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"A united community where everybody has responsibility in preparing youth for their future."
CHALLENGE EMPOWERMENT RESPECT RESILIENCE

NEWSLETTER NO. 04



TUESDAY 1ST MARCH 2022

2022

Term 1

Week 5	Tue 1 st Mar	SR Swimming
Week 6	Thur 10 th Mar	Senior Boys Cricket
	Fri 11 th Mar	Round Robin Term 1
Week 7	Mon 14 th Mar	Labour Day – public holiday
	Tue 15 th Mar	Hume Swimming
Week 8	Mon 21 st Mar	Year 7 Immunisations
	Fri 25 th Mar	OES Unit 1 Buffalo Day Trip
Week 9	Wed 30 th Mar	Family/Student/Teacher Meetings 12pm – 7:30pm
Week 10	Thur 7 th Apr	ESC Athletic Sports
	Fri 8 th Apr	Last day Term 1 - 2:30pm finish

Term 2

Week 1	Mon 25 th Apr	ANZAC Public Holiday
	Tue 26 th Apr	1 st Day Term 2
Week 2		
Week 3	Thur 12 th May	Discovery Night 6pm

Calendar subject to change

DEAR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, CARERS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

Our School Review process will take place early in Term 2 this year. This involves the appointment of a School Reviewer and a School Review team to evaluate our four year Strategic Plan and to write the next four year plan. Parents are represented by the School Council President and students will be represented by School Captains or a student delegate.

We use the Student Attitudes to School Survey and the Parent Opinion Survey which provides us with some information about opinions about Euroa Secondary College. We will also ask for parents/carers to contribute more specific opinions about the school later this term through surveys and focus groups. More information about this soon.

We had a very successful VCE/VCAL Information Evening recently, attended by a small number of parents/carers and students. Thank you to the Senior School Team for organising this event. Attending these events provides important information about the courses that your student studies, particularly in regards to changes that are taking place to the Victorian Certificate of Education in 2023 with the development of the VCE Vocational Major and the VCE Pathways Certificate. We are hoping that over time more parents/carers will come back into the school to attend these information sessions as well as Student/Family/Teacher interviews in Week 9 this term (Wednesday 30 March). If you are not able to attend in person, we can organise an online alternative.

Parent/Carer nominations for School Council are open until Wednesday 2 March by 4pm. If you are interested, please complete the nomination form at the end of the newsletter and send in to the General Office. Thank you to our current parent/carers on School Council for their commitment and hard work to support the school. These parents may also re-nominate to continue. Annual General Meeting of School Council will take place on Tuesday 15 March in the school staff room, followed by a School Council Meeting.

We are all enjoying a mask free existence at school. Just a reminder that bus travellers must wear a mask on the bus. The next batch of Rapid Antigen Tests will be handed out to students on Thursday. We are required to continue testing for Term 1. The tests are providing us with early notification of a positive result, with these people isolating at home which prevents the further spread of COVID-19. Thank you to everyone in our school community for your support with this.

Kind regards
Leanne Winfield

VCE Outdoor and Environmental Studies

The Unit 3 Outdoor and Environmental Studies class went on a camp to visit 2 marine national parks in Port Phillip Bay. At Swan bay we went canoeing to explore this internationally significant wetland and the Marine Discovery Centre. We then learnt how to SCUBA dive at the southern hemisphere's smallest national park at Pope's Eye. All the knowledge and skills that students learned will help them with their studies but also develops their personal understanding and appreciation of the underwater environments and their value and hopefully will inspire them to get into SCUBA diving in the future.

Mr Bright





Robotics Mission to Mars Program:

Would you like to take control of a Robotic Mars Rover?

Take on the role of an Engineer or Scientist in Mission Control to direct a real Mars Rover! This project will give you a taste of robotics, geology, and teamwork required to successfully manage a robotic rover on the surface of Mars. You will complete an online preparatory program and come together with other students in Mission Control at VSSEC to operate a rover on Mars over a 2-hour period.

Your challenge will be to successfully control a rover on the surface of Mars; to drive it to a location of your choice, operate that instrument and analyse and interpret the data obtained. This program runs on weekends and during school holidays at the Victorian Space & Science Education Centre, in Strathmore.

This **FREE** program is supported by the Victorian Government Challenge and Enrichment Series.



Who can apply?

Victorian government school students from Years 7 to 12.

Send this to a friend (or 10 🤖) and come participate in an eventful day and broaden your understanding of robotics and remote interplanetary robotic operations!

Apply Now!

Visit <https://www.vssec.vic.edu.au/rmtm-challenge-enrichment/>, and register your expression of interest by selecting 'Sign Up'!

Once you have signed up more information will be sent to you regarding dates/times, and preparatory material for the day. You will be placed in a working group with a maximum of 24 students in each session.

For any concerns or questions, please contact challengeenrichment@vssec.vic.edu.au

Absences

It would be appreciated if parents could phone the College, email or use COMPASS. If students will not be attending for any reason.

The College needs to be notified if a student has Covid.

If students are marked as absent at Home Group and we have not been notified, then a follow up text message will be sent automatically.

College Bank Details

Account Name: EUROA SECONDARY COLLEGE - COUNCIL OFFICIAL ACCOUNT

Bank: Commonwealth Bank of Australia. BSB: 063682 Account Number: 10167293

“School Facebook Page” Euroa Secondary College has an official Facebook page, where we feature interesting things that our students are doing and show what goes on at school during the day. Anyone from the school community is welcome to follow our page at; <https://www.facebook.com/EuroaSecondaryCollege/>

College Uniform

All uniform orders are done through Shoreditch Corporate online, please go to www.shoreditchcorporate.com.au

If you choose to have uniform delivered to home there is a charge of \$10, if you choose delivery to the school, it is free. Shoreditch Inc. phone number for any enquiries is – 03 95806488

****Please note new web address and the User code for Euroa Secondary College is ESC2019Shop**



Please check out our students ARTWORK @ Euroasc_art Gallery

https://www.facebook.com/Euroasc_art-Gallery-1641096692770958/

Visitors to the College

All visitors must sign in at the front Office and also use the QR code.

Payments may be made by way of Cheque by post, EFT, BPay or Credit Card over the phone.

Please don't hesitate to contact the college by email or phone if you have any queries, Teaching staff can be contacted via their emails.

Conveyance allowance.

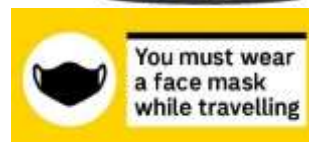
Students who live 4.8 kilometres from their bus stop or the school (if they are not serviced by a bus and travel by car) may be eligible for conveyance allowance. Forms can be obtained from the Office. Applications for term 1 Conveyance Allowance close 18th March 2022.

School Bus

As per direction from PTV (Public Transport Victoria) the school bus service is not there to provide transport to get to after-school jobs, social or sports training etc. Any bus traveller who needs to make a “one off” request to change buses needs to give Mr Koutroubas a note signed by a parent/guardian on the morning of the day of such a request. Be mindful that the answer may have to be “no”.

The Violet Town Bus is full, there can be no “one off” requests for this bus.

Parents driving their students to school are reminded that students should be dropped off and picked up at the Campbell Street entrance to the school, near the front gates.



In the event of a Code Red Fire Ban Days and if there is a fire in the area, the following procedures will be implemented:

Code Red Fire Ban Days:

Euroa Secondary College is **NOT** on the BARR - Bush Fire At Risk Register, but it is on the Grass Fire register and may close, this decision is made by the Department of Education and families will be informed as soon as we know.

The areas of Strathbogie, Ruffy, Longwood & Avenel are included on the BARR. The following five bus runs will **NOT** operate on Code Red days: **Strathbogie, Gooram, Ruffy, Longwood and Avenel.**

On Code Red days, advice will be provided by the DET Regional Office. Once the final decision to close is confirmed, this decision will not change – regardless of any changes in the weather forecast. This will help limit confusion and

help your family plan for how your children will be cared for when their school, kindergarten or child care center is closed.

Advice will be provided to families directly by the school, via email, COMPASS, and Flexibuzz. Please keep your email & phone numbers up to date and download the Flexibuzz app.

In the case of Fire in the area: School bus transport

Buses will **not** be permitted to leave the College if a bush fire is in the area they travel, (regardless of a fire ban day or not) Staff will also be encouraged to remain onsite. Buses will not operate in the morning or afternoon if there is any bush fire activity threat on the bus route (ie a burning fire).

A school bus route will be closed if it has to pass through an area affected by fire even if the associated school is not affected by fire and remains open.

Information on changes to bus routes or cancellation of services will be provided by the school and via this website. <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/health/pages/closures.aspx#BusClosures>

Please ensure your contact details are up to date



TRAINING HAS STARTED!

Under 12's and Under 14's
Wednesdays 4:30pm-6pm

Open Girls and Under 16's
Thursdays 4:30pm-6pm

All training is at Victory Park, St Georges Road

NEW PLAYERS WELCOME

Fees are \$150 for the session

Queries can be emailed to: sheppcitysoccerclub@gmail.com

Like our Facebook page **Shepparton City Soccer Club** to stay up to date information.

School Council Elections

The Department of Education and Training has approved the commencement of the electoral process for the election of School Councillors for 2022.

Membership

Our School Council consists of seven parents, four staff members, two elected student members, three community members and the Principal.

Terms of Office

School council members are elected (or co-opted in the case of community members) for a two year term. Half the membership is elected or co-opted each year creating vacancies for the annual School Council election. The term of office and rights and responsibilities of community (i.e. co-opted) members are the same as those of elected councillors.

Retiring School Councillors

The following members of School Council, while eligible for re-election, retire at the March meeting:

Parents: Juana McKeachie, Trevor Cubbin, Susan Lazenby, Brian Russell, Nick Townsend

DET Employee Members: 2 positions are open

Students: Abigail Lazenby and Tori Walker retire, 2022 School Captains Jasmine Raleigh and Peter Bateman were voted into the position by students and staff in December 2021, which includes membership on School Council.

Proposed Timeline for Elections

Wednesday 23 February Call for nominees (Nomination Forms attached or available from the General Office, email these to: euroa.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

Wednesday 2 March Nominations close 4.00pm

Thursday 3 March Nominations displayed at school

Thursday 3 March Ballot open if election required

Thursday 10 March Close of ballot 4.00pm

Votes counted

Tuesday 15 March School Council Meeting

Voting

If the number of nominations exceeds the vacancies in either the parent or staff electorates, an election will be necessary. All parents are entitled to vote for parent representatives and DET employees can vote for staff representatives.

Methods of Voting

There are two ways in which you can record your vote on the official voting form during the period Thursday 3 March until Thursday 10 March at 4.00pm.

(a) Post your vote to school to arrive by 4.00pm on Thursday 10 March;

(b) Vote in person at school at the General Office, between 8.30am and 4.00pm during the period Thursday 3 March until Thursday 10 March.

Nominations of Candidates

There are three distinct categories of elected members of School Council parents, students and DET employees.

Parent Member Category: Parents of a student(s) at the school, who are DET employees, are now eligible for election to this category. However, there is a limit on the number of DET parent members for a given School Council configuration. (The total of DET employee members and DET parent members must be less than half of the total number of School Council.)

Student Member Category: To be eligible for election to this category, a student must be enrolled at the school.

DET Employee Member Category: To be eligible for election to this category, a person must be a DET employee and either: a parent of a student at the school, and/or employed to work at or for the school.

Role of School Councillors: School Councillors play an important role in decision-making and the management of our school. They donate many hours to the sub-committees of Council; Finance, Buildings and Grounds, Marketing and Publicity, Uniform. Councillors belong to one subcommittee; they also attend monthly council meetings and represent the college at many functions. Our senior school leaders (College Captains play an integral role in School Council) and may be co-opted as community members.

SCHEDULE 4

Notice of Election and Call for Nominations

An election is to be conducted for members of School Council of Euroa Secondary College.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00pm on Wednesday 2 March 2021.

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on Thursday 10 March 2021.

Following the closing of nominations, a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

Membership Term of Office Number of Positions

Parent Member 15 March 2022 to 15 March 2024 – 5 positions

DET Employee Member 15 March 2021 to 15 March 2024 – 2 positions

Student Member 15 March 2022 to 15 December 2022 – 2 positions, School Captains Jasmine Raleigh and Peter Bateman were voted into the position in December 2021, which includes membership on School Council

If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

SCHEDULE 5A: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the

.....school council.

Name :

Residential address:

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Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of, who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

- an undischarged bankrupt
- of unsound mind
- currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or
- a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.

Signature of Candidate: Date...../...../.....

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.