

# Emerald Secondary College



## The Bush Telegraph

Emerald Secondary College is a Learning Community

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### Term 2 - 2017:

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### Important Dates:

**Every Thursday:** Homework Club  
3.20pm - 4.30pm in A7

### JUNE:

**Tues 6th-Wed 8th:** VCE

Production - 7.00 pm EPAC

**Fri 9th-Fri 16th:** Years 10 & 11  
Exams

**Mon 12th:** Queens Birthday  
Public Holiday (No School)

**Wed 14th:** Yr 12 GAT Exam

**Wed 21st:** Yr 10 Uni Experience  
Day

**Fri 23rd:** VCE Theatre Studies  
Excursion

**Mon 26th-Fri 30th:** Yr 10 Work  
Experience

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### From the Principal:

#### Wellbeing Week

This week we have celebrated our Wellbeing week. Whilst we recognise that every week we ensure the wellbeing of all our students and staff, our Wellbeing team made this week something to celebrate.

It was lovely to see both our students and staff participate in a number of activities.

I would like to thank our Wellbeing team for leading this week including Ms Felicity Wooden and Ms Tanya Ryder-Barnes.

#### School Review

This week I was joined by our College School Council President, our College Principal team and our Senior Education Leader from the Region to read and discuss the review findings.

All schools in Victoria must complete reviews every four years. This is to support schools continual improvement with a focus on student learning. I would like to thank our whole learning community (students, staff, parents and our School Council) for their support and input into the review process.

The finding will be actioned as part of our new four year Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan to ensure we engage all our students in their learning, and that each and every student achieves their personal best.

The summary of the findings states:

*ESC has implemented significant changes to structures and process in recent years. The review found a renewed sense of positivity around the improvement agenda in the school community. The College is well placed for the next stage of improvement.*

The Review panel will present the full report to our College staff and School Council next week, after which time the report will be available to our whole community.

#### EDEC Principals

On Thursday morning, our EDEC (Emerald District Education Community) Primary Principals came to our school for a breakfast meeting with our Future Problem Solving team, P.R.I.D.E. (Promoting Respect, Inclusion and Diversity Equally). The key aim of this meeting was to discuss the students' desire to promote an inclusive community, and how our school students and the primary school students can work together to develop strategies to support this.

#### Inclusion Garden

Part of the 2017 Future Problem Solving team's goal is to develop and build a garden for our whole community, one with sensory spaces, break

out spaces, calming and reflective space and outdoor classrooms. They are seeking the support of our parents and community.

If any of our parents are in the building or gardening industry and could offer their time, equipment or materials to support the garden, could they please contact the office.



The team are also trying to raise over \$150,000.00 for the completion of the garden and are seeking financial donations and sponsorship. If any parents or community members are willing to support the team, either through a financial donation or through a fund raising activity, again please contact the College.

### Diversity Acceptance Week.

Next week (5th – 9th June) the College is hosting a Diversity Acceptance week. This has been organised and is being led entirely by the student leaders.

There will be a number of initiatives throughout the week including opportunities for students to experience ‘Blind Soccer’ and ‘Wheelchair Basketball’.

The students believe it is important that their peers experience difference in order for them to better understand it.

During the week the canteen will run a specific cultural awareness menu as follows.

Monday – Mexican

Tuesday – Australian

Wednesday – Chinese

Thursday – Italian

Friday – Japanese

On Friday the students have organised a Gold Coin Pyjama Day and a Sausage Sizzle. All proceeds will go towards the Inclusion Garden. The students are also launching a 40hr Diversity Challenge within the Junior School.

**Jodie Doble, Principal**



## **Mathematician of the Week!**

### **Ruby Brown**

I was chased down yesterday by a student 'Ms Lee! , Ms Lee! Guess what I got on my maths test this week!'. I played it safe and guess 167% which is great and means mastering 5 new concepts in the fortnight. 'No, Higher!', she said. '300%!'. This means passing 9 new concepts in the fortnight, an outstanding effort!

I have both been in to see Ruby's Maths class with Mr Fairburn and also had Ruby in Maths masterclasses. She displays qualities in learning that we wish all students would have. She is interested, persistent, on task, and always asks questions if she can't understand something after using self- help techniques.

Ruby should be not only be congratulated for her effort this week, but also for her positive attitude to learning at all times!

**Jacqui Lee**

**Maths Domain leader**



## **Year 7 Girls Volleyball Program**

On Monday 29th May, twelve Year 7 girls traveled to the State Volleyball Centre in Dandenong to take part in the One Day Schools Cup.

The girls were excited to take part in their first tournament as a team and their performance matched that excitement. After finishing top of their pool they lost their semi final, however bounced back to beat Berwick to claim the Bronze Medal.

Congratulations to the girls, as it was a long day and they represented the school very well!

**Tom Watson**



**The Nobeliuss Heritage Park and Emerald Museum Biennial General Meeting is to be held on Tuesday 4th July and they are looking for volunteers to join the Committee.**

The meeting is to be held at 7pm on Tuesday 4th July at the Emerald Museum. As it is a Biennial General Meeting, a new Committee will be nominated (i.e.: President, Secretary, Treasurer), annual report will be presented and any new members will be welcomed.

More information about the different committee roles, including general committee members, can be found on our website [www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/EMvolunteers](http://www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/EMvolunteers)



# Homework Club

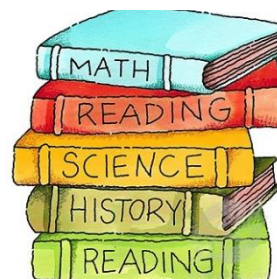
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

## *Details*

**When:** Every Thursday from 3.20-4.30pm

**Where:** Room A7 with teacher assistance

**Who:** All students from Years 7 - 12



*Any questions, please contact Ms. Sarah Tounson – D Block staffroom*

## **EMERALD CFA RECRUITING NOW**



### **Emerald Fire Brigade NEEDS YOU**

- **Are you passionate about helping your community?**
- **Do you want to learn new skills?**
- **Make new friends?**

**We are recruiting new members now and we invite YOU to take an active role with your local CFA.**

Our particular need is active men and women for daytime response, but are also looking to strengthen our team for all times of the day.

Are you available?

For more information call 1800 232 636, visit [cfa.vic.gov.au](http://cfa.vic.gov.au) or email [recruitment@emeraldfirebrigade.org.au](mailto:recruitment@emeraldfirebrigade.org.au)

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**Emerald  
Secondary College  
UNIFORM**

**SALE  
25% OFF**

**05.06.2017 to 30.06.2017**

GENERIC ITEMS NOT INCLUDED | SALE IN STORE ONLY  
EXCLUDES ONLINE STORE | NO RAIN-CHECKS  
NO FURTHER DISCOUNTS | LIMITED STOCK AVAILABLE

**Beleza**

**BELEZA PAKENHAM**  
2/56 John Street  
PH: (03) 5941 4989

**BELEZA MOUNTAIN GATE**  
Shop 5, 1880 Ferntree Gully Rd  
PH: (03) 5941 4989

<b>POLOS</b>	<b>FROM \$17.00</b>
<b>DRESSES</b>	<b>FROM \$44.00</b>
<b>JACKET</b>	<b>FROM \$56.00</b>
<b>SPORT TOP</b>	<b>FROM \$29.00</b>

**NEW LOCATION  
WITH THE SAME FRIENDLY FACES**

Beleza Pakenham

**WE'RE MOVING!**

Mid July 2017

To our bigger, company owned location at:  
**SHOP 7, 99 BALD HILL, PAKENHAM**  
(Only 5 minutes down the road)

Our phone number and trading hours will remain the same  
P: (03) 5941 4989 Monday - Friday 10:00am to 5:00pm, Saturday 10:00am to 1:00pm

## SECONDHAND UNIFORM SHOP:

Will be open every Friday from 2.30pm - 3.15pm.  
For out of hours secondhand uniform enquiries  
please phone Sue Cambridge on 5968 4515



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION SLOW DOWN!!!



Over the coming months the police will be monitoring the school's 40 km/h zone to ensure your children arrive safely to school.

It is not okay to speed anytime, please take road safety seriously.

Sergeant David Calkin  
Emerald Police



## Cyber safety Presentations to students in Years 7-10

*Emerald Secondary College is lucky to have Australian Expert, Susan McLean, presenting sessions on Cyber safety to students in Years 7-10 on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June in EPAC. Parents are welcome to attend one of the following sessions and can register their attendance with Sue Batham on 5968 5388. Students will be attending a session at the following times:*

*Session 1 (9.00-10.40) will be for students in Years 9-10*

*Session 2 (11.05 – 12.45) will be for students in Years 7-8*

### Growing up Online:

**An informative & entertaining session for students is delivered with Susan's famous 'no nonsense' approach & will cover the positive benefits of technology as well as what parents need to be aware of:-**

- ❖ What are kids doing online – The popular social networking sites and apps such as KiK, Musical.ly and Instagram. What they are, what are the legal ages to use them & why these rules should be obeyed. The difference between an 'online friend' and a 'stranger'.
- ❖ Online Grooming – What is it and when/how does it occur? What are the warning signs & what to do if you suspect this is happening to your child.
- ❖ Cyberbullying - What it is, where it happens, what it looks like, how to prevent and what to do if it occurs. Also the legal consequences and the possible criminal charges.
- ❖ 'Sexting' – the taking and sending of explicit images...what are the REAL consequences. (Primary school kids too).
- ❖ Potential dangers and safety tips – how to assist the children in your care to stay safe online via parental controls and restriction passcodes
- ❖ Problematic internet use and gaming issues.
- ❖ Office of the eSafety Commissioner – Role, Resources & Reporting.
- ❖ Be confident in setting rules and boundaries around internet use in the home. It's OK to say NO!
- ❖ The session will conclude with time for Questions.



***Susan Mclean is Australia's foremost expert in the area of Cybersafety and young people. She is a mother of three and was the first Victorian Police Officer appointed to a position involving Cybersafety and young people. She took her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 and since then she has conducted extensive research and has completed advanced training in this area in both the USA and UK and is a sought after presenter and advisor to Schools, elite sporting bodies such as the AFL, GP's, and both State and Federal Governments. She has authored resources for the Victorian DET, writes and reviews school Policy, provides crisis management/advice to schools, and is afforded 'expert' status on the Safer Internet Programme Data Base. She is also a member of the Australian Government's Cybersafety working group and a published author. Her book 'Sext's Texts & Selfies', is the definitive parents' guide to helping their children stay safe online.***