

Emerald Secondary College



The Bush Telegraph

Emerald Secondary College is a Learning Community

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Important Dates:

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

NOVEMBER:

Wed 1st-Fri 24th: Yr 12 Exams

Tue 7th: Melbourne Cup Day
Public Holiday

Fri 10th: Remembrance Day
Whole School Assembly

Tue 14th: Yr 7 Economics &
Business Dandenong
Excursion

Tue 14th: Yr 11 Biology Melbourne
Zoo Excursion

Wed 15th - Fri 17th: Yr 9 Advance
Camp

Wed 15th: Dad's Do Matter -
Parent Wellbeing Program
- 6.00pm

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- Monbulk Ranges Soccer Club
2018 Girls Trial Dates
- Emerald Scouts Christmas Trees
Sale

From the Principal:

Working Bee

On Sunday morning I joined the team of enthusiastic and hardworking students, parents and staff to continue to help around our College grounds.

It is so important that we create a space our students feel proud of to help them engage in the school and their learning. Work included continuing to develop the Sensory Garden, clearing, pruning, planting, painting and even clearing blocked drains.

I would like to thank Phil Rundle, Mike Jaremczuk, Shane Closter, Philip Dwyer, Michelle Faram, Cherie La Verne-Cadby, Anders Silversten, Kathleen Silversten, Noa Silversten, Aaron Silversten, Julie Pugh, Nigel Pugh, Ruby Pugh, Sherrin Dwyer, Alyssa Dwyer, Jamie Pugh and James Doble for their amazing work and effort.



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

Inclusion Centre Opening

This week we saw the official opening of our new inclusion Centre. With invited guests from the Department of Education, ESC School Council, local Primary School Principals, Rotary Club, Lions Club, Echo and the RSL, our staff, students and parents in attendance enjoyed the official smoking ceremony opening by a Wurundjeri Elder.

We believe the building is a centre of excellence for all our students to access the many supports they need to help them learn academically, socially and physically preparing them for their future beyond school. Aunty Gail, from the Wurundjeri People, has named the building Marrnangth Turrt-Pirm which translates to REACH FOR THE STARS! Which is what we want all our students to be doing while at ESC.



The building houses a Sensory room, intervention program rooms, Student Support meeting rooms, Counselling rooms a Physio/ doctors room run by Hills Physio and Emerald Medical Centre and two multipurpose teaching and learning rooms for the wide range of program we offer all our students.

We are very fortunate to have this amazing supportive space for our students, and I would like to thank all those who have helped to make this building a reality.

Goodwill Uniting Church

Following on from a wonderful phone call I took this week, our local Goodwill Op Shop, run by the Goodwill Uniting Church, donated money toward our school. I would like to thank all those at the Goodwill Uniting Church and the Goodwill Op Shop for their kindness and thoughtfulness.

Mathematics at Emerald Secondary College

For those who missed last week's newsletter, 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 achieves 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.

Jodie Doble - Principal

Halloween Day Activity

The Library held a fun Halloween Activity this week. We had many students in Years 7 & 8 participating in activities involving Word Searches, Mazes and a Crime Scene where they had to find the clues. This activity was held to keep encouraging students to continue reading and improve their literacy skills by being involved. Students were rewarded with Halloween treats for their efforts.

The Library staff, and staff who attended dressed for the occasion and joined in the fun activities with all the students who added a costume item to their uniform.

Thank you to those students who came along and helped make this a fun and eventful time celebrating this with us.

Library Staff



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

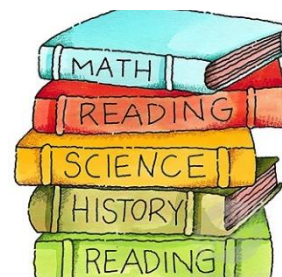
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

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 Trounson – D Block staffroom

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 0488 998 390

find us on Facebook - Camelot Castle Medieval Village Fair



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.



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

Emerald STOPS to Remember



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

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

- 10.30am assembly at the Cenotaph in town central
- 10.45am the service commences
- Address by President of Emerald RSL, Peter Maloney
- Address by Alan Ashmore re "The Relevance of Remembrance Day Today"
- 11.00am the CFA siren will sound for one minutes silence
- The Last Post
- Reveille - Flag raised
- The Ode
- Wreaths laid by community members and Groups
- Emerald residents can lay a poppy on the cenotaph
- Reading by Daryl Bristowe - "In Flanders Fields"
- Closing address - Peter Maloney
- Invitation to remember our 32 WW1 soldiers - to do the Anzac Walk
- 11.20 The National Anthem

ANZAC WALK

- Assembly outside the NAB
- Walk to the Emerald RSL commences 11.30

SALE OF POPPY BADGES

Badges will be on sale outside the Emerald Newsagency commencing Monday November 6th.

LEST WE FORGET



EMERALD
PRIMARY

SCHOOL
FAIR

SATURDAY 11 NOVEMBER
10AM - 3PM

HEROES AVENUE . 59684311 . EMERALD PRIMARY SCHOOL  



MONBULK RANGES SOCCER CLUB 2018 GIRLS TRIAL DATES

SESSION 1 – UNDER 14 AND UNDER 16

Wednesday 15/11/2017

@ 7pm – 8:30pm

SESSION 2 – UNDER 14 AND UNDER 16

Wednesday 29/11/2017

@ 7pm – 8:30pm

**WHERE : MONBULK SOCCER COMPLEX
OLD EMERALD ROAD, MONBULK.**

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST :

juniordoordinator@monbulkrangers.org.au

or

Samantha Wilson - 0448819368

Emerald Scouts Christmas Tree Sale



Saturday & Sunday

2nd, 3rd

9th, 10th

16th

December

9am-2pm

**Emerald Scout Centre
21 Kilvington Drive**