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Important Dates

- 31 March - Prep Easter Bonnet Parade at Boronia Kmart
- 31 March - Eastern Metropolitan Region Swimming Finals
- 31 March - Presentation Ball Meeting
- 28 March - RC Winter Sport Round Robin 2
- 1 April - Grade 1/2 Easter Bun Walk
- 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
- 25 April - ANZAC Day
- 30 April - Year 8 Kiosk Excursion
- 2 May - Year 10 Kiosk Excursion
- 2 May - RC Winter Sport Round Robin 3
- 6 May - Grade 1/2 Healesville Sanctuary Excursion
- 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

NATIONAL ANTI-BULLYING DAY

Friday 21 March was National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. Both Campuses participated in activities on this day. See inside for details.
LAST DAY OF TERM 1

A reminder to all parents that school will finish at 2.30pm on Friday 4 April. Term 2 will re-commence on Tuesday 22 April. Can I take this opportunity to thank our students, their parents and our staff for their hard work and support throughout the term and we all look forward to a very productive and positive second term.

COLLEGE COUNCIL

At its meeting on Wednesday night, the 2013 Annual Report was tabled, discussed and ratified as part of the Annual General Meeting process. Council welcomed two new members namely Mrs Sharon Crothers and Mr Russell Eagle and said farewell and thanks to Mr Michael Waters, Mrs Nicole Fewson, Ms Nicole Lamond Philp and Mrs Kellie Bukka. Ms Harnetty spoke at length about the tremendous service provided to the College over many years by Michael Waters and we are indeed grateful for the work he completed in the lead up to the merger of the schools and the subsequent development of Boronia K-12 College.

With respect to the leadership of our new Council, Mrs Drey Baldwin was re-elected as College Council President, Mrs Rachel Mac Donald was elected Vice President, Mrs Sheridan Wolf was elected Treasurer and Ms Maria Jansen kindly agreed to continue as Minute Secretary. A big thank you to all those parents for taking on what can be fulfilling but challenging roles.

Erin Cowling, one of our current Year 12 students spoke to Council about student preference for Year 12 hoodies in 2015 as opposed to bomber jackets as the special memento for their final year of schooling. Council will consider the points Erin raised and it is fair to say that everyone was impressed by Erin’s ability to articulate her thoughts on behalf of other students.

Council discussed the uniform issues mentioned in previous newsletters. The meetings held to document the concerns some parents had with the quality of some aspects of the uniform have taken place and we are now awaiting a follow up meeting between the supplier and the parent representatives on Council. Compliance with uniform is improving which is pleasing although there is still room for improvement at both campuses.

Homework policy was also discussed and reinforced as an expectation for students recognising the different expectations in relation to the level students are currently at. Council also endorsed the 2014 Annual Implementation Plan for the College. Both the Annual Report and the Annual Implementation Plan will be uploaded in the near future to the College website for parents to access.

TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

A general request to all parents as we get close to the end of term, not to forget to be tolerant, patient and understanding when accessing either the Albert Avenue entrance or the two minute drop off zone in Rangeview Road. Please do not drive over the gutter and close to the footpath along the entrance from Albert Avenue. Unfortunately we have had reports that such practices had recently occurred. A reminder to that all parents and students should be using the school crossing when crossing Rangeview Road. Overall I have been quite pleased with the level of co-operation received from parents to my repeated requests with managing traffic. It continues to be an eye opening experience to witness first hand the different driving styles adopted by members of our community!

It would appear as if works will take place at both ends of our Rangeview Campus during the holiday period to complete the following works:

- Indentation at the Drop Off zone in Rangeview Road
- Bus stop upgrade in Albert Avenue

It is hoped that both projects do in fact go ahead as expectations have been raised and dashed before.

One Team, One Goal – Celebrating Diversity

At Boronia K-12 College we always encourage students to be respectful and supportive of each other. We are excited to be participating in a new AFL and Victorian Government competition using football as a way to celebrate multiculturalism and diversity.

In the competition – One Team, One Goal – Celebrating Diversity – our school can win a $5000 grant, a football clinic with an AFL footballer, tickets to an AFL match during Multicultural Round and limited edition AFL footballs. There are 2 competitions:

Primary

To enter, students need to design a poster about multiculturalism, teamwork and diversity that will be printed in the Football Record. This is a wonderful opportunity to talk to your children about diversity and to support them to develop a poster.

The competition website has more information about how to enter: www.education.vic.gov.au/oneteam.

Secondary

To enter, students need to design a logo reflecting the competition’s theme – with the winning logo to be printed on limited edition Sherrin footballs. This is a wonderful opportunity to talk to your children about diversity and to support them to develop a logo.

The competition website has more information about how to enter: www.education.vic.gov.au/oneteam.

Inner East, Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group Meeting (LAECG)

When: Tuesday 8 April

Where: Mullum Mullum Indigenous Gathering Place, 47 Patterson St, Ringwood.

Time: 12.30pm to 2.00pm

Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Groups (LAECGs) are voluntary bodies made up of local Aboriginal parents and community members and provide links between parents, community and schools.

If you would like to discuss the Inner East LAECG or have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your local Koorie Engagement Support Officers on PH: 9265 2400.

Ross Bevege - Executive Principal
Farewell to Several Long Term Staff Members

Denise Philpotts has been a Food Technology assistant at Mount View Campus (Boronia Heights College, Boronia Heights Secondary College) for the last 20 years. During that time she has been a fantastic support to the Home Economics / Food Technology teachers and other staff at the College.

She is looking forward to retirement, travel and being a grandmother!

There will be a small function for Denise in the last week of term as per her wishes to remain low key.

Marlene Gough has been an Education Support staff member at Rangeview Campus (Boronia Primary School) for nearly 10 years. She has worked in the integration program and will be sadly missed by staff and the students. She is on sick leave at the moment and will retire later in the year. We will hold a morning tea for her next week.

Attendance Equals Achievement

Please ensure your children attend school every day unless unwell. Every day counts! Make appointments, where possible, outside of school hours. Any shopping trips should take place over the weekend or holidays. It is also essential that children are at school, on time ready to start the day with their peers. If they are late they miss vital information and, in some cases, blocks of learning time. We need parents to work with us by ensuring their children are on time every day.

I am also disturbed by the number of parents who arrive to collect their children early. Once again this interrupts valuable learning time plus is an inconvenience for staff who have to stop what they are doing to collect the student(s) from class. We are minimising PA announcements so parents need to be prepared to wait if staff are not able to collect children immediately. If you must collect your children early please send a note in the morning so arrangements can be made to send your child to the office area when required to be picked up.

Kate Harnetty

Rangeview Campus Principal

Rangeview Campus Student of the Week

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KINDER’S GRADE 3/4 BUDDIES!

This week the kinder children had a visit from their new grade 3/4 buddies. The kinder children excitedly showed their buddies their beautiful kinder space and activities, whilst the grade 3/4 children were very polite and helpful for their kinder buddies.
MOUNT VIEW CAMPUS

As part of their Connect Program the Year 8 students at the Rangeview Campus and Year 9 students at the Mount View Campus worked on activities for National Anti-Bulling Day.

The students worked on the theme of “Stand Together, No bullying”. A banner was produced using all student and staff handprints from Prep to Year 12 as a pledge to help combat bullying at Boronia K-12 College. Everyone enjoyed putting their mark and their pledge on the banner.

The Year 9 students decided to create a bunting flag for the Mount View Campus, with each flag having a personal message from students in Year 9 to Year 12 on how each student could contribute to a safe and happy College environment.

After the rain deluge and power blackout, Mount View campus students and staff met together in the Canteen area just before recess. The leaders stood in the middle of a large student circle. The students in the larger circle held the bunting flag messages, while the leaders held coloured helium balloons with messages written on them. Mrs Kowalczuk made a simple yet powerful speech that gave the message of kindness and respect. This was followed by the leaders releasing the balloons while everyone shouted “No Bullying at Boronia K-12”. Students and staff stood and watched the balloons drift into the distance as this was symbolic of bullying leaving the Mount View Campus.

A very moving activity sent a very effective and powerful message to the school community.

Rachel Gardiner, Olga Kowalczuk and Judy Triffett

RANGEVIEW CAMPUS

Friday 21 March was National Day of Action against bullying and Violence. The Rangeview Campus took time to participate in this day, to show our support and pledge that bullying of any kind is not tolerated. Each classroom from Prep through to Year 8, engaged in a classroom activity. From discussing what a good friend is and how to be kind to one another right through to internet safety and cyber-bullying.

At 11:30am, Rangeview Campus staff and students gathered in the middle of the school with the Middle Years making up the letter N and the Preps to Year 4 making up the letter O. To spell out NO. The Year 8 class held the large calico sign, with hand prints from each student in the school and in front we were joined by 4 Year Old ELC. students The Year 8 class also made fantastic buntings, which are now on display at the front reception. A small group of leaders with their Prep Buddies held balloons with pledges written by the
Year 8 class to prevent and stop bullying. After a short speech by our Adolescent Health Nurse, Emily Dawson, the leaders released their balloons into the sky. The children had a great time and were discussing the importance of stopping bullying to make Boronia K-12 College a school they could be proud of. Mr Bevege and Ms Harnetty, also talked with the students about the importance of being kind to one another and thinking about others before ourselves. Although this was a one off event, the students and the staff have made a pledge to continue the fight against bullying and there will be other classes and events through-out the year to keep the message fresh.

*Emily Dawson (Adolescent Health Nurse)*
Chaplain’s Spot

FIVE STEPS TO FORGIVENESS
by Catherine Morgan

Last week I watched an on-line talk about ‘Empathy, Gratitude and Forgiveness’, by John Hendry (Director of student Welfare at Geelong Grammar). It was very beneficial as we considered how best to educate and care for our students. Here is a summary of an article about one of these important aspects.

“When we are angry at people, not talking to people, or hating people in our life, we are weakening ourselves, and hurting ourselves. That is because, when we don’t forgive, we are allowing our heart to be weighed down with negativity.

My theory is; that we really don’t know how to forgive. I mean, saying you “forgive” someone, isn’t really “forgiving” them, is it? When you forgive someone, you are pushing anger out of your heart and making more room for love to get in, and love is what matters.

STEP 1: WHY ARE YOU ANGRY AT THIS PERSON?
Get a piece of paper out and write down why you are mad at them. It may be one thing, or many. Just write it all down.

STEP 2: THE GOOD THINGS. On another piece of paper write down all the good things they have done for you. Did they ever make you happy, do anything nice for you, make you smile or laugh, be a good friend? Just make sure you make it an “honest” list.

STEP 3: HOW DID I CONTRIBUTE TO THIS? On a third piece of paper write any way you may have contributed to the conflict. Be honest. It doesn’t help to think that you are totally without any responsibility in the situation, even if it is just a tiny bit. Write it down.

STEP 4: CONTEMPLATE. Think about how important they are to you. Are they someone you want in your life? Is it someone that it would be better to not have in your life anymore. Remember, you are forgiving this person for yourself, not for them.

STEP 5: FORGIVE. Forgiving doesn’t mean “forgetting”. Forgiveness is about letting anger go (for your own sake), even while remembering, which helps us “learn from our mistakes”. Now it’s time to FORGIVE. LET IT GO. LET GO OF THE ANGER. LET GO OF THE PAIN. Let go of all the negative thoughts and anger, like vapor evaporating from a pot, until it has gone.

The important thing is that you let it go, so it no longer haunts you, no longer consumes your thoughts. You can either smooth things out with the person, and start from a healthier place... or keep your distance if you have decided that was best. The right way is whatever works best for you.”

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 Update

Auditions have started with the Year 7 & 8 students auditioning for lead roles. On Monday 31 March we will audition Grade 5 & 6 students for lead roles – including Munchkins and the Year 9-12 students. Casting of lead roles will be made before the end of term.

We will be organising meetings for parents who are interested in helping out in areas of costumes, props, sets, marketing, program design, catering & technical aspects of the show. The first of these will be early in Term 2.

Rehearsals will be held on Tuesdays & Fridays 3:30 pm – 5:00 pm. There will also be some Sunday rehearsals. Additional singing rehearsals will be held during lunchtimes. Students will not be required at all rehearsals. A schedule will be published in the newsletter each week with at least two weeks’ notice of who is required.

Performances will be held at the end of August with three shows on 28, 29, 30 August (Thursday, Friday, Saturday) nights.

Wayne Robinson
Director
WINTER SPORTS ROUND ROBIN COMPETITION ROUND 1

Last Friday the 5/6 sport teams played against Bayswater Primary School with T-ball, soccer, and netball games played at both Bayswater Primary School and Boronia K–12 College. All students were nervous and excited, ready to play their first games. Each of them were all looking like superstars in the new College Interschool Sport uniform.

Out of the six games, Boronia K–12 College came away with four wins, a draw and a narrow loss by one goal. The boys soccer went out fighting with a narrow loss of two – one, and the girls T-ball team drew 11 - 11 in what was a fantastic even contest. Girls soccer had a great first win with a score of three – one. Our girls netball team had a tight close win with a score of three – two. Our Boys T-ball had a tremendous win of 36 – 18 full of big hitting and great catching. The mixed netball team fought hard all game to win 48 – three.

Congratulations to all students for the effort and behaviour and well done to the captains on the day who showed great leadership in Emily S, Connor M, Emily W, Lydia G, Bradlee L, Hannah Z, Anthony S, & Ava K.

Thank you to Bayswater P.S. for a fantastic contest and a HUGE thankyou to all the coaches, umpires & scorers. We couldn’t do it without everybody’s help and support so thankyou to Ms. Mullins, Ms. Cellante, Ms. Fraser, Ms. Mead, Mrs. Mynott, Scott, Josh K, Allison S & Leanne Y.

Good Luck to all teams this week, and remember to be respectful, give your best effort and always come back with a smile!!

Mr. Stone
BASKETBALL CLUB

Over the past two Fridays, Boronia K – 12 College has been lucky enough to have a group of helpers from the local youth group come in and run a Basketball club during lunch time. They will be continuing this club for the remainder of the year each Friday, giving our Years 5 – 8 a great opportunity to learn and develop their basketball and team work skills as well as having a great time with their friends and classmates. The club has also given Years 3/4 the chance to join in while the Years 5 and 6 students are out on inter school sports. So come in, join in and enjoy!!

GRADE 5/6 WINTER SPORT PAYMENT DUE

Grade 5/6 parents please note payment for the Winter Sport Round Robin Competition ($15) needs to be paid to the general office A.S.A.P. After this Friday, 28 March, students will not be allowed to compete in the competition if payment or other arrangements with the general office have not been made.

EMILY 5/6 C PHOTOS – SCHOOL SPORT VICTORIA

Adding to the newsletter last week, congratulations to Emily 5/6 C for her Sporting Blue Sport Award!
Parents’ Club

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.

HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE
Orders for the Hot Cross Bun Drive are now closed. Your hot cross buns will be delivered Thursday 3 April

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!

SCHOOL BANKING REMINDER
Don’t forget that MONDAY is School Banking day! One of our Student Banking Coordinators will be situated in the Rangeview Campus Conference Room each Monday from 2.30 pm onwards.

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!!

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!

FAIRHILLS DANCE COMPETITION
Interested students from Year 5 to Year 12 please ask the General Office for a notice with more information.

Students at the Rangeview Campus can also see Miss Phillips for more information.