Term 4 - 2016:
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NOVEMBER:
Fri 11: Remembrance Day
Mon 14th: Important Bus Information evening 6.30pm EPAC
Tue 15: Cyber safety presentation Yrs 7 & 8 during Periods 1 & 2
Mon 14/11-18/11 Yr 11 exams
Mon 21/11-23/11 Yr 10 exams
Mon 21/11 Yr 12 VCAL kickstart
Wed 21/11-30/11: Yr 12 Kickstart
Thu 24/11-30/11: Yr 11 Kickstart

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Principals Report:
VCE Exams
This week we saw the start of the formal whole school VCE examinations. Our senior students, supported by our excellent VCE staff have been studying hard for the final school based examinations.

Our students already have a high percentage of their final grades completed and in the system and the final examinations enable our students to show what they have learnt and remembered from their studies, adding extra marks to their overall scores.

On behalf of the whole College and College community I would like to wish them well. If any parents or families are concerned with the wellbeing of their child through this period can I cask that you make contact with the College immediately to enable us to support and guide students through this period.

Learning and Teaching
This term all our staff have a focus on the upcoming implementation of the new Victorian Curriculum. Our teaching staff are working in collaborative teams to review, research and plan what we believe will be a very engaging new curriculum for all our students.

Under the careful instruction of our Education Department and Government, the new curriculum will be implemented at the start of 2017. There will be a few new subjects available for our students and these include Coding, Digital Literacy and the STEM subjects (science, technology, engineering and mathematics)

2017 Timetable
Over the year the College has been reviewing our current programs and timetable to plan and develop the implementation of the new Victorian Curriculum in 2017. We have found that our current instructional learning and teaching time over the week falls slightly short of the government guidelines, and some areas such as LOTE, Health and Sport are under-allotted in time and access for our students. To ensure that we meet government guidelines, and the learning and teaching needs of our students, the College has reviewed options for our timetable structure for 2017. This also includes our bell times and start and end of the school day.

We have also consulted with the bus companies to ensure that any changes to our 2017 timetable still supports our bus travellers. In 2017 we will have a ten day timetable instead of a five day timeline to allow all our students access to the full curriculum. The College day will still commence at 8.55am for students with the first lesson starting at 9.00am. All classes will end each day at 3.10pm.

Outer East Network
On Thursday this week we were very privileged to host the regional Outer East Literacy Network. This
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL:

Booklist Update 2017 - New supplier:
This year our booklist supplier is Lamont booksellers. There are a number of changes to our Booklist in response to parent feedback, and changes to curriculum. Booklists will be published shortly.

Obook or hardcopy text book?
In 2017 families will be able to choose between a hardcopy textbook or an obook (digital version).

Which is best?
Many, many students and teachers prefer working from a hardcopy textbook. It allows students to quickly reference information and have their laptop, text book and workbook open at the same time. A hardcopy text book comes with the obook version included, and can be sold second-hand or passed on to family members.

Obooks make a school bag lighter, are always with you, and are usually about $20 cheaper than the hardcopy text book. Different publishers have rules about the life of the access codes; some access lasts for a year, others last for the life of the edition. Some students prefer to work from an obook, and those with organisational challenges may find this option better, as they will almost always remember to bring their laptop to class!

Each family will make the choice which fits best for their student and their circumstances. We are making both choices available for you, but we do recommend, where possible, that the hardcopy text is purchased. No student will be disadvantaged by purchasing the digital textbook.

New VCE Study Designs and the Victorian Curriculum
There are many new VCE Study designs in 2017, and the Victorian Curriculum will be taught in Yrs 7-10 from 2017. This means that many text books from 2016 cannot be used anymore. We understand that this may cause some families some additional financial pressure. We are offering students in Yrs 7-10 the option of purchasing a cheaper digital version, and we will also not be changing text books again for several years, so families will be able to sell or pass on texts.

Planners – in 2017 families will be able to purchase a planner through the booklist. Traditionally the College has supplied a planner, but this will no longer be the case in 2017. Students can choose NOT to purchase a planner if they prefer to organise themselves this way, or use their laptop. The planner is estimated to cost around $6.

Digital Bundles – there have been MANY negative experiences from families trying to access their digital bundle successfully. There are NO digital bundles in 2017. Instead, families have the option to purchase the hardcopy book OR the digital book. The hardcopy book comes with the obook, and is recommended by the College. The obook is available to families to offset the cost if needed.

Estelle Alder - Assistant Principal

is an important network where over 50 Principals and Educational Leaders come together to review current practices and discuss programs to support student Literacy development. A highlight from this meeting was the discussion about the impacts of good Literacy teaching from the primary years through the secondary years, and how this impacts on student’s achievement in the VCE. VET and VCAL certificates in the Senior Years.

Our Literacy team continued these discussions after the meeting, and I will be working closely with our feeder primary schools developing stronger Learning and Teaching links to support all our students’ achievement across all areas of the curriculum.

I would like to the thank Ms Carrie Wallis, Ms Virginia Nugent and Ms Estelle Alder for attending this meeting with me, and as a result we have begun discussions on how we can further develop our Literacy program here at Emerald Secondary College.

Cup Eve
On Monday 31st October it is the eve before the Melbourne Cup holiday. Students completing the final examinations for VCE must be in school to complete the following examinations.

- 9.00am- Further Mathematics examination Part 2,
- 11.45am- Japanese first Language examination,
- 3.00pm- Business Management examination.

Based on previous years Junior and Senior school student attendance data, the College has planned an alternative timetable for the day. Whilst the College will be open, classes may be combined and we will follow an alternative program. The College will resume the timetabled schedule on Wednesday 2nd November.

Parent feedback
At ESC we really want to be able to celebrate areas within our school that we are doing well; continue to develop student learning and wellbeing and also review aspects we need to improve. As mentioned, we are seeking parent feedback to help us with this. Can I ask that parents please consider completing the short survey attached commenting on areas they feel we are doing well in, and areas we need to develop. Thank you.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ESC_Parent_feedback
(Please copy link and paste into your web browser)

Jodie Doble Principal
Susan McLean – Cybersafety Solutions

Susan McLean is Australia’s foremost expert in the area of cyber safety and young people and was a member of the Victoria Police for 27 years. Susan's secondary school student sessions are delivered with clarity and humour and will challenge all students to stop and think about what they do online and what the consequences might be for them not only today, but for the rest of their lives. After a few minutes, Susan has even the most challenging audience listening intently as she recounts her extensive experience in this space, from her first report of cyberbullying in 1994 to her training with the FBI, her visit to Facebook's HQ & her work with elite sports clubs and other organisations. Students respond to the clear way Susan presents which leaves them with no doubt about what they need to do to stay safe online.

This age appropriate & interactive session for secondary students includes discussion, a vibrant power point presentation and is supported by videos, music, hilarious role plays and Susan’s real life experiences. Time for Q's is included at the end of the session & Susan is will chat privately to students who may need advice about a sensitive issue. Topics covered include:-

- **The Facts** - What do you need to know about cyberspace in order to make good online decisions. Fact V Fiction.

- **Digital Reputation** - What how you do online now and what you post will have an impact on your future opportunities. What do people look for and how to make your digital reputation as positive as possible.

- **Cyberbullying** - What is cyberbullying and how/when does it happen. How does it make a victim feel and what can we do if we see it happen or if it is happening to us. Did you know that cyberbullying is a crime & Police can be involved?

- **Online 'friends'** that are not really a friend. How strangers find us online and what they might ask us to do. We look at online child sexual predators, where they hangout and how to avoid. What is online grooming and who is at risk.

- **Sexts** - Sending, receiving & possessing naked or sexually explicit images. What are the real consequences for under 18's, pressure to conform and legal considerations.

- What are the sites & apps that children are using and what are the age requirements for each site. How wrong info about some apps is leading to poor decisions

- **Staying safe online** - How we can be as safe as possible online. How to set up a safe social networking site.

- **Time for discussion and Q's.**

Parents are invited to attend on Tuesday 15 November from 9-10.40am but places are limited. You must RSVP on 5968 5388.
EMERALD PRIMARY SCHOOL FAIR 2016
5 NOVEMBER 10am-3pm

FAIR RIDES \ PHOTO BOOTH
LEGO COMPETITION \ ART SHOW
CHOCOLATE THROW
SPINNING WHEEL \ RAFFLE
MYSTERY BAGS \ LUCKY STICKS
FACE PAINTING \ HAIRSPRAY
KID’S CRAFT & LOTS MORE FUN!

CAKE STALL \ HOME PRODUCE
PLANTS \ MARKET STALLS
SECONDHAND BOOK STALL
CAR BOOT SALE

COOKING DEMO WITH MAURO
FROM THE INDEPENDENT, GEMBROOK

BBQ \ EGG & BACON ROLLS
BAKED SPUDS \ COLD DRINKS
COFFEE VAN \ ICE CREAMS
FRESH STRAWBERRIES & CREAM
HOT DOGS \ FAIRY FLOSS
Emerald STOPS to Remember

At 11.00am on Friday the 11th day of November Emerald will stop as a sign of respect for all those who fought and died for Australia.

The Emerald CFA will sound the siren at 10.59am for one minutes silence. The RSL has requested for all shopkeepers and businesses in Emerald and district to remind their customers of the silent period when the siren sounds.

Those unable to attend the Town Service are welcome to join us for a short memorial at the Emerald RSL on Thursday 10 November at 6.45pm.

History

On 11th November 1918, in the French village of Compiegne, the Allies and Germany signed an Armistice to end the terrible war of 1914-1918 (First World War).

The guns fell silent on the battle fields where an estimated 20 million young men, of all nationalities had lost their lives.

In the muddy fields of Flanders the lacerated soil was sending up the red poppies so common in that area.

These delicate flowers became the symbol of peace and remembrance.

It is sometimes referred to as Remembrance Day, Poppy Day or Armistice Day.

Sale of Badges in Emerald

Emerald RSL will be selling poppies outside Emerald Village Newsagency in Kilvington Drive and inside Woolworths near the escalators.

The money raised will be divided between our local Emerald RSL Club and the Victorian State Branch, and is used to support our Returned Service Personnel and their dependents.
Come down for a fun trivia night at Emerald Secondary College for a good cause, help ESC raise money for the Emerald SES that they can put towards their new rescue truck. The work they do is amazing! Whenever a storm hits or even a windy night, they are out to make this community a safer place.

**PRICES**

Per person
- Adults - 10$
- ESC student - 5$
- Under 10’s - 2$

425 Belgrave
Gembrook Road
Emerald

We will be running the trivia night from 7 PM in L block, you can use the school’s parking and there will be signs telling people where to go.
EXHIBITION DATES
Oct 29 2016 to Jan 29 2017

Photographers of all levels and ages, from professionals to ipods, from 10 year olds to retired folk, and the Emerald SC astronomy club all showing their work.

Don’t miss it!

FREE ENTRY

For more information:
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