**SOME WORDS FROM THE PRINCIPAL:**

**School Swim Sports**
Our annual College Swim Carnival was held last week and what an event this was. Being my first ESC swim carnival it was lovely to see so many students supporting the College and each other in the many events that included a biathlon. College records were broken and the house colours were flying high. Please have a look on our College website for more fabulous photographs from our swim carnival event.

Our next whole school sports carnival will be our Athletics Carnival to be held on Friday 11th March. All students are encouraged to wear either house colours or our sports uniform. Can I please remind all parents and families that consent to attend our carnivals must be returned to the college before the day of the carnivals. In future students who have not returned their permission slips will remain at the college.

**Debutant Ball:**
On Saturday 27th February with the wonderful support from the Emerald Rotary club our annual college debutant ball was held at The Grand on Cathies Lane. It was a great honour to be present to see all our young ladies and gentlemen be presented at the ball.

The students learnt four formal dances, and entertained their families and guests with a few more surprise dance routines.

It was an evening to remember, with our students as the highlight of the event, looking stunning in their formal ball gowns and evening wear. I encourage all our students to take up this fabulous opportunity if they ever have the chance.

Jodie Doble Principal
UNSW WOMEN IN ENGINEERING CAMP - Mackinley Scott

Ever since Yr 9 I knew I wanted to have a career related to math and science, however there were so many options I didn’t know where to look. I thought about studying medicine or physiotherapy, but biology isn’t really my thing. I then thought about studying science but I would never be able to pick between studying physics or chemistry. I then pondered the idea of being an engineer, which could incorporate my love for both chemistry and physics, into solving real life problems.

Soon after this decision Ms Lee gave me a flyer about an Engineering Camp at the University of New South Wales. I applied and my application was accepted. Before I knew it I was on a plane to Sydney on the 11th January. It was an amazing week! I met so many like-minded girls who also love math and science. I met female engineers who are still studying, engineers who have just graduated and engineers who are now managers and CEO’s.

We visited the Sydney Google office, Transurban Sydney, Sydney Water and ResMed. The most exciting thing we had the chance to do was climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge! It was a great week and taught me many things about the career of an engineer. Engineering is all about innovation, making things better, more efficient and more effective. I also learnt that the skills you learn in an engineering degree are transferable between disciplines, so it’s a very versatile career.

This is definitely the path I now wish to follow! If any girls in Yr 10 or 11 would like to know more about the camp come talk to me, or email me SCO0013@emeraldsc.vic.edu.au or just Google “UNSW Women in Engineering Camp”.

Mackinley Scott
LITERACY NEWS:
It was wonderful to see over 50 students and staff participate in Library Lovers Day in the library. Students enjoyed sweets, pink lemonade and engaged in Book quizzes and competitions.

Congratulations to the students who won prizes for their contributions to the competition…

- Why is a book better than a Valentine?
- A book always has your perfect soul mate.
- A book can take you to another world, but a Valentine can only take you to a movie
- A Valentine can leave you, but a book will stay with you forever!

Tracey Ferguson Library Co-ordinator

’Selbyfest is GOING BUSH’
SATURDAY 19th MARCH 11.00AM-6.30PM
Fundraising & giving thanks for the support of our local CFA, this year’s focus is ‘Going Bush’ and some of the activities on offer are Djirri Djirri Indigenous Dance Group performance and Acknowledgment of Country, Gumboot throwing competition, Community Indigenous Bushfoods Garden, lots of kids activities and LIVE Music & Entertainment across 3 Stages, A Day of FUN for all ages, Market Stalls, Healing, Art, Food, Kids Space & lots of activities throughout the day. FREE ENTRY

If you would like more information on how to volunteer, have a market stall, participate or facilitate an activity contact us via our website, email or phone. Ph; 9754-2039 or E: selby@selbyhouse.com.au
Walk the Minak Trail- native wildlife & live animal show. Live to air broadcast on local 3MDR 97.1FM
A small group of dedicated school community members has organised a Clean up activity at Emerald Secondary College this Sunday 6th March at 3pm.

Senior School – Study Week

At Emerald we are continuing to develop a culture of excellence to help each student achieve their academic potential. Therefore we will be holding a Study Skills Week for all Yr 10-12 students from Monday 7th – Thursday 10th March during lunchtime.

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Students who attend will go into a draw to win a Unit 3/4 Exam Revision Lecture of their choice to the value of $70.

For any enquiries about this initiative please contact Mr Jason Nicholas, Senior School Leader, or Miss Estelle Alder Assistant Principal.
2016 Swimming Sports

On Thursday 25th February approx. 600 of our students attended the annual swimming sports at Noble Park Pool. Many of those who attended competed in the swimming events, and even more completed in the novelty events such as the egg and spoon race.

House Results
1st Hobbs - 928
2nd Geysen - 907
3rd Greetham - 873
4th O’Neil - 845
5th Jeffreys - 672
6th Hawley - 632

The home group competition was also very hotly contested with 13E being the highest scoring home group on the day. There were many fine performances during the day, but, a special mention must go to Cooper Bass who set a number of new records on the day. It was also excellent to see those who aren’t the strongest swimmers also trying their best and competing in races. The overall behaviour was also excellent – WELL DONE to all those who attended. The best individual students (Age Group Champions) are listed below.

12/13 Girls: Alicia Purdham
12/13 Boys: Taran Seamer

14 Girls: Montana Lacsni & Heidi Osterlund
14 Boys: Liam Russell

15 Girls: Kim Eakins
15 Boys: Zandis Baumanis

16 Girls: Kim Dovan
16 Boys: Dante South

17 Girls: Georgia Tidey
17 Boys: Braden Wood

18-20 Girls: Matilda Sinclair
18-20 Boys: Cooper Bass

Ms Yvonne Mauger
Sports Coordinator