

# Emerald Secondary College



## *The Bush Telegraph*

Emerald Secondary College is a Learning Community

**Principal** - Jodie Doble

**College Council President** - Phillip Dwyer

**Assistant Principal** - Mike Jaremczuk

**Assistant Principal** - Estelle Alder

**Business Manager** - Jayne Thompson



### **Term 4 - 2017:**

13th October 2017

**Issue 31**

### **Important Dates:**

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

### **OCTOBER:**

**Wed 18th-Fri 20th:** Yr 9 Outdoor  
Ed Camp

**Thu 19th:** Primary School Music  
Tour - Stage Band and  
Guitar Ensemble

**Fri 20th:** Primary School Music  
Tour - Concert Band

**Fri 20th:** Yr 10 Legal Studies Court  
Visit

**Wed 25th:** Yr 8-10 STEM  
(Engineering) Students  
Excursion

**Thu 26th:** Yr 11 Outdoor Ed Phillip  
Island Study Trip

**Sun 29th:** School Working Bee

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### **From the Principal:**

#### **School Holiday Works**

Works on the College grounds continued over the Term break with several major changes occurring. Some of this work continued as part of the new build to some areas whilst other works are due to Departmental requirements. From this term, students will be able to access the new canteen/cafeteria which will provide a far better eating space for our students.

The College has had its road/parking and access areas re-sprayed clearly indicating areas of pick-up only. We request that parents do not block the drive-through access lane by parking in clearly marked no standing areas.

Students and parents will also notice demolition works at the end of B block and removal of the silo which housed the dust extraction equipment.

#### **Emergency Management Planning**

##### **– Your Role as an ESC Parent**

A reminder that the College has clear processes when it comes to handling all range of potential emergencies that the College or its students may face. Below is a reminder to parents of some of the key steps/key information that you need to be aware of:

- All parents are responsible to ensure that the College has accurate records of key information such as relevant/current mobile phone numbers and student addresses, along with key emergency contacts
- Parents are notified by email and SMS of any emergency situation – this information also requests

that parents do not come to the College to collect their child unless specifically requested

- Parents are responsible to ensure they register their children for the correct school bus and that they only travel on this bus – PTV Myki buses not included
- The College does hold mock drills to ensure its staff and students are prepared for potential emergencies.
- During bushfire season, the College does have a shelter in place on site. Parents will be notified in advance if there is a school closure due to predicted extreme fire conditions. Parents should discuss with their children their own fire plan – as well as alternatives of where their child would go on a day of extreme fire conditions and the school is closed.

#### **Planned Burn Around the College**

The Department of Education has been working with the school and agencies to look at maximising the safety of our students during the fire season via staging a planned burn around the College. Due to a recent review facilitated by CSIRO and with representatives from EMV, Cardinia Shire, DET regions, CFA and DELWP, it was concluded that Emerald Secondary College has significant fuel loads adjacent to the school. Work by Justin Leonard from CSIRO indicates that fuel reduction is needed. The College will ensure all parents and neighbours surrounding the area are notified as to when this planned burn will take place.



### Farm School Term 3

Hello, our names are Sian and Chloe and last Term we were lucky enough to be able to attend Farm School program each Wednesday as part of a program that Emerald is involved in with Upwey High School and Sherbrooke Community School. Our Term at Farm school has made us feel both confident to overcome our fears, take on new challenges and also to be confident in who we are. We had a good group of girls in our Term and Mr J and the Assistant Principals of the other schools decided that the program would run as an all-girls group in Term 3. This made the program more enjoyable for us, and overall if any student gets the opportunity to attend Farm school in the future, we both recommend that you take it up – even though it might sound different to what you are used to at school, as it is such a fun program where you work on lots of little goals. When you finally complete the Term you feel very proud of yourself and happy!

### Welcome Back to the Japan Trip Students

At the start of the second week of the holidays, Year 10 Japanese students returned from their visit to our sister school Mimasaka Senior High School in Tsuyama, Japan. All the students had a wonderful time and represented themselves and the College with distinction. There were many highlights on the trip for each student but overall the comments from the group focused on just how different their way of life is – but also how there are many things that we have in common. We look forward to these students presenting at assembly about their trip. Such a trip does not happen without all the planning and documentation that goes into this opportunity for our students and we would like to acknowledge the work of Mr Daisuke Kawakami, who is the Languages Domain Leader, for all his planning to make it a successful trip. A huge thanks to the staff who went with the students, Jo Cameron and Will Creagh.



### Staff Win Bronze Medal at Victorian Teachers Games

Congratulations to some of our staff who represented ESC early in the Term break at the Victorian Teachers Games in Ballarat.

The school entered a team into the AFL 9's competition and despite going up against a significantly younger cohort of teachers from other schools across the State, the College came away with the Bronze Medal – not to mention a few aches and pains! Well done to those staff!



### ESC Working Bee – Sunday 29th October

Can you spare some time to help maintain a great learning environment for our kids? Would you like the opportunity to take a tour of our new inclusion centre and canteen/cafeteria?

**TOURS WILL OCCUR DURING THE WORKING BEE ON THE MORNING**

**Mike Jaremczuk and Estelle Alder - Assistant Principals**



## Hills Physiotherapy now at Emerald Secondary College!

Starting this Monday 9 October, we are proudly offering our services from within rooms at  
Emerald Secondary College, on Mondays from 1-6:30pm.

These services are available to students, teachers, staff, and families.

At school, contact your inclusion coordinator- **Tanya Ryder Barnes** for appointments  
or head over to our website [www.hillsphysiotherapy.com.au](http://www.hillsphysiotherapy.com.au).

You can also give us a call on 1300 9 HILLS (1300 944 557).



Nikki McRae (Ceeney) is a former ESC student and thrilled to be on her old stomping grounds. Nikki is a highly skilled therapist and is a perfect fit for the college community! We are proud to be able to offer Access to this level of Excellence.

### YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY DINNER TICKETS NOW ON SALE

**Must be paid for by Friday 20th October**

**Standard Ticket \$70, Child Ticket \$45 (under 12 years old)**

**Dress Code: Semi-Formal**

**28th November 2017, 6.30pm**

**The Grand on Cathies Lane, Wantirna.**

The Valedictory Dinner is a night to celebrate the achievements of our student cohort in reaching this milestone in their lives, and to thank all those who have supported them over the years; their parents, friends and the staff.

#### **Payment Information:**

All payments for Valedictory Dinner tickets will need to be made through the Finance Office at school. Payments for tickets can be made by cash, cheque or credit card. You will need to pay for all guests at the time of purchase. You will also need to return the Payment Form that was distributed to students in PASE on Monday 18th September. Spare copies can be collected from the Senior School Office or the General Office.

Tickets will be ready for collection from the General Office during the exam period from 29th October, once table arrangements have been finalised.

A reminder that **all fees must have been paid in full** before Valedictory Dinner Tickets can be purchased.

Please note that, as this is an official school event, **alcohol will not be served or allowed.**

**Tanya Moran, Yr 12 Coordinator**

*Class of 2017*  
*Valedictory Dinner*



## 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

Will be open every Friday from 2.30pm - 3.15pm.

For out of hours secondhand uniform enquiries please phone Sue Cambridge on 5968 4515

**Sue Cambridge**  
**ESC Uniform Shop**



## Homework Club

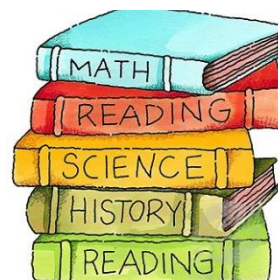
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

### 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



# **Menzies Creek PS 2017 Family Festival Saturday October 21<sup>st</sup> 2 - 9pm**



**Stalls  
Rides  
Hot food  
Music  
Magician**

**Fireworks @ 9pm**



**MENZIES CREEK**

PRIMARY SCHOOL