



EUROA SECONDARY COLLEGE

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

CHALLENGE

EMPOWERMENT

RESPECT

RESILIENCE

NEWSLETTER NO. 04

**EVERY
DAY
COUNTS**

WEDNESDAY 22ND MARCH 2023

2023

Term 1

Week 8

Mon 20th Mar

Fri 24th Mar

Week 9

Thur 30th Mar

Week 10

Tue 4th Apr

Thurs 6th Apr

Friday 7th Apr

Term 2

Week 1

Mon 24th April

Week 2

Wed 3rd May

Week 3

Wed 10th May

Thurs 11th May

Fri 12th May

Week 4

Tue 16th May

Thur 18th May

Week 5

Wed 24th May

Week 6

Fri 2nd Jun

Week 7

Week 8

Wed 14th Jun

Thur 15th Jun

Fri 16th Jun

Week 9

Thur 22nd Jun

Fri 23rd Jun

Senior Boys Cricket

ESC Athletics

Term 1 Round Robin

VCE Biology Excursion

Student/Family/Teacher Interviews 12pm – 7:20pm

Last Day Term 1 2:30pm finish

Good Friday, public holiday

1st day term 2

REACH Workshops

Discovery Night 5 – 7pm

Careers Day Out Year 9&10

TIS Shepparton Year 11&12

Term 2 Round Robin

ESC Cross Country

Experience Day (student free day)

SR Cross Country

STEM Punks Incursion

GAT

Hume Cross County

Year 9 Careers Week

Mid Year Grand Concert

Last day Term 2, 2:30pm finish

Calendar subject to change

DEAR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, CARERS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

The School Council AGM was held last night with the following Office Bearers appointed:

School Council President: Juana McKeachie

School Council Vice President: Ruth Nolan

School Council Treasurer: Brian Russell

Executive Officer: Leanne Winfield

Parent Members: Juana McKeachie, Susan Lazenby, Trevor Cubbin, Brian Russell, Tim Bickerton, Kim Hamill, Carl Leech

Community Members: Ruth Nolan, Maree Leschke

Staff: Judy Nicholls, Brett Williams, Matthew Koutroubas, Leanne Winfield

Thank you to Andrew Townsend, Frances Lawrence, Helen Waterworth for their long term service to School Council and the school and also to Brody Hannan as a member last year.

We are completing final catch ups for NAPLAN sessions this week. Students were reminded about the importance of doing their best on these tests. Hopefully we will have the results quickly this year so students and parents can see the

data and the school can use this as one piece of information to know where students are at and how they have progressed in their learning.

We have a busy final few weeks with the Athletics Carnival on Friday, Round Robin next Thursday and Student/Family/Teacher meetings on Tuesday 4 April. It is important that students participate in these whole school events and parents/carers are invited to attend if they can. We look forward to having parents and carers in the school on 4 April with their children attending as well. We will have an online safety pop up booth to answer parent questions about student safety and to provide information or where to find more information if needed. Classes will not be running on these days.

Victoria Police visited the school and presented the ThinkUKnow Program to students in Year 7-10. See the Social Networking and Meeting People Fact Sheet later in the newsletter. Other resources are available here:

<https://www.thinkuknow.org.au/resources-tab/parents-and-carers>

Our Uniform provider, RH Uniforms, is now fully stocked and we are regularly receiving deliveries to pass on to students. Having had some leeway to provide the chance to purchase, next term we will begin to follow up to ensure that students are in correct uniform. Students will need a note that they bring to the office if they are not in uniform. Students need to be wearing the school shorts, polo top, or trousers, or skirt or dress with correct windcheater. No hoodies and no track suit pants or leggings. We have stock of the school jacket at the school office selling at cost for \$50 (not available through RH Uniforms).




Child Safe Policy
Feb 2022.pdf


Have a good week.

Kind regards
Leanne Winfield

Fact sheet

Social networking and meeting people

 **THINK UK NOW**
org.au

 This fact sheet includes information for parents and carers about social networking and meeting people.


What is social networking?

The internet and connected devices **allow people to meet and connect online**, this can be through social media. Social media includes websites and apps that allow users to create and share content and participate in social networking.

How does it work?

With most people having a connected device, meeting people online is common through social networking platforms. **Young people might use social networking apps to build and maintain relationships**, showcase their creativity, look for content of interest and connect with like-minded people.

Many platforms have the ability to share pictures, messages and videos and make comments or 'tag' friends in content.

 Social media platforms come with a range of privacy settings, from 'friends only' or 'private' or can be open to the public.

There are also apps designed to meet new and unknown people and become 'friends'.

What are the challenges?

If your child is using social media they may have 'friends' or 'followers' on their accounts they have only met and spoken to online. Unfortunately it **can be easy for someone to lie about their online identity** and it can be difficult to prove someone is who they say they are.

Online child sex offenders are manipulative and capable of grooming a young person into believing they are someone else, including an online 'friend'.

Law enforcement is continuously seeing cases involving online child sexual exploitation with **offenders posing as children in their interactions**, with the intention of obtaining child sexual exploitation material or meeting in person.

Many social networking apps also have a location options, which can allow for others to connect based on a particular location. This can present **privacy challenges particularly if personal information such as a home location or address is being shared** with other users.

thinkuknow.org.au

ThinkUKnow Aus ThinkUKnowAustralia

Tips for staying safe

- Encourage your child to **use critical thinking skills** as to whether a person online is who they say they are; an unknown user will only provide the information they want you to know.
- Question new friend or follower requests, or unknown users who make contact. **Suspicious accounts normally have generic pictures**, little to no followers/friends, and haven't been active for very long.
- Be aware of fake celebrity accounts. Take steps to **verify whether an account is legitimate**.
- If something goes wrong, or an interaction makes your child feel uncomfortable or unsafe, **know how to block and report**.
- Young people should **never agree to meet** someone in person they have only ever known through a particular app game or site.

Getting help

Online child sexual exploitation, including **grooming and extortion**, can be reported to the **Australian Centre to Counter Child Exploitation** (accce.gov.au).

The **ThinkUKnow website** (thinkuknow.org.au) has information and resources to prevent online child sexual exploitation as well as how to report and get help.

If a child is in immediate danger, call 000.

If you become aware of explicit content that has been posted online, including child sexual abuse material, report the site to the **eSafety Commissioner** (esafety.gov.au). They have a range of powers to take action to have content removed.

Kids Helpline (kidshelpline.com.au) is a free, confidential telephone and online counselling service for young people between 5 and 25 years old.

Program partners



Family Student Teacher Meetings

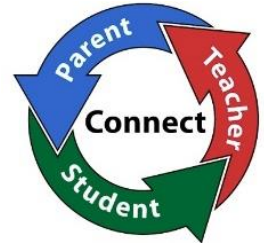
Tuesday 4th April 2023 – 12:00pm – 7:10pm

To create a smoother and subsequently more informative opportunity for feedback/dialogue between classroom teachers and families, the College uses an online booking system.

For this system to work, **everyone** must make a booking.

Interview 'slots' will each be ten minutes with the intention of having 7 to 8 minute conversations, followed by a quick change-over time to allow the next interview to start on time.

The earlier you book the more chance you have of getting times that best suit you.



To make your appointment please go to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au.

1. Log on to www.schoolinterviews.com.au with the event code: **vuu9a** ➡GO
2. Enter your details: Email, Parents Full Name, Student Names, the number of students you are booking for, then individual student names. ➡GO
3. Select the Subjects then Teachers for each Student. ➡GO
4. Choose the times for each teacher & student on the day you wish to attend. ➡GO
5. Summary then shown. ➡FINISHED

Bookings are now OPEN

Year 10 Biology/Psychology students have been learning about DNA and Inheritance. They created DNA molecules out of pipe cleaners and coloured paper in a creative task designed to demonstrate their learning.



Biology/Psychology

Year 10 Biology/Psychology students dissected a lamb brain in class! Applying their understanding on the brain's structure and function, this forms part of their ongoing science investigations.



The 2023 Shepparton Youth Leading the World Congress was held in Shepparton and ran for three days. This event brings together young people and schools from across the Greater Shepparton area to learn about, design and create responses to climate change and sustainability in our communities. Sponsored by the Strathbogie Council, we sent 10 students from Euroa Secondary College to participate, present and bring back a project to the Euroa community.



As part of this event, it ended with a Community Forum where our student participated and shared their learnings and action plans.

Students in attendance were: Alina Lester, Audrey Leech, Bianca Nikolovsky, Cale Robertson, Isaac King, Marnie Salter, Mikayla Eriksson, Matilda Hocking, Shayna Rose-Buckle & Beryl Farrell.



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 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.



BUS FARE INCREASE - To align with Public Transport Victoria's ticketing price increases, a small increase will be applied to the School Bus Program's fare for ineligible travellers. This change represents the first increase in the School Bus Program's fare price since 2016. The new fare is \$125 per term (\$500 per year) which is an increase of \$5 per term (\$20 per year). The fare increase will take effect from the beginning of Term 2, 2022

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

Buses will not be permitted to leave the College if a bush fire is in the area. 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).

Bus routes passing through high-risk areas or routes operated by schools in high-risk locations will be closed on high-risk fire days.

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>

Catastrophic FDR days:

Schools and early childhood services on the BARR and Category 4 list regardless of risk category, must close and cancel their buses on days forecasted by the Bureau of Meteorology as Catastrophic FDR in their fire weather district. All other buses which travel through the Catastrophic FDR fire weather district will also be cancelled.

Catastrophic FDR is the highest level of fire danger. These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire and if a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost. Catastrophic FDR days will be forecast for the whole of a fire weather district.

Euroa Secondary College is on the Category 4 list (grassfire), the College will be closed, with no one onsite and bus services will not run on Catastrophic FDR days.

CSEF (Camps, Sports, Excursions Funding)

Government funding is available to all Parents that have a Health Care / Pension Card. \$225.00

CSEF application forms for 2023 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 21/6/23. Please submit ASAP for prompt processing.

A form is also included in this Newsletter.

Student Images

At Euroa Secondary College we celebrate the efforts of our students by mentioning their participation in school events and their achievements in our school newsletter. Occasionally photographs of students are included. We also use photographs of students in our school magazine (Tharunka) along with examples of their work. If you have any concerns about how photographs of your child may be used by the school please let us know.

Accident, Ambulance & Personal Insurance Coverage

Parents are reminded that the Department of Education does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents or guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance or ambulance coverage, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Parents or guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers if they wish.

College Newsletter

The newsletter is distributed by e-mail and available on the College Website, (please ensure your email is up to date).

Hardcopy newsletters can be collected from the office for families who are unable to access it.

School Immunisation Program

Schools are authorised under the *Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009* to provide student and parent/guardian basic contact details (for those students eligible for school based vaccines) to the immunisation provider for the purposes of delivering the Secondary School Vaccine Program.

Please contact the school by 31st May 2023 if you do not want your contact details given to the City of Wodonga immunisation service.

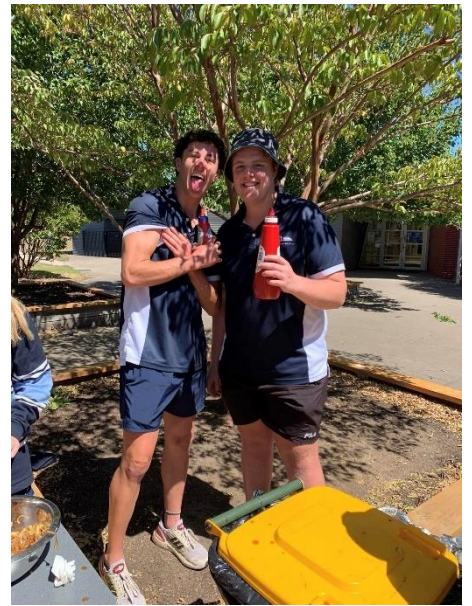
Change of Details

We require you to notify the General Office in writing if your address/ phone number/ email / medical details etc has changed. Please collect a form from the General Office or change via COMPASS to update your details.

Annual privacy reminder for our school community


Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the [Schools' Privacy Policy](#).

Lovely day for a BBQ, Well done to the VCE VM helpers!



JOIN THE
EUROA SECONDARY COLLEGE

PUBLIC SPEAKING AND DEBATING CLUB



Running Tuesday and Friday
Lunch Times in Term 2 and beyond

Email Mr Brett Williams
& Mr Brody Hannan
to Express Your Interest

BRETT.WILLIAMS@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU
BRODY.HANNAN@EDUCATION.VIC.GOV.AU

JUNIOR GIRLS FOOTY 4 FUN



AFL play.afl

Experience Australia's most loved sport through AFL Victoria's FREE Footy 4 Fun events delivered across Victoria! A footy experience full of fun activities, modified games & memorable moments to take home with you!

Footy 4 Fun Junior Girls is all about giving girls (turning 10-16 years old in 2023) the opportunity to experience football in a fun and safe environment through fun activities and modified game.

WHERE:
Euroa Memorial Oval

WHEN:
Sunday the 26th of March
4pm-5PM



REGISTER HERE!

ESC Athletics Day this FRIDAY 24th March

All bus travellers will be dropped off and picked up at the Memorial Oval.

All other students are to make their own way to the oval and be there by 9.00am for Home Group.




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.

HOW TO ORDER SCHOOL UNIFORMS



1. Online Ordering

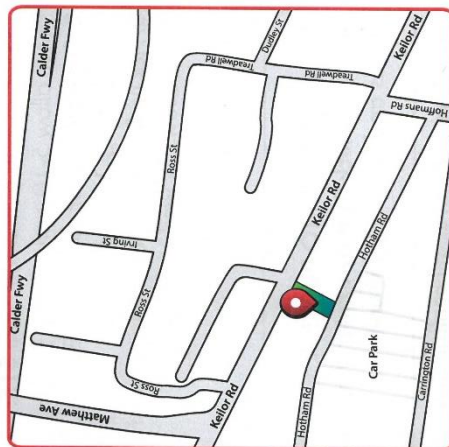
Visit: www.rhuniforms.com.au
go to **FIND YOUR SCHOOL**
& select your school

2. RHU Niddrie Shop

445B Keilor Road, Niddrie, VIC 3042

Open: Monday 9.30am-5.00pm, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9.30am-3pm
Phone: 1800 002 909

Email: customerservice@rhuniforms.com.au



Please Note: School Uniform deliveries cannot go to the school until the student has started at the school, please provide a business or home address if ordering before this time.

HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR SCHOOL UNIFORM ONLINE

STEP 1. Go to www.rhuniforms.com.au
hover over the **FIND YOUR SCHOOL** tab or click on it & select your school



STEP 2. Choose your Product & size
then add them to your cart.
PROCEED TO CHECKOUT once you're
done.



STEP 3. Choose your delivery option.

1. Send to your home. Minimum \$15.

Please allow 5-10 working days

2. Delivery to your school. **FREE.**

Please allow 5-10 working days

3. Pick up from RHUniforms Showroom. **FREE.**

Please allow 1-2 working days



STEP 4. PROCEED TO PURCHASE, enter your
email and click **SUBMIT.** Enter the rest of your
details and Pay for your uniform.



You will receive an email confirmation of your order and order number.

Phone: 1800 002 909

Email: customerservice@rhuniforms.com.au

Our new Uniform Supplier - <https://www.rhuniforms.com.au/>