

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:

8th December 2017

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Important Dates:

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

DECEMBER:

Mon 11th: End of Semester Year
Level Award Assemblies

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: Wilsons Prom
Camp

Wed 13th-Sun 17th: Queensland
Camp

Wed 13th-Mon 18th: School
Activity Week

Tues 19th-Thu 21st: Clean Up
days - buses will continue
to run until Thu 21st Dec.
at their normal times

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- South Belgrave Junior Football Club

From the Principal:

Kickstart

Our 2018 Kickstart program is now in its second week. Kickstart helps all our students prepare for the year ahead of them giving them extra teaching and learning time to understand their courses and set learning goals with their teachers. Although this is an extremely busy time for our teachers and students, this program has had very positive feedback and we are encouraged that it will help all our students achieve their personal best in 2018.

Damaged Buildings

Over the last 18 months I have been working with our staff, School Council President and parent community to try to gain the much needed funds to improve our Science and Maths facilities for our students and staff. We know from our programs and student engagement and learning that we have excellent Maths and Science teachers, programs and student achievement results, but our classrooms do not meet 21st century expectations.

I have written to the Minister of Education on multiple occasions, and toured our Science and Maths facilities with the Minister of Education, Shadow Minister and Federal Minister, all of whom agreed the science and maths classrooms are in need of upgrading.

Unfortunately the recent rain storms have exacerbated the situation where we saw three of our science rooms flooded, damaging science equipment, prep rooms and classrooms.

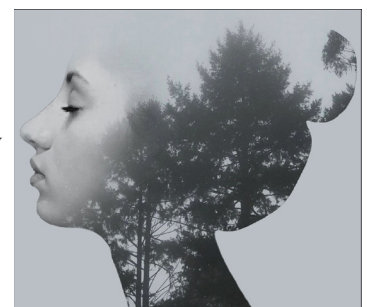
This week Brad Battin came to speak with myself, Brad Gibb - our Head of Science and Phillip Rundle - our Groundsman, and was shocked at the state of the damage and our sub-standard facilities.

We may not be in a busy suburb or city area, but our students still deserve the best facilities, equal to those students in other areas, to help them aspire and achieve in science and maths.

Brad Battin will be bringing Tim Smith the Shadow Minister of Education to our College to view our facilities with the aim of encouraging State Parliament to upgrade our buildings for our students and staff.

Arts and Technology Exhibition

Next Tuesday evening starting at 5.30pm in our Inclusion & Learning Centre, I would like to invite our whole learning community to our 2017 Art & Technology Exhibition. This is an opportunity to view and celebrate the amazing talents of our students.



Annual Awards Evening

Following on from our Arts & Technology Exhibition on Tuesday 12th we will be holding our Annual Awards Evening in EPAC. I would like to encourage all our families to attend to help celebrate the amazing skills and talents of our students.

Jodie Doble - Principal

Junior School Student of the Week

For the final Junior School student of the Week for 2017 I wanted to focus on some students who have been demonstrating outstanding leadership and commitment to their Yr 9 Connect Community Project. The first student is:

Jazmine Dewar – Jazmine was nominated by Mr Kawakami. Her group's community project - Japanese Initiative Activities for Primary School Students - was for two of our local feeder schools. Jazmine took on a leadership role from the start to help guide her group to run their activity for the Primary School students. She made a positive contribution in planning, organising equipment, rehearsing and running the activity on the day. She also voluntarily helped out other groups' activities when required. This demonstrates Jazmine's excellent leadership and initiative skills. Congratulations Jazmine – great work!



Tahlia Studham – Tahlia was nominated by her Connect Community Teacher – Mrs Mosca. Mrs Mosca states that Tahlia has been focused and outcome driven during her group's Connect project - Backpacks 4 Kids. She has shown leadership in her group and fabulous organizational skills. Tahlia has also taught me how to share our Connect photos using Bluetooth! Congratulations Tahlia – great work!



Sophie Ogilvie – Sophie has been nominated by Ms Trounson for her work within the Trivia Night Community Project. This trivia night actually ended up raising over \$1000 for the local Emerald SES. Ms Trounson stated that Sophie has demonstrated great initiative in the organisation of the Trivia Night. She has been really positive and motivated amongst all her peers. She has sourced around 15 donations, securing goods and services from many local Emerald businesses. She has collected and organised these donations so they were ready for the big night. Her contribution to the group has been invaluable. Congratulations Sophie – great work!



College Bus Reminders

The College wishes to remind parents of all students who travel on the school bus service for 2018 that application forms were due by the end of November. If you are yet to register your child's travel for 2018 then you can still do so. A reminder that all travel on these bus services requires your child to be registered – as this is to ensure PTV requirements and also ensure that the College has records of their travel for emergency management purposes.

PTV Inspectors

Over the last two weeks the Monbulk Pay Bus and the Belgrave 695 have had inspectors stationed at the College in the morning to check that students are travelling with a valid MYKI card. The College has been alerted to the fact that there were students who have obtained a travel violation. These will be followed up through PTV with the students and their families. It is important that all students travelling on the bus have a valid MYKI card. Students and families must understand that the more touch on/touch off recordings that occur on these runs then the greater the likelihood that increased services will happen in the area.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity, in the last newsletter entry from me for the year, to thank all the students and parents whom I have met and worked together with over the last 8 years here at Emerald Secondary. I have been lucky to play a role in a positive way with many young people over this time and I wish the best for current students and their families going forward. The end of the year for me ends one chapter and starts another.

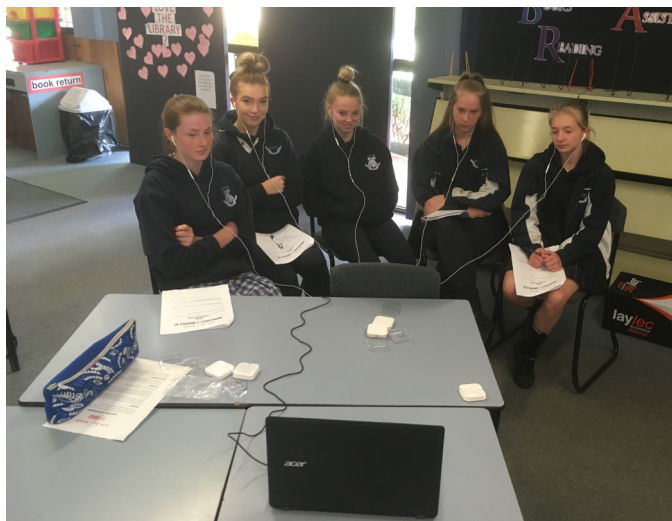
Mike Jaremczuk - College Assistant Principal

My Road Mentoring Program

On Friday 8th December, 33 female Year 10 and 11 students were involved in a two hour My Road Mentoring Program via video conference hosted by The Beacon Foundation. The seven groups each had their own mentor to run through the My Road Program discussing topics such as the job market and tips for successfully navigating it, tips on how to handle job interviews and other stressful situations, the skills students already have and how to use them to their advantage, new jobs and career pathways they may never have thought of, and learning more about friends' and fellow students' wishes for the future. Our mentors came from various fields including Coca Cola, Westpac, Origin Energy, Australian Mines and Metals Association and The Beacon Foundation.

Well done to all participants and I want to thank The Beacon Foundation for this fantastic opportunity for our students

Nik Smith - Pathways Leader



Art & Technology Exhibition

The Emerald Secondary College Annual Art and Technology Exhibition opening is on **Tuesday December 12th, from 5.30pm-7.00pm** in the Inclusion & Learning Centre. Please join us in celebrating the achievements of all Art and Technology students at Emerald Secondary College in 2017.

The Exhibition will be open to the public during school hours on Wednesday December 13th and Thursday December 14th.

EMERALD SECONDARY COLLEGE ANNUAL ART & TECHNOLOGY EXHIBITION

OPENING 12 DECEMBER
5.30 PM UNTIL 7.00 PM
13 DEC until 14 DEC
School hours
ALL WELCOME



Second Hand Uniform News

If any 2017 Yr 12 student, or senior student who is leaving, wishes to sell or donate their Senior School tops, can they please leave them at the General Office. All clothing being sold through the Second Hand Uniform shop must be washed and have a label attached with their name and the amount they wish to sell each item for.

Second hand Uniform Shop 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



Homework Club

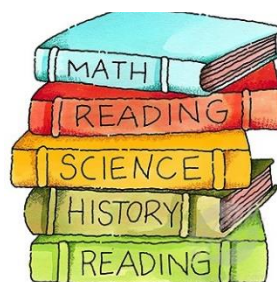
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

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

**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 15th December.

 **BarryPlant**



Saturday
9th
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








Sunday
10th
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
2nd, 3rd
9th, 10th
16th
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