Term 1 - 2016:  
Issue 8 - 24th March  

MARCH:  
Thu 24: Easter and School Holidays begin  

APRIL:  
Mon 11: School Resumes Term 2  
Tue 12: Sports Awards at 10.20am in School gym  
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:  

Sport Aerobics:  
On Saturday 19th March Emerald Secondary College hosted the first ever State event for the Sports Aerobics Autumn Challenge. Athletes came from across the State to compete in Cheer, Lyrical Dance, Hip Hop, Glee and Aerobic categories. From Primary through to Secondary aged students, there were over 200 athletes competing for medals across 85 different sections. This year after only four weeks of training, Emerald Secondary College competed in the Aerobics category winning the Autumn Challenge Silver medal. Congratulations to the College and the Aerobics squad, we look forward to watching the aerobics squad in the future.
Brad Battin and the ESC Community Problem Solving Competition:
It was with great pleasure that on Monday 21st March Brad Battin came in to speak with our newly formed Community Problem Solving Team (CmPS).

As part of the Future Problem Solving competition program that is running in the SEAL classes, this year the College has branched out into the Community division.

The students who are in 16G and 15G chose a problem that they perceive is an issue in our community. They chose “The choices teenagers make with alcohol and drug use”.

To begin their work, Brad Battin agreed to meet with the team to discuss their ideas and how he can support their work further. They have some wonderful ideas and plans, and we look forward to hearing from them in the future.

Mimasaka Visit:
On Friday 25th March we will be farewelling our visitors from Mimasaka Senior High School. The students and staff have had a wonderful time and I would like to thank our whole community for supporting the program.

The host family experience has given our Japanese students a taste of life in Australia, and speaking to parents at the farewell dinner on Wednesday night, our families have learnt more about the Japanese culture, life and communication.

During the day on Wednesday we also had our Japanese Maple planting ceremony to signify our commitment to the Sister School relationship and to recognise our 20 years celebration.

Cross Country:
Building on our wonderful sports program, on the last day of term we held our whole school Cross Country Championships. Staff and students walked together to Emerald Lake Park to complete the 3km or 5km events. Followed by a whole school sausage sizzle and prize giving it was truly an energy filled exciting event.

Congratulations to all medal winners. Photos will be placed on the College website.

Uniform:
A reminder to all our families that as the cooler months draw closer, we are still a full uniform school. If a student’s daily uniform, or part of the daily uniform, is not available for whatever reason then we request that students attend school in their full sports uniform with a note from home. Alternatively, students can come to the Main Office before home group where we can supply any missing items of uniform. We thank all our students and families in supporting our Uniform Policy.

Homework and Study:
The end of term break is upon us, and it is important for all our students to have a rest and break from their studies however, it is equally important that they should complete any homework or outstanding overdue work during this time.

A break from formal classes is also the time for students to reflect on their learning and achievement, and study areas they have concerns with, or in the VCE study and prepare for next terms Unit content.

The break from formal classes is also the time for all our students to catch up on reading. This may be personal novels, English set class novels, or information in text books or online texts.

On behalf of all the staff and the College we wish you all a pleasant and restful break. The whole school will reopen and resume classes on Monday 11th April.

Jodie Doble Principal
DRIVER EDUCATION 2016:
Parents of students in Years 10-12 should have recently received a letter from the College outlining our approach to driver education in Term 2 in 2016. There are a range of opportunities planned for students to learn, discuss and consider all aspects of driver education. Activities kick off on the first Monday of term 2 and then the following three weeks.

The College Staff encourages all parents to get behind these initiatives and have discussions with their child around what they have been covering. A reminder that there are two events that need parent consent and payment.

COMPASS KIOSK HAS ARRIVED:
We have installed a new Compass Kiosk in the office area. Hopefully it will be operational in the first week of term 2.

Parent Protocol:
Parents must sign in at the kiosk, if they have an appointment with a teacher advising the office first. Parents can sign their students in and out of school via the Kiosk, on Compass or in person at the office.

Student Protocol:
When students receive their Compass ID cards they must use the kiosk to log their late arrivals through the Kiosk remembering to check in at the office first but this will remain unapproved until parents approve this via Compass.

Early Departure:
Students cannot leave school without either prior approval by parents on Compass or a note from parent. They must always check with the office first. The Kiosk is not to be used by the student for early departures.

Lost ID Cards:
If students lose their card they must order and pay for a new one through the Kiosk system. Note: that this card is separate to their bus card for this year.

Through the use of Compass we encourage parents to pre-approve absences, late arrivals and early departures. Parents can of course, still write notes for the student to bring to the office. Parents need to be aware that any unexplained late arrivals will result in a follow-up with a year level coordinator. If parents need to they can still phone the absence line on 5954 1108.

JUNIOR SCHOOL STUDENT OF THE MONTH:
This month we would like to recognise a Year 8 student - Kai Gelastrupalous 15E who has been nominated by several Year 8 teachers for his work ethic in the last few weeks. Kai has been specifically nominated in the subject of Physical Education and for his outstanding effort at school sports events this term which included multiple placings at the Swimming Sports and the achievement as age group champion at the Athletics Sports.

Mr Pringle, his PE teacher, has stated that Kai’s drive to always give his best is evident in class where he gives his all to the individual pursuit topic and constantly pushes himself to work and perform better. Congratulations and well done Kai!

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

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS:
Thursday 14th April 12:00-8:00pm
Parent Teacher Interviews are held in the first week of term 2, and families will book online through the Compass Parent Portal. Interviews are 10 minutes long and finish promptly to allow all families the opportunity to speak with teachers.

The following will not be available for interview: Mr Shane Closter, Mr Matt Cummings, Mr Jonathan Macellan, Ms Kylie Wenzel. You can still make appointments for some of these subjects to meet your child’s new teacher. If you are not able to attend you can still contact the school to talk with your child’s teachers.

Mike Jaremczuk and Estelle Alder
Assistant Principals
OUTDOOR ED ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES -
BOGONG HIGH PLAINS:
“Early in March, the Year 12 Outdoor & Environmental Studies students went on camp to the Bogong High Plains. We went there to observe evidence of how people over time have had different relationships with the Australian Alps. This included examining the areas indigenous tribes, the first non-indigenous settlers through to industrialisation and after Federation.

We explored places like Mount Bogong (Victoria’s highest peak) the Rocky Valley Dam, Bogong High Plains and Falls Creek. This allowed us to explore Victoria’s Alpine areas including climbing Bogong, investigating the Rocky Valley aqueducts and swimming in the highest lake in Victoria.

- We were leaning about the stages of Australian peoples using the Alps and how it has impacted the environment.
- We saw evidence of Aboriginal sites and how they used the land to hunt and gather.
- We visited the early European settlers sites and looked at the impact of things like mining and cattle grazing.
- We also studied how industrialisation created better access to the Alps and introduced recreational activities, like skiing and bushwalking, to the Alpine environment.

Activities we took part in would bring challenges both physically and emotionally. Students took part in the challenging climb up Mount Bogong, climbing from approximately 600m to 1986m above sea level. This is Victoria’s highest peak and not many people make the journey up it. The sunny day was fit for a challenging walk over 12km. We also were presented with the challenge of a solo night in the unique and cold Alpine environment. These tasks were put in place to teach us about the grand scale of the environment, its uniqueness and how early explorers and cattlemen would have felt camping out in the mid 1800’s.

The camp gave plenty of opportunity for students to work as a team together and undertake an experience that we wouldn’t forget. It also helped increase our knowledge of the Australian Alpine environment, build new relationships between students and allowed us to work out challenges as a team.

It was a humbling experience and I am grateful for the opportunity.”
Ashley Ray 11F
Inspired by the mass gospel choirs of the USA, Melbourne Singers of Gospel aims to capture their energy, excitement, harmonies and foot-stomping rhythm to offer you a performance that is engaging and moving and will have you dancing in your seats.

Musical Director: Dr Darren Wicks
Accompaniment: Andrew Ogburn

16 April
7.30pm
Emerald Performing Arts Centre, Emerald
$25 / $20 concession

Supported by Melbourne Gospel and Blues legend Kerri Simpson.

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PAVE FESTIVAL
April 10-17
FOR MORE INFO & BOOKINGS
www.pave.org.au

OVER 50 EVENTS TO ENJOY
# 2016 Term 1 Easter School Holidays Trading Hours

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**Beleza Mountain Gate**
Cardinia Shire Council’s Youth Services presents

School Holiday Program
Autumn 2016

For young people 12—17 years

Bookings open on Monday 29 February.

Booking forms required for all activities
Contact us if transport is a barrier to your participation.

Scavenger hunt
My Place Youth Facility
Pakenham has lots of things to find and seek. Come for a day of searching. Lunch provided.
Cost: Free
Time: 11am–2pm

Chocolate galore
My Place Youth Facility
Enjoy an afternoon of chocolate games, chocolate cooking and chocolate eating.
Cost: Free
Time: 1.30–3.30pm

Comedy Festival
Melbourne CBD
It's Comedy Festival time in the city. Meet at train station 9am sharp. Lunch provided.
Cost: $15
Time: 9am–4pm

Circus
My Place Youth Facility
Make you own juggling balls learn to juggle and more circus tricks.
Cost: Free
Time: 1.30–3.30pm

Enchanted Maze
Arthur’s Seat
Don't get lost in the many mazes at Arthur’s Seat plus visit the fancy lolly shop.
Cost: $15
Time: 9am–3.30pm

Airbrush graffiti
My Place Youth Facility
Learn to Airbrush and design your own T-Shirt at this workshop.
Cost: $10
Time: 1–3.30pm

Manga Art
Pakenham Library
Be guided by a Manga Artist’s to develop your skills and create fun characters.
Cost: Free
Time: 1.30–3.30pm

Skate deck design
Garfield Community Centre
Transform a blank skate deck into your own work of art.
Cost: Free
Time: 1–4pm

“All Aboard”
Phillip Island
Board cruise to Cape Walpole. Fish and chips for lunch and visit the chocolate factory.
Cost: $15 (including lunch)
Time: 10am–4pm

Photo Finder
Gembrook Community Centre
Take photos of hidden landmarks around Gembrook.
Cost: Free
Time: 1–4pm

Geocaching
Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre
Come on a world wide GPS treasure hunt with us.
Cost: Free
Time: 1–4pm

Tie dye
Bunyip Community House
Create your own original tie dye masterpiece, that you can wear home.
Cost: Free
Time: 1–4pm

Airbrush graffiti
My Place Youth Facility
Enjoy an afternoon of chocolate games, chocolate cooking and chocolate eating.
Cost: Free
Time: 1.30–3.30pm

MasterChef
St Luke’s Cockatoo
Come along and cook up a storm, and take your food home with you.
Cost: Free
Time: 1–4pm

Games day
Lang Lang Memorial Hall
Come and play giant games, boardgames, Xbox and PlayStation.
Cost: Free
Time: 1–4pm

Games day
My Place Youth Facility
Last day of the holidays makes for a great day for games.
Cost: Free
Time: 1.30–3.30pm

Booking forms available at
My Place (5–7 Main Street, Pakenham)
online cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth
or call 1800 4 YOUTH
Football umpiring is a great part time job that could be just perfect for you.

The Yarra Ranges Umpires Association service both the AFL Yarra Ranges Senior and Junior leagues and will provide you with excellent training and coaching in the disciplines of field, boundary and goal umpiring.

Umpiring pays excellent hourly rates ($$$$) and builds confidence and improves your fitness.

Males and females will be made very welcome and bring a friend with you.

Umpiring is an extremely rewarding sport and you get the best view in the house of the great game of Aussie Rules.

Please contact us for further details as we would love to hear from you.

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