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Euroa Secondary College



"A united community where everybody has responsibility in preparing youth for their future."

CHALLENGE EMPOWERMENT RESPECT RESILIENCE

<u>Term 2</u>			
Week 4	Wed 8th May	Experience Day	
	Thur 9th May	Careers Day Out	
Week 5	Tue 14th May	Term 2 Round Robin	
	Thur 16th May	Vic Careers Show	
Week 6	Mon 20th May	ESC Cross Country 1:30pm	
Week 7	Fri 31st May	SR Cross Country	
		Food & Fibre Careers Day - Dookie	
Week 8	Fri 7th Jun	Year 7 & 10 Immunization	
Week 9	Mon 10th Jun	Public Holiday – Kings Birthday	
	Wed 12th Jun	REACH program Year 7,8&9	
Week 10	Tue 18th Jun	GAT – TBC	
		Profession Learning Day – no students	
	Fri 21st Jun	HR Cross Country	
Week 11	24th – 28th Jun	Careers Week	
	Fri 28th Jun	End Term 2, 2:30pm finish	

Calendar subject to change.

DEAR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, CARERS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

School Council

After many years of dedicated service and invaluable support to the staff, students, and school community, Juana McKeachie has stepped down from her role as School Council President. We express our heartfelt thanks to Juana for her leadership and commitment. Tim Bickerton has been appointed as the new School Council President, and Juana will continue to contribute her expertise as the Vice President, assisting Tim in his new role. Brian Russell will continue as Treasurer. We look forward to their collaborative efforts in guiding Euroa Secondary College to continued success.

Last week we hosted a successful Discovery Night, attended by over 140 primary school students and their families. The event provided a welcoming introduction to Euroa Secondary College, with a more detailed report available in the newsletter. Following Discovery Night, we held an Experience Day, inviting Grade 4, 5, and 6 students from local primary schools, including Euroa Primary School, St. John's, Nagambie Primary School, Peranbin Primary School, Avenel Primary School, and St. Joseph's. The visiting students participated in various classes, such as Japanese, Science, Art, Performing Arts, Maths, English, Physical Education, and Humanities. It was heartwarming to see the primary school visitors enjoying their experience at the secondary school, leaving with smiles on their faces.

Today, our Year 9 and 10 students visited Shepparton for the Careers Day Out. This excursion provided students with valuable insights into various career paths and opportunities, contributing to their ongoing educational and career development.

Next Tuesday our students will be heading out on our second round robin for the year to participate in Netball, AFL, Badminton and Soccer and on 20th May students will take part in our House Cross Country.

Change to Student Free Day- Staff Professional Development- June 18th

Euroa Secondary College has made a change to the Term 2 Staff Professional Development Day, which will now be held on June 18th. This day will be a student-free day for all students except our Year 11 and 12 students, who will be sitting the General Achievement Test (GAT).

Student Attitudes to School Survey (AToSS)

Between May 13th and May 20th, we will be conducting our annual Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), a program offered by the Department of Education to help schools understand students' perceptions and experiences. This survey plays a crucial role in capturing student voice as a way to enhance engagement, wellbeing, and instructional quality. We will be asking your child about their thoughts and feelings related to their school experience, learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general. Further information about the AtoSS can be found on the flyer attached later in the newsletter.

Anna Eddy
Acting Principal

Experience Day – 8th May 2024



MSO Concert – 2nd May 2024

On Thursday 2nd May the members of Concert Band along with a few future members took a trip to Robert Blackwood Hall at Monash Uni to see a performance of the world class Melbourne Symphony Orchestra. We were very fortunate to secure heavily subsidised tickets (usually hundreds of dollars per ticket) and have our bus costs paid thanks to a generous philanthropist.

Upon arrival we had a short walk through parts of the massive Monash Clayton campus and students got to experience an early taste of Uni life by ordering their own food from one of the many food options in the Student Union Building. We then had a walk through the Music department at Monash Uni and saw plenty of activity such as rehearsals even though it was 6:30pm.



After a pre-talk in the foyer of Robert Blackwood Hall we were ushered into the auditorium where the orchestra was tuning and warming up. The lights went down, the conductor walked onto stage, the orchestra stood and the audience applauded. The first piece they played was Benjamin Britten's "Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra". This 20 minute composition was the favourite for many students as it featured a full 50 piece orchestra and highlighted the textures and timbres that various sections such as brass, woodwind, percussion and strings can produce.

The second piece was Vaughn Williams' "The Lark Ascending". This featured a solo virtuoso violinist and is a piece inspired by the poem by George Merideth. This late Romantic, early 20th Century piece was very beautiful and tranquil. Williams spent many years rambling through the English countryside collecting folk tunes from villagers. The Lark Ascending draws on such tunes, creating a glorious pastoral picture of a bird in flight on a clear, bright day. Many were in tears at the end as we were left pondering whether the silence created after the final phrase was still a part of the competition. Who knew silence could be music too!

After an intermission we were presented with the 14 variations of Edward Elgar's "Enigma Variations". These movements were composed in 1898 and the orchestra dedicated the performance to the recently passed chief MSO conductor of many years, Sir Andrew Davis. After a long day of apparently-torturous teaching, Elgar sat down at the piano to clear his mind, and began to tinker. The composition is intended to express the 'nothingness' from which it came. Each of the fourteen variations on this never-revealed theme paints musical portrait of one of Elgar's friends. The most famous – Nimrod – is one of the most emotionally profound and magnificent works of all time.



When the concert concluded the orchestra and conductor received a thunderous applause that lasted about 5 minutes. All our students were very well behaved for the duration of the performance even though sitting in silence and taking all this in can be difficult. We then boarded the bus and headed home. Many reflected on this amazing cultural experience and many slept after a late night. Hopefully we get to do it again in the future as it was a memorable experience that most had never had the opportunity to partake in!

Nick Lester

Nagambie Bus Travellers

The Strathbogie Shire have advised the College that:

“The Nagambie-Locksley Road will be closed to through traffic starting Monday 25 March.

The Charles Creek bridge is being renewed and the road realigned.

Expected completion date (weather permitting) will be end of July 2024.”



The Nagambie bus will need to take a detour during this time which will add 8 minutes to the current route, stops will not change & times in the morning will not change.

Students will arrive at school a bit later, but will still make Home Group, at night the bus will arrive home at the usual stops, 8 minutes later.

Please contact the College if you need any further information.

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/>



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.

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.

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 Williams 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 case of a Fire/Flood in the area: Buses will not operate in the morning or afternoon if there is any bush fire/flood activity threat on the bus route (ie a burning fire). Staff will also be encouraged to remain onsite.

CSEF (Camps, Sports, Excursions Funding)

Government funding is available to all Parents that have a Health Care / Pension Card. \$250.00

CSEF application forms for 2024 can be collected from the general office. CSEF must be applied for annually and the first payment run is March. Applications for this year close 28/6/24. Please submit ASAP for prompt processing.

Discovery Night – 29 April 2024

Discovery Night 2024 started with a sausage sizzle and music by the Euroa Secondary College Concert Band. A welcome from Acting Principal Anna Eddy along with students Ruby Gillies and Jethro Dolphin was next. Enthusiastic students guided the over 140 visitors through school activities and demonstrations. The evening was a great success, filled with excitement and learning; a memorable experience for everyone.

The visitors left feeling impressed and inspired by the school's vibrant community and its commitment to education. A Huge thank you goes out to everyone who contributed to this wonderful event, including the dedicated students and teachers, an especially big thank you to the families and community members who joined us to discover more about Euroa Secondary College and the wealth of opportunities it offers to the young people in our region.



Earn green tokens for reading



Read 100 pages of a book or ebook, and Miss Creek will give you a green token

If you finish a novel, let Miss Creek know and she'll add it to the Premier's Reading Challenge.

Complete the Challenge, and there could be prizes!



We now have
Instagram

Follow us at @euroasc



Acknowledgement of Country



We acknowledge that Euroa Secondary College is on Taungurung Country.

We would like to begin by acknowledging and paying our respects to the traditional owners, the Taungurung people, whose country we are on, and we would also like to extend our respect to their Elders, both past and present.

We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land, our sorrow for the personal, spiritual, and cultural costs of the sharing and our hope that we may walk forward together in harmony and in the spirit of healing.



WELCOME TO SPARTAN SCHOOL WORLD



The Euroa Secondary College uniform range is now available via the following option:

Online:

www.spartanschoolworld.com.au

Select Euroa Secondary College from the "FIND MY SCHOOL" list of schools.

Place your order.

Choose weekly delivery to school or home/private address.

SHIPPING OPTIONS

Free School Delivery - Weekly during school terms.

Postage to private address - \$12.50 per order.

Please allow 4 - 5 days for delivery after despatch of your order.

An order confirmation will be sent once your order is processed.

Instore shopping is also available:

Spartan School World Niddrie Store

Level 2/445B Keilor Road, Niddrie. 3042.

Trading hours:

Monday/Wednesday/Friday
12.00pm to 5.00pm.

1st Saturday each month 9.00am to 12.00pm.

Customer Service

(03) 9837 9730

Email

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THE SCIENCE EXPERIENCE



A nationwide STEM outreach program for year 9 and 10 students in 2024/2025

ACT

Date to be advised
Australian National University, Canberra

NORTHERN TERRITORY

4-6 June 2024
Charles Darwin University, Casuarina (3 days)

NEW SOUTH WALES

9-11 July 2024
University of New England, Armidale (3 days)
30-26 September 2024
University of Technology Sydney (3 days)
9-11 October 2024
Macquarie University, Sydney (3 days)

QUEENSLAND

3-4 July 2024
Griffith University, Gold Coast (3 days)
21-23 January 2025
Continued Brisbane program UQ, QUT, Griffith Nathan (3 days)

SOUTH AUSTRALIA

6 or 7 or 8 August 2024
University of South Australia, Mount Gambier (1 day)
26-27 November 2024
Flinders University, Adelaide (2 days)
26-28 November 2024
University of South Australia, Mawson Lakes (3 days)
29 November 2024
University of South Australia, Mawson Lakes (1 day)
3-5 December 2024
University of Adelaide (3 days)

TASMANIA

21-22 November 2024
University of Tasmania, Hobart (2 days)
25-26 November 2024
University of Tasmania, Burnie (2 days)
27-28 November 2024
University of Tasmania, Launceston (2 days)

VICTORIA

2-4 July 2024
RMIT University, Melbourne (3 days)
19 September 2024
KIOSEC, Warringa (1 day)
27-29 November 2024
University of Melbourne, Dookie (3 days)
20-22 January 2025
University of Melbourne, Parkville (3 days)

REGISTRATION FEES

1 day program \$75 (includes GST)
2 day program \$150 (includes GST)
3 day program \$210 (includes GST)



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HOW DO I ENROL?

Apply online at www.scienceexperience.com.au or download the brochure, print and fill in the application form. Post the completed form to:
The Science Experience, PO Box 158, Moorook, Vic. 3793
or email completed form to admin@scienceexperience.com.au

For further information call (03) 9756 7534

Transition 2025 - Years 6 into 7

Euroa Secondary College

Thursday 18th July

Enrolment Packs delivered to Primary School from this date.

Friday 23rd August

Enrolment information due back to ESC.

End of August/ September

We will organise a meeting with each future student's family to ensure we meet their needs.

Monday 9th December

Day 1 of Transition into Year 7
Parent breakfast, information session / tour.

Monday 10th December

Day 2 of Transition into Year 7.

Wednesday 29th

January 2025

Day 1 for Year 7s. Starting a 4 day orientation program.



School Tour Dates

Monday 13th & 20th May - 10am or
Wednesday 15th & 22nd May - 4pm

Tours

We also have some times available if you are interested in a personal tour.

If these times do not suit, contact us to organise a tour time best suited for your family or please contact us if you have any questions.

Teagan Kohn via

Teagan.Kohn@education.vic.gov.au

or 5795 2512

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Upcoming Careers Events

Victorian Careers Show

Date: Thursday 16th May

Attending: All Year 11 and Year 12 by EOI

Dookie Food & Fibre

Date: Friday 31st May 2024

Attending: Agriculture Students

PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN INFORMATION AND CONSENT LETTER 2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey

Dear Parent / Caregiver / Guardian,

This letter is to inform you about the 2024 Student Attitudes to School Survey (AtoSS), which will be administered to all government school students in Years 4 to 12.

About the survey

The AtoSS is a voluntary annual student survey offered by the Department of Education to assist schools and the department to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school. We value student voice as a means to improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and will be asking your child about their thoughts and feelings in relation to their school, their learning, peer relationships, resilience, bullying, health and wellbeing, physical activity, and life in general.

ORIMA Research Pty Ltd has been contracted by the department to administer the online survey and will provide support to schools throughout the survey period via a telephone hotline and email.

This year, the survey will be conducted at your school from 6th May until 14th June.

What are the benefits?

Young people enjoy having a say! This survey has been running for nearly 20 years and is invaluable in helping schools understand student views to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience. The survey responses also help the Department of Education understand how student's learning experiences can be improved.

What are the risks?

While we do not anticipate many risks of participation, some students may find some of the survey questions personal and sensitive in nature. Should you agree for your child to participate, they are still free to skip questions or to withdraw at any stage if the survey makes them upset or uncomfortable. A teacher will be present during the survey to support students.

The questions are selected from validated survey instruments used in Australia and around the world, are strength-based, and tailored for each year level group.

What will my child be asked to do?

Your child will be invited to complete the survey **online during class time** using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way "testing" your child. Please note:

- Student participation in the survey is voluntary and students may withdraw at any time.
- The survey is available in a variety of different versions to enable all students to participate.
- The survey will take around 20-45 minutes to complete.

How is my child's confidentiality protected?

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey from their teacher. The student login is an assigned identifier that will be used by the department to link data for analysis and research purposes only. Identifiable information, such as student name or Victorian Student Number (VSN) is **not** used for linking datasets. Some student demographic data (i.e. year level, gender, age, Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander status) is derived from department-held administrative records and is linked to the individual student login ID during survey set up work to support survey administration.

ORIMA Research will only use student personal information for research purposes to facilitate the administration and data collection of the Attitudes to School Survey. To ensure the confidentiality of your child's responses is protected at all times, personally identifiable data will not be recorded in the survey response file that ORIMA Research provides to the department. All data is stored on servers located in Australia and access is restricted to staff who are working on the project.

All information collected about your child will be handled in accordance with the Privacy Data and Protection Act 2014 (Vic), the Health Records Act 2001 (Vic) and the Public Records Act 1973 (Vic), as well as the Department's Schools' Privacy Policy. Please note that consistent with the above legislation and our policy, there are instances where we may be required by law to share information provided by your child. For example, where there is a threat to your child's health and safety.

How will results be reported?

Aggregated state-wide survey data will be used to report on initiatives and may also be used in public discussions of issues relating to student engagement and wellbeing. An example of how survey data has been previously used includes reporting levels of student engagement in the Performance Summary in the Annual Report to the School Community.

The survey results will also be reported back to the school in aggregate form throughout the survey period. Data or results about individual students will not be shared with schools. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Where there are low numbers of students, the data will be suppressed so that the school cannot view the results for that group.

Your school may share the results of the survey with parents and carers.

Options for participation

Participation in this survey is voluntary. If you do not wish for your child to do the survey, please opt out via email to your school: euroa.sc@education.vic.gov.au before the survey commences on the 13th May 2024

Student personal information will be shared with ORIMA Research to facilitate survey preparations prior to this opt out process. If you opt your child out of participating, then your school will ensure that your child is not provided with access to the survey. Student details will be deleted by ORIMA Research at the conclusion of the survey.

If your school does not receive a Refusal of Consent email before the survey commencement date, as above, this will be taken as your consent for your child to participate in the 2024 Attitudes to School Survey. However, as noted above the survey is voluntary: even with your consent, your child can choose to skip questions or withdraw at any time.

Further information about this survey, including the questions your child will be asked to answer, please visit the department's [survey information page](#).

If you would like more information, please speak to your child's teacher, or contact the department at school.surveys@education.vic.gov.au.

Yours sincerely,

Department of Education, Victoria