FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Website Concerns:
Unfortunately our Website provider removed access to our College Website without our knowledge over the break. Our I.C.T department are working with the website provider to ensure that the college website is up and running as soon as possible.

Staffing:
There have been a few staffing changes since the end of last term, and I would like to share with our learning community these changes. Mr Maclellan left the college at the end of last term to take up a leadership position and we would like to welcome Mr Frantz to our Maths domain. With Mr Maclellan leaving Mr Herath will be taking the senior Chemistry and we would like to welcome Ms Mariam Sofi to the Science and Maths domain.

Mr Closter has taken long service leave for the whole of term two and we would like to welcome Ms Kimberly Harrison to the PE and Outdoor Education Domain. With Ms Mauger leaving us on maternity leave, Mr Tom Watson will be taking her classes and leading the VCAL program in Mr Closter’s absence. Mr Cumming also left us at the end of term two to take up a position closer to his home, as a result Mr Beaty our e-Learning Leader will teach the VCE computer class.

ANZAC Assembly:
On Friday the 22nd of April as a College, we held our ANZAC remembrance assembly. This year we were fortunate enough to have many honoured guests, these included Mr Brad Battin MP, Mr Peter Maloney, President of the Emerald RSL, accompanied by Vietnam Veteran Ted Krzywokulski, Flying Officer Robertson C.O. 403 Squadron and Ms Gloria Hargreaves from the Rotary Club of Emerald and District.

It was a pleasure to hear from our guest speakers who shared with us their thoughts, feelings and reflections on ANZAC and our service men and women. We were also very honoured to have Tom Berman bring the official party into our assembly playing the bagpipes accompanied by Mr Crowley on the drums, and Sean Duguid on the trumpet playing the last post. Thank you to our College captains for leading the assembly, and to Ms Julie Cross Gun for organising the event.

On Monday 25th April I will be accompanying our College captains to the Dawn Service at Emerald RSL, and again at the service at 10.30am.

I look forwards to seeing you at one or both services recognising our fallen service men and women, and those who continue to give their lives to protect our country and way of life.

For those students who wish to join us in representing our College please meet the College captains and myself at the Emerald RSL at 5.15am or 10.15am. Please be aware that we will be marching in the procession at the 10.30am service.

Students wishing to be part of this service representing the College are expected to wear their full winter uniforms.

Jodie Doble
Principal
ESC Taiko Kuon @ Emerald FunFest:
On Sunday 10th April, I took out 4 Taiko students, Chelsea Ackerman, Kim Dovan, Rebecca Graham and Monica Innes, to perform at the Emerald FunFest as part of PAVE Festival.

This was the fourth time we have been invited to perform and the girls didn’t disappoint. The crowd was smaller compared to the past years as it was at the end of the day. Nevertheless, I believe we put on an entertaining performance and those in the audience enjoyed our pieces.

We have new students who have joined the taiko group this year and I’m looking forward to what they can offer next year!!

Mr Kawakami

Parent Teacher Interviews

On Thursday 14th April we held our Parent Teacher Interviews for classroom teachers. We had a record number of families making appointments to see their student’s classroom teachers.

Thank you to everyone for making the Interviews such a success. If you were unable to attend you are more than welcome to contact your child’s classroom teacher through Compass to discuss their progress. This was also our fist cycle of new Progress Reports.

We would like to hear your thoughts about the new reports and Parent Teacher Interviews. If you have time please complete a short survey by clicking on the link below and pasting it into your web browser.


Estelle Alder Assistant Principal
**Who:** A program for Parents, grandparents, step parents or carers.

**When:** 6 week program – **Time:** 7.00pm-9.00pm. All Thursdays, 21, 28 April and 5, 12, 19 and 26 May 2016

**Where:** Emerald Library 
400A Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald Vic 3782

**Cost:** FREE. Booking is essential. (Refreshments provided)

**BOOKINGS:** For further information or to book, contact John Veloso at My Place Youth Facility: 1800 4 YOUTH or email j.veloso@cardinia.vic.gov.au or Jasbir Singh at Parentzone on 0431 203 177 or email jasbir.suropada@anglicarevic.org.au

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