FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

CAREERS:
I would like to express my gratitude to Nick Smith our Careers Leader, who has researched, initiated, led and implemented a very successful Careers Week.

This was supported by our incredible staff who reinforced careers and future options through our curriculum this week in Maths, Forensic Science, ancient historical jobs and many more.

There were a number of activities throughout the week during Home Group, and many lunchtime guest speakers who came to the College to speak to our students. These included representatives from the Defence Force, Deakin University, Monash University, William Angliss and Box Hill Institutes, Tractor Design School, Latitude Global Volunteering and the Apprenticeship Group Australia.

The week also included excursions to venues such as Caulfield Racecourse for the VCE & Careers Expo. It has been a fantastic week where many options and opportunities have been given to our students. I hope our students learnt about their future options, and again I thank Mr Smith and all the staff.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PRACTICE:
On Monday this week we held one of our required practice sessions in the form of a Lock Down. I would like to thank all the staff and students for their support and calm approach to this, especially Mr Jaremczuk who led the whole process. We hope we never have to enact such a protocol, but as the College Principal I am reassured that our community will be safe should the need ever occur.

SPORTS AEROBICS:
On Sunday I had the honour of driving and escorting Ms Kanoa and the team of eight girls who represented our College and community to compete at the Preliminary Finals for the State Championships at the Geelong Arena.

Braving the storm, heavily supported by the local SES who helped cut the trees from the road at 4.30am, the team left the College for the 7.00am competition start.

Our team competed against 18 other experienced teams from both State and Private schools all of whom were fighting for one of the top 8 places in the finals. Although extremely nervous, the girls pulled out all the stops and really shone.

It is with great pleasure that I can announce our College team won one of the highly sought after places, and will be going into the Victorian State Championships in Geelong, ranked in 4th place.

I would like to thank VIBE Fitness in Emerald who have offered to support our girls in their training by allowing them to use their mirrored fitness studio.

We wish the girls all the best with their training over the next month.

Jodie Doble
Principal
**NAPLAN:** TUE 10 - THU 12

NAPLAN will be taking place for all Year 7 and Year 9 students on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week during class time.

*All students will need to bring a calculator on Thursday to assist with the Numeracy test.*

Data from the NAPLAN provides an excellent snapshot of student performance which we use as a school to improve our teaching and learning program.

The information also provides students and families with a general idea of how a student is performing against national benchmarks.

If you have any questions about the NAPLAN please contact the school.

*Estelle Alder Assistant Principal*

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**MATHS at EMERALD SC**

**Year 7-10**

**Parent Information Session**

**TUESDAY 10th May 6.45-7.30pm**

Parents of students in Years 7-10 are invited to this informal Maths session to be held in the College Library.

Hear firstly about how maths is structured here at the College and then have a chance to ask questions about Maths and get 1:1 support on aspects of Maths Pathways.

We encourage your son/daughter to attend the session with you so that you can make the most of this session.

This is your chance to ask questions about your son/daughters progress, how you can support them with their maths at home and how you can better utilise the Maths Pathways parent portal.

*Jacqui Lee Maths Domain Leader*
LITERACY NEWS:

Show me – don’t tell me!
Process drama with Year 7 brings the novel Trash to life!

Visualising as you read, brings the text to life and allows you to engage deeply with the written words, as well as the deeper meaning of a novel. In Year 7 English over the next few weeks, students will work on set activities, with drama teacher Claire Hanley. She will assist students to unravel and visualise key scenes from the text.

In these activities students had 30 seconds to ‘freeze frame’ images from the text. Students were enthusiastic in their approach to each task, and came up with wonderful scenes to explore their interpretation of the novel. Thanks Miss Hanley!

When your students are reading at home, ask them what they ‘see’ as they read. Visualising indicates that they are engaged and fully comprehending the text.

For further queries about visualising or other reading comprehension strategies, feel free to contact me at the College.
Join Emerald Secondary College’s New Competitive Cheerleading and Dance Teams

Dance Team Auditions
Thursday 12th May
3:00 - 4:00pm
DRAMA ROOM

Cheerleading Team Placements
Friday 13th May
3:00 - 4:00pm
GYM

For training times and further information see sign up board in the gym foyer

SIGN UP FOR TEAM PLACEMENTS IN THE GYM FOYER
LUKE’S PLACE 628

@ St Luke’s - 1 McBride St, Cockatoo
6–8PM*

May 6th:
Pizza & Games Night

May 13th:
Wipe Out

May 20th:
Human Board Game

May 27th:
Glow in the Dark

June 3rd:
All in Roller Skating
6:30 - 10pm
meet at St. Luke’s
(extra cost involved)

TERM 2 EVENTS
$5 ENTRY BRING EXTRA CASH FOR SNACKS

More info: Naomi Dewar 0418 382 857
A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

St Luke’s Cockatoo activity which is supported by ECHO youth and Family Services