15 December - Year 9 Students at Rangeview Campus
16 December - Grade 6 Graduation
17 December - Coach Approach Program (Years Prep - 2)
18 December - Last day to make payments to General Office
18 December - Awards Night (Yr 7 – 12)
19 December - End of Year Assembly, commencing at 1.00pm
19 December - Last Day Term 4 1.30pm dismissal
28 January - Staff Begin (Pupil Free)
29 January - Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews (1pm - 8pm)
29 January - Stationery Pack Collection 12 noon - 8pm
30 January - First day of Classes
23 February - Prep - Year 12 Photos

**Term Dates 2015**

**Term 1** - 28 January to 27 March
**Term 2** - 13 April to 26 June
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**CHOIR PERFORMANCE AT KMART**

On Wednesday 12 November, the Boronia K-12 College Choir performed a number of songs at Kmart Boronia at the opening of their Wishing Tree. As usual, students performed beautifully!
I hope you managed to get along to our Christmas Concert last Thursday night.

What a delightful way to celebrate the end of the school year and rapidly approaching Christmas and New Year holidays. It was a wonderful event, where students from Kindergarten to Year 8 stole our hearts as they sang a number of Christmas songs. Many thanks to Michael Mietzcke for putting it all together and the support provided before the event and on the night by all staff.

It’s been an incredibly hectic term, with a number of significant events occurring across the College. There is no doubt that the move from our Mount View Campus to Rangeview Campus has consumed a lot of time and effort. Thank you to all staff involved for their willingness to 'pitch in' and make it happen.

Amidst all of this, staff have been teaching, writing reports, teaching, packing, teaching, welcoming new 2015 students and preparing for the 2015 school year.

I’d like to thank all staff for their commitment and contribution to making Boronia K-12 College a great place for our families, students and staff.

Thank you to all parents who have contributed their time and energy in myriad ways from assisting in classrooms, at school events, fundraising, on the BBQ, organising school events, as a member of Parent Club, or School Council. Your support is invaluable, much appreciated, and I hope it continues into the 2015 school year and beyond.

A HUGE thank you to Kate Harnetty and Colin Davies. As outgoing Principals at Boronia K-12 College they have been instrumental in establishing the school as a sensational education facility in the Boronia community. They are extremely passionate about the College and keen to ensure its success. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with both of them and wish them well in their futures. Kate is retiring at the end of this year. Colin is taking Long Service Leave with the intention of retiring or seeking other employment in 2015.

Our College is in existence because of the vision and efforts of Kate and Colin to provide the community of Boronia with an outstanding educational facility. I am proud to have worked with both of them and look forward to the achievement of their vision.

We welcome Rachel Gardiner and Brooke Cross to the role of Assistant Principals in 2015.

I wish you and your families a wonderful Christmas break. Have a safe and enjoyable time and we look forward to your return in 2015.

Regards,

David Rose
College Principal

Rangeview Campus Principal’s Report

Uniform

Please note: The transition period is almost over. All students need to wear the Boronia K-12 College uniform from the start of 2015. Lowes is our sole uniform supplier. They have worked closely with the College to ensure the uniform items are of good quality and reasonably durable. They have, where possible, addressed any issues raised by the parent community in a timely and proactive manner. We do have a lovely uniform!

Please ensure once you have purchased uniform items for your children that you keep the docket. Lowes has a 30 day return policy as long as you have retained your docket. If there is a genuine issue (e.g. faulty garment) after the 30 day period they will consider an exchange, once again only if you have retained your docket and the return is within a reasonable time frame.

Check out the new app for buying and selling second hand uniform outlined in this newsletter.

Farewell Boronia K-12 College

I had very mixed feelings when I decided to retire from full-time work in education at the end of this year. I have loved my career in teaching and don’t regret a day spent with students (of all ages) and colleagues. What a special vocation teaching is. We really can make a difference. I am going to miss the opportunities and rewards inherent in an educational setting like Boronia K-12 College. This is a fabulous school and will become even better over the next few years as the new leadership team embeds the vision and values developed in 2012 by the college community. I wish David and his team a rewarding and satisfying time as they move the college forward into the future. I will miss the students immensely. One of the best things about teaching is obviously the kids. There is never a dull moment and I am constantly amazed, surprised and delighted at the things children can achieve, say and do! I have loved my stint at Rangeview Campus this year. Thank you to the children for making the year so special.
I would like to thank all the staff and parents for their friendship and support throughout the year and over the last 22 years in Boronia. I could name individuals but where do you stop when so many have contributed to the fabric of my life in so many diverse ways. It has been a pleasure. Who knows, I may come back as a casual relief teacher, an exam supervisor or just an interested visitor!

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and best wishes for an enjoyable and safe summer holiday.

Kate Harnetty

Rangeview Campus Principal

Congratulations Ms Holland

Congratulations to Ms Holland, one of our fantastic teachers. Below, is the excerpt from the The Royal Humane Society of Australasia Annual Bravery Awards Presentation in which Leela Holland, received the Bronze Medal from the Governor of Victoria, His Excellency the Honourable Alex Chernov AC QC:

“LEELA HOLLAND, aged 33 years, of Endeavour Hills, Vic, in going to the rescue of two men from drowning at Golden Beach, Vic on 27 January 2013.

At 3.20pm a man was in the rough surf on his own in a small rubber boat when he was thrown out of it. He then got caught in a rip and became exhausted.

He raised his hand to signal for help from the shore and Ms Holland and another man swam out to him with a body board. Ms Holland reached the drowning man and brought him safely to shore.

Ms Holland then noticed that the other man who had swum out to help was now in difficulty in the rip and heavy surf. Despite being very tired Ms Holland took to the water again and managed to bring him safely to the shore.

Ms Holland was so exhausted she could no longer stand up and was having breathing difficulties due to suffering asthma.”

It is with great pleasure that we share the extraordinary actions of Ms Holland, we both congratulate and commend her on her actions. Well done Leela!
As normal, it was a busy, yet wonderful year in the Early Learning Centre. As the year comes to a close the ELC students are buzzing with excitement over the pending visitor of a special someone in a furry red hat! Christmas is not far away as the 3 and 4 Year Olds at the ELC prepare for the end of year celebrations!

Responsible Pet Ownership presented a very informative session to a very interested group of 4 Year Olds.

The 3 and 4 Year Olds have been meeting regularly to practise for the Annual College Christmas Concert

Christmas decorations and Christmas paintings abound!
HOLIDAY LEARNING

Let’s keep up the good work and the brain ticking over the summer break by participating in Mathletics (Prep - Year 9) and IntoScience (Years 5 - 8).

These will be available all summer holidays (ask your teacher for your login and password if you have forgotten). Both programs are fun learning opportunities for students.

Certificates for our highest performing students will be presented at next year’s assembly.

Please click the below links to login and begin:

- www.intoscience.com/

HATS AT LOWES

Parents and Guardians please note, that in 2015 the College will be not be selling hats.

The required hats can be purchased through our uniform supplier Lowes.

We have been recently informed, that due to the Term 4 demand of hats, in-store supplies may be low. Lowes has ensured that they are dealing with the issue.

The College hat does not contain a logo and is navy blue in colour. Middle and Later Years students please note, that the navy blue cap is not part of the College uniform.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM

As many families would be aware, Boronia K-12 College does not have a second hand uniform shop. However, at this point in time the following is available:

Size 10 Blazer, excellent condition barely worn. Comes with size 12 long sleeved uniform shirt. Only worn once.

$100.00 for both garments.

If interested please call Robyn MOB:0424 539 579

As well as:

- x1 Size 16 Jumper (Yrs. 5 - 9)
- x1 Size 28 Gray Shorts
- x2 Size 14 White Shirts (Yrs. 5 - 12)

**Cash only please.

In place of a College second hand uniform shop, we would like to promote the use of clk2sell.

Clk2sell is any easy to use smart phone app, enabling families to easily advertise and sell their second hand uniform items. Simply download the app to your smart phone, snap photos of your items, then with one click, they're uploaded to a streamlined marketplace.

For more information please visit www.clk2sell.com.

LOST PROPERTY

We are asking members of the College Community to keep an eye out for a lost necklace. The necklace has a silver chain, with a round pendant with the word ‘dream’ on it, a silver dragonfly, and a yellow bead attached. It was last seen near the covered sandpit area at lunchtime on Monday 8 December.

SECOND HAND BOOKS

X 1  Brand new, sealed (still in cling wrap) Year 9 Humanities Book. - $65
X 1  Year 9 Maths Quest (not part of the 2015 book list) - $50

Please contact the college if you are interested.

***Cash only, please.
Rangeview Student of the Week

| Prep A | Kalina |
| Prep B | Kaj |
| 1/2 A | Jessica |
| 1/2 B | Caleb & Lucinda |
| 1/2 C | Bree |
| 1/2 D | Elizabeth |
| 3/4 A | Aidan |
| 3/4 B | Neha |
| 3/4 C | Evie |

Song for Every Occasion

I often say that there is a song for every occasion, whether it be the weekly after school fitness session for staff, or a Mama Mia’ moment when something goes ‘pear-shaped’. In this Christmas season, you hear carols for this occasion. Music can connect us with past events, both happy and sad. It can inspire us, or disgust us.

Music is a big part of my life. I love singing along, as well as writing songs, such as the annual Grade 6 Graduation song. There are some songs which are favourites, whether classical, rock and roll, or fun. One of these is ‘What a Wonderful World’ by Louis Armstrong. There is a fabulous version on you-tube. Google this song and hand silhouettes – it’s great. Also, it reminds me, that even when destructive stuff is happening near and far, that the simple things in life are the best.

It will soon be Christmas Day, a day that speaks of hope, peace, joy and love. We know that while many people celebrate, many also suffer at this time. It reminds me how thankful I am for those parts of my life that make it special. As we sing ‘Silent Night’, I remember when I sang it as a solo when I was young, and that helps me reflect on the part that family has played in my life. Christmas tends to bring out the extremes of our experiences, of great joy or of deep pain.

I pray that this Christmas you will have meaningful connections with your loved ones, and that you will find things to be thankful for as you reflect on the simple joys of life, like hugs, smiles, walks together, loyalty, friendship and love.

Wishing Tree for Needy Families

Thanks to everyone who contributed to this appeal. The box was overflowing with items to be shared with those in need in our community. Knox Infolink arranged for the items to be distributed by Rowville Salvos. This is a great way to encourage those who are struggling with life at this time. Thanks again.

Chaplin’s Spot

Alan Silverwood
Chaplain
silverwood.alan.o@edumail.vic.gov.au
Pastoral care for our community, with issues of emotional, financial, spiritual, physical nature.
The Chaplaincy program is funded through the Federal Government & Community support. This is a voluntary program in our school community.

Mr Silverwood (AKA Cookie Monster) on the 8/9 Camp

The College will not accept legal liability in relation to any advertisements which appear in this newsletter.
Year 8/9 Camp to Merrijig
Prep A – Lily

You are a wonderful classmate and friend. You always have a friendly smile when you come to school each day. You consistently try your hardest, listening to all valuable feedback and positive criticism. You worked diligently during our problem solving Math task and did a fantastic job in answering your ‘groups of’ equation. It has been a pleasure being your teacher this year and I know you are going to go far with your positive attitude towards school. Keep up the amazing job - you are a star!

Prep B - Elizabeth

You have had an amazing Term! It has been great to see you displaying a positive attitude in the classroom and always trying your best. Your writing has blown me away with fantastic word choices and creative ideas. You should be very proud of your efforts! You are a star!

1/2 A – Jasmine

You always try your best in everything you do. You are a kind and caring class member who always comes to school with a smile on your face. In Writing, you have come so far and write beautifully. I enjoyed reading your persuasive piece, trying to convince your parents to take you on a holiday to Queensland. Keep up your hard work!

1/2 B – Kristian

You have been a terrific student all year, who has shown ongoing improvements in your learning. You have risen to challenges of extending the content in your writing and learning your times tables automatically. You are a great friend to others and have continued to build your resilience and confidence throughout this month. You have been producing exceptional work and taking pride in your presentation. Congratulations and well done.

1/2 C – Shayla

You are an amazing member of our class! This month I have seen your kind and bubbly personality shine in everything you do. I love your ‘give it a go’ attitude and you work hard to do the best work you can. You are such a wonderful friend who cares about your classmates and you are always willing to help others. It has been lovely to see your smile and positive attitude every day. Keep up the beautiful work!

1/2 D – Elisha

You have continued to make huge improvements in every area of school this month. You take on all challenges given to you in the classroom and you have a go with a positive attitude. You have a terrific attitude towards your learning and it is a pleasure to teach you. Well done!

3/4 A – Chloe

You work hard and always give 100 percent in everything you do. You are considerate and helpful to all students in our class and level. You are respectful and kind to your teachers and peers. You have been doing a wonderful job as a Junior School Leader and have been a fantastic role model! Sensational effort!

3/4 B – Max

You have had a fantastic year of growth. You have become more confident to participate in discussions and group activities. Trying many new activities both at school and cubs has been a real positive for you. You are starting to show the skills and attitudes you will need to become a lifelong learner. Your happy nature and sense of fun has made our classroom a happy place. Well done on a fantastic year of achievements.
3/4 C – Matthew

You are a polite member of our class who works well individually and in groups. You listen to other people’s ideas and treat your peers with respect. You have increased the amount of effort you have put into class tasks this semester, particularly in writing, and consistently complete them on time. You have seriously and positively undertaken the role of being one of our class leaders. Congratulations on a wonderful year in 3/4C and for being our final Aussie of the Month.

5/6/7 A – Kobe

Congratulations! You have done an amazing job all year. You always try your best in everything that you do. I can see a huge improvement in your learning. Thank you for always being so kind and helpful towards your friends and teachers. Keep up the amazing effort in Year 6!

5/6/7B – Ava

You have taken on the challenge of being a leader of House Activities, Book Week and an active group member at our recent Asian Expo. You complete your work to a high standard and continue to extend your learning by taking on extra tasks at home. You are an outstanding student who always strives to achieve our college values and a friend to all. You embrace all opportunities this college has to present. Well Done!

5/6/7 C – Jade

You are a wonderful, kind, caring and capable student and it has been fantastic to see you use your talents to produce work of which you should be proud. You have a passion for learning and act as a wonderful role model to everyone. I hope you keep up this attitude for all your future learning.

5/6/7 D – Drew (OVERALL WINNER)

You have been putting in extra effort within all areas of your schooling. I have been very impressed that you have been completing all work to the best of your abilities, especially when writing and during Maths. Keep up the amazing effort. I am very proud of you!

5/6/7 E – Kaleb

You are a worthy nominee for the Aussie of the Month. You have had a fantastic year in the Middle Years Learning Community. You have been able to work well in the new learning environment and have also worked in a cooperative manner with your peers. I have been especially impressed with the way you have been courteous toward the teaching staff, and also other students. Well done Kaleb on all the great work you have done this year!

5/6/7 F – Breannan

Your attitude to school this month has been fantastic. With close attention to detail, you have produced some excellent work in Literacy and Numeracy. You are kind and polite, and a delight to have in class. Keep up the enthusiasm and dedication to completing your work. Well done.

8A – Monique

You have made an outstanding effort in all your subjects this year. This month, as always, you have been persistent, pleasant to everyone and hard working. These qualities shone through especially at the Year 8 camp and while working on the school magazine.

8B – Stephen

You have worked really well in all your classes this month. Your effort with spelling and descriptive writing has been excellent. You are considerate, easy-going and your friendly approach to everything is fantastic to see. Congratulations on a great year.

Merry Christmas, Happy New Year, and wishing you a fantastic break!