



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. 03**



**TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2022**

**2022**

Term 1

Week 4

21st – 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb

Thur 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

Week 5

Tue 1<sup>st</sup> Mar

Week 6

Thur 10<sup>th</sup> Mar

Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Mar

Week 7

Tue 15<sup>th</sup> Mar

Week 8

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Mar

Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Mar

Week 9

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Mar

Week 10

Thur 7<sup>th</sup> Apr

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Apr

Term 2

Week 1

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> Apr

Tue 26<sup>th</sup> Apr

Week 2

Week 3

Thur 12<sup>th</sup> May

OES Scuba Camp

VCE Information Afternoon 4.45 – 6.00pm

SR Swimming

Senior Boys Cricket

Round Robin Term 1

Hume Swimming

Year 7 Immunisations

OES Unit 1 Buffalo Day Trip

Family/Student/Teacher Meetings 12pm – 7:30pm

ESC Athletic Sports

Last day Term 1 - 2:30pm finish

ANZAC Public Holiday

1<sup>st</sup> Day Term 2

Discovery Night 6pm

*Calendar subject to change*

## DEAR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, CARERS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS,

Last Friday we had a very successful Swimming Carnival held at the Euroa Pool. The level of student participation was very high and all students were involved in a very positive way whether in the pool or out. Congratulations to all students and in particular to the Medal Winners and to Forlonge House winning the Cup. Thank you to all of our staff for their work, particularly Kevin Bott and Kim Saxon.

This week we are holding our VCE/VCAL Information Evening on Thursday starting at 4.45pm until 6pm. Families of Year 10, 11 and 12 students will be able to find out more about VCE and VCAL, including the new course starting in 2023. Entry is through the School Library doors. We no longer have to use QR codes but we do still need to check vaccination information.

From Monday morning next week masks are no longer mandatory indoors in secondary schools, due to vaccination rates in secondary schools. Masks may be worn and are recommended for office staff for use when visitors come into the school. Thank you to families for your support with the wearing of masks as it is a strategy to prevent transmission of illness. We may need to return to wearing them later in the year but for the moment, it certainly will be a very welcome break.

In Week 9 this term, we have our Family/Student/Teacher interviews On Wednesday 30 March from 12pm-7.30pm. No classes will be held on this day. It is important for students and a family member to attend and vital for students to have this individual feedback about their learning and their progress. We look forward to seeing you in the school.

School Council is an essential part of the running of the school and we highly value the input of parents. I invite parents to nominate for positions on the School Council. We have a number of parents who have served for a long time and I thank them for their vital contribution. They may re-nominate, however it is also important to ensure that we also have parents representing newer students and families to the school. See the information later in the newsletter.

I hope you have a good week.

Kind regards

Leanne Winfield

## House Swimming Sports











### **Dental Health**

Euroa Secondary College is working with Australian Dental Health Victoria to offer our students a free dental health check here at school. During the week of May 2<sup>nd</sup>, ADHV will be conducting Child Dental Benefit Scheme screenings for those students eligible via the Child Dental Benefits Schedule through Medicare and FREE Dental Health Screenings for any other students wishing to do so. The screenings will take place here at school with ADHV's dental staff. All students will be given a consent form for this program this week. If your child does not receive a consent form, the school wellbeing office has spare copies. If you wish to have your child seen by the ADHV staff you will need to complete this consent form and return it to the college by Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February. If you have any questions related to this program please contact either James Griffin - College Youth Worker, or Meaghan Thompson - School Nurse on 03 5795 2512.

## Student Assembly

Our High-Achievers Assembly was held on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February. At this event we celebrated high achieving students and inaugurated our 2022 School Captains, House Captain, SRC Captain and Homegroup Captains. The proceedings were led by school captains Peter Bateman and Jazzy Raleigh, and student representative council president Taylah Lindner.

Congratulations to Zali Greasley, who was awarded The Jack Brockhoff Victorian Indigenous Scholarship, and to all our new Homegroup and House Captains.

*Congratulations to the following students for being our Homegroup Captains for 2022:*

7C - Sophia Williams, Tyler Delahey

7E - Angus Thompson, Lily Asquith

7R - Charlotte Davies, Coby Brock

8C - Cassius McCall, Joshua Quilty

8E - Archy Harrison, Oakley Paul

8R - Belle Young, Jack Walters

9E - Jack Peterson, Larni Shiner

9R - Digby Officer, Georgie Bale

10C - Geromy Van Egmond

10E - Nicholas Lindner, Tahlia Russell

10R - Aristotle Logus - James Croft

11E - Elly Croxson-Mitchell

11R - Lily Skinner

12E - Kendra Miller, Temeka Glue

12R - Naomi Bale - Trish Miller



## Students elected to the Student Representative Council (SRC)

The first meeting of the SRC was held on Monday 21 February at lunchtime in the LCOM.

Congratulations to the following students who were appointed to the Executive of the SRC for 2022:

President: Taylah Lindner

Vice President: Tyler Delahey

Secretary: Angus Thomson

Treasurer: Jazzy Raleigh

Publicity Officer: Elly Croxson Mitchell and Geromy Van Egmond

Wellbeing Officer: Geromy Van Egmond

Constitutional Advisor: Coby Brock

SWPBS Officer: Angus Thomson and Elly Croxson Mitchell

## School for Student Leadership

Last Wednesday five of our Year 9 students returned to the School for Student Leadership. Photo: waiting for the bus. They will return to school at the start of Term 2 with a Community Project to complete. Students always have a great time and learn a great deal while at the Student Leadership School.



## 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](http://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/](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 18<sup>th</sup> 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



# 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.