

Emerald Secondary College

Fortnightly Newsletter



Emerald Secondary College is a Learning Community

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Term 2 - 2018:

1st June 2018 Issue 9

Important Dates:

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

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Mon 4th & Thu 7th: Yr 10 Drama - The
Seussification of Romeo & Juliet

Tue 5th: Yr 12 TIS Excursion

Tue 5th - Fri 8th: VCE Theatre Studies -
The Real Inspector Hound

Fri 8th - Fri 15th: Yr 10 & 11 Exams

Mon 11th: Queens Birthday Public
Holiday

Tue 12th: Winter Concert

Wed 13th: Yr 12 GAT Exam

Tue 19th: Yr 10 University & TAFE
Experience

Tue 19th: Yr 9 Connect Mock Interviews

Thu 21st: Yr 12 Supreme Court Visit

Mon 25th - Fri 29th: Yr 10 Work
Experience Week

Fri 29th: **Last Day Term 2**

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From the Principal:

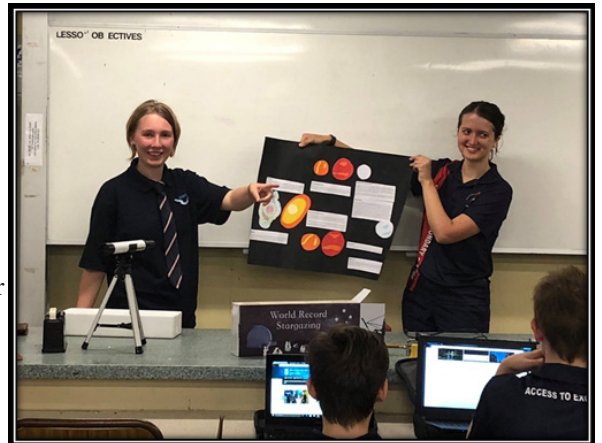
Reaching for the Stars

Last week on May 22nd our College Astronomy club hosted a world record attempt to view the stars. This event was supported by Mt Burnett Observatory and saw over 300 people come along to the event. From visiting scientists, budding scientists and all those with an interest in the stars and astrophysics, it certainly was a night to remember.

Our Astronomy club organised hot drinks and snacks to keep our visitors warm and refreshed as the telescope attempt was made. Unfortunately we can't plan nature and the cloud cover and wet conditions went against us.

I would like to thank Brad Gibbs our Science Leader who spent many hours organising this event, all our staff and students, and Mt Burnett Observatory for their ongoing support.

All registered people who attended received telescopes as part of the evening



Football Academy

Our new Football academy program led by Jarrod Donders saw our Year 7 and 8 girls' team play at the Inter School Sports competition at Croydon.

As we know training for competitive sports takes time and it was wonderful to hear that the team placed 2nd winning through to the Grand Final.

Although the girls missed out on the overall title, we are all really proud of their effort and would like to thank Mr Donders for his coaching and leadership of the program.

It certainly looks like our Football Academy will be something to watch out for in the future.



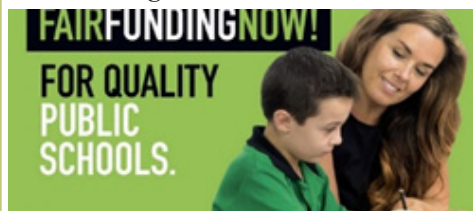
District Cross Country

Continuing with our growing sports program, we had a cross country team of 50 students compete at the District Cross Country race.

Fighting against the damp conditions and cold our students raced with their hearts. It is with great pleasure that I can share with our community the following achievements for our students and College.

1st and 3rd place for the under 13's, 1st place for the under 15's, 1st and 2nd place for the under 16's and 3rd place in the Open division. Congratulations to Kiara, Ashlee, Liam, Hudson, Maddi and Kim and good luck at the Eastern Zone Championships in June.

Fair Funding for schools



I would like to remind our College community that we have been invited to attend the important discussion led by the Australian Education Union on Fair Funding. This is taking place here at the College in EPAC on Thursday 14th June at 7.00pm in EPAC.

Our parents are invited to attend a forum to discuss fair funding in State Schools. In 2014 the Commonwealth introduced a needs-based funding system that gave additional resources to schools to support student's achievement. These resources

included smaller class sizes, additional specialist teachers, literacy and numeracy programs and in-class resources for students. Unfortunately the agreement has not been met and State schools will lose \$1.9 billion in funding over 2018 and 2019.

The current model will see 87% of state school underfunded and two thirds of private schools over funded by 2023.

I would like to encourage you to attend to bring your voice to the discussion about how we can make sure all our students are funded and supported to achieve their best.

Registration details are below. If you have any issues registering, you are still warmly invited and welcome to attend.
<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/fair-funding-now-la-trobe-launch-tickets-46212943157>

Uniform

With the cold weather now upon us I would like to remind all our students and families that we are a uniform school. If any families have any issues with uniform supply please contact the College and we will assist where possible.

For students in Years 8-12, we hold the old uniform in stock here at the College. We have a number of stocked Beleza uniform items on sale from the College main office.

- School Polo shirts (Size 10 only)
- Summer dresses
- Fleece jumpers
- Winter jacket
- Rugby jumper
- Sports tops and shorts
- We have some senior uniform items also but stock is limited.

Our Year 7 students must wear the new PSW uniform:

- Winter skirts
- Summer dress
- White logo short sleeved shirt
- White plain shirt
- Woollen jumper
- Navy school shorts
- Navy school pants
- School jacket
- Sport top and shorts

Girls are permitted to wear navy or black tights under their winter skirts.

Uniform including school shorts and school pants are available from the PSW shop in Officer or online.

PSW Officer – 407 Princess Highway, Officer. Phone 97680382. The shop is open Tuesday – Friday 9.00am – 5.00pm and Saturday 10.00am – 1.00pm

Alternatively order online at: online <http://www.psw.com.au/retail/schools/12200.aspx>

Please note, tracksuit pants, jeans and leggings are not uniform items and will not be accepted.

Jodie Doble - Principal

Assistant Principals' Report

Stargazing

On Wednesday 23rd June I had the pleasure of gathering with our local Stargazers to participate in the world record attempt. Our Quadrangle was a forest of telescopes of all shapes and sizes. We were rugged up and ready (I broke out a new beanie)...but the clouds did not co-operate! Never the less it was a fantastic night. Some of my happiest memories are spending time with my dad, setting up the telescope in our back yard and looking at the moon and the planets together. It was wonderful to see so many local families creating special memories of their own.

The College partnered with the ABC and Mt Burnett Observatory to host the Stargazing event. Our students welcomed visitors and chaperoned them around the school, and set up and ran space themed games. Our students did us proud and were a great example to the College of the courteous, friendly and helpful students we have at our College.

A huge thank you to Mr Gibbs and his team of teachers and staff who helped organise and run the night. Thanks also to our wonderful student ambassadors, and the Mt Burnett staff. The event was a huge hit due to their efforts, and I look forward to the next event.

Year 10 & 11 Exams

Exams for Yr 10 and 11 students will run from Friday 8th June to Friday 15th June. Students in Years 10 and 11 are only required attend for their scheduled exams. Our exams are an important preparation for senior studies, and another measure to students to demonstrate their knowledge, understanding and skills. Exams appear on the Semester Report and students are required to perform at their best. Exam study guides for each subject have been posted on Compass to support students in their preparation and study for the Exams. If you have any questions please contact your child's Year level Co-ordinator or Sub School leader.

Year 10 Work Experience

In the final week of term (25th-29th June) our Year 10 students will venture out into the workplace. For some students, this is their first taste of 9 to 5 living. For others, they have already begun part time work and have a growing understanding of the requirements of the workplace, and employability skills. In all cases we hope students gain an understanding of the future pathway and what life might be like after leaving school. We urge students to use these experiences to help their course selection process to plan their career pathway. Course selection begins in term 3. If you have any questions about work experience, contact Mr Nik Smith, our Careers and Pathways Leader, at the College.

Estelle Alder - Assistant Principal



Buy, Sell or Hold?

As a part of our Investment topic in Term One, the Year 10 Economics & Business classes played the ASX Schools Sharemarket Game, where students compete with secondary school students around the country and also in New Zealand. The competition ran from 8 March until 16 May using real time exchange prices from the ASX. While none of our students received any of the ASX prizes, we still ran a ranking competition at the ESC level to keep things competitive. Across the competition period, students were given class time to discuss strategies with their syndicate members, about whether to buy, sell or hold the shares in their portfolio. Some students elected to play as a solo syndicate.

Our ESC prize winners were:

- 1st – Make it Rain – Isabelle and Anna (gain of \$2475.00)
- 2nd – Ummm – Rhiannon, Shaniah and Heidi (gain of \$1966.26)
- 3rd – MS – Matilda (gain of \$965.16)

Interestingly, the first two teams bought shares at the beginning of the game period, and held onto the same shares for the duration of the game. Patience paid off.

Congratulations to the students above, as well as to all participating students. It was great to see you engaged in financial discussions and using profile information to make considered decisions. Hopefully this will inspire you to save some of your money to be able to buy shares in the future.

“Invest in yourself. Your career is the engine of your wealth.” - Paul Clitheroe

Tanya Moran - Year 10 Economics & Business Studies Teacher



Emerald Volleyball Team Fundraiser

The Emerald Volleyball Team are having a fundraising stall at the Grow It, Make It, Bake It Market on Sunday June 3rd. The market is held at the Gemco Arts Centre in Kilvington Drive from 10-3. Please come on down and buy some morning tea and support the girls!

Tom Watson - Sports Coordinator



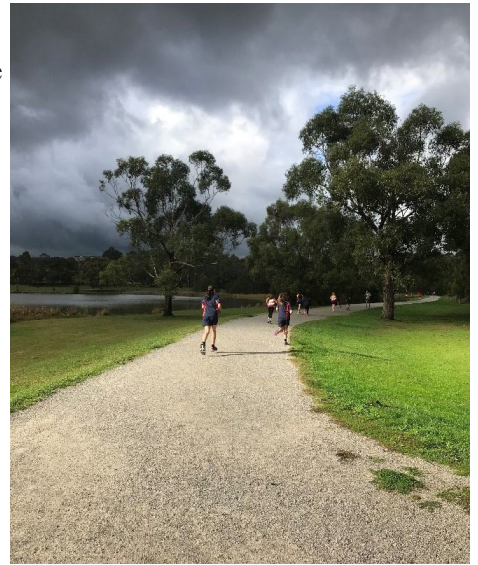
District Cross Country

On 18th May a host of 50 students travelled to Lilydale Lake to compete at the District Cross Country. Amongst a swampy gravel track and drizzly conditions the Emerald team had great success with the following top 3 finishes:

Kiara Flavel 1st (13s)
Maddi Bowden 3rd (13s)
Ashlee Bowden 1st (15s)
Kim Dovan 3rd (open)
Liam Russell 1st (16s)
Hudson Jenner 2nd (16s)

Great job from all students.

Eastern Zone Cross Country is on Tuesday 19th June at Yarra Glen Racecourse.
Thomas Watson - Sports Coordinator



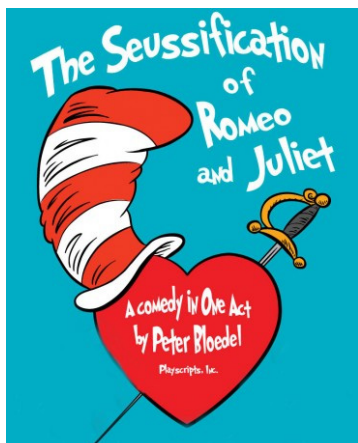
The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet

Yr 10 Drama Presents

The Seussification of Romeo and Juliet

Monday 4th and Thursday 7th June at 5.30 pm in F1
(Drama Room)

\$5.00 Adults \$2.00 Students
Tickets are available at the Door



The Real Inspector Hound (VCE Theatre Studies)

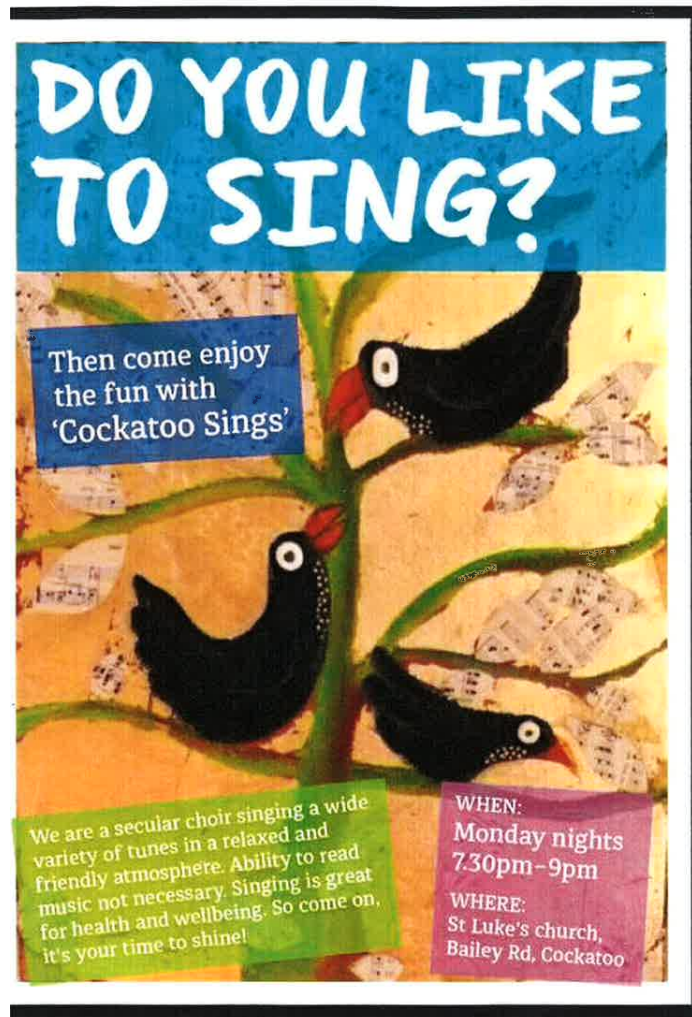
VCE Theatre Studies Presents Tom Stoppard's

The Real Inspector Hound

Tuesday 5th to Friday 8th June at 6.30 pm in EPAC

\$10.00 Adults \$5.00 Students
Tickets are available at the Door





Homework Club

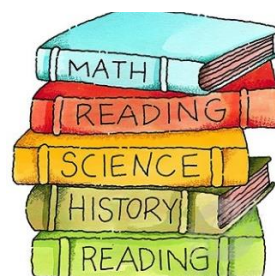
If you need a quiet place to get your homework done or require extra help from your teachers, the place to be is Homework Club.

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