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- 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 - Year 9 Connect Students at Rangeview Campus
- 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
Term 2 - 22 April to 27 June
Term 3 - 14 July to 19 September
Term 4 - 6 October to 19 December

COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

Our College Open Night on Tuesday 18 March was a great success. Everyone involved had a fantastic time, visitors and College members alike. We had fantastic displays and wonderful activities for everyone to participate in.
Executive Principal’s Report

DISCOVERY/OPEN NIGHT

What a positive event this was for our College! We were blessed with terrific weather, wonderful support from our staff and fantastic leadership from many of our students. There was a great deal of interest from the community with regards to our buildings, programs and vision for the future. It was wonderful to see. We had a wide range of activities running on the night including:

- Science experiments
- Later Years Pathways information
- Food Technology
- Art and Multi Materials displays
- Digital Media
- Middle Years Matters information
- Grades 3 / 4 Hands On Maths
- Grades 1 / 2 Numeracy activities that can be played at home
- Prep - hands on activities that can be easily implemented at home
- Music – street beats and guitar groups
- Physical Education fitness and other activities
- Early Learning Activities at the ELC
- Junior Library Resources

Our student leaders did a fantastic job in conducting tours for families and it was also wonderful to see so many other students on hand participating and helping staff with their activities. Two of these activities are shown below. Well done everyone!!

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.

CAMPUS ENTRY CHANGES FROM RANGEVIEW ROAD

From Monday morning, parents and students will notice changes in the way they access the main body of the school from the Rangeview Road entrance. The gateway entrance will remain the same but instead of turning to the right near the Out of School Hours Care entrance, everyone will need to turn left and follow the pathway and fences behind the gymnasium down to the ELC. ELC parents and children will be able to use the rear entrance. Prep to Year 8 parents and students should then follow the pathway between the ELC and the Arts and Technology building to access the main body of the school. This change is to allow refurbishment works to commence with the gymnasium and to prepare for the installation of the roof that will be erected over the basketball/netball court nearest to the music room.

NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION AGAINST BULLYING AND VIOLENCE

Over 300 Victorian schools, including more than 155,000 students, are registered to take part in the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence this Friday 21 March. Schools around the state including both campuses of Boronia K-12 College will be hosting their own events and activities to promote that bullying and violence at school are not okay at any time. The College has some very symbolic activities planned at both the Mount View campus and the Rangeview campus. A detailed account of these activities will be reported on in the next newsletter.

Ross Bevege

Executive Principal
NAP-ICT Trial, Year 10

The majority of our Year 10 students participated in a National Assessment Program field trial in ICT literacy, on Tuesday 18 March. The trial is part of a national strategy to assess students’ knowledge and understanding of Information and Communication Technology.

Students worked their way through a number of modules on computer, in a two-hour period.

The external supervisor running the trial commented on the exemplary behaviour of our students, and also on the invaluable assistance from Karl, our ICT Technician, who had ensured that the system was set up and functioning on the day.

Presentation Ball

This year we have decided to make a change to our Presentation Ball by opening it up to year 10 students as well as year 11. It makes sense due to the fact that the year 10 students are in the senior pathways with year 11 students, and allows us to run the Presentation Ball as a major College event despite our smaller numbers. This also means that we will probably run the event on a two year cycle until we have sufficient numbers for an annual event. A meeting will be held at lunchtime on Monday 31 April to provide information to students, and a parent meeting will follow in term two if there is sufficient interest.

Year 9 Connect Excursion to Rangeview Campus

Our Year 9 Connect students will walk to Rangeview Campus on Wednesday 2 April with teachers Mr John Gove and Ms Olga Kowalczuk. The students have planned a range of activities that demonstrate their leadership skills, and they will run these with grade one and two students. They are looking forward to their outing and working with the younger students, and have put lots of effort into the planning.

Student Learning Conferences

Student Learning Conferences for years 9 to 12 will be held on Monday 28 April in the eSpace. Please note that this is the second week of the term. We will again use the on-line booking system, but parents will be issued with a new code for access. You will receive your child’s interim report, student booking code and a procedural letter at the end of this term. It is essential that we see as many families and students as possible, as we need to work in a three-way partnership to enable your child to take responsibility for his/her learning and to achieve success with the support and guidance of their parents and teachers.

Judy Triffett

Mount View Campus Principal

Whole College Fun-Run

We will be holding an Adidas School Fun-Run as a major fundraising event this year in conjunction with the Boronia Prep – 12 College Cross Country competition. The event will be held on Thursday 3 April 2014 within the school grounds at the Mount View Campus, from 12pm – 2pm.

The Adidas School Fun-Run is a healthy, fun and active fundraiser that ensures we send the right message to our students about getting active, having fun and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. The main focus of this event is on participation. Family support is most appreciated as we encourage all students to get involved.

All students have received a Sponsorship Form to help collect sponsorship on behalf of the school. The funds raised will be used to purchase equipment required for major college events and sports days, including sun shelters and walkie talkies.

We ask all parents to read the Sponsorship Form and sign the front page to grant permission for their child to fundraise and participate in this event. Students who raise just $10 or more will receive a reward for effort. In the Sponsorship Form you will also find many other benefits like the chance to win a family holiday to Disneyland!

Students wanting to track their progress, and use online fundraising, can do so by logging onto schoolfun-run.com.au/students and creating a Student Profile Page.

Finally, we would like to welcome parents and family members to attend the Adidas School Fun-Run event at the Mount View Campus on Thursday 3rd April to help cheer on the students.
The College will not accept legal liability in relation to any advertisements which appear in this newsletter.

If you would like to volunteer and help out on the day please contact the school on 9760 4900 or email the College Sports Co-ordinators. Please indicate the type of assistance you are comfortable helping out with, this will assist us with duty allocation. For example: Start marshalling assistant, recording, ribbon/certificate presentation, checkpoint or course marshall, time keeper, or novelty events.

Thank you, good luck and happy fundraising!

Mitchell Stone and Rhonda McMillan

Sport Co-ordinators

Congratulations Emily 5/6 C

Last Tuesday, 18 March, Emily 5/6 C attended the School Sport Victoria Awards at the MCG. With only 50 awards being handed out to all schools students in Victoria, Emily won the sporting blue award for her amazing efforts in athletics, which she earned through her hard work and determination in her athletics which saw her make the Victorian team and go to the National Championships in Brisbane last year.

Emily, Mum, Nana and lucky Mr Stone enjoyed a beautiful two course meal with a fantastic view from the M.C.G. Members Dining Room. Emily was presented her award by Brad Johnson, a Western Bulldogs champion, and Steve Hooker, an Olympic gold medalist in pole vault.

Congratulations Emily on your fantastic hard work last year, you have deserved this award and we look forward to seeing some more great results from you and everyone at Boronia K – 12 College that you have inspired!

RC Student of the Week

Prep A - Phoebe
1/2 A - Kristian
1/2 C - Ben
3/4 A - Gabby
3/4 C - Jay-Dee
5/6/7 B - Grace
5/6/7 C - Jade
5/6/7 D - Jared
5/6/7 F - Jenny
8A - Monique
8B - Jessica

Prep B - Lea
1/2 B - Troy
1/2 D - Shyra
3/4 B - Neha
5/6/7 A - Kane
5/6/7 E - Pritha
8A - Monique

Well done!

Call for Witness

On Thursday 13 March a member of the College community was involved in an accident at the intersection of Chandler Road and Florsiton Road. Another College member, passing by at the time, offered to be a witness. Those involved in the accident declined the offer at that point, however are now calling out for assistance. The witness’s offer would be gladly accepted. If the witness could so kindly leave their details at the Rangeview General Office to be handed (in a sealed envelope) to the involved, it would be greatly appreciated.

College Newsletter

A reminder to parents and guardians that the College Newsletter is no longer distributed in the classroom. Those who wish to obtain a hard copy of the newsletter must collect one from the General Office.

Return of Notices & Payments

The College asks that all notices that require payment are only returned to the General Office with payment attached.

If paying by EFTPOS please hand the notice to the Office when the payment is made.

If you wish to pay via credit card (Visa or MasterCard only), please enclose the following details on a piece of paper in an envelope alongside the signed permission slip:

Card Number, Expiry Date, Name of Cardholder.

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What’s on in VCAL

Student of the Week Award - Week 6: Daniel 10V

Daniel has been a consistent performer in class and around the college. He is up to date with his work, puts in a great effort and takes care in its presentation. He is well organised – his folders for each subject are fine examples. Daniel enjoys his VET course in Landscaping and Horticulture where he is learning a lot of new skills, which he enthusiastically reports back to the class each week.

Daniel contributes to class activities, his attendance is outstanding and he is always respectful, thoughtful and helpful towards others. Congratulations Daniel!

Open Night Posters

At the College Open Night, there was plenty of interest from parents and kids about the senior programs offered at Boronia K-12 College and it was great to have a number of posters on display reflecting the thoughts of current VCE and VCAL students. These helped show the diversity of achievement in the Later Years, which impressed all visitors who attended the display.

PDS Project

Students in both classes have begun their major projects in Personal Development Skills, which is made up of different parts with a common theme – Cultural Diversity.

The Senior/Intermediate class are researching their family’s cultural heritage and will contrast it with that of another cultural group of their choice. They will organise an event to showcase their investigations as well as be involved with a charity or community organisation.

The Foundation/Intermediate class are investigating Australia’s cultural diversity and then planning another event to showcase their research.

John Gove - VCAL Coordinator
2014 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence is on Friday 21 March.

**What can parents do if their child tells them they are being bullied?**

1. **Listen** carefully to what your child wants to say
2. **Reassure** your child that they are not to blame; ask open and empathetic questions for details
3. **Ask** your child what they want to do and what they want you to do
4. **Discuss** with your child sensible strategies to handle the bullying
5. **Contact** the school

**What strategies can parents suggest to their child who is being physically bullied?**

1. **Avoid areas** which allow the bully to avoid detection by teachers
2. Stay with **other students**
3. **Talk** to a trusted adult at school or home

**What strategies can parents suggest if their child is being verbally or socially bullied?**

1. **Walk away**
2. Try to **act unaffected** or unimpressed
3. Try to **deflect** bullying behaviour (e.g. pretending to agree in an offhand way 'okay, yeah, maybe')
4. Say 'No!' or 'Stop it!' firmly
5. Talk to a trusted adult at the school or at home

**What strategies can parents suggest if their child is being bullied others?**

Talk about why they have been behaving this way, and taking responsibility for their behavior

**Who can parents or students talk to for help?**

Kids' Helpline 1800 55 1800 or www.kidshelp.com.au
Parents’ Helplines (each state has a helpline)

To report bullying that may constitute a crime go to:
Australian Federal Police www.afp.gov.au

**For more information and support go to:**

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Bullying. No Way! [www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au) - an initiative of all Australian education sectors working together to promote safe and supportive school communities

**Alan Silverwood**
Chaplain
silverwood.alan.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

*The Chaplaincy program is funded through the Federal Government & Community support. This is a voluntary program in our school community.*

**Vacation Care Program**

The College Easter Vacation Care Program is now available and open for bookings. Packages are available from the Rangeview Campus General Office and the Outside School Hours Care building.

Get in quickly, bookings close Friday 28 March! If there are not enough bookings, the Vacation Care Program will have to be withdrawn.

For more information on the program, please call Before and After School Care on 9760 4939 or the OSHC mobile, 0419 556 512.

**Annual College Production**

**THE WIZARD OF OZ**

**Auditions on Monday 24 March**

We will be holding auditions for the **lead roles** in our 2014 College production of The Wizard of Oz on **Monday 24 March**. Listed next to each role below are the songs we require auditionees to sing. The lead roles listed below are open to students in Years 7-12. Auditions for minor roles, the Munchkin leads and ensemble will be held on another day which will be advised.

**Dorothy** Somewhere over the Rainbow
**Scarecrow** If I Only Had A Brain
**Lion** If I Only Had The Nerve
**Tinman** If I Only Had A Heart
**Glinda the Good Witch** Come Out, Come Out
**The Wicked Witch** No Song – Acting only.
Parents’ Club

Hot Cross Bun Drive

Get your order in fast and support the Boronia K-12 College and Early Learning Centre Parents’ Club

Enjoy a 6 pack of locally baked Hot Cross Buns

only $6.00

Complete your details below and return with money by Friday 21 March 2014

Delivery Thursday 3 April 2014

| Campus: | | | | | | |
| Name: | | | | | | |
| Grade: | | | | | | |
| Traditional Hot Cross Bun Qty (per 6 pkt) | Choc Chip Hot Cross Bun Qty (per 6 pkt) | Fruitless Hot Cross Bun Qty (per 6 pkt) | Total $ |
| $6.00 per 6 pkt | $6.00 per 6 pkt | $6.00 per 6 pkt |

DON’T FORGET!

Please mention Boronia K-12 College if you shop at Bakers Delight Boronia, the one beside Coles. By doing so, they will donate a percentage of your purchase to assist our school!

Easter Raffle

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 Rangeview Campus assembly for the term, Friday 4 April. Winners will be notified.

Good luck and thank you.

Parents Club
Bridges Book Fair

Saturday 12 April
9.30am - 2.00pm

Bridges Connecting Communities are holding a fantastic Book Fair.

Cold Drinks, BBQ and Devonshire Tea Available

Give-a-ways for the children

Come and join us and pick up a bargain

Bayswater Tennis Pavilion
Cnr King Street & Mountain Hwy
Bayswater
(Mel Ref 64.F3)
9729 9499 | info@bridgescc.com.au

Come and join us and pick up a bargain!

Junior Rockers

Dear Parents,

Junior Rockers Holiday Program

The Junior Rockers Holiday Program is running again in the upcoming Term Holidays.

For parents new to Junior Rockers, the holiday program is a chance for students to play music with other students, form bands, and also have a go on instruments they might not normally learn. Children who do not currently have lessons are also welcome to attend and have a go learning and experimenting on the instruments.

For more information about the Holiday Program and to reserve a place, go to the Junior Rockers website: juniorrockers.com, and click on Downloads.

We look forward to seeing lots of budding musicians at our Holiday Program!!

Bridges Book Fair

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 Kowalczuk (Connect Coordinator)

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