FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

Temporary Website:
As you have all been aware, there have been a number of ongoing issues with our website. We have managed to reinstall our previous website to enable us to open up communications with our Learning Community until our new web design is completed. We thank you all for your patience during this period.

Year 9 Connect program:
On Thursday 16th June our Year 9’s all took part in a mock interview. There were eight interview panels all kindly supported by members from our local community including Rotary, Woolworths and Mitre 10. Before the interview, the students were asked to write and submit an application letter and a resume. We hope the experience and feedback the students received prepares them for their futures, and we would like to thank Ms Ritu Arora, and our teaching staff for organising the day.

Federal Education Ministers Visit:
The Emerald Secondary College STEM Center vision is to create students who are curious, engaged and prepared for the challenges of a 21st century global work force.

STEM education is recognised as the key driver to achieve this goal, and also the Victorian Education State targets in Science and Mathematics. STEM (science, technologies, engineering and maths) is an approach to learning that integrates a range of disciplines to meet real world challenges.

STEM also exposes students to the great careers built on Science, Engineering, Maths and Technology which will also help secure the nation’s future.

At Emerald Secondary College we will continue to build on our established relationships with Mt Burnett Observatory, Melbourne University Telescopes in Schools program, the CSIRO’s Scientists in Schools program.

To enable Emerald Secondary College to reach its goal to be a STEM centre of excellence for our community we require an upgrade of our teaching and learning spaces to meet the needs of the 21st Century Learner. For this reason I invited Jason Woods and Brad Battin to our College a few weeks ago to discuss the possibility of gaining funding for the program.

Following on from this, it was a surprise when the Federal Minister for Education Hon Simon Birmingham announced that he would like to visit the school and discuss the STEM centre vision.
Escorted by two members of his staff and Jason Woods MP, they came to our College today to discuss the future of Science and Maths education, and the vision for the College to have a STEM centre.

Jason Wood and Hon Simon Birmingham both agree that we have a wonderful College, with passionate staff and fantastic students, but we need an upgrade of our science and maths facilities as a priority.

Hon. Simon Birmingham said he will work closely with James Merlino State Education Minister and the State government to assist the College in upgrading our Science and Maths facilities. Jodie Doble Principal
Year 10 VCAL – ECHO Beyond Camp

On May 18th – 20th many of our Year 10 VCAL students set out on an adventure camp to Portsea. The students had a great time swimming, snorkelling and scuba diving in the bay. We also learned that Ben and Doobie have a great talent for cooking, as they prepared very yummy food for 16 people! Thank you to Kyria and the ECHO staff for providing the students with such a great experience. Well done to all students, too, for such a great time away!!

Semester Reports:

Semester Reports will be made available to families at the end of term. Monday 20th June is a student free day to allow teachers time to complete corrections and reports. Semester Reports have changed since last year and reflect some changes that have already been put in place from Progress Reports. Feedback and grades from many assessment tasks are already available on Compass, and the semester report provides an opportunity for a summary of student progress across the semester. Teachers have used a consistent marking scheme for student assessment, which is detailed below. Feedback will also be provided on your child’s Effort, Behaviour and Organisation.

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Excellence Awards and Assemblies

In the final days of term we will be holding Year Level Awards Assemblies for students who have demonstrated consistent academic excellence and outstanding endeavour. To be recognised for Academic Excellence a student must receive an average of 90% or more for all of their work for the semester. Students who show outstanding endeavour and commitment towards their studies are nominated by their teachers. Families will be invited to attend the Awards Assemblies if their student has been successful in achieving an award this semester.
LITERACY NEWS:
It’s holiday time! We wish all families a safe and restful holiday. Here are some literacy activities to keep your students ahead of the game!

All students in year 7 and 8 have an account with the following products that are also available as apps. Add them to your phones or tablets to take away, or use at home and sharpen student literacy skills.

Vocabulary.com – all students in year 7 and 8 have an account with vocabulary.com – also available as an app from iTunes for $2.99. The app includes games – the kids love it!

Newsela: Online reading – current affairs and general interest articles at a range of reading levels. Choose your level and choose from a wide range of topics!

Read a book – students can begin to borrow now from the library for the holidays. Write a story, keep a journal – all phones have apps and journals for students to add some writing of their own. **Tracey Ferguson Literacy Leader**

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**Art Week highlight Emerald Primary School Art collaboration:**
Our Year 10 Photography class spent a great morning at Emerald Lake Park mentoring 70 Emerald Primary School students in taking photographs. The theme was “Our land, our future”. Students were looking for photos that highlighted man’s impact on the environment. Our Year 10 class members paired up and took a group of 7 primary students, tutoring them in how to use our cameras and looking at some techniques for taking interesting photos. The resulting exhibition will be at Emerald Primary school on 16th June from 6pm until 8pm. C.Mikieczuk
I am Steven Kapahnke from Emerald Junior Football Club. I would like to share with you a little about My Football Journey. At the start of the football season, 2015 last year, I was not selected to try out for the interleague team. Rowan Pascoe and Shane Brockwell recognised an improvement in my game, as a ruckman. Together they tried to get me into the interleague squad as a late inclusion, but were unsuccessful. After the interleague carnival, Rowan and Shane approached the coach again and requested that I be given an opportunity at the Return Match at Seville.

I played really well at the return match, as a result, was then invited to train with the U15 V-line Development Squad. This training was run by Eastern Ranges in Kilsyth. I trained well enough to make the final squad as the ruckman, and proceeded to play well in the games at Moe and Morwell. The Eastern Ranges coaching staff recognised potential at the two games and invited about ten of us to try out for the U16 Patton squad over the summer.

It was there that I learnt that in order to continue on with a career, you do not need a lot of talent or skill, all you need is to put in the effort, listen and take in feedback. I was personally coached by Adam Pattison. “Patto” played for Richmond, St Kilda and Hawthorn as a ruckman.

As the Eastern Ranges training continued, the squad was eventually cut down from 62 people to 30 people. I made it to the final team as the leading ruckman. We played two games, and in the second game, I played so well that Vic Metro (the Victorian Metropolitan State Team) invited me to try out for the squad, I was the only DRJFL Player invited.

The trainings were awesome at Ikon Park, Carlton Blues training ground. I was fortunate to have Justin Madden come down a few times and help out with my ruck skills.

We played a trial game at Ikon Park against the Vic country squad which was a really good experience. The game was really quick and the skills and determination from some of the players was phenomenal. I am really happy with how I played that game, I ended up kicking the first goal for the whole game. But I unfortunately I didn’t have what the coaches were looking for so I didn’t end up making the final Vic Metro team.

Just a few days later, I received a phone call from the Vic Metro Talent Manager, asking if I would be interested in being involved with the World Team. I qualify because I made to the top 50 players in the Vic Metro area, and I have a family background involving a targeted country, South Africa. I accepted the offer so at the start of July I will be heading up to Queensland to play against the Flying Boomerangs, the Indigenous team. We will be playing at Metricon stadium and Broadbeach. I am really excited to play for this team as it is the highest form of footy I can play. I would like to give a big thanks to all those who have supported and helped me along the way, it is much appreciated. And thanks to mum and dad for giving a lot of their time to run me around. Go Bombers!

STATE HOCKEY TEAM:
On Tuesday this week, Jared Copey of Year 10 proudly informed the College that he has been selected as part of the 2016 Sports Victoria Boys Hockey Team. It is a tremendous honour for Jared to be asked to represent not only his community but also the State at the Championships to be held in August this year. We wish him all the best.
Congratulation Emerald Secondary College Maths Students

Early last week I was speaking to one of the programmers at Maths Pathway and he informed me that our students were at that time averaging 131% growth across years 7-10. This is fantastic! Research has shown that students in most schools struggle to grow about ¾ of a year each year in secondary school, and last year Emerald students averaged about 89%.

What does this mean? It means our students are growing over a year (in fact over a year and a quarter) in a year if they continued at this growth rate for the whole year.

Our star students so far, who have averaged over 200% growth are: Coby Morton 14C (224%), Bri Purdham 14E (211%) and Abi Doughty 16C (200%).

The full list of students from year 7 to 9 who have averaged at least 150% are below. Please congratulate them – great work!

Year 7:
Tia Pukitis
April Peters
Blake Osborne
Dylan Lovell
Lachie Bergin
Indi Hayward
AliciaPurdham
Alycia Gibbons
Abi Doughty
Peta Revell
Sophie Flavel
Jade Whitley
Alyssa Dwyer
Matthew Dearing
Kasey-Lee Thomas
Molly Stefan
Kiele Hutchinson
Mikayla Skurka
Paige Ireson

Year 8
Blake Howden
TealiahO'Neil
Scott Van denhelm
Holly Morgan-Bain
Charlotte Read
Montana Lacsni
Sophie Ogilvie
Alex Walsh
Kai Gelastopoulos
Tyler Denboer
Mitchell Neave
Holly McCrae
Matilda Stewart
Adric Smith

Year 9
Jaymie Hall
Harrison Ashford
Griffin Kempster
Aiden Buckleigh
Coby Morton
Ronan Kruizinga
Caelli Jarman
Maddison Lovell
Madison Akers
Briana Purdham
Molly White
Felixs Baumanis

We are awaiting year 10 exams for our year 10 achievers.

Jacqui Lee
On behalf of all the Maths Teachers at Emerald Secondary College
Mount Burnett Observatory and Emerald Secondary College are proud to welcome the Melbourne Space Program for an evening of space fun and information. Activities and photo exhibition will be from 7.00. The evening will begin at 7:30 with the centrepiece being a lecture and Q&A on space science by members of the Melbourne Space Program team.
If you want to work in space science but don’t know how to take the first step then this event is for you. The evening is free and open to all.
The Emerald Secondary Astronomy Club and MBO will have telescopes set up for public viewing. For all this and more reserve your places now!


WHEN
Friday, 24 June 2016 from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM (AEST)
WHERE
Emerald Secondary College - 425 Belgrave - Gembrook Road, Emerald, VIC 3782
Cardinia Shire Council’s Youth Services presents

School Holiday Program 2016

For young people 12—17 years

Booking forms required for all activities, ensure you have a copy of our bus timetable and what to bring list.

Tuesday 28 June

**Hip Hop Day**
The Factory Cranbourne
Join with people from other councils in a high energy music filled day.

Cost: $10
Time: 10am–3.30pm

**Tie dye**
Lang Lang Scout Hall
Create your own original tie dye masterpiece that you can take home.

Cost: Free
Time: 1–4pm

Wednesday 29 June

**Winter Warmers**
My Place Youth Facility
It is chilly outside so let’s cook up something to take the chill off.

Cost: Free
Time: 1.30–3.30pm

**Tunza Fun Rush**
Narre Warren
Two hours of action packed fun. Laser tag, laser maze, mini-golf and dodgem cars.

Cost: $15
Time: 9.15am–3.30pm

Tuesday 5 July

**Roller Skating**
Caribbean Rollerama
Back to the Eighties with a morning of Roller skating then lunch at My Place.

Cost: $10
Time: 9am–2pm

Wednesday 6 July

**Mandala Art**
My Place Youth Facility
Learn how to create this inspiring artwork.

Cost: Free
Time: 1.30–3.30pm

**‘Finding Dory’**
Warragul Cinemas
Just keep swimming... with us to see Finding Dory on the big screen.

Cost: $5
Time: 11am–4pm

Thursday 7 July

**Snow Play**
Lake Mountain
Snow play during the day, tobogganing, snow balls and games.

Cost: $40
Time: 8am–5.30pm

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Time: 8am–5.30pm

Friday 1 July

**Clay Day**
My Place Youth Facility
Design and create your own pottery piece using air-dry clay.

Cost: Free
Time: 1.30–3.30pm

Friday 8 July

**My Place**
Youth Facility Pakenham
For information and support for young people 12–24 years, with internet cafe available.

Open Monday to Friday from 1.00–5.15pm

**Giant Games**
Garfield Community Centre
Giant connect four, giant twister, giant jenga and more!

Cost: Free
Time: 1–4pm

**Chocolate Galore**
St Luke’s Cockatoo
Enjoy an afternoon of chocolate games, chocolate cooking and chocolate eating.

Cost: Free
Time: 1–4pm

For young people 12—17 years

Booking forms available at
My Place (5–7 Main Street, Pakenham)
online cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth
or call 1800 4 YOUTH