Term 1 - 2016: Issue 7 - 18th March

MARCH:
Mon 21: Central Trip departs
Thu 24: Whole School Cross Country Periods 5/6
Normal school finish time 3.15pm
Thu 24: Easter and School Holidays begin

APRIL:
Mon 11: School Resumes Term 2
Thu 14: Parent Teacher Interviews
Mon 18: Yr 10 Keys Please
Tue 19: Yr 11 Road Safety Day
Mon 25: Anzac Day Holiday

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

School Athletics Carnival:
Our annual College Athletics Carnival was held last week. It was another fantastic whole school event, and lovely to see many parents also supporting the students and the College. The house spirit was alive and well, and the best dressed competition brought the house down. Congratulations to all our students for their exemplary behaviour and attitude on the day, and a special congratulations to all the students who won ribbons and broke College records.

Open Night:
On Tuesday 15th March we held our annual Open Night. Hosted by our two outstanding College captains, it was an excellent evening. The staff and students organised sample classes in English and Mathematics with information and displays in the Library as well as performances from our Concert Band and Taiko drumming band. The highlight for many families was the demonstration of our Telescope program with a link to a screen so the planets and stars could be viewed by all. Since the Open Night we have had many calls from prospective families requesting tours and information about our College.
Mimasaka Visit:
On Sunday 13th March 15 students and two teachers arrived from Mimasaka as part of our Sister School Program. I would like to share with our community part of a letter I received from the Principal of Mimasaka Senior High School.

‘I deeply thank you for giving my students chances of hosting and many experiences of Australian school life in Emerald. I know that the sister school program between Emerald and Mimasaka, which started 20 years ago, makes both schools improve on school education. This exchange is very rare but is very effective. It is very famous now among people in our district. I hope our exchange program will continue for a long time.’ Masanori Suzuki, Principal of Mimasaka Senior High School.

The exchange program is highly beneficial for all our students and I know that the students and staff from Mimasaka High have really enjoyed their first week with us. I would like to thank all the families who are currently supporting the program and hosting our Japanese exchange students.

Year 9 Connect Program:
On Thursday this week, our Year 9 students presented their Connect Passion Project. Walking round the gym and speaking with the students it was with great pride to notice the enthusiasm and effort many of our students had put into their projects, and the range of personal best interests and hobbies our students have beyond Emerald Secondary College. I would like to thank all the students for their effort, Ms Arora and the Year 9 teachers for supporting our students to be able to present to such a high standard.

Top Designs:
On Thursday 17th March, the VCAA held the official opening of the State Top Designs at Melbourne Museum. As College Principal it was a tremendous honour to be invited to the event to support Kea Tokley-Higgs who was in our graduate class of 2015. Kea’s work titled ‘The Galactic Goat’, is one of the State of Victoria’s top 24 Media VCE pieces and will be displayed at the museum until July 10th, 2016. I encourage you all to support the College and Kea and visit the Top Designs exhibit at the Museum.

Jodie Doble Principal
SEPTEMBER HOLIDAYS
ESC CHINA TRIP

In 2016 Emerald Secondary College is again looking to run a trip to China to visit our sister school Kunshan Gejiang Middle School (near Shanghai) and experience the world of another culture and its people. Interested students should see Mr Jaremczuk for an expression of interest form or if they have any questions.

UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO LIVE WITH A STUDENT FROM OUR SISTER SCHOOL FOR 1-2 NIGHTS

$3000 APPROX. COST PER STUDENT includes airfares, food, tour guides etc.

TOUR WILL INCLUDE SIGHTSEEING OPPORTUNITIES

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There will be a College Information Night for interested students and an opportunity for parents and students to ask questions.
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School Athletics:
On Friday March 11th ESC students headed to the Knox Athletics Track for the school’s annual Athletics Carnival. Although it was a hot and humid day, participation levels were at an all-time high. As a result we had many outstanding results including 7 new records. Congratulations to all those who attended and competed on the day and especially to the winning House - Geysen, 13E were Home group champions and to the Age Group champions listed below.

Champs!

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12/13 Girls: Ashlee Bowden
12/13 Boys: William Burchill & Patrick O’Leary

14 Girls: Georgia Robinson
14 Boys: Kai Gelastopoulos

15 Girls: Jillian Doughty
15 Boys: Zandis Baumanis

16 Girls: Madison Gelastopoulos
16 Boys: Dante South

17 Girls: Erin Burchill
17 Boys: Ochre Joel

18-20 Girls: Matilda Sinclair
18-20 Boys: Valters Baumanis

New Records:

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Interim Reports:
An Interim Report gives students and families a general indication of a student’s current progress. In 2016 our Interim Reports will assess four areas; Achievement, Effort, Behaviour and Organisation. These areas will also be assessed for our semester reports. A student’s performance in their Effort, Behaviour and Organisation in class is rated as:
• Excellent
• Very Good
• Satisfactory
• Below Expectations
• Well Below expectations

Achievement 7-10:
Achievement for students in Year 7-10 are assessed against their expected AusVELS achievement standard for this time of year. The students are assessed by these descriptors:
• Above Expected Standard
• Well Above Expected Standard
• At Standard Expected Standard
• Below Expected Standard
• Well Below Expected Standard

Achievement VCE & VCAL:
Achievement for students in VCE and VCAL are assessed against their progress towards a satisfactory standard. The students are assessed by these descriptors:
• Well Above Satisfactory
• Above Satisfactory
• Satisfactory
• Borderline Satisfactory
• At risk of Unsatisfactory Unit result

Interim Reports:
Interim Reports will be available through Compass at the end of Term 1. Families will receive a notification when the reports have been published. Our Interim Reports provide a basis for meeting with teachers at our Parent/ Teacher Interviews.

Parent Teacher Interviews:
Our Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 14th April, the first week back in Term 2. Interviews are held between 12 noon and conclude at 8pm. Families will shortly be able to book appointments through Compass. If you have any queries about Parent Teacher interviews please contact the school.

Estelle Alder Assistant Principal
SPECIAL PAVE EVENT AT EMERALD SECONDARY COLLEGE:

On Wednesday 13th April there will be a book launch of the children’s novel Cinnamon Stevens – Crime Buster at Emerald SC Library. Students, teachers and parents are invited to the launch which starts at 3.45pm with a scrumptious afternoon tea.

The book was written by local author Pauline Hosking, and is a fun, adventure/crime novel for readers 10 plus. The main character, Cinnamon Stevens, lives in the Dandenong Ranges. She dreams of becoming a super sleuth. When a class mate disappears on a school camp at Phillip Island, Cinnamon grabs the chance to investigate. BUT…

• does she have the nerves of steel necessary to solve this mystery?
• will her Wing Chun Kung Fu skills protect her?
• and can she survive Year 7 without her very best friend?

This free event is part of the 2016 PAVE Festival.

Copies of the book will be available for selling and signing at the launch. The paperback can also be purchased from The Book Depository, Booktopia, Dennis Jones Distribution and good book stores. An ebook version is downloadable from Amazon, Apple itunes, and the Port Campbell Press.

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