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# Euroa Secondary College



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

**CHALLENGE**

**EMPOWERMENT**

**RESPECT**

**RESILIENCE**

## Term 1

**Week 5**

29/2 – 1/3

*Year 12 Retreat, Upper Plenty*

**Week 6**

Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Mar

*SR Swimming*

6/3- 8/3

*Year 7 Camp*

6/3 – 8/3

*VET OED Surf Camp*

**Week 7**

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Mar

*Public Holiday - Labour Day*

Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Mar

*Year 12 Biology Excursion*

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Mar

*HR Swimming*

13/3 – 20/3

*NAPLAN*

**Week 8**

19/3 – 21/3

*NEVR Music Camp Beechworth*

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar

*Term 1 Round Robin*

**Week 9**

Thur 28<sup>th</sup> Mar

*House Athletics Carnival*

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Mar

*End Term 1, 2.30pm finish*

*Public Holiday – Good Friday*

## Term 2

**Week 1**

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Apr

*Term 2 starts*

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Apr

*Student/Family/Teacher Interviews*

**Week 2**

Thur 25<sup>th</sup> Apr

*Public Holiday - ANZAC Day*

**Week 3**

Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> May

*Music MSO Excursion - Melbourne*



*Calendar subject to change.*

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

We are currently completing NAPLAN practice tests for Year 7 and Year 9. This is mostly to ensure that the technology is ready for the test and so students can be reminded about what the test looks like and how to do them. Students need to come to school with their laptop charged.

Our Year 12 students are on a 2 day retreat tomorrow and Friday to review their study skills and to hear from Ross Huggard about VCE English, Vocational Major students will be geo orienteering and all will be taking part in team building activities and a session with Reach.

Yesterday we had a training session from The Resilience Project which will be the core of our Pastoral Care Program this year. All students have received a planner which was funded out of our Mental Health funding allocation. Please ask your student to bring theirs home so you can have a look at it. More information will be provided in our next newsletter.

We will be fundraising at the Euroa Farmers' Market on Saturday 16 March. It would be great to have more parents and students to help us out. Please contact me if you are able to come for an hour or two.

Have a great week.

Kind regards  
 Leanne

**Teach for Australia** – would you like to develop your career to become a teacher?

Teach for Australia are looking for people who have a Bachelor degree who are interested in moving into the World of Teaching in schools. They support people to continue studying to complete their post graduate study to be qualified to teach. In the meantime, people enrolled in the course teach in a school as a paraprofessional. We have had a number of Teach for Australia Associates at Euroa Secondary College who have made a significant contribution to the school.

More information can be found on the [website](#) or at <https://bit.ly/3Jtih5N>

## High Achievers Assembly

At Euroa Secondary College we love celebrating the achievements of our wonderful students, and recently we had the opportunity to do so again at the High Achievers Assembly.

Ms Winfield, our Principal, addressed students and staff before our College Council President, Juana McKeachie, then inaugurated our 2024 College Captains, Chloe Salter and Rachael Buerckner.

We heard from four of our 2023 Year 12 students, Jordan Kipping, Sammy Tatai, Molly Redfern and Angus Murray, and two of our 2024 Year 12 students, Ellie Bott and Rachael Buerckner. They were interviewed by the College's Careers Advisor, Lorelle Healey, and talked about how they had achieved their high results and what their goals are for the future.

We then recognized the winner of the Secondary Division of the College's 2023 Short Story Competition, Bonnie Carver. We also recognized the three students who completed the 2023 Premier's Reading Challenge, Alina Lester, Jemma Hunter and Tamiaka Petersen.

Finally, Ms McKeachie, Ms Marks and Mr Trembath lead the initiation ceremony for our 2024 House Captains (Tahlia Russell, Macey Ross, Marnie Salter, Amber McNally, Laci Hepburn, Katie Perry, Ruby Bodle, Kobee Mann, Noah Brennan, Murdoch Smith, Jethro Dolphin, & Charlotte Trembath), Music Captains (Grace Whitney & Tyler Kipping) and SRC members (Chloe Salter, Rachael Buerckner, Logan Horoba, Will Mann, Lily Brennan, Ziggy Townsend/Singleton, Jethro Dolphin, Hannah Taylor-White, Kobee Mann, Mikayla Looker, Bonny Carver, Ally Davidson, Murph Lazenby, Declan Antonis & Ellie Bott.

Well done to all of our bright and ambitious students!



2023 Year 12



SRC Members



House Captains



Music Captains

**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/](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.

**In the case of a Fire/Flood 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.**

## House Swimming Sports

Euroa Secondary College swimming sports was held on Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> February. All students had a great day competing in many events; freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, relays and novelty races. The novelty races included the points fest, the raft race, clothing race and the floaty race.

Results for each age group were;

13-year-old girl Lara Saxon, boy Darby Hoare,

14-year-old girl Beryl Farrell, boy Patrick Holden,

15-year-old girl Macey Watson, boy Sam Mills,

16-year-old girl Oakley Paul, boy Angus Rowe,

17-year-old girl Ally Davidson, boy Tyler Kipping,

20-year-old Rachael Buerckner, boy Will Creevey.

The overall winners were Lara Saxon and Rachael Buerckner.

A big congratulations to all the students and staff for making this a great day.

The winner of the house cup was Furlonge, followed by Kirkland then Creighton.



## 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.

## 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 and school website 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 Insurance and Ambulance Cover

The College does not have any insurance for either of these items. It is strongly recommended that you cover your family for ambulance costs. Check with your Health Fund also to ascertain whether this includes ambulance cover (non life threatening).

Please note that the College will call for an ambulance if deemed necessary and parents/guardians cannot be contacted.

## 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 if you do not want your contact details given to the City of Wodonga immunisation service.

## Container Deposit Scheme

Euroa Secondary College has registered as a fundraising organisation for Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme!

Help us make a lot of change by recycling drink containers. By donating your eligible containers to Euroa Secondary College you will not only help the environment, but also help contribute to improving our student facilities!

Every year Victorians use billions of drink containers and sadly many are not recycled. By recycling eligible drink containers through CDS Vic you can help to build Victoria's circular economy. It's a change that's good for our school community and even better for the environment.

That's a lot of change.

We are asking for students, families and the wider community to get involved and help raise valuable funds for our students. The more funds we raise, the more we can give back to our students!

**Container Deposit Scheme Donation Partner EUROA SECONDARY COLLEGE**

**How to donate your eligible drink containers to Euroa Secondary**

**Step 1**

- Collect eligible drink containers
- Check for the 10c mark on the label
- Don't crush!

**Step 2**

- Drop your containers directly to Euroa Timber Yard collection point and nominate ESC
- Send your containers to school with students
- Drop your containers off at ESC

CDS VIC EUROA SECONDARY COLLEGE

The Euroa Secondary College Donation Partner ID is: C200008736

On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February, players from Melbourne Football Club Men's team made a surprise visit to Euroa Secondary College. Fourteen players from the senior list visited the school with Year 8, 11 and 12 students in attendance.

Some of the big names of the players who were in attendance were Christian Petracca, Clayton Oliver, Steven May, Jake Lever, Ed Langdon, Kysiah Pickett, Charlie Spargo, Adam Tomlinson and Jacob van Rooyen. The players and students participated in a question and answer session where students learnt about training sessions, nutrition and professionalism required to play AFL. There were some more light hearten conversations around other favourite sports, off field interests and part time study pathways.

Afterwards, students had the opportunity to collate autographs from the players. A highlight for some of our students was to play small sided games of basketball with the players. The students learnt that the footballers had a genuine interest in the game and loved shooting at the various hoops in the Sports Stadium. One student said "All I want to do is play one on one with Christian Petracca". This student got their wish as Petracca and his team mates spent 20 minutes playing basketball with the students.

Euroa Secondary College appreciated the work of AFL Victoria school engagement officers in the region for their communication with Melbourne FC and organising such a great opportunity for our students.

Lachie Cooke  
Physical Education teacher



## Yr 8 Food Studies

A power outage could not stop 8R cooking up a storm in the Food Studies kitchen. The students made pancakes (just in case anyone missed out on a pancake 😊). Hopefully families got to experience some of the pancakes at home (if there was any left!). *Ms Bellinger*





# HOW TO ORDER SCHOOL UNIFORMS



## 1. Online Ordering

1 Visit: [www.rhuniforms.com.au](http://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](mailto: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](http://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.

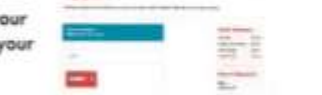


STEP 3. Choose your delivery option.

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](mailto:customerservice@rhuniforms.com.au)

## 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.



## NAGAMBIE'S COOLEST FESTIVAL

SAT 24TH FEB 2024, 10AM - 6PM

BUGLEY PARK | JACONSONS OUTLOOK | BLEYREY RESERVE

Proud sponsor of the Costa Community Canoe Challenge



Nagambie on Water is presented by Euroa Secondary College

[COSASPORTS.COM.AU](http://COSASPORTS.COM.AU)

## **SUPPORT YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION WITH 12 MONTHS FREE INTERNET AT HOME**

The Australian Government has established the School Student Broadband Initiative to provide free home internet for one year for up to 30,000 eligible families with school-aged students.

The initiative aims to boost education opportunities. NBN Co is leading the rollout of this initiative across the country.

How the School Student Broadband Initiative can help your child

Children who can access online learning at home as part of their education are more likely to engage in classroom activities.

Access to fast internet at home can also support children to build their digital skills, learn how to safely use the internet and take part in a world that is more reliant on digital technology.

### **Eligibility:**

To be eligible, families must:

- \* have a child living at home enrolled in an Australian school in 2023
- \* not have an active National Broadband Network internet service at their home (having a mobile internet service does not affect eligibility)
- \* live in a premises that can access the National Broadband Network through a standard connection. NBN Co will check this for you after you apply
- \* register interest with your school and complete a consent form to be assessed for eligibility.

### **How the School Student Broadband Initiative works:**

If you are eligible, your home internet service will be provided at no cost for one year with a participating internet provider over the National Broadband Network. Each internet provider has its own step-by-step process to get you connected, which may involve you providing identification.

Once you sign up, the internet provider will help you set up your connection. The initiative does not include devices such as a computer or tablet. Other members of your household can use the internet service provided through this initiative.

The one-year period will start from the day your service is activated with your chosen provider. At the end of the one-year period, you will not be placed onto a paid service by your internet provider without your consent. The Australian Government is considering options beyond the one-year free period.

### **How to apply:**

- \* Ask your school for a copy of the School Student Broadband Initiative consent form.
- \* Complete the consent form and return to the school.
- \* NBN Co will use student address details on the consent form to confirm eligibility.
- \* If you are eligible, NBN Co will issue a voucher for your family to use to sign up with a participating internet provider. This will be provided to you by your school.

Please note: NBN Co will review the home address for eligibility. No personal information other than your main home address will be shared with NBN Co. Please see the consent form for details about how personal information will be used.

### **Find out more**

For more information about the School Student Broadband Initiative, visit <https://www.infrastructure.gov.au>



# School Council Elections

The Department of Education and Training has approved the commencement of the electoral process for the election of School Councillors for 2024.

## 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 retire at the March meeting:

Parents: Susan Lazenby, Kim Hamill

There are currently 5 positions that are open for parents/carers.

DET Employee Members: 2 positions are open

Students: 2023 School Captains Molly Redfern & Samy Tatai retire and Chloe Salter and Rachael Buerckner were voted into the position by students and staff in December 2023, which includes membership on School Council.

Community Members Ruth Nolan and Ronnie Mason continue on School Council

## Proposed Timeline for Elections

Thursday 15 February Call for nominees (Nomination Forms attached or available from the General Office, email these to: euroa.sc@education.vic.gov.au)

Wednesday 28 February Nominations close 4.00pm

Thursday 29 February Nominations displayed at school

Thursday 29 February Ballot open if election required

Thursday 7 March Close of ballot 4.00pm

Votes counted, applicants notified and community notified

Tuesday 19 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 29 February until Thursday 7 March at 4.00pm.

(a) Post your vote to school to arrive by 4.00pm on Thursday 7 March;

(b) Vote in person at school at the General Office, between 8.30am and 4.00pm during the period Thursday 29 February until Thursday 7 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 28 February 2024.

The ballot will close at 4.00pm on Thursday 7 March 2024.

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 21 March 2024 to 21 March 2026 – 5 positions

DET Employee Member 21 March 2024 to 21 March 2026 – 2 positions

Student Member 20 February 2024 to 20 December 2024 – 2 positions, School Captains Chloe Salter and Rachael Buerckner were voted into the position in December 2023, 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: .....

.....

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.