

# 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:

1st December 2017

Issue 38

### Important Dates:

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

### DECEMBER:

**Wed 29th Nov- Tues 12th Dec:**  
Whole School Kickstart  
Program

**Mon 11th:** Yr 7 2018 Information  
Evening

**Tue 12th:** Yr 7 2018 Orientation  
Day

**Tue 12th:** Presentation Night

**Tue 12th-Thu 14th:** Art Exhibition

**Wed 13th-Fri 15th:** Wilson's Prom  
Camp

**Wed 13th-Sun 17th:** Queensland  
Camp

**Wed 13th-Mon 18th - School**  
Activity Week

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### From the Principal:

#### Learning and Teaching

Our 2018 Kick-start program began this week with all our students starting their 2018 timetabled classes.

Lockers and home group rooms also changed reflecting the start of 2018.

It was wonderful to see all our students engage with their 2018 programs, set goals for learning and begin their learning journey. Staff will be setting work, some of which must be completed over the break. Whilst the summer break is important, this is also a great time for all our students to read their novels, chapters in their study text books and get ahead to prepare them for success in 2018.

#### 2018 Debutante Ball

A number of our families have been visiting Miss Bella Debutante shop in Boronia. This week the owner of the shop contacted me to offer a discount to all our student who wish to use the shop for their dresses. Can I please ask parents and families to collect the discount vouchers from the College Reception to help towards the costs of the dresses.

I would like to thank 'Miss Bella' for offering our students and families this discount opportunity for 2018.

#### Kwong Lee Dow Award

The Kwong Lee Dow young scholars program is offered to all students across the State of Victoria.

The program is an academic enrichment program designed to support high-achieving students through the University of Melbourne. There were over 1700 applicants for the program this year with only 700 students being offered places. I would like to congratulate Magnus Bock on being selected to participate in the 2018 program.

#### 2017 Valedictory Dinner

This week I had the joyous job of attending the 2017 Valedictory dinner. It is always with pride and honour to see our graduating students celebrate the end of not only their time at Emerald Secondary College, but also their time in formal education in style.

Our class of 2017 rose to the occasion and celebrated their achievements and successes with their friends and families at The Grand on Cathies Lane in Wantirna. With honoured guests from Barry Plant Real Estate, Emerald Rotary and our School Council, speeches and awards were given as well as graduating certificates and stoles. Our 2017 Valedictorian Rachel Skipsey addressed her peers and guests speaking of the journey and pride in our school and in their achievements.

I would like to thank Tanya Moran, Jason Nicholas, Meg Gogerly and all our senior staff for making this event so wonderful for our students and their families. I would also like to wish our class of 2017 all the best for the future

and remind them that this is farewell and not goodbye – our doors are always open for any careers advice, opportunities or through our Alumni.



Born to Soar Pty Ltd are proud to announce a partnership with Emerald Secondary College. This partnership will establish a new Centre for Gifted and Talented Education to be located at Emerald Secondary College in Term One 2018.

Whilst this opportunity has a primary aged focus, the partnership will see our own staff and students benefitting from educational supports, program and professional development. For more information contact either myself at the College or Angus Giles from Born to Soar on [angus@borntosoar.com.au](mailto:angus@borntosoar.com.au)

**Jodie Doble - Principal**

### **A Night to Celebrate**

On Tuesday 28th November, our Year 12 cohort gathered with their families and friends, along with staff, to celebrate at the annual Valedictory Dinner – a night that marks the graduation of our Year 12s from Emerald Secondary College.

It was fantastic to see the warm interactions between staff, students and parents throughout the evening to thank and farewell each other. The sense of community was apparent for all to see and a reminder of the importance of positive and respectful relationships in schools.

A number of students were presented with some special awards, including the Subject Dux awards for students who achieved the most outstanding results in each subject and College Awards that are supported by community and business organisations and an ex-student (Justin Barrot).

Our 2017 Valedictorian, Rachel Skipsey, spoke on behalf of the graduating class, highlighting memories and about the excitement of stepping forward into the future. Over the last two years, Rachel received five Subject Dux awards for the six Year 12 subjects that she completed. This is an extraordinary achievement in what is, believed to be, a first for the College.

The recipients of the College Awards were:

#### **Valedictorian**

- Rachel Skipsey

#### **Rotary Outstanding Citizenship Award**

- Nicholas Cookson & Jacyntha Howden

#### **Justin Barrot - Personal Endeavour Scholarship**

- Darcy Williams & Aleasha Garnham

#### **ADF Long Tan Leadership & Teamwork Award**

- Ingrid Kogtev-Russell

#### **Caltex Best All-Rounder Medallion**

- Ryan Hall (12E)

Congratulations to the students for a great year of achievement and persistence. Step forward into your futures knowing that ESC will always be here for you.

#### **Senior School Team**

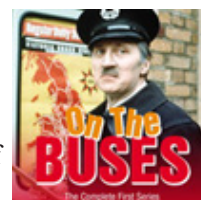


### **SCHOOL BUSES**

Just a reminder for any student catching a public bus, Belgrave – Gembrook 695 and Monbulk Pay bus, that you must have a valid Myki pass. Inspectors have been checking recently and will fine fare evaders.

For students catching a school bus for 2018, you must renew your registration with PTV by the end of November. Those who register on time are given priority to places on the buses.

**Mark Sidney - Bus Coordinator**



## **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 finished on Tuesday November 28th and students have moved up to their next year level for 2018. The 2018 timetable began on 29th November, and students are now taking their 2018 subjects with their 2018 teachers (where possible). Students have also moved into their new lockers

### **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**

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 as students are not expected to have their text books until the start of the 2018 school year.

**If you have any questions regarding Kickstart please contact:**

**Junior School – Minna Kanoa, Senior School – Jason Nicholas,  
Assistant Principal – Estelle Alder**



## **Introducing Mathspace in 2018**

Mathspace is a web-based maths learning program, developed in Sydney, which is changing the way students learn mathematics.

Mathspace is the world's first step-by-step adaptive learning technology for maths education, tailoring maths programs in real time based on a student's strengths and weaknesses.

### **Features of Mathspace:**

#### ***Digital Workbook***

Mathspace is a digital workbook where students can write their working step-by-step to every problem and receive instant feedback.

#### ***Help on Demand***

Specific, relevant hints and videos help students at any stage they get stuck.

#### ***Adaptive Curriculum***

Every step entered guides the next hint, the next question, the next topic, for a truly personalized curriculum. Mathspace has mathematics curriculum from Grade 3 to Year 12 in the Australian Curriculum.

The college is very excited to have this innovative program for our Year 7-10 students to support their Maths learning. Mathspace will be used in addition to the Oxford textbook as part of a package of resources to enable students to achieve their personal best.

**Mathspace usually costs \$30 per student. The college has been successful in obtaining funding for our students. The discounted rate for next year is now only \$10 per student. If you have already paid the \$30 a credit will be applied to your account.**

If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact myself at the school.

**Michelle Galli**

**Maths Domain Leader (2018)**



# MATHSPACE





# Homework Club

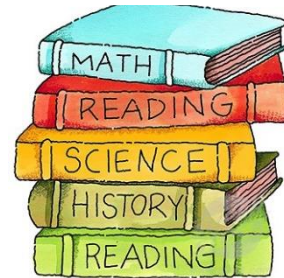
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

## 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*

## 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**

**Non-Perishable  
FOOD  
Drive**

We're proud to be working alongside community groups & helping out local families in need this Christmas!

If you'd like to contribute, please drop off any non-perishable food items to the **Barry Plant Emerald office.**

We will be collecting through to 15<sup>th</sup> December.

 **BarryPlant**

# HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE KEY SAFETY ISSUES IN YOUR COMMUNITY



Police in Cardinia want to run community safety projects with you. At this event you can share your concerns directly with local police and help create a safer, stronger Cardinia. We'll have a creche and feed the kids, so book today!

- Event: Community safety workshop
- Where: Emerald Community House, 356-358 Belgrave-Gembrook Road, Emerald
- When: 4 December 2017. Doors open 5.30pm

Community Safety Forums are being held in communities around Victoria as part of the Community Safety Networks project.

Local safety networks will be set up across 12 communities to give residents a greater voice in helping to combat crime.

To register your interest visit [www.facebook.com/eyewatchcardinia](https://www.facebook.com/eyewatchcardinia) and look for the event.

Unable to attend? Contribute to the conversation today at [www.engage.vic.gov.au/csn/location](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au/csn/location)

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# TEMPO DANCE

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**COCKATOO  
COMMUNITY  
Christmas  
CAROLS**



Saturday  
**9<sup>th</sup>**  
December


Bring your  
friends  
and family!

**Alma Treloar Reserve**  
Pakenham Rd, Cockatoo  
(Wet Weather venue St Luke's, McBride St, Cockatoo)


**5-6:30pm**  
FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES  
Jumping Castle, Popcorn,  
Face Painting, Fairy Floss!  
(Sausage Sizzle at a small cost)  
Alcohol free event

**6:30pm**  
Community Carol  
Singing





**GEMBROOK  
COMMUNITY  
Christmas  
CAROLS**






Sunday  
**10<sup>th</sup>**  
December

Bring your  
friends  
and family!

**Gembrook Primary School**  
50 Main St, Gembrook

**5-6:30pm**  
FREE FAMILY ACTIVITIES  
Jumping Castle, Popcorn,  
Face Painting, Fairy Floss!  
(Sausage Sizzle at a small cost)  
Alcohol free event

**6:30pm**  
Community Carol  
Singing

# **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**

# REGISTER FOR 2018 SEASON NOW !



## WHY CHOOSE SOUTH BELGRAVE JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB (SBJFC) ?

- SBJFC is affiliated with Eastern Football League (EFL) & Eastern Region Girls Football League (ERGFL). In 2018 SBJFC will field U8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 14 & 17s (EFL) & U10, 12, 14 & 16s (ERGFL). SBJFC feeds SBFC senior club list.
- SBJFC play at Narre Warren East Reserve (Cnr. Wellington & Berwick Rd's), only 5-10 minutes drive to Harkaway, Narre Warren North, Berwick or Emerald OR 10-15 mins to Fountain Gate, Endeavour Hills or Beaconsfield.
- EFL play a 14 round season (R1: 15/04/18), plus a 4 round/ top 5 finals series for U11s to 17s. U8-10 play a 14 rounds, modified rules, no finals.
- The EFL regrade strong/weak teams after round 4 & have 4 graded divisions in all age groups so teams play in more even competitions.
- FREE uniform for new players & membership fees Payment Plan available.
- SBJFC is committed to teaching football and giving all kids a fair-go, e.g. game-time, position rotations, etc. and is a Dynamic Footy Skills and Coach Support partner club. ***\*For more info, contact Rick 0410 187 948\****

[\*\*www.sbjfc.teamapp.com\*\*](http://www.sbjfc.teamapp.com)

**Early bird rates to 31 Dec 2017**