

Emerald Secondary College



The Bush Telegraph

Emerald Secondary College is a Learning Community

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Term 3 - 2017:

15th September 2017

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Important Dates:

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

SEPTEMBER:

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

OCTOBER:

Mon 2nd-Fri 6th: Unit 3/4 VCE
Practice Exams

Mon 9th: First day of Term 4

Mon 9th: Yr 7-9 PAT Testing Week

Fri 13th: Eastern Zone Athletics

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From the Principal:

VIC SRC Recognition Awards

Congratulations to our PRIDE (Promoting Respect, Inclusion and Diversity Equally) team who were nominated for a State wide award and have this week been selected as State Finalists.

In week one of next term the team and invited guests will be heading to The Arena at NAB Village in the city. At the finals they will meet a number of State dignitaries including the Minister of Education.

As well as congratulating the team, I would like to wish them the best of luck at the finals.

Community Support

Over the past months our School Council President has been working with the wider community seeking opportunities and support for our college and ways for our college to support the community.

wonderful initiative by donating the materials necessary to complete the construction of the Sensory Garden.

I was also contacted by Fernview Nurseries who have also offered to support this project by donating the plants for the garden space.

The team, supported by our VCAL students, will continue to work on the garden, and School Council have organised a working bee seeking the support of our parent community to help plant out the garden.

The student team are still seeking garden ornaments and windchimes. If any families have any garden ornaments, windchimes, wooden or metal furniture which they would be able to donate, please contact Mr Closter at the college or our School Council President, Phillip Dwyer.

I would like to thank our community, staff and students as well as the Emerald & District Co-op and Fernview Nurseries.



This week I was contacted by Emerald District & Cooperative Society who have heard about our Future Problem Solving student team, PRIDE, and their aim of establishing a Sensory Garden. The ED&CS have offered to support this

FISAF

Last weekend I had the honour of accompanying our 2017 Aerobics squad, parents and staff to the FISAF (Federation for International Sport Aerobics and Fitness) Spring Challenge. The two teams competed in the trio section and groups

section. The competition was fierce with national and international level athletes, and it was with great pride that we watched our students on the stage competing.

I would like to report to our community that both our teams won the Gold medal for their section.

Congratulations to all our Sports Aerobics athletes, and thank you to all our wonderful parents for supporting them by driving them to early morning training sessions and across the State to competitions.

Although the 2017 competitive Sports Aerobics events are now completed, students are invited to try out competitive aerobics and learn some of the 2018 choreography during our End of Year Activities Week. Any students with questions about Sports Aerobics should see Ms Donders in the PE Office.



Year 8 Tasmania Camp

Leaving at a very early hour, our Year 8 students and staff set off to explore Tasmania on the annual Year 8 camp this week. This is a very busy and action packed camp where our students will explore both the historical and cultural elements of Tasmania as well as enjoying fun adventures and activities.

Although we have been wet and cold this week in Emerald, reports back to the school have indicated milder and sunnier conditions in Tasmania.

We look forwards to hearing all about their adventures when they return on Friday this week.

Japanese Study Tour

This week we farewelled our staff and students who left on their journey to Mimasaka in Japan. This is an annual tradition where our students have the opportunity for homestay and study in Japan as well as enjoying some of Japan's many cultural and historical opportunities. I would like to wish our staff and students all the best for their trip and look forward to hearing all their news when they return next term.

I would like to encourage all our students and families to take up the opportunity to host a Japanese student or visit Japan in the future.

Inclusion Center

Although we are still waiting for some of the furniture to arrive, staff are moving into the new Inclusion Center and have begun work supporting our students. Ms Ryder-Barnes has taken on the responsibility for completing the Sensory room for our students in need, and intervention classes have started in the intervention rooms. Our counsellors and specialists have begun to work with our students, and Hills Physiotherapy have confirmed that they will be offering physiotherapy from the surgery room from the start of next term. Students with specific identified needs will receive this support and other times are bookable for our whole student community through Hills Physiotherapy in Emerald.

This week I was also contacted by the Emerald Medical Center who will be offering support in our surgery, starting with a visiting nurse.

Please contact Ms Ryder-Barnes for more information about this service.

2018 Uniform

Our current supplier, Beleza, has informed the school that it is running out of stock and will no longer be manufacturing the current uniform. Beleza does still have some ESC items. Please check their website for stock lists. There are also some second hand items for sale at the College on Fridays.

A reminder to our families that it will only be compulsory for the 2018 Year 7s to wear the complete new uniform. The new uniform can be purchased from PSW in Officer or through the PSW website.

Some students have discussed with me the Senior Uniform. Like all graduating year levels from both Primary and Secondary schools, our Year 12s will continue to have an option to purchase a Senior Uniform highlighting the importance of Year 12 as the final compulsory graduating year in school.

Mr Carnie, our Year 11 Coordinator, is currently working with our Year 11s designing their 2018 Senior Uniform which includes a jacket and top.

Jodie Doble, Principal

Junior School Student of the Week

This week as a continued focus on the Junior School I have looked at profiling students in the three SEAL classes we have in forms Yrs 7 – 9. SEAL is an academic program at the College that aims to engage and fast track opportunities for students to accelerate their learning. Congratulations to the three SEAL student who have been nominated as students of the week for this week.

Paige Ireson 7G



Paige has been nominated by her Science teacher Ms Wenzel for her outstanding leadership shown during an activity where students in groups had to prepare a mini lesson on their rock type (Paige's group did Sedimentary Rocks). Paige demonstrated leadership by organising the task in terms of what individuals would do and also in presenting the task to the class. Paige always gets on with her work and participates in class discussions in a positive way and is a great influence on the learning culture of the class.

Congratulations Paige on your successful nomination!

Lachlan Whyte 7G



Lachlan has been nominated by Mr Vear for his work in Digital Technologies. Mr Vear writes 'The Year 7 SEALs have been developing their computational thinking and problem solving skills by undertaking a series of Python programming challenges as part of the 2017 WiseTech Code Launch through Grok Learning. Over the course of the past several weeks, Lachlan has gained distinction as one of the keenest and most accomplished coders in the class by tackling and solving many of the most difficult challenges without teacher assistance. Moreover, he has generously shared his understandings with others, providing valuable guidance in terms of how to approach certain problems.

Congratulations Lachlan on your nomination as student of the week!

Jade Poort 7G



Jade has been nominated by her Year 7 maths teacher and also the Year 7 Coordinator Ms Galli for her attitude and approach to Maths. Ms Galli has noticed Jade's real focus on improving her Maths understanding stating Jade has consistently achieved over 100% in her Maths Pathway test by ensuring she revises before each test. In our enriched class, Jade has been willing to share her thoughts on problem solving to the whole class. Jade is always willing to help others in the class and is such a positive influence on her peers.

Congratulations Jade on your nomination as student of the week!

Classroom Visit's

Again this week we have been dropping in on classes to see the lessons in progress. In the senior classes, students are focused on tasks and work together through discussion and group work to develop both skills and understanding.

In some of the junior classes it has been great to see the variety of approaches to teaching and learning. An example of this was the stations activity that we visited in English. In one class, students were grouped in expert groups teaching and embedding content to the rest of their group before moving on to the next group.

Other subjects have also seen students extended through enrichment activities and problem solving. In the Science area Mr Gibbs and the Yr 12 Physics students have been developing their own experiments through their forces topic – which has been very interesting to observe. In Drama Mr Carnie has had the Year 7's developing their own script and performing their own mini-piece. Students then, as audience members, provide supportive and positive feedback to the group who acted so that they can further improve.

All of these activities are a snapshot of the great teaching and learning that is happening at our College on a daily and weekly basis.

Mike Jaremczuk & Estelle Alder - Assistant Principals

SEAL Program Accreditation

Last week Rob Newton the head of the TAASS (The Academy of Accredited SEAL Schools) executive came to Emerald Secondary College to Meet with Jodie Doble and Janine McMahon. Every four years it is necessary for all schools with a SEAL program to go through a re-accreditation process to ensure the quality of programs offered to students. During this meeting, we were able to share our Policies, selection procedures, Curriculum, Pathways available to our SEAL students and Professional Development undertaken by our SEAL teachers.



We are excited to announce, that our SEAL program has been re-accredited for a further four years.

Janine McMahon - SEAL Program Coordinator

Inclusion Update

We have now received 90% of the furniture for the new building and are almost ready to be 'officially' open. Last week ran our last Girls on the Go program in the multi purpose classroom. All girls participated in YOGA and it was great to see the space work effectively while also giving me the idea for Staff yoga, which will start in Term 4. The space was also the home for Learning 4 Life, YSAS, PEERS Social Skills Program, and throughout the week we also transitioned Felicity and Darryl, our fabulous Wellbeing team, who began using the counselling spaces immediately. In just two days, 19 students received one on one support and guidance from a member of the team.

Our Psychologists have also moved in and have been running their sessions in the comfort of a specifically designed counselling room. Cognitive Assessments have been underway and funded students have begun to receive their intervention programs to support their learning across the curriculum. By the start of Term 4 the entire building will be fully functional and we will have an official opening hopefully in week two of the term. An inclusive transition program is currently being planned for our 2018 Year 7 students with disabilities which we will be running through kick start in the lead up to the whole year orientation day on 12th December. Support programs will also be starting to take place in the new building and we are hoping to begin the Nurse/Doctor in residence program in Term 4.

MORE EXCITING NEWS – HILLS PHYSIOTHERAPY will be available from Term four.

Tanya Ryder-Barnes - Inclusion Coordinator



Hills Physiotherapy has been operating in Emerald for over 30 years, providing the premier physiotherapy, remedial massage, myotherapy and associated health services to the hills. With the addition of Clinical Pilates, Hydrotherapy, Orthotist and Chinese Medicine/Acupuncture, our range of services will cover the whole scope of pain or movement related disorder, as well as many others. We have strong experience in sports, particularly equestrian, football, basketball and athletics, but also have experience with less able patients needing assistance with neurological or developmental conditions.

Since all of our therapists live locally, we understand the community – we get you. We know what you go through at home, getting to school/work, gardening, playing sport – because we do too. We look forward to becoming more entrenched in Emerald and life in the Hills by offering physiotherapy at ESC.

Nikki Ceeney, and past ESC student, will provide physiotherapy services at the College on Monday afternoons, starting from Term 4, 2017 (1:30pm to 6pm). She is thrilled to be back on her old stomping grounds!

While we are organizing an effective booking system, if you are interested in booking an appointment to see Nikki on any Monday from 1.30pm – 6.00pm in Term 4 please call or email Tanya Ryder-Barnes on 5968 5388 or email ryder-barnes.tanya.t@edumail.vic.gov.au

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

Please note the Uniform Shop will be closed Friday 22nd September - last day of Term 3, but will open by appointment only on that day. Phone Sue on 5968 4515 for an appointment.

Usual hours will be each Friday 2.30-3.15pm in Term 4 or phone for out of hours appointment.

Sue Cambridge
ESC Uniform Shop



Homework Club

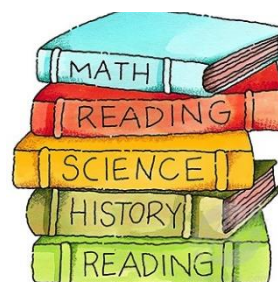
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

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

Kids With Cancer Foundation (Aust)

Bring the kids down and have a fun-filled family day out !

Bring your own bear and picnic

There will be fun activities throughout the day



SUNDAY 22ND
OCTOBER



Macclesfield Primary School, 405 Macclesfield Road
Macclesfield



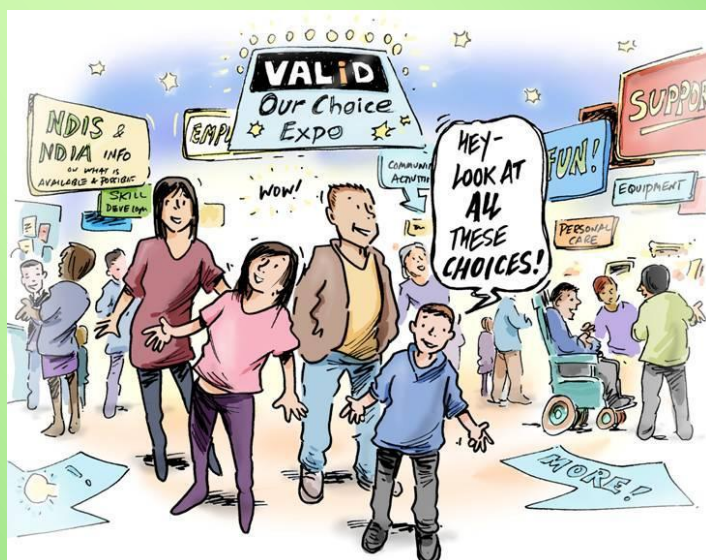
Entry Fee : \$10 per family **Gates open at 10:00am**



For more information contact: Eric Watson—eric@kidswithcancer.org.au Mob : 0428 509 510

'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



Gembrook Cricket Club Season 2017/2018

Come along to our Registration Day on

Saturday 16th September 10am – 12pm

@ Gembrook Sports Ground

Milo In 2 Cricket

Under 10's

Under 12's

Under 14's

Come along and be part of our great club!!

For more info contact

Dean Allcott (Junior Co-ordinator) on 0456877947 or

Sylvia Waddell (Vice President) on 0418538819



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

