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AUGUST:

Tue 30:
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Wed 31-Fri 02/9:
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Wed 31:
Melbourne Writers Festival Excursions

SEPTEMBER:
Thu 01:
Japan Tour departs
Wed 7:
District Aths
Fri 16:
Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER:
Mon 03:
School Resumes Term 4

PRINCIPAL’S HEADLINES:

NAPLAN 2016:
A reminder to all our parents and families that the Year 7 and Year 9 2016 NAPLAN results are now available for collection from the College main office.

International Educator comes to Emerald Secondary College:

Dr John Munro is an internationally recognized Educational Leader. Currently he holds a post at Melbourne University as Head of Exceptional Learning and Gifted Education.

With an educational background in both Primary and Secondary settings as well as Literacy, Numeracy and Disabilities programs, it was a great honour when he accepted an invitation to work with our students, staff and families at Emerald Secondary College.

On Wednesday 24th August Dr Munro came to the College and worked closely with our SEAL students throughout the day. Following on from this we had over 40 teachers from across the State join our teaching staff to attend a workshop on teaching students with differing abilities, and recognizing students with gifted abilities within the classroom.

In the evening our SEAL families, including our 2017 SEAL families were invited to attend a meeting with Dr Munro.

Kylie Wenzel and the Wellbeing team organized activities for stress management with our SEAL students, whilst our parents and families listened to Dr Munro in our theatre.

This was an amazing opportunity for our whole community and I would like to thank Janine McMahon for initiating and leading this wonderful event supported by many of our teaching staff at the College.

Emerald Hub:

On Friday 26th August this week, Tim Cooper from Cardinia Shire came to our College to work with our SRC (Student Representative Council).

Cardinia Shire recognize that our students need a voice in the development of the new Emerald Hub.

I would encourage all our students and families to have a voice in the future of our community by accessing the information on www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hillshub, or by attending the meeting at Emerald library on Wednesday the 31st August 2pm – 8pm.

Jodie Doble
Principal
Student of the Week - Sean Duguid:
Congratulations to our Student of the week this week is Sean Duguid 13G nominated by Mr Ignatio. Mr Ignatio states ‘I would like to nominate Sean for the following reasons: he has submitted reports all year with outstanding qualities, he has scored a perfect score in the three written SAC’s in Physics – evidence that Sean completes his work way beyond the expected level / standards. What’s most pleasing is that Sean puts enthusiasm in everything he does specifically the practical activities we do in Physics and displays maturity beyond his age when it comes to his studies.’

Sean is proud of his achievements and has a love of physics because it is fun and engaging and also because it involves maths combined with science which are his two favourite subjects. Congratulations Sean on your nomination. Well done!

Student Success in Other Areas:
The College has had lots of students lately who have been experiencing success and representing the school proudly.

Sports Achievers:

Softball - Congratulations to Nathan Tidey Year 8 who was recently selected to represent Victoria in the Softball Australian Championships to be held in January. Nathan has been playing softball for a number of years and is a catcher. Congratulations Nathan we look forward to hearing about your success and that of the Victorian Team.

Hockey - Jared Copey Yr 10, was part of the victorious Victorian team that recently won the Under 16 National Hockey Championships played here in Melbourne. Jared worked extremely hard firstly to be selected in the team and then during the competition to play a role in the victory.

The results for the pool games were: Lost 1 game, drew 1 game and won 4 games to get into the grand final which was a tense affair with the Vic’s up against Western Australia.

The game was locked at 1-1 at the end of full time. Victoria ended up winning 1-0 in a penalty shoot out – a great result for Jared and the team. Jared can be seen in one of these photo’s displaying his trademark skill on the ball.

Congratulations Jared a great achievement for you personally and the team!
Oscar To the Rescue:
Many of you may have seen the recent media news and print about one of our Year 8 students – Oscar Arrowsmith, who recently was awarded a commendation for brave conduct as part of the Australian Bravery Awards.

Oscar pulled their pet dog off his mum when he was 10 years old. On behalf of the ESC community, Oscar, we would also like to commend you on your actions on that day in helping your mum. Congratulations on your commendation.

Instrumental Music at ESC:
Last Thursday night I had the pleasure of attending the informal guitar soiree held in EPAC. It was pleasing to see many of our students, particularly the ones in the Junior School, having the opportunity to perform what they have been practicing in their instrumental lessons here at school.

One particular student in Year 11 who was very quiet when in Year 7 not only played a song on guitar with two of his friends but he also sang it – a great achievement just based on his willingness to push himself out of his comfort zone! Such a great night does not just happen without the encouragement of the instrumental staff – so a huge thank you in this case to Eddie and Warren.

Smart Generation – Myth Busting:
I wish to continue our series of wellbeing and health information based again on alcohol. New evidence suggests that young people who drink alcohol before age 18 may be doing permanent damage to their brain. This, and other evidence showing the high risks of accidents, injuries, violence and self-harm among underage drinkers, is used to inform alcohol guidelines in Australia.

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) guidelines state:

For children and young people under 18 years of age, not drinking alcohol is the safest option.

A. Parents and carers should be advised that children under 15 years are at the greatest risk of harm from drinking and that for this age group, not drinking alcohol is especially important.

B. For young people aged 15 – 17 years, the safest option is to delay the initiation of drinking for as long as possible.

The Smart Generation project of which all students in Years 8 and 10 have been undertaking aims to raise awareness and promote the uptake of alcohol guidelines and legislation. To do your part, talk to your child about the importance of not drinking alcohol before age 18.

For more information about the NHMRC guidelines go to: http://www.nhmrc.gov.au/your-health/alcohol-guidelines/

Mike Jaremczuk & Estelle Alder Assistant Principals
UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE MATHS OLYMPIAD:
A few weeks ago some Yr 8 boys approached me as they wanted to represent the school in some sort of Maths competition. I have been wanting to get a team to try the Melbourne Uni competition for some years, so set them a challenge of finding a team of 5 in order to enter this.
So on Sunday, 21 August, Tyler Denboer, Riley Graham, Gil Arad and Jhenardt Mischon (all Yr 8) and Miani Mischon (Yr 11) went along with Mr Michael Taylor and Hong Nyugen (student teacher) to have a go.

They worked their hardest on some difficult problems which required them to link maths concepts from all areas together.
The students did themselves proud in representing the College. Thank you to Shelly Graham for providing transport for some of the students.

We will try to expand this to more teams and better preparation for next year.
Jacqui Lee  Maths Domain Leader.

TOURNAMENT OF THE MINDS:
We had two groups of students compete in the competition which was held at Deakin Burwood last Sunday. The idea of the Tournament of the Minds is to challenge students to think differently to solve problems and communicate ideas.

Students were able to prepare answers to some of the problems the day prior to the event. They had limited time to come up with solutions and scenarios, and had to work as a team and ‘think on their feet’ because of the time constraints. Thanks very much to both Ms Lee and Ms MMahon for their support of these students and for giving up their Sunday.
Project & Community Engagement Update:

In 2015 an Advisory Committee was formed to explore the options for the redevelopment of the Emerald Hall Precinct. This included a wide cross section of stakeholders.

Four design scenarios have been developed for your consideration. We will be providing relevant supporting information for each of the design scenarios and a series of key questions that have influenced the thinking and development. You can access more information online via our website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hillshub

There will be a listening post established at the Emerald library and hard copies of the design scenarios on display at various locations across Emerald during the consultation period.

Question and answer sessions will be conducted at the following location, dates and times:

**Emerald library meeting room Wednesday 31st August 2 – 8pm**

We are requesting that all feedback provided be registered. We are seeking your name, contact details and community group or organisation if applicable. This will ensure that the evaluation and reporting process is transparent and measurable.

If you have any questions, feedback or queries please do not hesitate to make contact with Tim Cooper, or an Advisory Committee Member.

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*If you have any questions or would like to be involved please contact Tim Cooper on:*

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2017 Debutante Ball

**Applications are now being accepted**

SATURDAY 1\(^{st}\) April 2017

For further information and to download an application form, go to [www.emeraldrotary.org.au](http://www.emeraldrotary.org.au)

Forms are also available at the School Office