

Emerald Secondary College



The Bush Telegraph

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Term 2 - 2017:

30th June 2017 Issue 20

Important Dates:

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

JULY:

Mon Jul 17th: 1st Day of Term 3

Thur 20th: Yr 11 Legal Court Day

Fri 21st: Yr 12 Legal Court Day

Wed 26th: VCE Theatre Excursion

Thur 27th: Yrs 9 & 10 Sports Day

Fri 28th: College PD Day -
Student Free Day

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From the Principal:

End of Term

Friday 30th June is the last day of Term Two. We begin Term Three on Monday 17th July. This break from classes is a time for all our students to reflect on their learning progress over the term and start to think about goals for Terms 3 and 4.

In Term 3, our students in Years 8 and 9 will be selecting their Electives for next year, and those in Years 10 and 11 will be selecting their Senior School pathways courses.

Can I ask that all our families and parents to please discuss their child's learning progress, their goals and educational aspirations and potential futures beyond school.

Considering goals and targets in Year 11 and 12 is too late. Educational research shows that students from Year 7 need to reflect on their study skills and adopt good study habits if they are to aspire to achieve their personal best at the end of Year 12.

Stranger Danger

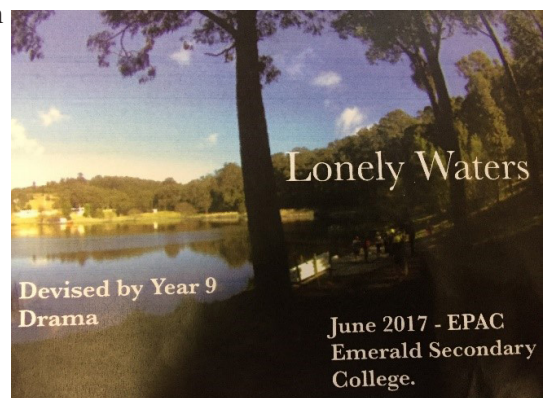
This week it was unfortunately reported that a female student was followed on her way to the bus stop in the morning. She did the right thing and reported it straight away, and in doing so we could inform the family, police and education community beyond our College. These occurrences are rare, but I would like to encourage all our families and parents to please speak to their children about strangers speaking to them or following them, and what to do if they feel it has happened. As a College we take these incidents seriously. The wellbeing of all our students is equal to their achievement in their studies.

Lonely Waters

This week we saw the Year 9 production 'Lonely Waters', written, produced and performed by our students supported by David Carnie (production and performance), Andrew Martin (sets) and Jeff Edwards (lighting and sound).

The production contained musical and vocal performances as well as tremendous skill on stage from all the performers.

The technical roles were also conducted with skill and finesse by our Year 9 students. From writing the show, designing the sets and costumes, to designing the lighting and sound and directing the play, our young talent at ESC filled us with pride and awe.



Year 8 Art

This term Year 8 have been studying Visual Communication, Art and Design with a focus on architecture, design and model building. We certainly have extremely talented young artists in this field, and I would like to thank Ang Cronin for teaching and encouraging them.

ESC Hits the press

It's always such a pleasure to see our students and our College in the press. We know we have amazing students and staff at the College, and it is wonderful to see their work highlighted in the broader community. Please check out our Facebook page for more photos.

Semester Two timetables

With the new Electives coming into action in Semester Two for students in Years 9 and 10, there are changes to the timetable for our students. With all Secondary schools, College finances are also taken into consideration. We have worked closely with Edvals our timetable company that develops our timetable to ensure that there are minimum disruptions to our Senior Students. I would like to inform our parents and families that there are some changes to staffing in the Junior and Middle Years for Semester two.

At Emerald Secondary College we have a professional commitment to ensure that all our students achieve their personal best, and their learning is supported to the highest level.

Work Experience

This week has been extremely busy for our Year 10 students with the start of their formal work experience block. Seeing our young people preparing themselves for possible futures, experiencing work and life beyond the College is inspiring. The list of placements spans from the CBD all the way to the coast covering a wide range of fields and industries. I certainly hope the students all enjoy this opportunity and I look forward to hearing their many stories next term. I would like to thank Mr Smith and all the staff at ESC for supporting our Year 10 students during this time.

Learn & Learn

Woolworths is about to begin its yearly Earn & Learn campaign. I would like to encourage all our families to collect the stickers and bring them into school. For every \$10 spent at Woolworths you will receive a sticker. Every sticker equals points that accumulate towards materials and equipment for the school. With our strong focus on Literacy and Numeracy we would like to use the points for equipment to support our students' learning in these areas. Please bring in your stickers to the main office.



And finally,

I would like to wish you all a safe and restful end of term break.

Jodie Doble, Principal

Semester 1 Reports 2017

Semester Reports are now available through Compass. To access reports, log onto your Compass account and select the 'View Academic Reports'. Scroll down to the Semester Reports section and select Semester 1 reports.

There are some changes to reports this year due to the implementation of the Victorian Curriculum, Department of Education reporting requirements, and changes to our approach to reporting. Students and families now receive 2 Progress Reports throughout the Semester, and a Semester Report at the end of the semester, giving families and students ongoing feedback about student progress.

The Semester Reports provide a summary of a student's learning over the semester. Feedback comments on each learning task are on Compass and provide information on what a student has done well, and ways to improve. Teachers are using rubrics, a matrix of standards, to indicate student achievement.

Semester Result

This year all students receive a semester result for every subject to indicate if learning progress is satisfactory. This brings students in Year 7-10 in line with VCE practices. Year 7-10 & VCAL students must hand in all CATs of a satisfactory standard to receive a Satisfactory semester result. VCE students must pass all SACs, coursework and attendance requirements to receive a Satisfactory result. VCE results are also reported separately to VCAA and are the final mark for students.

Estelle Alder - Assistant Principal

Junior School Student of the Week



Congratulations to our last student of the week for Term 2: Phoenix Totev in 7A. Phoenix has been nominated by his Year 7 Maths teacher Mr Frantz. Mr Frantz states 'Phoenix is a quiet achiever who shows persistence in any task set in Maths. He approaches all tasks with great enthusiasm. Phoenix has done very well in class and is a keen participant in rich learning tasks that we do in class – which tend to be more interactive and often involve group work. Phoenix is very conscientious about his work and has made a great start to Year 7.' Congratulations Phoenix on your nomination as student of the week. We hope that you can continue this great work heading into Semester Two. Well done!

A Surprise Morning Tea – Thanks to the Yr 9 Patisserie Class

Recently I was invited down to the College Food Tech area at the start of Recess by several students. To my surprise what awaited me was a table laden with amazing patisserie treats that had been baked that morning by Miss Arora's Year 9 Patisserie class. Along with sampling the odd one or five treats I asked the students to write something for the newsletter. So thanks to Liam and Matilda here is what they wrote:

Liam

Two weeks ago the Year 9 Patisserie class held a morning tea for students. The students had to create and design their own morning tea items like scones, muffins and pizza rolls to name a few. In doing this we improved our time management and organisation skills. We displayed all the items on the table, and it looked very appealing. "Fantastic" said Mr J. "Impressive effort" said Mrs Arora.

Matilda

Afternoon Tea Task - this task provided us with a good opportunity to cook whatever we wanted to whilst also getting to see what other people could come up with. I walked into this task thinking I was prepared but soon found out I wasn't. My food item that was meant to take 20 minutes to cook, ended up taking around an hour. It showed me that preparation and organization are very important. I believe, I will be able to transfer this learning to other subjects. It was an interesting experience. We also got an opportunity to taste a range of products made by other students – which was very yummy!



Experiencing Success in Cross Country

Recently I was made aware that one of our Year 9 students, Liam Russell, was competing in the Victorian All School Cross Country Championships at Bundoora Park. Liam runs for Yarra Ranges Cross Country Club outside of school and has been running since he was 10. When speaking to Liam he said he runs because he enjoys it and it keeps him fit. He also likes the challenge of competing against other runners.

Liam has represented Emerald Secondary College at this event for the past three years and on Saturday he ran a great time of 16.20. Liam isn't fussed that he is competing against schools that have professional coaches, rub down tables, marquees, warm up equipment etc., and as he says, all that doesn't count for anything when you are out there on the course.

Congratulations to Liam for representing ESC, himself and his family with pride.

On a side note – just before this newsletter article was sent to print Liam had again represented the college in the Eastern Zone Cross Country with two other Year 9 boys. Here are the results – congratulations boys!

Out of 90 competitors – Danyan Kee 13th, Hudson Jenner 28th and Liam 45th. Great work boys!

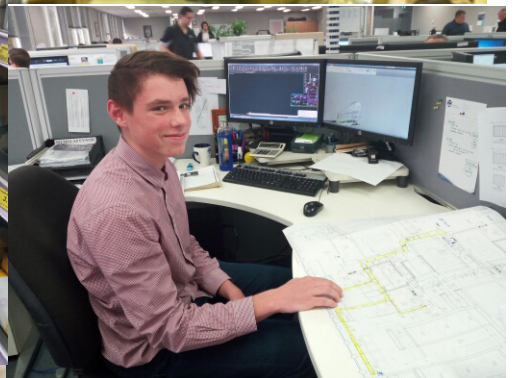
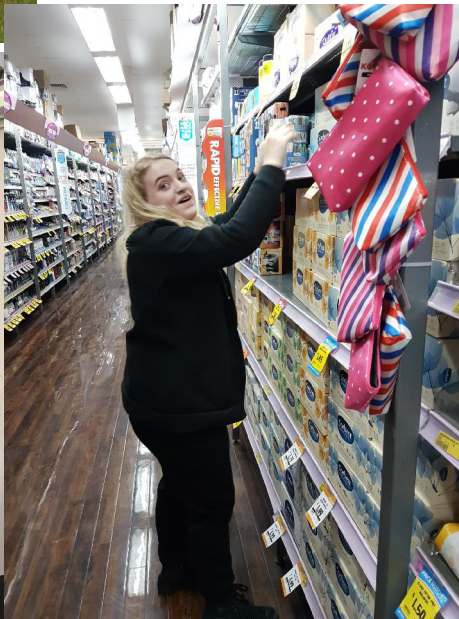
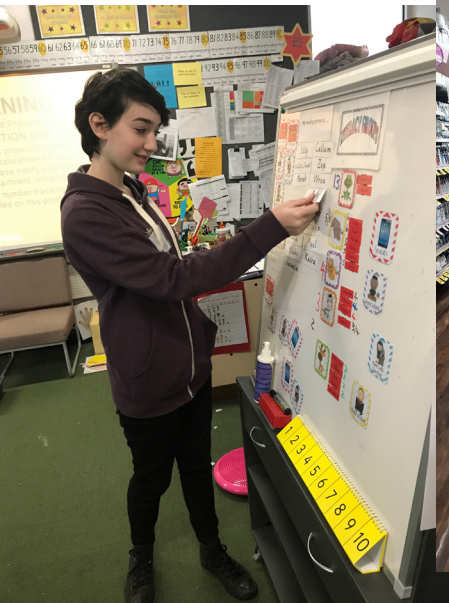
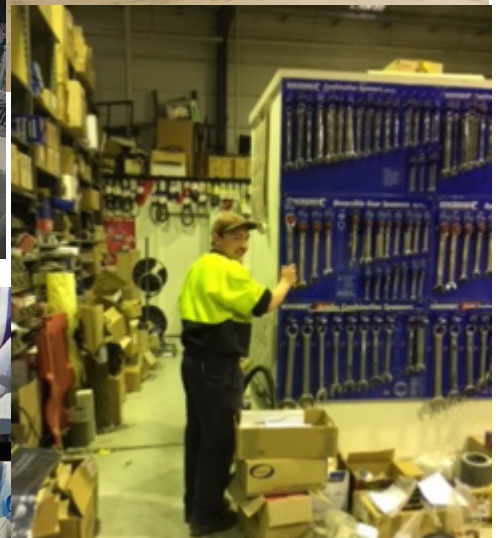
**Mike Jaremczuk & Estelle Alder -
Assistant Principals**



Year 10 Work Experience

This week has been Year 10 Work Experience for our students, an opportunity for them to experience the world of work and be exposed to day to day life outside of school. I commend all students for their enthusiasm, dedication and hard work. A big thank you to all employers for supporting our Work Experience program, and thank you also to families for encouraging their child to participate in this program. Well done Year 10 students!!

Nik Smith - Pathways Leader





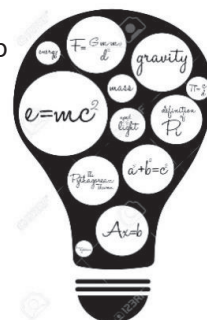
Success in Tertiary Education Requires Mathematics!

Success after ESC in Tertiary study often requires basic Mathematics or knowledge of particular aspects of the curriculum. Some points to note are:

Math symbols

+	→	Plus/ add
-	→	Minus/ take
X	→	Multiply/ times
÷	→	Divide
=	→	Equals
<	→	Less than
>	→	More than
≤	→	Less than/ equals to
≥	→	Greater than/ equals to
%	→	Percentage

- Most students will require Mathematics at some stage in their future occupations, but also in their future Tertiary studies at University, TAFE, Apprenticeship or Traineeship
- Mathematics is not a prerequisite nor recommended for most Tertiary courses yet is required to successfully complete them.
- Some students find they cannot cope with the Mathematical requirements of some courses due to the lack of effort and base knowledge attained at school.
- Few students are aware of this when making their subject selections



Some courses of concern with mathematical examples are listed below:

<p><u>Health Sciences</u> <u>(Nursing, Paramedics, Midwifery, etc)</u></p> <p><u>Maths needed:</u> Multiply, divide, add, subtract decimals, convert units, Using formulae, Multiply & divide fractions, convert fractions to decimals, rates, rounding and estimating, times tables</p>	<p><u>Exercise and Sport Science</u></p> <p><u>Maths needed:</u> Pythagoras, trigonometry, simple vectors, rates, force, transposing formula, statistics, fractions, decimals, ratio and proportion.</p>	<p><u>Business</u></p> <p><u>Maths needed:</u> Further Maths at Yr 12 good preparation, possibly prerequisite also, statistics, probability, proportional reasoning & percentage, transposing formula, algebra, functions and graphs.</p>	<p><u>Education and Early Childhood</u></p> <p><u>Maths needed:</u> Whole numbers, decimals, fractions, ratio, percentages, space & shape, statistics and probability, time, pattern, order and algebra, geometry and times tables.</p>
<p><u>The Pythagorean Theorem and Roof Framing</u></p>	<p><u>Carpentry, Plumbing, Building</u></p> <p><u>Maths needed:</u> Decimals, fractions, ratio & percentage, rates, measurement, area, volume, estimation, times tables, ability to mentally calculate equations and also complete Maths by hand on the job</p>	<p><u>Electrical</u></p> <p><u>Maths needed:</u> All mathematics from Carpentry as well as trigonometry, Pythagoras, transposition involving Greek letters, subscripts and superscripts</p>	

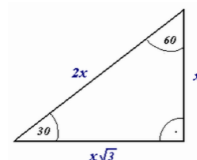
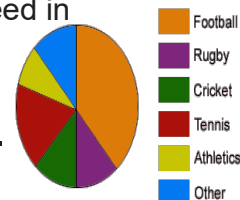
As we approach Yr 9, 10, and 11 Subject Selections in August, I ask that all families have discussions with their children regarding their Mathematics levels and the possible Mathematics requirements needed after leaving ESC.

A message to current Year 12's: Discussions usually centre around ATAR and subject Pre-requisites for course entry, but always remember to also **research course requirements** before applying, including mathematic requirements.

What level of Mathematics do YOU need for success? Always complete the highest level of Mathematics possible. Always challenge yourself to succeed in Mathematics to prepare yourself for life after ESC.



YOU WILL NEED MATHEMATICS IN YOUR FUTURE!



VCE Maths Options:

Recommended VCE Maths for levels at the end of Year 10 (combined with On Demand scores and teacher judgement)

MP Level	Unit 1/2 Maths Options (Year 11)	Unit 3/4 Maths Options
Below 8.0	Foundation Maths	No year 12 Maths
8.0-9.0	General Maths	Further Maths
9.0 – 9.5	Maths Methods AND Specialist Maths (for support of Methods)	Maths Methods, Further Maths and Specialist Maths (dependent on achievement in year 11)
Above 9.5	Maths Methods or Maths Methods and Specialist Maths	Maths Methods and Specialist Maths – Further Maths also an option.

The Nobelius 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

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 or email recruitment@emeraldfirebrigade.org.au

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NEW QUALIFICATION

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Certificate IV in Training and Assessment

Be among the first to gain this nationally recognised qualification to become a trainer and/or assessor in the Vocational Education and Training sector. You will develop key skills through practical activities, applied learning in the areas of training design, delivery and assessment.

STARTS MONDAY 19TH JUNE 2017

9:00am - 4:30pm | Cost : \$3,600

UPGRADE PROGRAM AVAILABLE

1-3 Days From \$350 Starts 4th Jul & 11th Oct

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CHC50113

Diploma of Early Childhood Education & Care

Perfect for educators wanting to advance their career or those new to the industry. This course will allow you to supervise staff, design and implement learning plans and provide quality care for early childcare settings.

Possible career options include: Early Childhood Educator; Team Leader; Room Leader; Family Day Care; Child Services Coordinator.

STARTS TUESDAY 1ST AUGUST 2017

Tuesday & Thursday Evenings 6:00pm - 9:15pm

Amazing Value

\$60 Funded (Concession)

\$300 Funded

\$5,500 Full Fee



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CHC30133

Certificate III in Early Childhood Education & Care

This course is perfect for those wishing to enter into the Childcare industry. You will learn everything you'll need to know to be able to provide quality care to children under 6 years. Possible career options include: Early Childhood Educator; Nanny; Family Day Care; Play Group Supervisor; Outside School Hours Care Assistant.

STARTS FRIDAY 4TH AUGUST 2017

9:30am - 4:30pm

Amazing Value

\$40 Funded (Concession)

\$200 Funded

\$2,500 Full Fee



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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



Homework Club

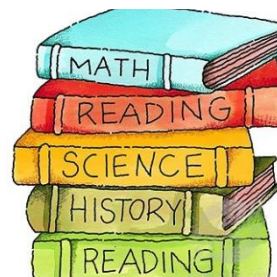
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

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 Trounson – D Block staffroom