

Emerald Secondary College



The Bush Telegraph

Emerald Secondary College is a Learning Community

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Term 3 - 2017:

28th July 2017 **Issue 22**

Important Dates:

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

AUGUST:

Tues 1st: Future Options Expo -
6.00-7.30 pm

Tues 1st: Yr 9 Subject Selection
Info. Evening -6.30-7.00 pm

VCAL 2018 Information session
- 7.00-7.30 pm

Yr 10 Subject Selection Info.
Evening - 7.30 pm-8.00 pm

Wed Aug 8th: Yr 8 Sports Day

Thur 10th-Fri 11th: Yr 10 Mt
Buller overnight camp

Fri 11th: Yr 12 2018 Subject
Selection Day -9am-3pm

Mon 14th: Yr 11 2018 Subject
Selection Day - 12pm-8pm

Tues 15th: Community and Yr 9
Smart Gen Parent Night

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From the Principal:

Celebrating Success

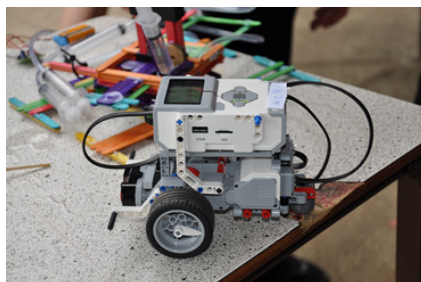
This week our students received their academic achievement certificates in our biannual Awards Assemblies.

Recognising and celebrating success is an important step in engaging our students in their learning. Students who received an average grade of over 90% and A/A+ received our Academic Excellence Awards, and students who have been persistent with their effort and dedication to their learning received Academic Endeavour Awards.

I would like to congratulate all the students for their hard work and effort and the staff for supporting and nurturing them. I would also like to thank our parent community who attended the assemblies to help celebrate our student achievement.

Science Expo

This week we held a lunchtime Science Expo for our students. It was inspiring to see so many interested students participating in the activities. We had psychological challenges, chemical reactions and Physics/STEM activities. Thank you to all those students who joined in the fun, and a special thank you to our wonderful Science staff.



Community Support

This week two members of the Emerald Rotary Club came into the school to speak to our Future Problem Solving team.

Our student team discussed their Inclusion project and rationale, seeking support from Rotary.



The Emerald Rotary Club invited the team to speak at one of their dinners next month and have agreed to discuss ways in which the club can support our students, their project and our College.

Parent Opinion Survey 2017

The Parent Opinion Survey is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year, about 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate. The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. It is important that our parents and families share with us both aspects they think we are doing well so that we can embed them, and areas we need to develop to support student learning. We will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies in the future.

This year, the survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes about 15 minutes to complete. It can be accessed from Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August and selected parents will be notified with instructions on how to access the survey link. In the letter there is a reply slip. Can I ask that all families selected please fill in and return the slip to the main office once the survey has been completed.

Earn & 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 your stickers to the main office.

Jodie Doble, Principal



Junior School Awards

This week students from Years 7-9 were involved in the Junior School Semester One Awards Assembly. On behalf of the Junior School Team I would like to congratulate all the students who received either an Excellence or Endeavour Award. It is great recognition of hard work and perseverance - not just natural ability. Of special mention are the following students listed below who achieved the highest number of Excellence Awards for their Year Level. Well done to these students!

Note: to receive an Excellence nomination for a subject a student must average over 90% for the semester in all CAT/Learning Tasks

Year 7

Stephanie Jarvis 7C – 3 subjects

Year 8

Abigail Doughty 8C – 4 subjects

Year 9

Daisy McMahon 9G - 2 subjects

Holly Mcrae 9G - 2 subjects

Charlotte Read 9B

Lainey Williams 9E

Sophie Ogilvie 9C

Reminder About Uniform on Cold Days

The College uniform has many layers to it and the College expects all students to arrive at school in

full school uniform and leave in full school uniform.

Students who are out of uniform are reminded to head to the office before period 1 to receive a College uniform replacement item for the day (shoes excluded). Students are reminded that non-school jackets and hoodies will result in them receiving a detention. The College also wishes to inform parents that on wet days there are designated rooms for students to access during recess and lunch.

Life at Emerald Secondary

Having recently undertaken some new enrolments for Semester Two I was reminded by a conversation I was having with a student who arrived in Term 2 about our College compared to their previous school. All too often we take the place we teach at, or attend, for granted. I asked this student to provide their thoughts on ESC and here is what they wrote.....

“Life at ESC is very different than anything I’ve ever experienced - the surroundings and people are amazing. I moved here just under 2 months ago and time has flown due to the great friends and good times I have experienced here. My favourite subject is Art in which I do 3 periods of. The reason I love Art so much is because I see it as a way to express the way I feel in a way other than talking.

“I’ve had a really smooth start at ESC and I think

I've transitioned well with the support of the amazing teachers who are really supportive and are always willing to help you. That makes me a lot less stressed at school. To say I have made a few new friends would be an understatement - I never walk past people who are not smiling and laughing and that's just such a wonderful thing to see. I love how everyone interacts with each other it makes it really easy to make new friends and branch out from whom you normally hang out with, I truly think that's what makes Emerald so different to other schools - that ability for everyone to be friends no matter if you're in Year 7 or 12 or anything in-between. I love the fact that teachers will help you every step of the way and will support you but also have a laugh with their students. I think that's really important as that's how teachers build a strong relationship with their students.

I believe Emerald is a very homely school if that makes sense. The teachers are always offering a helping hand and they want you to ask questions as that shows not only intelligence but initiative. I never hesitate to approach a teacher nor do I feel shy to put my hand up in class this is because of the immense encouragement teachers' supply for every student. Emerald really is a special place to be and these are just a few reasons why I love being a year nine student here."

SMART GEN – A Deakin University & Vic ROADS Community Partnership to Enhance Youth Road Safety

There are some current Year 9 students who are working on a project with Deakin and Felicity (the College's Wellbeing Leader) to drive our approach to road safety. The SMART Gen program aims to enhance youth road safety by reducing adolescent alcohol use – a risk factor for road accidents and injuries for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists. To do this, the program aims to assist young people and their families to adopt national alcohol guidelines that discourage adolescent alcohol use before the age of 18.

On August 15th this Year 9 group of students are asking you, members of the community, parents and students, to attend their SMART Gen session in EPAC where you will hear from guest speakers on this important issue – so please save this date as an evening not to miss.

Parents of Year 10-12 Students

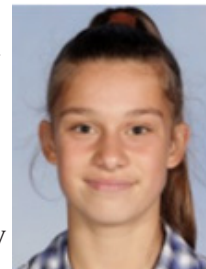
A reminder that the meningococcal W vaccine forms are due into the front office prior to the day of immunisations Monday 21st August. This is a free vaccination that the Victorian Government is funding for Secondary School students. If students require a card because they have lost there's they should collect one from the front office.

Recognising & Celebrating Student Success

Time at school requires continued effort in the classroom and dedication to achieve your personal best. That said achievement can also be achieved in other areas of a young person's life. The next two students are examples of such achievements that we would like to profile in the Newsletter.

Ashlee Bowden - Year 8

Ashlee has recently completed in the State Under 14 School Cross Country Championship – representing ESC and herself with great distinction finishing an amazing 16th place. Ashlee competed at Bundoora Park on 20th July, enjoying the opportunity to run because the competition was the best and it was a level up from previous races that she had competed in. Ashlee trains for her running 3-4 times a week, runs Saturday mornings with Casey Athletics Club in Berwick and, for the State Championship, she also did some training with Mr Boffa. Ashlee is aspiring to keep her Aths up because she wants to pursue a career in the Police Force – certainly ensuring that she will be able to chase down any villain who aims to do a runner! Congratulations Ashlee a huge achievement.



Steven Lamble – Junior Australian Representative in Floorball

"Floorball is a fast physical paced game and is played all around the world – but based predominately in Europe - having only just been introduced to Australia. I, Steven Lamble, a current Year 11 Student have been playing floorball for about five years. My home club is in Pakenham at the YMCA stadium.

"After playing floorball for a few years, I knew that this was my sport and I loved everything about the game. So, I decided I wanted to go further and play at the highest level I could for my age - that's where the National team comes into it. After travelling around Australia for competitions with my club and State, as well as selections camps, I got chosen to play in the Australian Team for the qualifying games in the Asia Pacific



Region held in Japan last year.

“After winning the Asia Ocean Pacific Competition the two top teams (Australia and Japan) had the honour of then going on to represent their countries in the Under 19s World Championship held in Sweden just recently in May of this year. Before the tournament, we all attended a one week intensive training camp in Eerikkila, Finland prior to competition - working on fitness, game plans and strategy by playing against local school team and clubs from this area of Finland.

“Following the training camp we all headed to Sweden as a team for the start of the tournament in which all the participating countries were split into two divisions. Australia was placed into B division Group D. We ended up beating all the teams in our group and that was a massive outcome for our team because we were ranked much lower than the European teams we competed against. We then played Estonia in the semi-final for B division final but ended up losing to them which meant we had to now play Germany for a placing in the tournament.

“At the end of the tournament we ended up moving two world ranking positions to 12th in the world for the U19s. Overall this was an awesome experience and a once in a life time opportunity for me to represent Australia and to wear our Coat of Arms. GO AUSSIES!! “

Finally when Steven Lamble was asked about his future regarding Floorball his ultimate dream is to represent Australia in the Senior Men's side and hopefully this happens at an Olympic Games.

Mike Jaremczuk & Estelle Alder - Assistant Principals



Supreme Court Visit – Year 12 Legal Studies

On Friday 21 July, the Year 12 Legal Studies had the opportunity to observe court proceedings in the Supreme Court of Victoria in the city. This is always such a unique and rich learning experience for students when the theory they study comes to life before their own eyes.

Our first hour was spent running through a role play based on a criminal trial for murder, including the process used to empanel a jury for trial. Apart from the empaneled jury, students took on the roles of judge's associate, tipstaff, prosecutor, defence counsel and the accused, all in the appropriate robes and uniforms.

We then moved into the famous and now fully restored Court 4. The spectacular detail of the ornate ceiling was not lost on the students as we filed into the balcony of the public gallery. This gave us a terrific vantage point as the accused was ushered into court and placed in the dock directly below us. The case was an attempted murder trial where the accused had been charged with discharging a shotgun with the intent to cause harm to another person, amongst other related offences. We saw two police officers sworn in to give evidence about the collection of forensic evidence from the accused's home and car. We also observed an interpreter give testimony about the translations he

provided to the police for the telephone intercepts that had been recorded. As there was a jury empaneled, we had the opportunity to observe their focus on different aspects of the testimonies provided.

Our experience ended with a visit to the Supreme Court Library that is in the centre of the complex. This is where all prior judgements made in the Supreme Court are kept in the Law Reports. We were able to visit the location where many of the precedents we have studied are kept for reference in future cases. Students had time to explore the various exhibits on display and appreciate the historical significance of the building and its importance to the carriage of justice.



The conduct of our students on this day was nothing short of impeccable. They were mindful and respectful of their serious surroundings and the proceedings that they witnessed, which provoked many questions and discussions on the train on the way home. A fantastic learning opportunity.

Tanya Moran
Year 12 Legal Studies Teacher



ESC Future Options Expo



THIS TUESDAY! 1st August
6pm – 7.30pm in S-Block

Attending Tertiary Institutions Include:



Subject Selection Information



Current Year Seven Students

- No subject selection choices for Year 8 2018. Courses are constructed automatically according to College guidelines

Current Year Eight Students

- Two Art and Technology subject choices as well as an option to study Japanese, Advance and Outdoor Ed for Year 9 2018. Subject selections conducted in class early September by Mr Jaremczuk and Ms Kanoa

Current Year Nine Students

- Students must study English, Mathematics and Science for both Semesters of Year 10 in 2018 as well as one subject from each of the following Domains: Health/PE, The Arts/Technology and Humanities. Students can fill their remaining selections from any Domain. Most Year 10 subjects are semester long subjects. NB. Japanese, a VCE study or a VET study are year long subjects
- **Subject Selection Information Evening Tuesday August 1st 6.30pm – 7pm in EPAC**
- Families encouraged to visit **ESC Future Options Expo Tuesday August 1st 6pm – 7.30pm** before/after info evening
- 2018 Year 10 Subject Selection Day Thursday August 17th between 12pm – 8pm in room A7. Families book a 10 minute interview with member of the Senior School Team via Compass. More information to follow via email and Compass.

Current Year Ten Students

- Students will study six VCE subjects in Year 11 in 2018 or nominate to study a VCAL program.
- **Subject Selection Information Evening Tuesday August 1st 7.30pm – 8.15pm in EPAC**
- Families encouraged to visit **ESC Future Options Expo Tuesday August 1st 6pm – 7.30pm** before info evening
- 2018 Year 11 Subject Selection Day Monday August 14th between 12pm – 8pm in room A7. Families book a 10 minute interview with member of the Senior School Team via Compass. More information to follow via email and Compass.

Current Year Eleven Students

- Students will study five VCE subjects in Year 12 in 2018 or nominate to study a VCAL program.
- **ESC Future Options Expo Tuesday August 1st 6pm – 7.30pm**
- 2018 Year 12 Subject Selection Day Friday August 11th between 9am– 3pm in room A7. Families book a 10 minute interview with member of the Senior School Team via Compass. More information to follow via email and Compass.

Other Information

VCAL and VET Information Evening Tuesday 1st August 7pm in EPAC

Information about subjects offered in Years 10 – 12 can be found in the Senior School Course Guide on Newsfeed on Compass.

Information about school policies can be found in the Senior School Student Handbook on Newsfeed on Compass.

Mayan Astronomy

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Dr Javier Mejuto



Professor of Cultural Astronomy at the National Autonomous University in Honduras

"Astronomy in the Classic Maya Period: Copan Ruinas, Honduras"

What is Archaeoastronomy? What are Astromorphs?

**Come and join us on Friday August 18th from 6.30pm at EPAC,
Emerald Secondary College, as Culture, Astronomy, History, Maths
and Archaeology combine for this fascinating FREE talk.**

Talk begins at 7.30pm.

For more information contact: info@mounburnettobservatory.org or Brad Gibbs at
Emerald Secondary College



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Preparing for the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

A practical view

This information session is designed to assist people with disabilities, families and carers to get ready for the National Disability Insurance Scheme, which will commence in Cardinia Shire, the City of Casey and the City of Greater Dandenong on 1 September 2018.

The information session will provide:

- an overview of the NDIS;
- updates on the Scheme; and
- tips and ideas to assist in developing your NDIS plan.

Presenter — Christine Scott

Christine works at VALID (Victorian Advocacy League for Individuals with a Disability Inc.) and has experience in supporting individuals and their families through their transition to the NDIS. Christine is also a parent of a young adult with a disability who has been funded by the NDIS since 2013.

Wednesday 16 August

Cardinia Shire Council, Civic Offices
20 Siding Avenue, Officer

Morning session: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Evening session: 6.30pm to 8.30pm

For further information or to RSVP (requested, as it will assist catering arrangements), please contact Marcia on 1300 787 624 or email c.strengthening@cardinia.vic.gov.au, stating *which session* you will be attending.

RSVPs close 5pm, Friday, 11 August 2017



4 Malcolm Court

Narre Warren 3805

9704 7388

enquiries@nclc.vic.edu.au

Community Market Day

Wed 2nd August

11am - 1pm

4 Malcolm Court, Narre Warren

- Unique handmade goods
- Plants
- Food & drinks
- Much, much more...

Come and support the

NCLC V.E.T CERT II Retail students in their goal of raising \$450 and providing a water tank to a community in Swaziland!

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CASEY YOUNG WRITERS FESTIVAL

Creative Writing Workshops with author George Ivanoff

George Ivanoff is coming to Endeavour Hills Library armed with tips and tricks to help you write your own engaging, dynamic stories!

Book in for your chance to make your writing extraordinary with George, author of over 80 books for young people including the interactive 'You Choose' books and the 'Gamers' trilogy.

Endeavour Hills Library
10 Raymond McMahon Blvd
Saturday 12 August

For ages 9–12 years

> 11am to 12pm

For ages 13–18 years

> 2pm to 3pm

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or phone 8782 3400



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Building Resilience in Children



Parent Forum— Suitable for parents of all age children

Monday 28th August 2017 6:30pm to 8:30pm

Upper Ferntree Gully Primary School Library

As parents we can be overly concerned for our children, putting energy into places that aren't providing opportunities for Resilience! We hear terms like 'helicopter parents' in the media, referring to the anxiety we face as parents, of letting go and trusting our children. Sometimes we do too much for our children, carrying their bags to school, doing their homework, not wanting them to be disappointed, not succeed or miss out on things.

This interactive workshop will encourage parents to build your children's resilience and to help your children develop skills in social competence, problem solving, independence and optimism.

Visit www.chrisdaicos.com.au

As a trained social worker and teacher, Chris has extensive experience in working directly with children, adolescents and supporting parents and school staff. Chris has facilitated many successful learning sessions for teachers and parents within the private and public sectors on a range of issues from organisational health to welfare issues. Chris is actively involved in the tertiary sector, teaching students in Master of Social Work, Master of Teaching and the Master of Education (Student Wellbeing) Courses.

BUILDING RESILIENCE IN CHILDREN—RSVP via email or phone our school office

Yes, I would love to attend the 'Building Resilience in Children' Session

Please note this session is not suitable for children

Name No of Adults attending.....

RSVP email: upper.ferntree.gully.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au / 97581527



THE HILLS CHALLENGE

CROSS COUNTRY TEAM COMPETITION

at Mountain Road Reserve, Cockatoo

SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST

Registrations from 8:30 til 9:45am

Events Start 10:00am

Cost: \$5 per athlete

EVENT 1	UNDER 6 Boys & Girls	500 m
EVENT 2	UNDER 7 & 8 Boys & Girls	1000m
EVENT 3	UNDER 9 & 10 Boys & Girls	1500m
EVENT 4	UNDER 11 & 12 Boys & Girls	2000m
EVENT 5	UNDER 13 to 15 Boys & Girls	3000m
AND OPEN		

All runners results go towards the team score
Winning club gets their name on the Hills Cross Country Challenge shield.

WARNING: this is a rough and tough cross country course, with steep hills, thick grass, mud and creek crossings – all good cross country fun.

ENQUIRIES – KATIE 0428 744 498 or LISA 0408 338 724

Canteen, BBQ and Hot drinks available on the day

PRE REGISTER at cockatoo@lavic.com.au

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

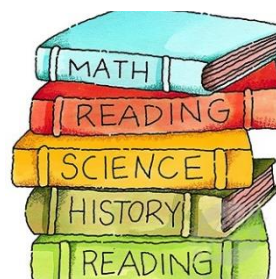
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

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