Head Teacher Weekly Update 23.01.26

Good Afternoon,

It has been another busy week at Boroughmuir. A group of musicians and pipers, supported by Angelica Aydin and Tim Cais, performed at the Caledonian Hotel on Thursday. It was an evening celebrating the work of the Eric Liddell community, with Her Royal Highness Princess Anne in attendance. The musicians were all incredible ambassadors for the school and were all introduced to HRH Princess Anne. There was a lovely mention of the ongoing work with the school in their programme, attached. There are photos attached of our two Pipe Majors, Finn Milne and Evan Maclachlan, who not only welcomed guests to the hotel but piped HRH Princess Anne to her table. We are waiting for more photos from the official photographers. The other musicians involved were Lev Hu, Iona McQuade, Sylvie Green, Jacqueline Nisbet, Oscar Cobham and Zilan Ling.

What's happening this week:

- Senior prelims ongoing
- Finalisation of S2 reports
- Parent council meeting
- Curriculum evenings for S4 and S5
- Preparation for the S2 Course Choice Information Evening will be on Wednesday 29th January. This is split into 2 parts. The first part is the Subject Marketplace (Atrium) from 6.30-7.30pm. The second part is the Parent and Carer Presentation (Assembly Hall) 7.30-8pm. We request that pupils do not attend the Parent and Carer Presentation due to capacity limits within the Assembly Hall. They are welcome to wait in the Atrium.

Mobile Phone Consultation

Please see below from CEC.

Consultation on Mobile Phone use in Schools

You will be aware that are consulting on mobile phone use in schools so that our Elected Members can make an informed decision. This is not just about restricting phone use but is also about safe phone storage, exemptions and other considerations.

We know that many people want to ensure their voices are heard in this conversation. Below are 3 links which I would be grateful if you could share with your parent and carer community, your pupils and your staff. Please encourage them to complete the survey. Note

the closing date of **Monday 2 March** – any responses received after this date cannot be included in the analysis.

No information is sought that is not relevant or that would identify any individual.

Mobile Phones in Schools - Parent/Carer survey - City of Edinburgh Council - Citizen Space

We will be creating time during form time for pupils to complete their survey, supported by inputs during assembly.

https://consultationhub.edinburgh.gov.uk/cf/7c310789/

School X (former Twitter account) is now closed

Please do sign up for the school app.

Parent App – Search for '*School App for Parents'* in the Google Play or Apple App store. Download and open the app, search for 'Boroughmuir High School'. Enter the following login details username = Boroughmuir; PIN = 0826.

Parent/Carer Information

Message from Police Scotland

Just for awareness as part of CyberScotland Week the team along with Education Scotland and the Parenting across Scotland charity are hosting a webinar for parents and carers on 'keeping children safe online'. We will talk about various online risks and discuss how to help keep children and young people safe. The format is a short 30-minute presentation followed by a Q and A.

It will take place on Wednesday 25th February 1730-1830 hours and is a free ticketed event requiring registration on Eventbrite:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cyber-scotland-week-2026-keeping-children-safe-online-webinar-tickets-1978241976003?aff=oddtdtcreator

Please also see attached a reminder of further family support to help keep your child safe online.

Parent Council Update 23.1.26

Welcome for getting to the PC update :)

Apologies for the length below- please endeavour to get to the end for some important information about the work of the Parent Council.

Congratulations to all our S5/6s on completing their diet of prelims and to our musicians who played for the Dinner for Dementia this week.

Thank you to Struan Robson (Pupil Voice), Councillors Munro and Cowdy and those parents who took the time to attend the meeting on Wednesday as well as those who also took time to submit questions to Councillors. We will pull together a response to these questions and circulate them in the next week. In the meantime, draft **minutes** from the meeting can be found here.

Some key items to bring to your attention:

- the next **Engage** event will take place at the Myerside Pavilion on 10th March. This is free and open to all pupils and parents and is a great opportunity to learn about a range of careers and job sectors. This is unique to Boroughmuir and we are intensely proud of it and would really encourage you to attend.

- Our cheese and wine **fundraising** event is unlikely to take place until the Autumn and we are in need of many hands to make this successful. The team are seeking parents with access to catering supplies, refrigerated vehicles etc. Watch this space for a call for help shortly.

- The mobile phone **consultation** is now live as presented by Mrs Fraser above and we encourage all parents to participate in this so that their views are heard.

- The **school roll** is predicted to hit 1800 in the coming years. Not only does this put intense pressure on staff and teaching space but on the social and activity spaces in the school grounds. As a parent body, we need to consider a written deputation to the Education Children and Families Committee.

In order to do this, I would like to **convene a short-life working group** to address this issue urgently and I would ask anyone who would like to be involved in this to email me directly karen@xenosophy.com. I have also reached out to our feeder primaries to engage them in this important issue.

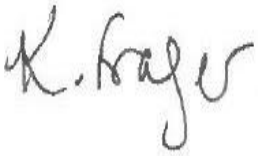
Please note our next meeting will be on **26th March on Teams at 7pm**.

Best wishes

Karen Galloway
Interim Chair, Boroughmuir Parent Council

Parent Council Meetings	
Thursday 26th March 2026	Teams
Wednesday 6th May 2026	In Person in school and Online

Many thanks,



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