Term 3 - 2016:
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Mon 11th: School Resumes
Wed 13th-Fri 15th: Year 12 Camp
Mon 18: Yr 10 Uni and TAFE Experience
Yr 9 SEAL excursion
Wed 20: Yr 12 Biol Excursion
Wed 27: Yr 11 Legal Excursion
Thu 28: Brass & Woodwind Soiree

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Principal’s Report
Welcome to Term 3:
Hopefully by now you have all accessed your child’s Semester One report. If there have been any problems downloading the academic report, or if you have any concerns within the report, please don’t hesitate to contact me to enable me to help you.

Uniform
With winter fully upon us, can I please remind all students and families that we still expect all our students in full school uniform. There are plenty of options within the current daily uniform that are warm, and we will not accept non-uniform items. If students do arrive to school out of uniform we ask that they report directly to the main office and we will be more than happy to supply any items as necessary. If students refuse to follow our instructions and are defiant, we will continue to support them with our College behaviour management expectations and plans.

Business Manager
At present our Business Manager, Chris Woodhouse, is absent from the College due to ill health. On behalf of the College community I have sent Chris our best wishes in his recovery. In the interim, Jayne Thompson has joined us as Business Manager. If you have any financial questions or concerns please don’t hesitate to contact her.

Parent Opinions
As a Principal, and as a College, it is important that we work with all our families, and listen to any concerns or feedback either positive or negative. It is important that we continue to build on the areas you believe we are doing well, and develop plans and work on areas you would like to see improved. In order for us to do this, we need your feedback.

Within the next few weeks I will be sending home an Education Department survey. If you receive one of the surveys, can I ask that you do complete and return the survey to me. It is important and your feedback is vital to the continued development of the College with your child’s education at the heart of all we do.

I will also be inviting parents in to address specific questions that have arisen from the previous surveys and feedback I have received in order for me to lead Emerald Secondary College forward, and provide the best possible educational outcomes for all our students.

Jodie Doble Principal
**Insights – Student Reflection Semester One Reports**

This Monday coming the 18th July students in their homeware group time will be working through some reflection related to their Semester One reports. Importantly students have this opportunity to really think about areas where they have experienced success and also areas whereby further improvement is needed. As part of this process we would encourage all parents to discuss with their child what reflections they had.

In addition to this, the Year Level Coordinators at each year level will also be conducting discussions with some students and their parents about their progress in Semester One. The College’s expectation is that students hand in all assessment tasks and have completed them to the best of their ability. This expectation prepares them for the ‘real world’ and also importantly enables students to track their own learning.

**Students of the Week**

Congratulations to the following students who have finished Semester One with some outstanding results in Mathematics. Their teachers have been impressed which is why they have been nominated.

- **Mikayla Skurka 16G**: Mikayla been nominated by Mrs Lee as she has achieved 300% growth in 2 of her last 2 tests. This means she is mastering 9 worksheets in these tests. Even when Mikayla has been absent she has completed at least the minimum amount of worksheets and achieved high growth rate. Her work ethic and attitude in Rich Learning tasks is of an equally high standard. Fantastic work Mikayla!

- **Curtis Comrie 13G**: Curtis had been nominated by Mr Franz his Year 10 Maths teacher as he has over Semester 1 had an averaged completion rate of 11.6 modules of work each fortnight in Maths Pathways (the expected number is 6) and mastered an outstanding 10.3 – which means that he has ensured total understanding in these areas. This learning by Curtis equates to an average growth rate of 338%, meaning that he is essentially competing three times the normal growth rate. Curtis’ dedication to filling any gaps in his numerical knowledge is also outstanding! Curtis, when spoken to by me, is pleased with his progress and stated that actually when he was in Year 7 he did not really like maths that much. Curtis is looking at doing accounting when he leaves school.

**FREEZA Youth Group in the Hills**

Freeza is a youth group that is up and running here in the local shire. We have had representatives from Cardina come and speak to the students about this youth group running several community events for young people – as it is also their community. They meet on Tuesday afternoons up at the Emerald Library and anyone is welcome to join. Students who are interested can see Wellbeing for further information. The youth group have a Battle of the Bands event coming up on 29 July and a flyer is included in this newsletter for students to know more.

**Kokoda Training Well Underway**

During week two of the recent school holidays students and staff who are trekking to Kokoda in September took part in an overnight hiking camp based out of the College. The camp ensured that we were working on our fitness levels to prepare us for the track. We did over 50km of strenuous hiking and also took part in information sessions on the history of the track. Each of the students had to present on a specific topic related to the track and two of the students also presented information based on their Great Great Gradfathers who were based in PNG during WW2. This was a useful exercise for the students who really took the responsibility of educating themselves and each other about the track and this part of Australia’s war history. It also provided a break from the walking and blisters. After the tea (which was very nice) we met for a night hike to further prepare for the track. The group have also used the recent election polling held at the College to raise further funds to assist with the funding of the trek as well as using some of the funds to purchase items for the village kids along the journey. With just under two weeks to go the group are nervously excited.

**SRC Term 3 Olympics Competition:**

In term 3, from August 5th until August 21st, the SRC will be running a lunchtime Olympics competition. The events running will be basketball, running races, trivia, indoor hockey, golden child and volleyball.

The purpose of this event is to celebrate the running of the Rio Olympics, whilst also providing an activity at lunchtime for students, and to help build connection between students at different year levels as well as leadership skills within the Student Rep Council Members – who are running the events. If students wish to enter, they can sign up by forming a team of 6 from any year level and any home group. Entry forms are located in the library, and students wishing to enter must hand in their forms before Friday 15th July. Each team will then be allocated a country to represent.

For each event, the points are distributed so the 1st place will get 10 points, down to 10th place, who will receive 1 point.

At the end, the team with the most points will be crowned the leader of the Olympic medal table.

**Tyler Denboer Yr 8 SRC Student**
SCIENCE EXPO
LUNCHTIMES 18th-22nd JULY
Come along to E1 every lunchtime in Week 2 and find out about Science classes in Years 10, 11 & 12.

Are YOU thinking of doing Science subjects in Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12 in 2017???
The Science department is holding a “Science Expo” in E1 at lunchtimes in week 2. This is an opportunity for students to find out what happens in senior school Science classes. They can ask the teachers about the subject and get some ideas about the sorts of careers that Science subjects can lead to.

Choosing Science subjects in Years 10, 11 and 12 opens up many good career opportunities in Engineering, Trade Apprenticeships, Defence Forces, Veterinary Studies and Health related professions such as Nursing, Physio or Medicine.

ALSO…. studying Science helps you to think clearly and will make you a better Accountant, Lawyer, Journalist, Mechanic, Teacher, Social worker, Pilot, Manager, Builder, Designer, Project manager and many other careers.

So come along and find out all about Science!!

Brad Gibbs

CONNECT 2016:
Connect team wants to congratulate year 9 students for their efforts in Mock interviews held on 16th June last term.
All of our Year 9 students attended a Mock Interview for the fictitious job they applied for through a letter of application and submission of their resume.

The feeling from those involved is that all students really took the process seriously and got a lot from this experience.

Once again the success of the Mock interviews was undoubtedly credited to the support from our community members. I must mention that we had about 24 community members who selflessly not only devoted their time but ensured that they provide finest feedback to our students to learn from this experience.

My heartfelt gratitude to our local community to make this partnership stronger over the last four years.

I am delighted to say that we have certainly progressed in forming these links to further stronger involvement in local businesses such as Woolworths and Mitre 10. These organisations supported us by allowing us to have their staff interview our students who had applied for the mock positions in these businesses.

Not only has this involvement provided our students a real life experience but some of our students were able to have real job interviews coming up due to these links. Woolworths also donated five vouchers of $20 to five shortlisted students.

Looking ahead to this term, we will cover the topics of ‘Health’. Our Health Term Three includes a real focus on educating students in many of the areas that they will be exposed to potentially through their teenage years. The term focus of Health also looks to educate students on real issues in our society such as underage and binge drinking, mental illness and an awareness of mental health issues, drug use and sexual health.

Ritu Arora Connect Coordinator
AWARDS ASSEMBLY YEAR 7 STUDENTS
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FRIDAY 29TH JULY 2016
PAKENHAM HALL
CNR JOHN STREET & HENRY STREET, Pakenham
HEADLINERS
WOODLOCK & HARRISON STORM
$10 EACH • $30 FOR A GROUP OF 4 FOR ENTRY
ALCOHOL • DRUG • SMOKE FREE EVENT 6.30PM - 11PM
FOR PEOPLE AGED 13YRS +
TO APPLY FOR BATTLE PLEASE VISIT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/CARDINIAFREEZA • APPLICATIONS CLOSE 18/07/16
A Victorian Government Initiative • For more info call 1800 4 YOUTH or email youth@cardinia.vic.gov.au or visit www.facebook.com/cardiniafreeza
LUKE’S PLACE
WINTER LAUNCH PARTY

22ND JULY, 6-9 PM

• LIVE BAND
• X BOX GIVEAWAY
• BONFIRE
• GLADIATOR WARS
• AND MORE!

INC. A DRINK AND CHOCOLATE BAR FROM THE SNACK BAR

$10

GRADE 6 TO YEAR 12

St Luke’s - 1 McBride St, Cockatoo

More info: Caleb Lobbe 0457 265 218
A DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

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