

# Emerald Secondary College



## *The Bush Telegraph*

Emerald Secondary College is a Learning Community

Principal - Jodie Doble  
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### Term 4 - 2017:

20th October 2017

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### Important Dates:

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

### OCTOBER:

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

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

**Sun 29th:** School Working Bee

**Tue 31st:** Yr 12 Theatre Studies  
Stagecraft Exam  
Yr 8 LEAP Higher  
Incursion

### NOVEMBER:

**Wed 1st-Fri 24th:** Yr 12 Exams

**Fri 3rd:** Yr 11 Math Methods  
Quantum Vic. Excursion

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### From the Principal:

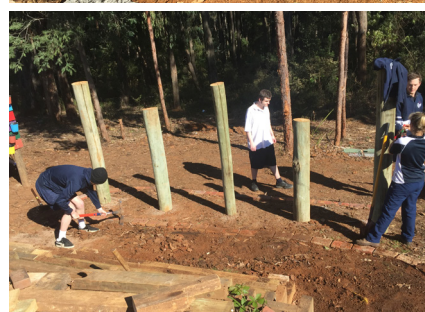
#### VIC SRC

Last week our Future Problem Solving team took their inclusion project to the VIC SRC awards. The students had to write about their work and develop a three minute video. Finalists were invited to Docklands to meet Minister Merlino and wait to hear the outcome. Ms Ryder-Barnes accompanied the students and their families to the event and it is with great pride that I can announce to the community that our students won the VIC SRC award for 2017. I would like to thank Ms Ryder-Barnes, the students and their families for all their hard work and support.



#### VCAL students leading the way.

Even though our Year 12 VCAL students are coming to the end of their formal education and time at ESC, they have been pulling out all the stops to build the College's new Sensory Garden. The garden is positioned at the front of the new Inclusion building and has been researched and designed by our Future Problem Solving team and our Senior VCAL students. With the amazing support of our local Mitre Ten who have donated all the materials, and plants from Fernview Nurseries, the garden is beginning to look amazing. We are aiming to have the garden completed by the official opening of the Inclusion Centre on Tuesday 31st October.



### Australian National Championships

This week I will be accompanying our Future Problem Solving Team and parents to the Australian National Championships for Future Problem Solving. Our seven students that make up the team from Year 7 to Year 9 have been working hard all year on their project and are very excited but nervous to be representing our College and the State of Victoria at the event. I would like to wish all the students good luck, and would like to thank all the students, their families and our staff who have supported them throughout the year.

### VET Awards

This week, the 2017 annual VET awards were held at Rowville Secondary College Arts Centre. We had a number of our students nominated for the top awards due to their dedication, hard work and perseverance in their studies.

It was wonderful to receive a lovely email from one of our parents who acknowledged and thanked all our dedicated and hard working teachers who support students to achieve their best.

A special mention to Mitchy Dasler who won the overall VET award for Certificate II in Horticulture.



### Whole School Assembly

This week we held the first of our Term Four whole school assemblies. Our students who visited Japan gave an account of their experiences and, with the support of Ms Cameron, showed a video to our school community highlighting the many wonderful experiences our students were involved with in Japan. Ms Hanley and the Performing Arts staff discussed our whole school production plans for 2018, and we officially recognised the hard work and dedication of our 2017 College Captains. I would like to thank Jacinta Howden, Jamieson Scott, Jensen Oncken and Holly Bast for their leadership and support throughout the year.

### Cup Eve

I would like to make our community aware that Monday 6th November, the day before the Melbourne Cup Day holiday, the College will be open. However due to low student attendance in recent years we will be running an alternative timetable. Students completing the final examinations for VCE must be in school to complete the following examinations.

- 9.00am- Further Mathematics examination part 2,
- 3.00pm- Business Management examination.

**Jodie Doble - Principal**

### Junior School Student of the Week



Congratulations to our student of the week this week who is Jake Baumgarth of 8A. Jake has been nominated by his Humanities teacher, Ms Mosca, for his efforts all year in Humanities. Ms Mosca stated that Jake is on task for every single task without fail. He is hard working and applies himself to all tasks. He asks for feedback if unsure of how he is progressing with a task and takes on board that feedback to improve his work. He is polite and considerate of his classmates and will assist those around him if possible. Jake works well with others in groups and also independently – and it is a pleasure having him in the class.

Congratulations Jake on your nomination as student of the week!

### Emergency Management Processes – SMS Message

Last week the College as part of its preparedness for the coming fire season trialled with the parent community a test SMS message which required parents to confirm yes they received the SMS by texting back yes. If you have not already done so can you locate the message and SMS back yes. The College has been working with the Department to ensure all processes and protocols are in place along with continuing to assess the way we plan and manage potential threats/situations. In the next few weeks the College will again hold a mock simulation of an evacuation to our onsite 'shelter in place' facility which is the College Gym. Again the staff will monitor how this goes and provide feedback to staff and initiate any changes needed.

### Junior School Assembly

On the first Monday of the Term students from the Junior School were involved in an assembly with a focus around resilience. The theme was covered in relation to the Richmond Football Club – something very close to Mr J's heart. Along with bragging about the Tigers' victory, Mr J spoke about Kane Lambert (number 23) and his journey into the AFL and his ultimate dream – to win a flag. The students heard how Kane had many obstacles just to get to football at the elite level, and how many times he could have been excused for possibly thinking about giving up on his dream. The talk brought home just how important it is to challenge yourself when things aren't going well and to persevere and get back up after being knocked down.

### Congratulations Mr Kawakami

Last Sunday Mr Kawakami participated in the Melbourne Marathon – a huge achievement. His time of just over the three hour mark was awesome given the elite athletes finish the Marathon in around 2 hours 30 minutes. His result is not bad considering all the other things he does outside school with his Taiko work – which limits his training. Well done Mr K – you are an inspiration to others!

### Parent Pickup & Parking

Over the term break the College had parking areas and drive through lanes resprayed at the front of the College to provide clear direction for parents during pickup time. The map below indicates these designated areas. Parents may also need to make note of the change with regards to parking down near the Gym which is now a non-parking/pickup area due to works and also student safety.





Once again, we would ask parents to refrain from sitting in the drive through lane waiting for room in front of EPAC, and also from parking in designated no standing zones.

### College Working Bee

Can you spare some time to help maintain a great learning environment for our kids? Would you like the opportunity to tour our new Inclusion Centre and canteen/cafeteria? Then, all you need to do is come along to the Term 4 working bee on Sunday 29th October 9am-12.30pm. Tours will occur during the working bee on the morning.



### Uniform Blitz

This week, the College Year Level Coordinators will be having a blitz on the uniform. To support parents in assisting their child/children we would remind you of the following:

- Students can only wear PE uniform outside of normal PE time if they have a note from their parents
- Students cannot wear their PE top/shorts with the rest of their normal uniform
- The College's expectation is that every student has plain fully enclosed shoes which are all black including any visible logo, laces or fastenings.
- Students who are out of uniform should head up to the general office prior to the start of period 1 to borrow a replacement item for the day
- Tracksuit pants are not a part of the uniform
- Students who need a shoe pass must have a note from home regarding their non-school shoes
- As we are now in Term 4 – beanies can no longer be worn and hats must be all blue or all black.

The College wishes to continue to support the parent community who expect students also to be in full school uniform regardless of what time of the year it is.

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

### Eastern Zone Athletics

12 of our school's best athletes headed to Knox athletics track for Zone Athletics on Friday 13th October, where we had some outstanding results:

Ashlee Bowden

1st 800m 14 years

1st 1,500m 14 years

3rd 200m 14 years

Tanesha Gelastopoulos

2nd 400m 12/13 years

Nicole Smith

3rd Discus 17 years

Ashlee is off to the state championships at Albert Park later this month, wish her luck if you see her around!

**Marion Donders, Sports Coordinator**



The College Magazine, Parraweena, was not included in this year's school fees. Any family/student wishing to obtain a copy of the 2017 Parraweena will need to order/pay for a copy via Compass. Parents will see this payment option on their Compass homepage and all they need to do to order is either:

1. Pay via Compass
2. Pay at the general Office

The cost of this year's magazine is \$20 and the cut-off date for ordering is 10th November 2017.

Purchased magazines will be handed out in December.

Any questions with ordering please contact the College Finance team.



## 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).

# Kick Start!

### 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



# Homework Club

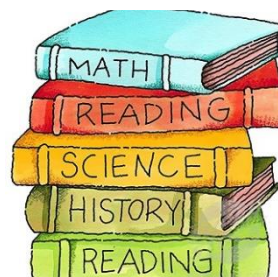
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

### 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*



Official Opening and Smoking Ceremony performed by Wurundjeri Elder.

# Inclusion & Learning Centre



Marrnangth Turrt-Pirm  
*Reach for the Stars*



October 31, 2017  
12.45pm - 1.45pm

Emerald Secondary College  
425 Belgrave-Gembrook Road  
[emerald.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:emerald.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au)



## PARENTS BUILDING SOLUTIONS DADS DO MATTER (DDM) WORKSHOP

### Introduction about Challenges Dads face with their teenagers

- Increasing confidence as a dad.
- Improving communication and relationship with your teen.
- Learning how to cope with stress, emotions and anger.

**COST:** FREE

**WHEN:** Tuesday 14th November, 2017

**TIME:** 6.30pm - 8.30pm

**WHERE:** Emerald Secondary College  
425 Belgrave Gembrook Rd  
Emerald, Vic, 3782

### For bookings & inquiries contact:

**Call:** Felicity Wooden, Wellbeing Leader  
5968 5388 or  
Jasbir Singh 0431 203 177 or text your name  
to register

**Email:** [wooden.felicity.f@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:wooden.felicity.f@edumail.vic.gov.au)  
or [jasbir.suopada@anglicarevic.org.au](mailto:jasbir.suopada@anglicarevic.org.au)



[anglicarevic.org.au](http://anglicarevic.org.au)

BETTER  
TOMORROWS

## 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**

Mount Burnett Observatory and Emerald Secondary College Present

## Professor Jeff Cooke

Swinburne University OzGrav ARC Centre for Excellence

# GRAVITATIONAL WAVES , COSMIC CATAclysm AND AN ASTRONOMICAL GOLD RUSH



Scientists have detected a cataclysmic star collision using both gravitational waves and light.

The discovery is being hailed as a new dawn for astronomy.

Thousands of astronomers were involved, using more than 70 telescopes around the world.

The discovery confirms theories about the speed of light, how gold is created and the origins of gamma ray bursts.

Hear Jeff Cooke talk about these sensational Astronomical discoveries!



Photo: NASA/Dana Berry

Friday October 27th from 7.30pm  
EPAC - Emerald Secondary College





# Base Camp

## Open Event

### LEAVING SCHOOL?

Please join us at our Base Camp site for an information session to learn more about Knoxbrooke's Achieve program, which has been designed to teach the skills needed to achieve employment or further education.



#### Event info

Date: Wednesday 25 October 2017  
Time: 6.00pm to 7.30pm

OR

Date: Saturday 28 October 2017  
Time: 11.00am to 12.30pm

Where: 88 Station Street Ferntree Gully

RSVP to: 1300 Knoxbrooke or 9758 3666  
By Monday 23 October 2017

LIMITED PLACES  
REGISTER EARLY



## THE FLOURISHING CHILD



### CALM AND CONTENTED

5 ways to create a more peaceful home and to nurture your child's development

### 5 Part Seminar Series for Parents

November 2017 – November 2018



with Educational and Developmental Psychologist Dr Michelle Andrews  
Presented by Gembrook Primary School

It has been said that parenting is the most difficult job in the world. Many parents say that they feel stressed out by the constant demands, not to mention the social pressure to get it 'right'.

These parenting seminars will provide you with practical tools and techniques to help you to parent with more confidence and joy and to raise happy and resilient children who thrive.

The presenter of these seminars is Dr Michelle Andrews, the founder of The Flourishing Child, a child and family psychology practice based in Gembrook. Michelle has a doctorate in child wellbeing from the University of Melbourne and is the mother of three young children, so she knows firsthand the joys and challenges of being a parent.

#### How to strengthen your connection with your child

9 November 2017, 6-7.30pm

#### How to adopt a mindful and conscious approach to your parenting

1 March 2018, 6-7.30pm

#### How to parent with compassion during stressful situations

17 May 2018, 6-7.30pm

#### How to emotion coach your child through difficult moments

16 August 2018, 6-7.30pm

#### How to solve problems collaboratively with your child

8 November 2018, 6-7.30pm

Individual Seminar Fee, \$5, supper provided.

#### Gembrook Primary School

50 Main Road, Gembrook, Victoria, 3783

Please visit our website for more information and to book. [thefLOURISHINGchild.com](http://thefLOURISHINGchild.com)