience so memorable.

UNIFORM

All families should have received a copy of the College Uniform Policy. Over the last few years, the Uniform Sub-Committee of College Council worked very hard to develop a policy that reflected the community wishes in this area. We want our students to be proud members of the Boronia K-12 College student body. Therefore the uniform policy needs to be enforced across the College.

Please ensure that you are familiar with the uniform requirements. Of particular concern is the tendency to wear unsuitable shoes. The policy states that students must wear black, leather shoes. Compliance with this aspect of the policy is a safety issue as well as a matter of overall presentation. Students are using materials and equipment in practical subjects that may cause injury if the correct shoes are not worn.

In the Middle Years (Years 5 - 8), students are expected to tie their hair back. This applies to both boys and girls with long hair. There must be no extreme hairstyles or unnatural colours. Jewellery must be kept to a minimum.

Overall, compliance with the uniform policy is to be commended. On recent trips away from the college, our students have been complimented on their neat and attractive uniforms. This kind of feedback helps to build a sense of pride in our college.

ECONOMICS STUDIES

This term the Middle Years students have been involved in an exploration of the way in which wealth is spread across the local, national and international community. They have investigated the differences between needs and wants, and how in some communities even the most basic necessities are unavailable. Hopefully they are beginning to understand our responsibility to work for social justice.

The unit of study will culminate in either a presentation to the Middle Years community or the planning of an event that highlights social justice issues or assists those in need. The students are working in small groups, developing teamwork, research skills and presentation techniques. We are all looking forward to a wide variety of interesting culminating events.

Helen Dunbar
Middle Years Team Leader
What’s on in VCAL

Student of the Week Award
Week 5: Jarrad 10V
Jarrad has made a very successful start to the year in VCAL. He works hard in class, completes his work on time and at a very good standard. He eagerly participates in class activities and helps others in their work as well.

In Literacy, Jarrad showed initiative and utilised his numeracy and ICT skills to produce a spreadsheet for his group, collating their survey responses on tattoos.

Jarrad is studying VET Electro Technology at KIOSC and gives enthusiastic and interesting reports in PDS, of the work he does there.

Congratulations Jarrad!

Open Night Posters
In Personal Development Skills, both classes are working on a poster to present at the College Open Night, highlighting the Advanced Senior Program offered by Boronia K-12 College. Each student has completed a written task answering questions reflecting on their own experiences of starting a three year senior program in Year 10.

They will select a quote from their responses and together with a photo will create a poster to put on display. This was a highlight at last year’s Open Night as it allowed students to give their own thoughts of our unique senior program – which was valuable when discussing it with interested parents and visitors.

John Gove
VCAL Coordinator

Sport Report

GRADE 5/6 WINTER SPORT ROUND ROBIN AMENDED DATE
Grade 5/6 students would have received a permission notice for the upcoming winter sports round robin competition in the past couple of weeks. Unfortunately there was a misprinted date on the notice regarding round 3 against Bayswater West P.S.

Round 3 of the competition is actually on Friday 9 MAY, not March 9 as previously printed.

Sorry for any inconvenience, if you have any queries please contact me.

Mitchell Stone
Primary P.E./Sports Co-ordinator

SECONDARY SWIMMING KNOX DIVISION FINALS
Congratulations to all of our secondary swimmers who competed in the Knox Division Finals Tuesday 11 March at Monash Aquatic Centre. Everyone gave it 100%. Our captains Sam (12A) and Hailey (11V) were amazing. They diligently sorted our entire team which was a tremendous effort and a great help. Sam and Hailey demonstrated that they are very capable and responsible students, excellent role models too.

Sam (12A) won each of his events, and Charlie (7D) won the breaststroke for his age division. Both boys have qualified for EMR Finals - WELL DONE BOYS! Plenty of ribbons were awarded to Boronia K-12 throughout the day, and lots of talk about plans for next year.

Well done to the Boronia K-12 College team, an absolute pleasure taking you all out on a fantastic day

Rhonda McMillan - Secondary P.E/ Sports Co-ordinator
**Chaplain’s Spot**

Congratulations to all who were born before the 80’s

1. We had no childproof lids on medicine bottles, and when we rode our bikes, we had no helmets or shoes.
2. As children, we would ride in cars with no seat belts or air bags.
3. Riding in the back of a Ute on a warm day was always a special treat.
4. We drank water from the garden hose and NOT from a bottle.
5. Take away food was limited to fish and chips there were no pizza shops, McDonalds, KFC, Subway or Red Rooster.
6. Even though all the shops closed at 6pm and didn’t open on the weekends, somehow we didn’t starve to death!
7. We shared one soft drink with four friends, from one bottle and NO ONE actually died from this.
8. We could collect old bottles and cash them in for treats at the corner store.
9. We ate cupcakes, white bread and real butter and drank soft drinks with sugar in it, but we weren’t overweight because...... WE WERE ALWAYS OUTSIDE PLAYING!!
10. We would leave home in the morning and play all day, as long as we were back when the streetlights came on. No one was able to reach us all day. And we were OK
11. We fell out of trees, got cut, broke bones and teeth and there were no lawsuits from these accidents!
12. We ate worms and mud pies made from dirt, and the worms did not live in us forever.
13. You could only buy Easter Eggs and Hot Cross buns at Easter time...no really!
14. We rode bikes or walked to a friend’s house and knocked on the door or rang the bell, or just yelled for them!
15. Footy had tryouts and not everyone made the team. Those who didn’t had to learn to deal with disappointment.
16. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke the law was unheard of. They actually sided with the law!

**Parent’s Club**

The Annual Boronia K-12 College Parents Club Easter Raffle is fast approaching. Last year with the generosity of the college community the Parents Club were able to construct some wonderful hampers full of chocolate goodies to raffle. Again we are asking for donations from the community to make these delicious hampers. We are willing to accept, Easter eggs, boxed and blocks of chocolate, fluffy rabbits and chicks, and baskets and containers to pack the wonderful prizes in.

All donations can be made at your relevant campus office.

Raffle tickets were distributed to the youngest child of each family over the last week. Tickets, funds, and unsold tickets due back by Friday 28 March.

The raffle will be drawn at the last assembly for the term, Friday 4 April.

Good luck and thank you.

**School Banking Reminder**

Don’t forget that **MONDAY** is School Banking day, please ensure that your student banking books are handed to the General Office before 9.30am

If you haven’t joined your child in School Banking yet, you can do so at our:

**ACCOUNT OPENING MORNING**

**THURSDAY 20 MARCH**

9:00am - 10:00am

Meeting in the Rangeview Campus Staffroom
Year 9 Health

Last Friday, our Year 9 students were fortunate to have Emily Dawson (College Adolescent Health Nurse) participate in their Health class. She taught them valuable skills in identifying stress triggers and strategies to alleviate their levels of stress. This was a great way to finish the day on Friday. Many students benefited from the techniques she taught with some even relaxing so much they fell asleep. A big thanks to Emily.

Olga Kowalczyk and Rachel Gardiner
Health Teachers

Year 7 Food - Afternoon Tea with Rangeview Campus Principal
MONASH UNIVERSITY NEWS - ‘AT MONASH’ SERIES – More Seminar dates for your diary:

**Arts** (Humanities and Social Sciences), Tues 25 March (Clayton)
**Design and Fine Art**, Wed 26 Mar (Caulfield)
**Teaching, Sport and Outdoor Recreation**, Thurs 27 Mar (Peninsula)

An opportunity to check out courses; more dates to follow. See: www.monash.edu/seminars

MONASH OFFERS – Monash has announced that offers of places made this year increased by 4.4% to 9749 on 2013 figures. This reflects the strong demand for Monash courses and underlines the university’s commitment to expanding higher education opportunities, said Vice-President Prof Edwina Cornish. The biggest increase has been in courses related to biomedical science, education, science, and business and economics.

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS – Monash has a site for those wishing to help children transition from school to uni: www.monash.edu/study/options/parents. It also looks at the reasons for studying at university, choosing courses, costs, and so on.

PHYSIOTHERAPY AT MONASH – As indicated in the last newsletter, the UMAT (domestic students) and the ISAT (international students) will no longer be required for students applying for the B. Physiotherapy for entry in 2015 and beyond. Applicants will still undertake an interview. Applicants will be ranked for interview eligibility based on the academic record (Year 12 equivalent studies or GPA) and demonstrated completion of prerequisite subjects. Applicants must be available for face-to-face interview at the designated time. Info (after Feb 2014): www.monash.edu/physio/index.html.

OPEN DAYS FOR 2014 – Attending Open Days at universities and TAFE’s is a great way of gaining information about courses, facilities, location, and generally considering whether you would like to study there. They are mostly held in August, however their dates are included here so that you can get them in your diary and treat them as a priority. They generally run from 10am till 4pm. You need to allow perhaps a couple of hours per visit.

**Sun 17 Aug – La Trobe** Uni (Bendigo), University of Melbourne

**Sun 24 Aug - Box Hill Institute, Deakin** Uni (Melbourne), La Trobe (Melbourne), Victoria Uni, William Angliss Institute

**Sun 31 Aug – ACU** (Ballarat), Federation Uni (Ballarat & Gippsland)

3. VETERINARY SCIENCE & HOSPITAL OPEN DAY – Step behind the scenes at the University of Melbourne’s Veterinary Hospital. This Open Day is for the wider community and prospective students to tour the facilities, discover the range of animals, attend lectures, and see interactive displays and demonstrations. Speak to veterinary staff, current students or members of special interest groups. When: 10am-3pm, Sun 16 March; Where: 250 Princes Hwy, Werribee; Info: www.vet.unimelb.edu.au/openday

4. INTERESTED IN PHYSICS? To coincide with International Women’s Day, the University of Melbourne’s School of Physics and the Laby Foundation are hosting a free public lecture. The speaker is Dr Alicia Oshlack who took a PhD in astrophysics and is head of the Murdoch Children’s research Institute. Hear about the growing field of bioinformatics and how studying physics led her there. When: 5.15pm, Thurs 6 March; Where: Herucsa Theatre in the David Caro Building, cnr Tin Alley and Swanston St; Enquiries/reg’n: Jacinta.den@unimelb.edu.au. Note: although the talk is to encourage young women to study physics, the lecture is open to all members of the public.

5. KEEPER FOR A DAY AND VET FOR A DAY – Thinking of a career involving animals? Then attend a Keeper or Vet day to find out the realities of these careers.

Werribee Open Range Zoo’s ‘Keeper for Day’ program on 8, 10 and 14 April. Find out first hand from keepers, the skills and experience helpful in gaining a position as a zoo keeper. Who: 13-18yo; Cost: $103; Book: 9285 9406, www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day

Healesville Sanctuary’s Vet for a Day program on 9, 10, 16 & 17 April. Work alongside vets on real life cases at Healesville Sanctuary’s vet hospital. Who: 15-18yo; Cost: $125; Book: 9285 9406 www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day

Healesville Sanctuary’s Keeper for a Day program on 8, 9, 15 & 16. Get close to precious and endangered animals; help the keepers, and learn about a very rewarding job. Who: 13-18yo; Cost: 4103; Book: 9285 9406.

6. DEAKIN UNIVERSITY NEWS - CRIMINOLOGY AT DEAKIN (BURWOOD) – Those thinking of studying criminology at university will be interested to know that Deakin University now offers this major at the Burwood campus as well as at Geelong. Criminologists examine how those accused of crimes are brought to justice, reasons for crime, and
how crime rates can be reduced. Deakin now offers the following: Bachelor of Criminology along with several double degrees with B. Criminology: Information Technology, Law, Psychological Science NOTE: Criminology can also be studied at Federation (formerly Monash Gippsland campus), Monash, RMIT, Swinburne and Victoria Universities; it can also be studied in the Diploma of Justice at several TAFE Institutes.

STUDY SPANISH AT DEAKIN – New to Deakin in 2014, Spanish offers a unique opportunity to learn about the history and culture of the Spanish-speaking world, whilst equipping you with increasingly sought after language skills. Spanish is the official language of 21 countries, including Spain and the nations of Central and South America. After Chinese, it is the largest world language in terms of the number of native speakers. Thus, the study of Spanish can open doors to new experiences and interests not accessible without a knowledge of the language. It can be studied in the B. Arts, the B. International Studies, and the Diploma of Language.

OPTOMETRY AT DEAKIN – Deakin’s B. Vision Science/Master of Optometry will be offered from this year as a combined course. Students wishing to study optometry will be able to apply for the combined course via the usual VTAC process. It is offered at the Geelong campus, providing students with purpose-built facilities. By taking advantage of the trimester system, this course makes it possible for students to obtain a professional optometry qualification in just three-and-a-half years. See: www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/optometry.

CREATIVE ARTS AT DEAKIN – The School of Communication and Creative Arts and Education has outstanding creative and performing arts facilities, including animation labs, editing suites, sound studio, film screening rooms, wardrobe and costume department, green room and performance studios. Students may work collaboratively on major projects, developing project management, communication and collaboration skills required by creative artists and creative technologies industries. Students have access to the Deakin Broadcast Centre, a full high definition TV studio. Photography students work in both digital and chemical formats, with access to high quality dark room facilities. Students also learn in the Motion Lab, Australia’s largest and most sophisticated optical motion capture facility. Info: www.deakin.edu.au/study-at-deakin/find-a-course/creative-arts.

DEAKIN STUDENTS SAY – The new YouTube videos may help you satisfy your curiosity about what it is really like to study at Deakin. Get a student perspective on courses, overseas study, and work placement opportunities by visiting www.youtube.com/user/deakinuniversity.

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Bright Lights
Our annual Rangeview Campus Bright Lights concert will be held in the Performing Arts Centre on...
Wednesday 2 April
9.30 AM–11.00 AM
This concert will feature a variety of performances involving instrument playing, dancing, singing, and various other entertaining acts.
See you all there!

YEAR 8 & 9 PARENTS
Save the Date!
Who: Year 8 and 9 Parents and Students
Date: Monday 24 March 2014
Time: 7.30pm -8.30pm
Venue: Middle Years Learning Neighbourhood, Rangeview Campus (Albert Avenue, Boronia)
WHY- Information Night on the Connect Program
Speaker: Emma Myers from Awards Victoria will discuss the Duke of Edinburgh and Compass Award.
The Award booklets can be ordered for the students on the night.
A Flier will be sent out this week with your student. Please return the attending confirmation slips to help us with our organisation for the night.

Olga Kowalczyk (Connect Coordinator)