Emerald Secondary College

The Bush Telegraph

Emerald Secondary College is a Learning Community

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College Council President - Paul Woods
Assistant Principal - Mike Jaremczuk
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Term 3 - 2016:
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SEPTEMBER:
Fri 16: Last day of Term 3

OCTOBER:
Mon 03: School Resumes Term 4
Mon 03 to Wed 05: Yr 12 Pracice Exams
Wed 05 to Fri 07: Yr 10 Advance Camp

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Principal’s Headlines:
Term Four
A reminder to all our families that we commence term 4 on Monday 3rd October.
This is a very busy term especially for our senior students who will be revising and preparing for the VCAA examinations held during October and November. I would like to wish all the students the very best with their studies, and remind them to plan and balance their study time with rest and a healthy eating plan.

Our College staff and wellbeing team are here to assist all our students during this time. If families notice any changes in their child’s behaviour or personality leading into the examinations, I would like to encourage you to contact the College immediately to enable us to offer supports and advice as necessary.

School Canteen
This week we said goodbye to our two lovely canteen ladies. Both Joy and Dianne have dedicated a wonderful service to our college and student community for a number of years, and we wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Bocca Foods will be ready with a full breakfast and lunch service from Monday 3rd October. Bocca have worked closely with the College to ensure the menu and service meets the needs of our students and learning community. The manager, Michael is looking forwards to working with our SRC to supply healthy options and listen to specific requests from our students.

Kokoda trail adventure
After months of preparation we said farewell to our staff and students who are about to begin the long walk on the historic Kokoda track. The Kokoda trail is known as one of the world’s greatest treks, linking the southern and northern coast of Papua New Guinea. Reliving the grueling 96km hike through rugged mountains and rain forests that our armed forces endured during World War II, our group of students and staff will have many tales and memories to share when they return. We would like to wish Mr. Mike Jaremczuk, Ms. Carrie Wallis and all our students a safe and wonderful adventure.

Parent Teacher Meetings
This week we held our second annual parent teacher afternoon and evening. These meetings are important to enable us to work with our students and families to support each student in achieving their personal best. If any families missed out on making an appointment I would like to encourage you to contact the school to make an appointment on an alternative day

Buildings update
This week I received the plans for the new buildings. At present the Department of Education and architect have not given any indication regarding the timeline for the building program. The plans will be on display next term in the main office.

ESC wins gold at FISAF
On Saturday 10th September I had the great honour of escorting the College Aerobics team to the FISAF Future Legends State competition.
It was wonderful to see so many parents and families also attending the event and showing support for our team.

FISAF is an international level
competition, and it was with great pride to see our team not only win the gold medal but also receive great accolades from the judges who commented on their excellent technical skills, team work, athleticism and showmanship.

The event closed with the skills of the current Australian team who are about to represent our country at the World Championships in Europe next month.

**2017 Debutante Ball**
The 2017 Debutante Ball applications are now open. This is a wonderful event for our school community where life long memories and friendships are made. Supported by the Emerald Rotary Club, our students are taught a fusion of tradition expectation and modern culture through their formal dances. The ball will take place on Saturday 17th of June. There will be practice prior to the ball to enable all our debutante’s and their partner’s time to learn the set dances. Application can be collected from the College main office.

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.

**Jodie Doble - Principal**

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**New Uniform Information and Implementation**

Thank you for your feedback and input into our recent survey, which received a very strong response from parents, students and staff. This feedback has been communicated to the School Council and School Council Uniform Subcommittee, and your feedback, suggestions and ideas have been raised and discussed.

This notice is to clarify some questions and concerns raised in your responses, and provide additional information.

The College decided to change the school uniform for several reasons, including:

- **Cost to families** – several uniform items will be able to be purchased from department stores.
- **Accessibility to items** – a Uniform Shop on site, online ordering & delivery, and more stores make it easier for families to purchase items.
- **Improved quality** – many families have complained about the quality and longevity of items. This is not acceptable for our community.
- **Customer service and supply** – many families have experienced frequent frustrations and extended delays on back-ordered uniform items. This is not acceptable service to our community.
- **Fit, comfort & warmth** – the updated designs respond to frequent feedback from students and families about the shortcoming of the current uniform design.
- **Expanding Second Hand opportunities** – fewer uniform items will mean a great availability of sizes of second hand items.

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**Points of Clarification**
- 2017 Year 7 students can only wear the new uniform
- Our current students may wear either uniform until 2020
- Our current students can wear items from both the old and new uniform during the transition years
- Our Year 12 students will continue to select and design their own unique Year 12 Jacket each year
- Blazers and ties are optional items
- The white shirt can be purchased from stores such as Big W, K Mart etc, to help with cost to families
INCLUSION NEWS

This term we have been focusing on numeracy in Inclusion and the results have been amazing. We have seen 74% of attempted activities receiving a result of 85% or more!! 93% of students are attempting to answer a question a second time which is showing a real growth in resilience and persistence which is fabulous and 29 Bronze certificates and a record 3 silver certificates have been achieved in just one month!!!! Well done Declan Marr-Reid for being the first student to reach his silver certificate:) The students have really worked hard and we are really seeing growth and a significant improvement in engagement in the Inclusion centre. WELL DONE TEAM!!!! Next term we will be focusing on LITERACY and look forward to celebrating our results with you then.

Tanya Ryder-Barnes, Inclusion Leader

Uniform Policy

Our Uniform Policy will be updated to reflect the change in uniform. This will be published before the end of the year and additional information will be sent to families.

Things to consider:
- Students will be able to wear the current uniform until 2020, but certain items may not be in stock from the supplier.
- Students choosing to purchase the Senior School uniform may not be able to sell or pass on those items.

Thank you once again for your valuable feedback in the changes to our uniform. We will continue to update our school community as soon as information becomes available. In the meantime please feel free to contact the school.

Jodie Doble, on behalf of School Council
Sunday 23rd October
9th Annual Monbulk Fun Run
'Run to the G'
Halloween Special Event
4 & 8 Km Run/Walk

Market Stalls
BBQ Breakfast
(Gold coin donation)
Awards for category winners
& best Halloween costume

8.00am Registrations
8.30am Warm up
9.00am Races Start

Registrations
Children u/ 12 $5
Teens 13-18 $10
Adults $20
Family $40

Funds raised go to:
Monbulk Rotary Club Community Support Account (for those affected by loss or tragedy) and MADCOW supporting Community Projects

Monbulk Cricket Ground
2B Moores Rd, Monbulk

Proudly supported by
Monbulk & District Community Bank® Branch
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BELEZA PAKENHAM & MOUNTAIN GATE

TERM 3 SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TRADING HOURS

LAST DAY OF TERM (16TH SEPTEMBER 2016)

BOTH STORES WILL BE

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BETWEEN

SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER 2016 to SATURDAY 24TH SEPTEMBER 2016

WE WILL RESUME BACK TO NORMAL TRADING HOURS AS OF

MONDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2016

NORMAL TRADING HOURS

(Effective as of 4TH July 2016)

PAKENHAM

Monday to Friday - - 10:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday - - 10:00am to 1:00pm

MOUNTAIN GATE

Monday to Thursday - - 10:00am to 5:00pm
(Wednesday & Friday – CLOSED)
Saturday - - 9:30am to 12:30pm
1 in 4 young people is experiencing a mental health difficulty.

70% do not access support. If they do, most will turn to their parents first.

Parents want to help, but want more information about:

- Communication
- Peer pressure
- Drugs, alcohol, and smoking
- Study stress and education
- Bullying
- Self-esteem
- Anxiety
- Social media and technology use

That’s why we’ve introduced a new service to help parents help teenagers: ReachOut.com/Parents
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Booking forms available at:
My Place (5-7 Main Street, Pakenham)
online www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth
or call 1800 4 YOUTH