

# Emerald Secondary College



## *The Bush Telegraph*

Emerald Secondary College is a Learning Community

**Principal** - Jodie Doble

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### Term 4 - 2017:

27th October 2017

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### Important Dates:

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

### OCTOBER:

**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

**Tue 7th:** Melbourne Cup Day

Public Holiday

**Fri 10th:** Remembrance Day

Whole School Assembly

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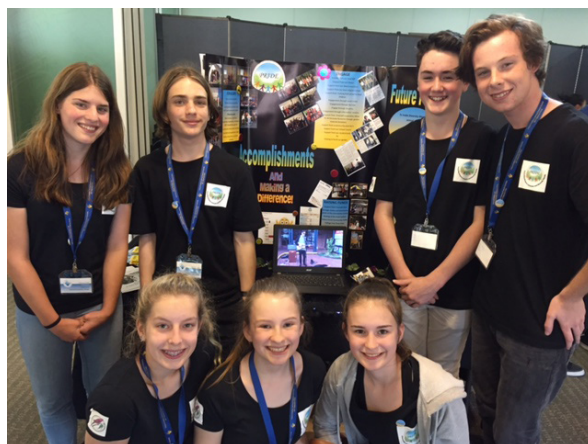
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### From the Principal:

#### Australian National Championships

Last week I accompanied our Future Problem Solving Team and parents to the Australian National Championships for Future Problem Solving held at Knox Grammar School in NSW. Our seven students that make up the team from Year 7 to Year 9 stepped up to the challenges and the intense competition from across Australia and Tasmania.

Narrowly missing out on a place to represent Australia at the World Championships next year, our team received praise and strong encouragement to continue their project and enter again next year. These young people really performed to the highest expectations and made our School, School Community and State of Victoria proud.



Congratulations to Jessica Tilson, Ayden Gadsden, Charli Read, Noa Silversten, Maddison Young, Emily Tilson and Michael Dance.

#### Cup Eve

I would like to make our community aware that the eve before the Melbourne Cup holiday on Monday 6th November, 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 exams for VCE must be in school to complete the following exams:

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

#### Mathematics at Emerald Secondary College

Emerald Secondary College is committed to reviewing our programs to ensure we are providing the best teaching and learning for students so they have "Access to Excellence". After seeking feedback from parents, students and the community, the school has decided the current Mathematics Program needed some changes to ensure every student can access their learning and achieve their personal best in Mathematics.

Emerald Secondary College has decided not to continue with the Maths Pathway Program for Years 7 to 10 in 2018. Whilst we acknowledge the program is working well for some students, as a whole, student engagement and achievement is not as high as the school would aim for. Our longitudinal student achievement data shows that the program has assisted some students at the lower end of Mathematics performance and achievement, but has not met or extended students who are at or above State Standards.

Our Mathematics staff have been working with DET and the Bastow professional training institute to develop what we believe will be a meaningful, rich learning

Mathematics program. Students will still have five classes a week in Mathematics, but will have explicit enriched learning classes, problem solving and reasoning tasks supported by text, online resources and classroom teaching and learning.

The school will be providing differentiated learning of Mathematics to all students at the school. Students in Years 7-10 of SEAL may be working ahead of the current level if they are achieving high results.

***What support will be offered for my child, as they are below standard in Mathematics?***

Over the next few weeks, the school will send a letter home to the families of students they have identified as needing more support in the classroom. These families will not purchase a textbook, but instead pay a Mathematics levy. The levy will be used to buy a book and resources that is more appropriate to the child's level to support their learning. The school is also investigating as to whether a separate intervention program could be run in 2018.

If parents and families have any further questions regarding Mathematics please contact Ms Michelle Galli at the College.

**Kick Start**

This year, the whole College will begin the 2018 curriculum timetable on Tuesday 28th November. All students will move up one year level, receive their timetables and new lockers. Students will begin their 2018 studies, and will receive study over the end of year break to assist them to achieve their personal best.

The 2018 booklists will be available in the next few weeks for all our families to order the 2018 texts. Families who order their books before the December cut off will be eligible for free door to door delivery.

Lamont books are also publishing an early Year 10, 11 and 12 English textbook list to enable our Senior students to read their novels as part of their studies. Early English booklists will go out next week and ordered books will be delivered to the College for the students on Friday 24th November.

**STEM at Emerald Secondary College**

At ESC, our students experience a number of achievements in Science, Maths and Digital Technologies with opportunities and programs that go beyond many other Secondary Colleges. Our partnership with Mt Burnett Observatory and our Telescopes in Schools Program, as well as our partnerships with Universities including New Mexico, our students have opportunities beyond the College to engage in Science, Technologies, Engineering and Mathematics.

Last year I wrote to, and spoke with, a number of politicians invited to view our College: James Merlino, our Minister of Education, Daniel Mulino, the Shadow Minister for Education, Simon Birmingham, the Federal Minister of Education, Jason Woods, the Federal Member for Latrobe and Brad Battin, our local MP and Member for Gembrook. During our discussions I sought funding for a new STEM centre at ESC to replace E block and G block, two buildings in desperate need of attention. Unfortunately in the latest financial grants to schools for buildings ESC did not receive any financial support.

G block is currently used for the Learning and Teaching of LOTE, Maths and Science, and E block is a purpose built block for sciences only. These concept designs replace what is currently G block and our E block science rooms. The STEM rooms will be purpose built Physics, Biology and Chemistry room and labs as well as rooms for our STEM subjects.

Our School Council is working on writing letters to all our politicians to seek financial support for five million dollars and I would like to encourage all our families to write to our MP's seeking funding for our school and our students education. I would like to urge and encourage any other parents in our community who would also like to see our Maths and Science facilities not only improved, but developed into a real 21st Century Learning and Teaching space for our students, to write to all our local MP's seeking financial support for this wonderful initiative.

**Jodie Doble - Principal**

**Witnesses to Justice**

On Friday 20th October, the Year 10 Legal Studies class visited the Ringwood Magistrates' Courts to observe real cases be contested and resolved. The Magistrates' Court may be the lowest in the Victorian court hierarchy, but it is a very busy place, dealing with such a broad range of criminal and civil matters.

As we waited in the foyer for court sessions to begin, a defendant was walked through in handcuffs and was escorted by guards... this certainly piqued the interest of our students, hoping to sit in on his case, but it was not to be.

Students sat attentively in the public galleries of a number of court rooms, observing court protocols such as remaining silent while court was in session and nodding to the Magistrate as they entered and exited the various court rooms. Across the day, students saw a number of inmates already serving prison sentences have OTHER matters heard in court, with CCTV used to allow the defendants to participate in the proceedings. There were also a number of defendants who chose to self-represent, which meant the Magistrate explained the court processes in more detail for their benefit, and useful for our students as well. It was interesting for students to hear about the different considerations that the Magistrates make when determining the criminal sanctions imposed on guilty parties, and the range of sanctions used for different types of crimes.

Perhaps one of the most exciting parts of the day was when one of the defendants on CCTV launched into a foul-mouthed rant at her own lawyer. The lawyer asked if she still wanted legal representation for the hearing, the defendant more or less told her 'where to go' and so the lawyer left. The defendant continued her rant, until the Magistrate's assistant simply switched off the link and apologised to our students. This was certainly the focus of conversation on the train back home.

The class are to be congratulated on their conduct at the courts, tolerating some of the more mundane matters of justice and focusing on the more interesting cases at hand.

**Tanya Moran -Year 10 Legal Studies Teacher**





## Farewell to our Year 12s

On Monday, our Year 12s attended their last scheduled classes for their secondary schooling. An exciting milestone to reach, one to which they had been looking forward since kick start last year. Dusting off their red shirts for old-time sake and enjoying their last sessions with their teachers, before the sheer joy of the end-of-day bell ringing for the last time for them.

The cohort returned the next morning for their Celebration Day, decked out in fancy dress for their Big Breaky and activities that included adult jumping castles. The relaxed atmosphere was a pleasant way for students and staff to share a meal and reminisce about their time at ESC and the achievement of completing Year 12. We then unleashed them on the rest of the school at the Farewell Assembly. Who knew that in the space of 10 days that you could put together a 10 minute Year 12 Video and a Year 12 Band??? At least they had fun doing it! It was also lovely to see students give thanks to their home group teachers and speak so warmly about them.

To the Year 12s, the next step is yours to choose. There is no wrong step, as long as you are making progress, as long as you are moving forward. Take every opportunity to try new experiences, learn as much as you can and connect with others who share your interests. Work hard when it's required, work to find your passion, what you're good at or what you enjoy. Stay connected to your friends and ESC – there is something very special about friends from your school days. We wish you well for your next step and all that lies ahead for your bright futures. Dazzle them with your brilliance!

### From the Senior School Team:

**Tanya Moran - Year 12 Coordinator**

**Jason Nicholas - Senior School Leader**

**Nik Smith - Pathways Leader**

**Shane Closter - VET/VCAL Coordinator**

**Meg Gogerly - Senior School Administration Assistant**



## The Power of Engineering

A group of Year 8-10 girls were given the opportunity to attend a series of workshops in the Telstra Building in the city to hear about opportunities in engineering. The workshops included looking at power generation, network capacity and smart home systems (turning your heating/iron/lights etc. on or off via your phone). The girls were able to mix with girls from other schools and talk to young energetic women from Telstra. They were exemplary ambassadors for Emerald Secondary College, both on the train and at the event. The key 'take home' was that Telstra doesn't always employ the top of the class. As well as good maths and science skills, they will need good problem solving and interpersonal skills to be successful!

**Jacqui Lee - Maths Domain Leader**



## What do Real Mathematicians Do?

An opportunity to find out in the summer holidays (Sunday 14th/Monday 15th Jan) at Melbourne Uni is available:

MathsCraft is a fun event for high school students, which aims to give them a taste of what 'real' maths is like. They are led through finding ways to solve problems by spotting patterns, making conjectures, and convincing themselves and others. They'll also have the opportunity to meet and work with research mathematicians. You can find more information about MathsCraft here: <https://acems.org.au/mathscraft>

This event is free, with morning tea provided. It's aimed at Year 7-10 students who have some interest in maths (not just top students!).

To register interest for this event, and vote for a date, please fill in the form here (the registration form will be sent later): <https://goo.gl/forms/oHaA58JNd4l0T92k1>

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

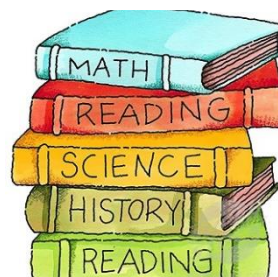
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

### 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**

## YELLINGBO RURAL FIRE BRIGADE

# CFA OPEN DAY



**Be bushfire ready,  
for my sake.**



CFA Open day is a chance for you to meet your local CFA Brigade and find out more about what we do.

Where? Yellingbo Rural Fire Brigade  
6 Tudor Court Road  
Yellingbo

When? Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2017  
10 am to 4 pm

What?

- Horses in bushfire presentation at 11am
- Horse rescue demonstration at 12 midday
- Home fire safety displays & information
- Free Sausage sizzle & egg and bacon rolls
- Yellingbo rehabilitation vehicle on display
- Children's activities
- Interactive house prop for the young at heart



For more updates follow our Facebook page on  
[www.facebook.com/groups/YellingboRFB](https://www.facebook.com/groups/YellingboRFB)

## Camelot Castle Medieval Village Fair

2605 Healesville Koo Wee Rup Road, Yellingbo

12th November 2017



Only 25 mins  
from Lilydale

**CELEBRATING 5 YEARS**

Yellingbo CFA, Camelot Castle, Woori Yallock & District Bendigo Bank, WHYLD & Woori Community House invite you to come and enjoy a unique family-orientated experience in the iconic Camelot Castle's gardens, including a children's themed entertainment area and cottage industry stalls.

Relax with medieval spit roast rolls, hot potatoes or a devonshire tea.

Come along and meet the Knights of Camelot. Be entertained with the roving Knights and experience the Medieval Art of "friendly violence".

**Entry...gold coin donation - no ATM on site.**

**Disability access - please enquire for further information.**

**Free Family Entertainment - Punch & Judy, medieval festivities, story teller & bouncing castle**

**2605 Healesville Koo Wee Rup Road, Yellingbo Melways Map 308 Ref F10**

**12th November 2017 10am - 4pm**

For more information:  
Captain Paul Spinks (Yellingbo CFA) 0438 543 043  
Lindsay McKenzie (Camelot Castle) [info@medievalvillagefair.org](mailto:info@medievalvillagefair.org) 0488 998 390

find us on Facebook - Camelot Castle Medieval Village Fair





# Emerald Scouts Christmas Tree Sale



**Saturday & Sunday**

**2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>**

**9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>**

**16<sup>th</sup>**

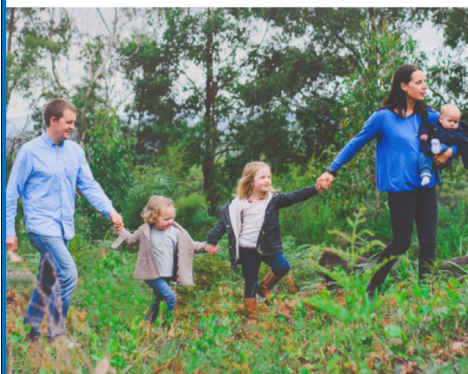
**December**

**9am-2pm**

**Emerald Scout Centre**  
**21 Kilvington Drive**



**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)