**Important Dates**

- 27 February – Presentation Ball Payment Cut Off*
- 27 February – VET Fee Payment Cut Off*
- 27 February – Edrolo Fee Payment Cut Off*
- 2 March – Year 7 Camp Departs
- 2 March – Presentation Ball Dance Rehearsal 3
- 3 March – Unit 3 & 4 Chemistry Excursion
- 4 March – Year 7 Camp Returns
- 9 March – Labour Day Public Holiday
- 16 March – Presentation Ball Dance Rehearsal 4 (at The Grand)
- 23 March – Presentation Ball Dance Rehearsal 5
- 26 March – Presentation Ball

*Cut off deadlines are final. Students and/or families who have not provided payment by the specified date will NOT be able to attend the excursion or activity.

**Term Dates 2015**

- **Term 1** - 28 January to 27 March
- **Term 2** - 13 April to 26 June
- **Term 3** - 13 July to 18 September
- **Term 4** - 5 October to 18 December

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**YEAR 3 - 12 SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

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Greetings,

As you may be aware, nominations were recently called for interested parents to fill vacancies on our School Council as a result of annual elections. These nominations for parent member vacancies and for Department of Education & Training member vacancies closed last Friday 20 February.

As a result of the nominations received for parent member category equalling the number of parent member vacancies, I declare the following parents elected to Boronia K-12 College School Council: Drey Baldwin, Susie Colling, Penny Hartelt and Rachel McDonald. They join Nikki Alexander, Sharon Crothers and Leanne Yeoman as your parent representatives.

We have a casual vacancy that can be filled by School Council co-opting an interested parent. If that’s you, I encourage you to contact me and express your interest in being involved. Our next School Council meeting occurs on Wednesday 11 March.

Please be aware that the car park at the Rangeview Road end of the school is not for use by parents. I realise that traffic congestion can be a problem outside our school. It would be alleviated somewhat by parents honouring the ‘drop off’ zone requirements. They are to simply drop off your child at the kerb and then leave. Please do not park here and then leave your car to escort your child into the school.

I was horrified one morning last week to see a parent drop their child off in the school car park and then reverse towards a child exiting another car parked in the staff car park. We want to keep your children safe. Help us do this by parking outside school grounds and walking into school where appropriate. If there are special circumstances that mean you need some dispensation, please contact us.

Congratulations to our Physical Education staff and all teachers for the wonderful swimming sports conducted last week. We awoke to rain but it soon cleared to a hot day, making sitting around or jumping in the pool an enticing thought. There were many opportunities for student to be involved including some competitive races and fun events. A number of teachers took the opportunity to demonstrate their prowess in the pool.

Best wishes to our Year 7 students preparing for camp at Waratah Bay next week. I hope they are blessed with great weather and have a wonderful time.

We also have a number of senior students deep into practice for their Presentation Ball, to be held on Thursday 26 March. Best wishes to all learning to sort their left foot from their right and keeping in time with the music and their partner!

David Rose
College Principal
On Tuesday 17 February, Miss C from Ambulance Victoria came in to visit 1A. She taught us about small emergencies and big emergencies, where you might need an ambulance. We are all 'triple zero heroes' now because we know how to call an ambulance for a big emergency. We got to dress up as a paramedic and we saw inside the ambulance. Skye and James even got to sit in the drivers seat and turn on the lights and sirens. We had a great day.

"I loved going inside the ambulance" - Nadine

"I got to pretend I was the big sister and I had to call an ambulance" - Michaela

“I liked having my photo taken" - Madisyn
Year 8/9 Knox Festival Art

Each year the Knox Festival conducts a series of art projects involving professional artists and young people from our local primary and secondary schools. The aim of these projects is to showcase the creative talent of Knox’s young people, provide a public platform for them to exhibit their work within their locale, and to give them the experience of working with individuals from the Arts industry. Year 8/9 Art students in Monday’s class have been working alongside Melbourne artist Julian Clavijo who has been working with students to create their artworks based on the Knox area. Students are creating personalised wooden boxes for the exhibition that will be judged and on display at the Knox Festival this weekend. (Saturday 28th February - Sunday 1st March) Don’t forget to vote for your favourite and check out the talented work on show!

Miss Karpathiou
Secondary Art Teacher

Secondary Art Department

CALL FOR DONATIONS

The Secondary Art Department is in need of your assistance! We are currently seeking donations of glass jars, plastic containers, tomato sauce bottles (or anything similar) for use within the classroom.

If families have any of the above available at home, and are willing to donate them to the College, simply leave them at the General Office.

Any donation will be greatly appreciated.
Prep’s First Day of School

Our new Prep students have been incredibly busy the last few weeks as they are introduced to school life. It is a fun, but of course tiring experience.

Prep students will continue to have Wednesdays off until after the Labour Day long weekend.

Wednesday 11 March will be the Prep’s first Wednesday at school, and will mark the beginning of their full week attendance.
The Beauty of Mathematics

It’s amazing what you can learn in math!

Look at this symmetry:

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\begin{align*}
1 \times 1 &= 1 \\
11 \times 11 &= 121 \\
111 \times 111 &= 12321 \\
1111 \times 1111 &= 1234321 \\
11111 \times 11111 &= 123454321 \\
111111 \times 111111 &= 12345654321 \\
1111111 \times 1111111 &= 1234567654321 \\
11111111 \times 11111111 &= 123456787654321 \\
111111111 \times 111111111 &= 12345678987654321 \\
\end{align*}
\]

What equals 100% in life?

Here’s a little mathematical formula that might help answer these questions:

If: \(A \ B \ C \ D \ E \ F \ G \ H \ I \ J \ K \ L \ M \ N \ O \ P \ Q \ R \ S \ T \ U \ V \ W \ X \ Y \ Z\)

Is represented as:

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1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 4 \ 5 \ 6 \ 7 \ 8 \ 9 \ 10 \ 11 \ 12 \ 13 \ 14 \ 15 \ 16 \ 17 \ 18 \ 19 \ 20 \ 21 \ 22 \ 23 \ 24 \ 25 \ 26.
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H-A-R-D-W-O-R-K

\[8+1+18+4+23+15+18+11 = 98\%
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And:

K-N-O-W-L-E-D-G-E

\[11+14+15+23+12+5+4+7+5 = 96\%
\]

But:

A-T-T-I-T-U-D-E

\[1+20+20+9+20+21+4+5 = 100\%
\]

It says a lot, in a world where even though we might feel we can’t do what we would like,

we can still have a positive attitude, and make the most of the opportunities and skills we have.

Enjoy being the best ‘YOU’.

Feel free to contact me at school if you would like to talk, on family, individual or other issues.

Alan Silverwood

Chaplain

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The Chaplaincy program is funded through the Federal Government & Community support. This is a voluntary program in our school community.
Year 3 - 12 Swimming Carnival

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It was great to see so many students and staff in their house colours as they streamed off the buses on arrival at the pool. We opened the carnival with the ‘Open Biathalon’, running around the neighbouring oval and finishing off with a 50m sprint in the pool.

There was plenty of action in the main pool with our competitors racing in many swim strokes and relays. We had numerous moments where our true team spirit shone through and our students showed great comradery.

The teachers held the crown for the student-teacher 4 x 50m relay and are looking forward to defending their title against our Senior students again next year.

It was fantastic to see all the students involving themselves in the fun of the novelty pool in events such as the Dress Up Relay, Egg and Spoon and Cork Scramble.

The day created many memorable moments and was a ton of fun. It was great to see everyone in their house colours participating with such enthusiasm. Congratulation to those students who made it through to the next zone in various swim events and good luck in your future races.

House totals were:
Hollows - 201 points
Paterson - 306 points
Chandler - 490 points

And drum roll ...

FREEMAN - 587 points

Thank you to all Staff, Parents and students for helping the day to run so smoothly. We are looking forward to an even bigger and better Swimming Carnival in 2016!