

Emerald Secondary College



The Bush Telegraph

Emerald Secondary College is a Learning Community

Principal - Jodie Doble

College Council President - Phillip Dwyer

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Term 3 - 2017:

8th September 2017

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Important Dates:

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

SEPTEMBER:

Mon 11th-Fri 15th: Yr 8 Tasmanian Tour

Tue 12th: Yr 12 Maths Methods Exam Revision Lecture

Wed 13th-Mon 2nd October: Japan Trip

Wed 13th: Yr 12 English Exam Revision Lecture

Tue 19th: Snr VCAL Project Excursion

Tue 19th: Yr 12 Further Maths Exam Revision Lecture

Thu 21st: Parent/Teacher Interviews - Student Free Day

Fri 22nd: Last Day of Term 3

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From the Principal: STEM at ESC

Last week I wrote in our Newsletter about the vision for a new STEM centre at ESC. This week I was contacted by Brad Battin our local MP who is supporting our efforts to seek funding to see the STEM centre completed.

Thank you to all those parents who have written to all our local MPs seeking their support. For those who have yet to write and intend to do so, can I encourage you contact our local MPs seeking their support for this wonderful opportunity for our students, school and EDEC Learning community.

If any families require any support or further information please contact either myself, Brad Gibbs, our Head of Science, or Phillip Dwyer, our School Council President.

Spring Concert

Braving the elements on Tuesday night for our annual Spring Concert did not deter our students, staff and audience.

Kicking off with our Concert Band's rendition of 'Pirates of the Caribbean', the evening went from strength to strength.

What a fabulous evening. We are very privileged to have such talented students who are supported and taught by such inspiring staff.

I would like to thank Mr Crowley, Mr Edwards and all our Musical and Performing Arts staff. If you did miss out on the show please make sure you come along to our Autumn Music Concert next year.

ECHO Mentoring

At Emerald Secondary College we are very fortunate to be involved with and supported by our local community groups such as ECHO.

One of the programs they run is a mentoring program that supports our students to reach their potential.

On Wednesday this week we saw the celebration evening, where our mentors, students and their families came together to celebrate each and every student's success in the program.

Over a number of months, a group of students were trained and coached to become mentors whilst other students received much support, guidance and advice to reach their potential by working on a shared project with a mentor.

I would like to encourage all our students to take up this opportunity in the future either as a mentor, or a student who is mentored.

Thank you to Felicity Wooden, our Wellbeing Coordinator, and Mr Jeff Edwards for supporting this evening as well as all of the students, families and of course, ECHO, for their ongoing support of our students and College.

Principal For A Day

This week we were joined by Sally Cant, Director of a Private College, to job-shadow me through the Australian Council for Educational Research program 'Principal for a Day'. Sally joined in with the work of the Future Problem Solving Team, attended meetings, toured the College and visited many classes.

Sally was fascinated by how secondary schools work, and gave positive feedback on all she had seen and experienced, stating 'what a wonderful school and school community we have'.

Future Problem Solvers Selected for the National Championships.

On Monday this week, our seven students from across Years 7, 8 and 9 received an invitation to present their project 'PRIDE' (Promoting Respect, Inclusion and Diversity Equally) and represent Victoria at the Australian National Championships for Problem Solving.

Competing against both Private and State Secondary Colleges, only the top 15% of entries were selected for the National Finals this year.

I would like to congratulate the students, and thank their families for supporting their work throughout the year, and wish all the students the very best at the National Championships in Sydney in October this year.

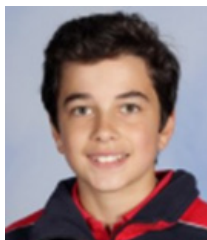
Jodie Doble, Principal



Junior School Student of the Week

Congratulations to our two Junior School Students of the Week this week.

Our first student is Jazmine Dewar of Year 9 who has been nominated by Ms Lee for her work in Maths this term. Ms Lee stated that Jazmine has been working extremely hard both in class and out of class to ensure that she can accelerate into Maths Methods in Year 11. Clearly Jazmine has set herself a goal of achieving and has a clear determination to reach it – which is great to see. Ms Lee also states that Jazmine is happy to help others and is always seeking out help as to what she needs to do to further improve/work on. Congratulations Jazmine on your work ethic in Maths!



Our second nomination for Junior School Student of the week is Aiden Todd of Year 7. Aiden has been nominated by Mr Kawakami for his conscientious and diligent work in Japanese. Mr Kawakami states that Aiden is a quiet, yet positive contributor in class who can work both independently and in groups. Aiden has been currently completing his Japanese CAT to a high standard, showing his great understanding of Japanese hiragana and numbers in reading, writing and listening. Congratulations Aiden on your work ethic. Well done!

Wednesday Lunches in the Gym

This Term, which can often be quite wet, we have had a small group of Year 11 boys running a lunchtime activity for all students in the Junior School at lunchtime. The Year 11 boys have done a great job in encouraging everyone from Years 7-9 in getting them involved in all the sports they have played. Some lunchtimes we have had over 70 students playing the indoor games. 'Battle Ball' is clearly a favourite with everyone as it is a great game for maximum participation. What has impressed me has been the way the Year 11's have supported and encouraged all the students that have come into the gym and I have also been really pleased with the respect shown by the Junior School kids to the seniors. It is great to see all age levels mixing with each other and having fun. If you are a student in Year 7 & 8 and you have not been involved then come down on Wednesday lunchtime!



Term 3 Music Soirees

Over the past four weeks I have been attending the Instrumental Soirees that have been running. Each instrumental teacher has held their own mini-concert with their students being given the opportunity to perform in front of a live audience of family and friends. I have been most impressed by the dedication of these students towards giving



their best efforts on the night of their soiree. What has also been impressive is the number of students who have been in more than one soiree - a great effort! I have also been impressed with the students improved ability from when I saw them this time last year. Everyone who has participated should be incredibly proud of themselves and for their courage in sharing their musical item with an audience.



Furthermore, I would like to acknowledge the way in which each of the instrumental staff – Sally, Warren, Ross, Melissa and Pete, have created an environment amongst the students where each of them has their own time to shine. Many thanks also to Mr Edwards for all the set-up involved and this includes his new sound and lighting crew!

Mike Jaremczuk & Estelle Alder - Assistant Principals Report

Book Week

Last week the Library held a Book Week Activity. This was just another fun activity held to keep encouraging students to continue reading and improve their literacy skills by being involved.

The students who attended created their own Book Report from their favourite book, and also participated in a book hunt for the Golden Ticket with prizes for all.

The Library and English staff dressed for the occasion and joined in the fun activities with all the students.

**Tracey Heldoorn -
Library Manager**



Cardinia Highway Patrol Visit

Cardinia Highway Patrol attended Emerald Secondary College last Monday to discuss driver and vehicle safety with the Year 11 and 12 VCAL students.



695 and Monbulk Pay Bus Services

Any students using these services will have noticed that inspectors have been present and checking for valid Myki cards recently. They have been issuing warnings for those that are not using the services correctly. As of today, these inspectors will be issuing fines for any student without a valid Myki card. Please make sure your Myki card is up to date and touch on/off when using these services.

Mark Sidney - Bus Coordinator



UPCOMING WORKING BEES for SEMESTER TWO

Following the huge success last term of our college working bee we are holding two for this Semester. Please make note of the following dates below and come along and help your school community create the best environment it can for our students.

TERM 3 - SATURDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 9am-12.30pm CANCELLED DUE TO INCLEMENT WEATHER - IT WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR TERM 4

All parents and students are invited to attend this event which will see work on areas that need re-invigorating to improve our College grounds. Parents are asked to bring with them any of the equipment items listed below on the day to assist with the work being carried out.

- Gloves
- Rakes
- Garden fork/shovel
- Wheelbarrows
- Pruning implements

Upon arrival parents/students will be required to sign in and then they can select work from a board that will be set up. The Meeting point will be just outside the General Office. We are hoping that students and parents can get behind this initiative. Morning tea will be provided to the hard workers. Please contact the College if you have any questions.

LOOKING AHEAD - TERM 4 – SUNDAY 29th OCTOBER 9am-12.30pm



Kickstart 2018 - 29th November – 12th December

This year Emerald Secondary College will have a Whole School Kickstart program for two weeks from the 29th November to 12th December. Kickstart gives students extra class time for the best possible start for their 2018 course, gives students an opportunity to make early subject changes, and allows for a smooth start to the 2018 year.

2017 subjects will finish on Tuesday November 28th and students will then move up to their next year level for 2018. The 2018 timetable will begin on 29th November, and students will be taking their 2018 subjects with their 2018 teachers (where possible).

Kickstart Attendance

In Kickstart the 2018 academic year begins, and attendance is mandatory. College expectations for attendance and academic performance are the same as for the usual school year. Senior School students should note that Kickstart attendance is mandatory and counts towards Unit 1&3 attendance. Classwork tasks must be completed as part of satisfactory completion coursework for a satisfactory Unit pass. Subject changes will be completed after Kickstart.

Kickstart textbooks and stationery

English novels will be available for use during Kickstart with early purchase through the College book seller, Lamonts. Students are expected to have their new 2018 exercise books with them during Kickstart. Teachers will provide copies of textbook information for students during the Kickstart period.

If you have any questions regarding Kickstart please contact:
Junior School – Minna Kanoa, Senior School – Jason Nicholas,
Assistant Principal – Estelle Alder

Kick Start!

Second Hand Uniform News

Opening Hours 2.30-3.15pm Fridays or by appointment out of hours - Phone Sue: 5968 4515

Anyone wishing to sell items of uniform, please contact Sue or leave them at the General Office in a bag labelled Second Hand Uniform.

We currently require sports shorts, winter skirts and Seniors uniform.

We do have some Music tops for sale at present. Anyone requiring Music tops please call into the Uniform Shop. Assorted sizes available.



Homework Club

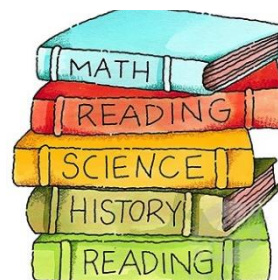
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

Details

When: Every Thursday from 3.20-4.30pm

Where: Room A7 with teacher assistance

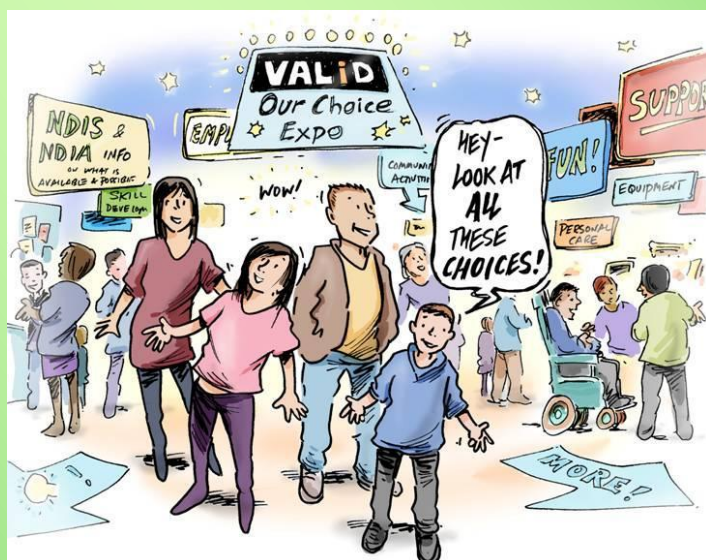
Who: All students from Years 7 - 12



Any questions, please contact Ms. Sarah Tounson – D Block staffroom

'OUR CHOICE EXPO'

Information & exhibits about the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) for people with disability & their supporters.



Are you getting ready for the NDIS?

Do you need to find out what is out there?

We expect over 120 exhibits.

Information Sessions on NDIS related topics.

National
disabilityinsurance
Scheme

10.00am - 4pm, Tuesday 21st November, 2017

**Caulfield Racecourse
pedestrian entrance via Gate 23 / carpark via Gate 2
Station St, Caulfield East**

VALID invites you to visit the Our Choice Expo featuring a wide range of services - day activity, leisure, travel, personal care, equipment, training, early intervention, housing, technology and other supports available for participants of the NDIS (National Disability Insurance Scheme) and their families.

Especially of interest to Southern Metro residents looking to be informed and prepared for the transition to the NDIS during 2018.

Free visitor entry

For more information on becoming an exhibitor at the Expo contact
VALID, 235 Napier Street, Fitzroy Vic 3065

Phone: 03 9416 4003 Website: www.valid.org.au

Exhibitor Registrations email: brenda@valid.org.au Inquiries: christine@valid.org.au



BELEZA PAKENHAM

TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS 2017

THE STORE WILL BE

CLOSED

FRIDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER to SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER

WE WILL RESUME NORMAL TRADING HOURS AS OF

MONDAY 2ND OCTOBER 2017

NORMAL TRADING HOURS

(Effective as of 2nd July 2016)

Monday to Friday - - 10:00am to 5:00pm

Saturday - - 10:00am to 1:00pm

