



Essendon Keilor College

COLLEGE NEWS

Edition 1, 2019

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Our Vision: To develop accomplished citizens who contribute, live meaningfully and succeed



David Adamson, Principal

Welcome to our first College Newsletter of 2019.

COLLEGE COUNCIL

Our new College Council has been formed with a good representation of parents from all three campuses.

President: Laki Mavridis

Vice President: Nicole Kitoski

Treasurer: Aleksandra Tasevska-Cvetkovska

Karen Dossis, Kristian Dodd, Maria Infantino, Keith McDougall, Bettina Spirli, and Lisa Grant are the other parent representatives with Kurtis and Luke Barnard representing the students. The staff will be represented by Lisa Nugent, Angela Apswoude, Mark McInerney and Heather Hawkins.

This is a terrific school council and I am looking forward to their contribution this year.

NIDDRIE CAMPUS OFFICIAL OPENING



On Friday 15th March the rebuilt Niddrie Campus was officially opened by the member for Niddrie, Ben Carroll. The final phase of the Campus redevelopment will be the building of a canteen which will occur in Term 2.

TERM 2, 2019 - Tuesday 23rd April Students Return

Thursday 25 April - Anzac Day

Friday 26 April – Pupil Free Day (Curriculum Day)

Monday 10 June - Queen's Birthday Holiday

Friday 14 June - Pupil Free Day (Report Writing Day)



College Phone Numbers

East Keilor

8331 0109

Niddrie

9375 8400

Essendon

9319 1300

Absence Lines

East Keilor 8331 0108

Niddrie 9375 8405

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Term Dates 2019

Term 2

23 April-28 June

Term 3

15 July-20 September

Term 4

7 October-19 December

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School Wide Positive Behaviours Learning Focus for Term 2

The SWPS goals which will be taught College wide and aligned with our Progress reports are:

Weeks 1 – 3: Make positive contributions to class discussions and activities

Weeks 4 – 6: Allow others to learn and teach

Weeks 7 – 10: Put effort into every task to increase our knowledge and skills

Production:

We are very excited to announce that this years Essendon Keilor College Production will be the **SCHOOL OF ROCK!**

Students from all three campuses have had the opportunity to audition as part of the cast and band. We had a tremendous turn out at auditions and the skills of our students is mind-blowing.

With the cast now selected, students have already begun rehearsing each Tuesday and Thursday night, with the band on a Monday night. We have already finished a couple of scenes and the cast are very focused and motivated during rehearsals.

Everyone involved cannot wait for the Essendon Campus theatre to be finished (not long now!), so that we can move our rehearsals into this space and get first hand experience on a stage. Such exciting times ahead for Performing Arts at EKC.

If there are any parents who would like to help with set construction, painting or costuming please contact me as soon as possible (harbrow.blair.b@edumail.vic.gov.au) to speak about a working-bee/distribution of tasks.

Thank you to the following teachers who have volunteered their time to help with this years show: Mr Tapson (set), Ms Anicic (Voice Coach), Ms Salvador (Voice Coach), Ms Morkous (costumes), Ms Vitale (costumes) and Mr Rocek (drums).

Important dates:

Holiday rehearsals- 9th and 10th April (10am-2pm @ Essendon Campus)

Production Intensive- 24th-26th June (@ Essendon Campus Theatre)

Show dates- 14th-16th August (tickets on sale at the end of Term 2)

Blair Harbrow

Director & Choreographer of

EKC Presents 'School of Rock the Musical' 2019

Cast/Band

James Acciaccferri	Isabella Tantotero
Finn Atkinson	Lily Thompson
Zach Attard	Antonio Tsatsiadis
Ethan Augustus	Erica Zanti
Zavier Augustus	
Kyra Aurisch	
Mary Bonett	
Ethan Boots	
Idalya Brown	
Miranda Bulman	
Grace Clarke	
Helen Collier	
Ella Condon	
Georgia Condon	
Luke De Simone	
Matthew Eddy	
Grace Edwards	
Victoria Fotiadis	
Eleanor Fuller	
Neve Grant	
Astara Jackson	
Sara Jones	
Charlotte Kennedy	
Radhika Kumar	
Junior Lugonja	
Mitchell Mifsud	
Grace Milsom-Lahiff	
Jessica Najjar	
Caius Ripper	
Charlize Rodier	
Patrick Spirli	
Teresa Spirli	

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Aerobics:

AEROBICS

Senior Level 3 Trio
Georgia Paxinos
Maddy Dossis
Ashley Barden

Intermediate Level 3 Pair
Miranda Bulman
Astara Jackson

Intermediate Level 3 Trio
Laney McNeill
Izabella Lozanovska
Natalia Rehmtulla

Intermediate Level 3
Group
Holly Belot
Madi Knowles

A massive congratulations to the 13 students who have successfully auditioned for and made the 2019 EKC Elite Aerobics Team. In the audition process, students needed to demonstrate a high level of fitness, strength, flexibility and coordination. The team has now been training exceptionally hard and are progressing really well. There is great team spirit and a lot of leadership being shown in training sessions.

I am very excited to see what's to come with this amazing EKC Elite Aerobics Team.

Important dates:

<u>AEROCHALLENGE</u>	<u>AEROSCHOOLS</u>	<u>MGC</u>	<u>NATIONALS</u>
Sunday 16 th June 2019 MSAC	Friday 2 nd August 2019 Venue TBC	<u>INVITATIONAL</u> Date TBC Melbourne Girls' College	TBC

Payment due by 5th April. Please speak with the office if you need to discuss this further.

Blair Harbrow

Elite Aerobics Program Coordinator

Japanese Immersion Day

On the 20th of March, a group of Year 9 students participated in the Japanese Immersion day along with students in Year 10 and 11. The whole day was conducted in Japanese which was a challenge, but a good learning opportunity. At the start of the day the Year 10 students presented their Japanese mascot presentations. Most were very nervous but we were appreciative for their hard work. After the presentations we played fun Japanese games in small groups laughing and having a blast! Later, after snack time, my group went to the cooking room as we were going to make Japanese bento. The bento consisted of cute shaped rice, chicken teriyaki and rolled eggs. The bento was cute, simple to follow and delicious even if I almost burnt the chicken teriyaki. Everyone that I asked said they loved the bento lunch and said they enjoyed cooking it. After lunch my group went back to the room and started to try and translate a worksheet together. For fun the teachers would add some little riddles and games. Whichever group would come in first would earn the most help from teachers. The day summed up was fun and new to most of us. We can't wait for the next time we get to participate in a day like that.



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Essendon Campus News– Lisa Nugent, Principal



Term 1 has seen many developments in our teaching and learning program. We have committed to the three weekly Progress Reports on Compass and implemented a mentor teacher role to support students in developing their goals, checking attendance and reflecting on their Progress Reports. The Satisfactory Completion Policy has seen students improving their work ethic, study skills and overall learning growth this term. The Year 12 study sessions have been highly successful with students making productive use of their time at school and collaborating with other students to improve their results. We have seen an increase in the use of online resources such as the Google platforms and Edrolo. I would like to acknowledge the work of Ms Anna Maria De Amicis who has taken on the role of Learning Specialist this year. Ann Maria's focus is on Year 10, 11 and 12 English. She has guided and supported both staff and students to have a clearer understanding of the skills and strategies they need to succeed. The Moonee Valley Principal Network has set up a VCE teachers group to allow staff from each of the five Secondary schools to collaborate and work together to support all the students in our local network.

On behalf of the staff and students I would like to acknowledge the support and guidance provided by our Student Management/ Wellbeing staff, led by Mr Mark McInerney. Our team of Ms Melissa Travers, Ms Kaye Coutts, Ms Suzanne Rose, Mr Jarrod McDonald, Mr Richard Myddleton, Ms Carol Carland, Ms Mizue Kobayashi and Ms Linda Muldoon have worked tirelessly to set students up for success. I also need to commend our hard working Education Support staff who work tirelessly to advise and assist students throughout the day.

Our student leaders at the Campus have been inspiring in their efforts so far this year. With the support of Ms Elle Fraser we have had student's representatives attend the Moonee valley International Women's Breakfast and the GRIP Leadership Conference. They have organised a number of events for students this term culminating in a student led assembly this week. See their reports below, it is great to hear their focus on learning and student wellbeing.

The Essendon Hall Building upgrade is finally nearing completion and we are looking forward to enjoying the state of the art newly installed equipment as well as the beautiful heritage features that have been restored. The Quadrangle area has been upgraded with a new stage / seating area and three new shade sails.

We have two new staff members commencing next term. Ms Demi Derelli and Mr Stuart Sakarellos who will join our English faculty. I would like to acknowledge the work of Mr Peter Bright this term and wish Ms Diane Basile all the best for her long service leave in Term 2.

Student Management 2019

Mr Mark McInerney, the Assistant Principal, oversees the Student Management team.

The Student Management of local students is coordinated by the following:

Year 10: Mr Jarrod McDonald

Year 11: Ms Suzanne Rose

Year 12: Ms Melissa Travers

International Student Coordinators: Mr Richard Myddleton, Mrs Carol Carland and Ms Mizue Kobayashi

Student Welfare: Ms Linda Muldoon

Careers/Pathways: Mr Daniel Kingham

Dux 2018

Congratulations to the 2018 College Dux, Jiang (Linda) Zhu, on her outstanding academic achievement. She attained an ATAR of 96.6 and will be studying Biomedicine at The University of Melbourne.

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Awards

A student led assembly was held at the end of term to acknowledge students with outstanding academic achievement. Students were presented with a certificate and a voucher to acknowledge their outstanding effort in Term 1.

A musical item was performed by Grace Clarke and Chelsea McGarry.

The following students are to be commended on receiving awards:

Year 12

Hong Tam Do, Emilie Fletcher, Harshita Kumar, Patricia Morrison, Vincent Amerena, Orisi Baravi

Year 11

Carla Greco, Aboubaker Dahir, Jasmine Potter, Jenny (Vuong Thao Linh) Ma, William Ngo, Lauren Khaw

Year 10

Imogen Wolfe, Aaron Hay, Keona Tapungao, Jacob Della Salandra, Mustafa Salih, Remmy Coleman

We have introduced REAL School Wide Positive Behaviour Awards. The following students received the most in their year level for Term 1.

Year 10: Elijah Nasalio

Year 11: Jonathan Nguyen

Year 12: Georgia Paxinos

We would also like to congratulate the large number of students who received certificates for 100% Attendance.

Kurtis Barnard and Courtney Monro - School Captains 2019.

Message to Students

Firstly, we would like to emphasise; the need to take responsibility for your own learning. This means that you should be regularly checking your compass to ensure that your attendance stays above 90%. You should also be checking your three weekly GPA scores, these are a great way for you to see any areas that may need improvement in your subjects and regularly checking allows you to address it ASAP.

At the end of the day, your future is your choice. The decisions you make now in your last few years of school will help you with achieving your future goals, so please make them count, especially for all of the year 12's. In saying that, if you ever feel like you need help with anything or even just want to talk, both the teachers and the leadership group are here to listen to you, so feel free to chat with any of us. If you feel that you need any further support, you can always make an appointment with our new guidance counsellor, Svetlana, who is here every Monday.

On another note, with everyone's help, we managed to raise over \$300 for the families of the victims of the Christchurch shooting on Harmony Day and we also raised over \$100 for leukaemia research in the World's Greatest Shave, so thank you for contributing and well done guys.

Scott Lov and Julie Ngo - International Captain Report

On behalf of the teachers, we would like to say thank you to the Japanese students who are here on an exchange program sadly leaving us at the end of this term and also some of the language program students who are going to go to other schools. We hope that you have enjoyed your time in Essendon Keilor College.

We really appreciate the participation we received from everyone for Lunar New Year when we organised some traditional food in the Food Room.

We would like to make a small reminder that during holiday Term 3, there will be classes, practice exams and all other preparation needed for the final exam in November. These activities are compulsory. Therefore, we advise that Year 12 international students should not book any flights to your home country during this period.

We look forward to seeing more of you participating in school activities in the next term, we will try to organise more events that we can get everyone to join in and help out.

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Sports Report – Teo Cvetkovski and Ida Miller

On Wednesday, 27th of March, our school hosted the annual Moonee Valley District Volleyball competition.

We would like to congratulate the Girls Volleyball team which included Georgia, Ida, Courtney, Karyl, Khadija, Waad and Keona, who successfully progressed to the Western Metro Region Finals after demonstrating a great level of skill, teamwork and structure on the court.

The Senior Boys Badminton team successfully beat Buckley Park and have also made it through to the Western Region finals to be held in July.

The Premier League football team has started the year with an interclub practice match against PEGS last week and had a really good hit out. The team has a strong squad this year and competition for places will be fierce. Hopefully it will be a successful year.

Congratulations to the captain Jonah Horo who will lead the side, together with Noah Moustafa, James Kefalas and Harrison Schumann as his vice captains.

At the District Swimming sports David Pretty-Mann finished 1st in the 50m breaststroke, and 2nd in both the 50 and 100 metre freestyle. David will now compete in the Regional finals on Thursday.

Teo Cvetkovski has also won his last 3 karate competitions, including the Victorian State Championships, where he won a Gold and a Bronze medal in his patterns and sparring divisions. This makes it his 4th State title. Teo is now preparing for the Nationals and the World Championships to be held in Europe.



David Mann – First and 2 seconds at the network swimming sports – State Championship



Teo Cvetkovski – Gold and Bronze – Victorian Karate Championships

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VCAL Yoga-

In term 1, the senior VCAL class have been doing a unit on 'Health & Wellbeing'. As part of the unit, students have been able to experience a variety of different activities and incursions related to improving their mind, body and soul.

The students had a yoga lesson from yoga instructor Rachael where they practiced different poses, stretching, mindfulness and meditation. They found this challenging but very relaxing.



VCAL LTYB Gym Session-

The students also went to 'Listen To Your Body - group personal training' in Strathmore to take part in a gym circuit style session. The students all had fun and got a sweat up!



VCAL Headspace fundraiser BBQ-

On Monday the 18th of February, the senior VCAL class organised and ran a fundraiser to raise money for 'Headspace'.

The students organised a casual clothes day and a BBQ at lunch.

The students raised a total of \$1210 to be donated to the Headspace foundation who focus on assisting young people suffering with mental health issues.



Essendon BELL TIMES

Locker Bell	8:55
Period 1	9:05
Period 2	9:51
Recess	10:37
Period 3	11:04
Period 4	11:50
Lunch	12:36
Period 5	1:28
Period 6	2:14
End of Day	3:00

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CAREERS UPDATE



EKC Careers Page www.ekccareers.com

EKC Careers website. This website provides a comprehensive amount of careers information and links to other careers related websites. If students or parents have any careers related questions this website can be the first port of call.

Examples of things students or parents can use this website for include:

- Access VTAC CourseSearch and look for courses
- Access VCAA past exams
- Access information regarding VCE, VET and VCAL
- Browse bullseye charts to look at various occupations related to an area of interest
- Browse a calendar of state wide careers related events
- Get a tax file number, USI, lodge a tax return
- Choose a university
- Look up apprenticeships, traineeships
- Download relevant forms for work experience or structured work placement
- Search for jobs

Career Action Plans - MIPs Online

Throughout Term 1 students from various year levels have been completing their yearly Career Action Plans via MIPs online. This involves students setting some SMART goals, identifying areas of interest and giving thought to possible post school pathways. It is important that all students update their yearly Career Action Plan each year.

Year 10 Work Experience

Year 10 Work Experience is fast approaching. Any students who have not yet secured a work experience placement need to prioritise getting this finalised over the Easter Holidays. Parental support is important in this process, and further assistance can be provided by Daniel Kingham and Michele Hamilton in the Student Services house. Many Year 10 students have organised some very interesting placements that relate to a possible future career path.

Upcoming Excursions

There are a number of Careers based excursions being held throughout Term 2. This includes:

- The Illuminate Next Gen Business Challenge
- Sport and Recreation Careers Day at Victoria University
- Try a Trade Day
- Engineering Day / Scavenger Hunt at Victoria University

Excursions to other institutions such as RMIT, ACU and Kangan will be held later in the year.

We will also be running our yearly **Career EXPO** in the Essendon Campus library on Tuesday May 14th, featuring 15 different representatives from various University and TAFE institutions. This is a great opportunity for students to ask questions and get advice about a variety of different post school options.



Year 12 Career Planning Interviews

A large number of 12 students have already met with Mr Kingham to receive one on one careers advice. This process will continue on Tuesdays in Term 2 for those students who have not yet had an appointment. Lists of appointments will be posted on Compass and Google Classroom. We are now only about 4 months away from when students are able to begin applying for courses via VTAC so it is crucial that all students attend their appointments.

Student Destinations

We have been in contact with all 2018 Year 12 students to find out the pathway they have chosen to follow. Students are pursuing a diverse range of pathways, with RMIT being our student's most popular destination, closely followed by Victoria University.

Daniel Kingham - Careers Coordinator

*What's
happening?*

Essendon Campus

3 June-7 June

Year 10 & 11 Exams

17 June -28 June

Year 10 Work Experience

12 June

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10am start (Senior Campus)

28 June

END OF TERM

2 August

Year 12 Formal

East Keilor Campus News—Ms Lisa Robinson, Principal



As the term draws to the end the East Keilor Campus has reflected on what a terrific start to 2019 it has been.

The Campus has welcomed all the Year 7's and many of our local and international enrolments to the College.

We have had a parent dinner at Year 7 and already many tours of the Campus for 2020.

The commencement of the satisfactory completion policy has meant that learning is at the forefront of our work and it has been pleasing to see students step up to of completing assessment tasks to the best of their ability.

Our homework club has commenced on Tuesday evening with English teachers and Maths and Science tutors there to support your child. I remind you to take note of each progress report. This year we will be asking all students with a GPA below 2.5 to attend homework club every Tuesday, until their GPA is maintained at 3 or more.

Compass permission is required for each week. I have included the rubric again for you to continue discussions with your child.

From Term 2 teachers will record any students who need to sit a Redemption task on Compass. You will receive an alert. I also expect teachers to call you to discuss the learning requirements and how your child will be supported. Redemptions will be timetabled on Thursday afternoons in the library.

Below is the NAPLAN timetable for all Year 7 and 9 families:

	TUESDAY 14TH MAY	WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY	THURSDAY 16TH MAY
Year 7	Language Conventions And Writing 9:00am	Reading 9:00am	Numeracy 11:30am
Year 9	Language Conventions And Writing 11:30am	Reading 11:30	Numeracy 9:00am

You will see in this newsletter all of the activities that East Keilor students have been part of across the term, including swimming and athletics carnival, Harmony Day, Avalon air show, Melbourne Grand Prix, Japanese Immersion day and the Year 7 camp. Term 2 is proving to be just as exciting and I look forward to sharing the learning experiences with you all.

Have a safe break.

Lisa Robinson

Niddrie Campus News—Ms Heather Hawkins, Principal



It was an exciting start to 2019 as we welcomed our four classes of Year 7 and our returning students from East Keilor.

We also welcomed our new families at a Year 7 Information Night where we explained a number of the processes needed to navigate secondary school.

The new buildings performed well and the portables were operational from day 1. The official opening by Hon Ben Carroll was held on March 15th. He talked about how proud he is of this achievement as it was one of his first promises in Parliament.

Please take time to review your child's Progress Report on Compass. We expect all students to achieve a GPA of 2.5 and above for each subject. If you have concerns please contact individual teachers, or Joanne Drago, Tony Adamson or myself.

The College is implementing a Satisfactory Completion Policy this year. Students who need to sit redemption tasks will do this on a Thursday after school in the Library. Teachers will record this on Compass and discuss the requirements with your child prior to the redemption task. Students can access the homework club on Wednesday after school for additional support.

NAPLAN

Year 7 and 9 students will need their laptop and headphones to access these tests. If you have not arranged a laptop, please contact Iris Anastasiou on 9331 0140.

	Tues 14TH May	Wed 15TH May	Thu 16th May	Fri 17th May
Year 7	Writing 9:20am	Reading 9:20 am	Language Conventions 9:20 am	Numeracy 11:30 am
Year 9	Writing 11:30am	Reading 11:30 am	Language Conventions 9:20 am	Numeracy 9:00 am

Next term we will be starting our Lunch Program on Tuesdays and a Toasty Thursday Program. Please look out for further information.

Our lunchtime activities program also begins next term. Any student ideas should be passed on to Ms. Tsiatsious and the Student Leadership Team. Activities will include Garden Club, Library games and Maths Club.

At our final assembly on Friday, we will celebrate many achievements from Term 1. I congratulate all students who received REAL rewards and 100% attendance. The Class group winners for this term are 7W. They will receive their Pizza Lunch on Friday. We are pleased that our Year 8 Volley Ball Teams will proceed to the next round.

Thanks for a great start to the year. Enjoy the break and remember to encourage your child to continue to read.

Heather Hawkins

Junior Campuses

9A and 9B went to the Avalon Airshow where we got to engage in many different activities such as flight simulators and learning about engines and aerodynamics. It was a great experience to see how many job opportunities there are within working in and with the military and aviation fields. Towards the end of the day we got to see an air show which displayed military aircrafts displaying precise movements. Nasreen of 9B



On 14th March, the Year 7's and 8's went to the Grand Prix. We loved it because there were heaps of stalls from different Universities with things like robots, physics games and drones that we could participate in and we got to see and hear how loud and fast the V8 Supercars were. Sadly we didn't get to see the Formula 1 cars but overall we had an amazing experience and hope that every student in the future has a great time at the Grand Prix.

Kyra & Vic 8A



Junior Campuses

YEAR 7 CAMP

Year 7 students from the Niddrie and East Keilor campuses came together to enjoy 3 days in Anglesea at their first camp. The students were excited to get to know each other and participate in a variety of adventure activities. High ropes, low ropes, flying fox and the climbing wall all tested the students comfort levels and showed how supportive they were of each other's efforts. The bike riding and surfing activities gave students a chance to explore other areas of Anglesea and the fantastic weather certainly meant that students could maximise being in the great outdoors!

Sally Stevens (East Keilor Campus Coordinator)



Harmony Day March 26th

On the 26th of March the East Keilor Campus celebrated Harmony Day. The day was run by the student leaders as they recognised it is an extremely important day to be able to celebrate the diverse culture we have here at EKC

In celebration of multiculturalism in Australia and around the world, students and staff came to school dressed in clothing that represented an aspect of their culture or a touch of orange. There were many creative get up's including German overall's, Kimono's, hooded flags, Maori sarongs and Tarantella dance wear. The variety of colours in the yard really made for a sense of belonging and positive energy. At lunchtime a Tarantella dance class was running along with bocce, a chop stick game, and a map game and every person was give yummy biscuits to enjoy and keep their harmonious spirits going. The music students put on a performance show casing just some of their musical talents. You may want to ask your child if they took a Polaroid picture on the day – as the camera was being passed around so students could remember Harmony Day 2019 @ EKC.

Thank you to all who were involved especially the Library staff, Music team, Japanese team and fantastic student leadership team for their incredible efforts and enthusiasm.

Eleanor Bugeja – Student Leadership Co-ordinator – East Keilor Campus + East Keilor Student Leaders

Swimming – Moonee Valley District Swimming Carnival – Ellie Fuller 8A

On March 12th, 9 students represented EKC at the 2019 District Swimming Carnival. All students represented the College to the best of their ability. A huge congratulations must go to the awesome efforts of Year 9 student Jess Sutherland, who did an incredible job with winning all 5 of the events she competed in! She will represent the College in the Western Metropolitan Swimming Finals in Geelong in April. Good luck Jess! Luis Viray (Year 9) and Luca Stellato (Year 7) also managed to place in the top 3 in their respective freestyle, breaststroke and backstroke events! Well done to all students involved! It was heaps of fun and something we will all remember!



House Swimming Carnival

2019 saw the House Swimming Carnival move to Queens Park Pool while the East Keilor Aquatic Centre undergoes its exciting redevelopment. Students from the Junior Campuses competed in both the traditional swimming program in the 50m pool, as well as the novelty events and 25m dash races to earn points for their newly named 4 houses (Red, Green, Blue and White – The EKC school colours).

The results from the day were:

- 1st Place – Blue house 135 points
- 2nd Place – White house 132 points
- 3rd Place – Green house 74 points
- 4th Place – Red house 56 points



Year 8 Boys Cricket – Luke Barnard 8B

This year EKC entered two Year 8 boys cricket teams, managing to send out a team for each of the junior campuses. Both teams competed hard and after narrowly losing to Buckley Park and Strathmore in our first games, both the EKC teams faced off in a 15 over match. The East Keilor team managed to post a score of 77, which Niddrie couldn't quite reach in their 15 overs. The match was competitive and both teams really wanted to win, but it was still played in good spirits. Thanks to the two senior students Buckley C and Jackson B from Year 11 for helping to umpire and score our matches and a special thanks to Mr Carroll and Mr Curmi for allowing all the boys have a great day. Bring on term 2 sport!



On the 4th April, the College Athletics Carnival was held at the Aberfeldie Athletics Track. The athletic sports not only brings the College together but is a great opportunity to see students achievements in a different setting.

Results

Green 1,608 pts	Red 1,528 pts
White 1,474 pts	Blue 1,294 pts



Year 9 Government Funded Careers Assessments

All year 9 students are eligible to receive a Morrisby Online Career assessment and a follow up 45 minute interview with a trained Careers Counsellor. This is fully funded by the State Government. We are currently finalising dates as to when this will occur in term 2 and 3 at the Niddrie and East Keilor Campuses. It should provide students with a clearer picture of their strengths and future career goals.

JUNIOR CAMPUS' BELL TIMES

Locker Bell	8:50
Focus Group	8:55
Period 1	9:20
Period 2	10:06
Recess	10:52
Locker	11:09
Period 3	11:14
Period 4	12:00
Lunch	12:46
Locker	1:25
Period 5	1:30
Period 6	2:16
End of Day	3:02

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

EKC prides itself on providing more than just attending classes. Involving students in all aspects of our community is key to developing social skills, leadership skills and independence which are beneficial life skills and help promote the emotional wellbeing of students whilst offering a fun, accepting and harmonious environment

Lunch time activities.

The EKC Niddrie students have continued to make great use of their lunchtimes this year, many becoming involved in the basketball tournament that has run in Term 1. Eight Year 7 teams, 2 Year 8 teams and two Year 9 teams have stormed the courts of the gymnasium as they passionately compete for the glory of becoming tournament victors.

Students have become involved in the voluntary lunch time activities in different capacities whether they play, coach, referee, score, time keep, commentate or have simply come to be spectators and cheer. The enthusiasm of students involved on all levels, has created a vibrant welcoming place for our students at lunchtimes. It has allowed our Year 7's who are new to the school, a smoother transition and a great opportunity to meet other Year 7s and students from Year 8 and 9.

I would like to thank all students involved as without their enthusiasm, on or off the court, our lunchtime activities would not be as successful.

GRIP Leadership Conference.

On Tuesday 12th March EKC sent student leadership teams from all 3 campuses to attend and represent the College at the GRIP Student Leadership Conference.

Niddrie campus sent 7 student leaders from Year 8 and 9. The conference focused on training student leaders on how to best achieve their role as school leaders, by providing students the tools to achieve a clear vision, a solid understanding and a plethora of ideas for their time as school leaders.

Our students had the opportunity to network and interact with other school leaders from many secondary schools across Victoria. They were given the opportunity to choose and attend specific elective workshops to tailor their experience to their individual leadership role. Our students came away from the conference enthusiastic and equipped with new skills, perspectives and ideas on how to implement effective leadership skills in school positions but also as individuals.

I was very proud of the EKC students that attended as they represented the College well.

Harmony Day

On Thursday 21st March the Niddrie Campus celebrated Harmony Day; the inclusiveness, respect and belonging of all Australians, regardless of cultural background and united by a set core of Australian values.

The student leaders and other student volunteers stepped up and organised a very successful day of celebrations in our quest to create a harmonious and united school culture, where students are passionate and proud of their school and recognise the value of having such cultural diversity within its community.

For a gold coin donation, students wore casual dress and were encouraged to include orange which is the official colour for Harmony day, to their outfit. At lunchtime, students were treated to a traditional Aussie sausage sizzle with lamingtons, pastizzis and zooper doopers. Musical entertainment was provided in the main quadrangle and there was an opportunity to participate and watch a cricket game. Student Leaders chose to run a cricket match to reflect an international sport that was played by many countries.

The student leaders and volunteers demonstrated maturity, resourcefulness and leadership skills in the organisation and running of the events of Harmony day and involving fellow students in the festivities.

The Niddrie Campus raised \$400 on the day and student leaders chose to donate proceeds raised to The Royal Children's Hospital Appeal.

Year 7 Report (Niddrie Campus)

The year 7's have transitioned into secondary school life exceptionally well. They have faced the new challenges of secondary school with positivity and enthusiasm. This has included using a locker, frequent room changes and different teachers for subjects. They have settled well into school routines and have built positive relationships with their peers and teachers.

Earlier this term, the Year 7's went on a 2 night camp to Anglesea. Despite the heat (and possibly the lack of sleep) both students and teachers all had a great time. Students participated in a range of fun and challenging activities designed to encourage them to move out of their comfort zones, these included; surfing, mountain bike riding, team initiatives, rock climbing and high rope challenges. The students also had the opportunity to establish new friendships with their class mates as well as with their peers from the East Keilor Campus.

A number of year 7 students are already getting involved in the many extra curricular opportunities EKC has to offer. These include Leadership, Aerobics and Interschool Sporting teams, Swimming Carnival and Production. I hope to see all students getting involved in the upcoming athletics carnival, whether it be through competing or cheering on their peers.

Students are also very busy working in their classes. You may have noticed that students are in the process of completing their Common Assessment Tasks (CAT's) in many of their different subject areas. It is particularly important that students are bringing their charged devices to school and using their diaries to stay organised. Great work ethic is being recognised with REAL rewards. It is pleasing to see the number of students who are being rewarded.

It was lovely to meet with families at the Year 7 information evening and parent teacher interviews. Regular communication between the school and families within the EKC community is strongly encouraged and always welcome. Just a reminder that Progress Reports are available on Compass every 3 weeks. Please contact Sarah at the front office if you are having difficulty accessing them.

Finally, looking forward to an exciting year ahead. Wishing all families a happy and safe Term 1 break.

Jo Drago

Year 7 Coordinator / Campus Coordinator (Niddrie campus)



COMMUNICATION

News feeds are regularly posted on **Compass**. Please regularly access this online platform to check for messages as well as monitoring your child's attendance.

The address to access school's compass portal is:

<https://ekc-vic.compass.education>

(The Compass application is also available for iPhone and Android devices through your usual app store.)

Contact the Essendon General Office if you need to provide or change your personal details and phone the absence line if your student will be away from school for any part of the day.

Essendon Contact Details Phone: 9319 1300 Absence line: 9319 1305

Fax: 9319 1343

Email: essendon.keilor.co.senior@edumail.vic.gov.au

Website: www.ekc.vic.edu.au

CAMPS, SPORT AND EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)

The Camps, Sport and Excursion Fund has ensured that no student misses out on the opportunity to participate in important educational and fun activities. CSEF has been provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting Activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. If you are a new parent at the College and have not completed an application you may be eligible and will need to fill out a CSEF application for 2019 which is available from your Campus Reception.

HOMESTAY OPPORTUNITIES

Providing a homestay opportunity for an International Student offers the chance to learn about another culture and start life-long friendships.

For further information or if you are interested please contact the Essendon Campus Reception Office on 9319 1300.



STUDENT DETAILS

It is very important that student, parent/guardians ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBERS, EMERGENCY CONTACT DETAILS AND OCCUPATION DETAILS are up to date and correct for ALL STUDENTS at the College. If any of your details have changed please contact your child's Campus Reception and you will be sent a 'Change of Details Form" to fill in, sign and return back to the College.

MEDICAL DETAILS—IMPORTANT

Please let the College know if your child/children develop or have any medical issues that teachers need to be aware of and also if a student's medical details have changed—please notify your Campus Reception.

EARLY LEAVERS

Parent/guardians are reminded to please notify the College Campus relevant to your child/children in advance of early student pick up. As there can be NO announcements during class time. You are required to send a note on the day or alternatively call Reception in advance to arrange pick up of your child/children. This will avoid any unnecessary delays.

ATTENDANCE

Parent/guardians are sent SMS messages daily via mobile phones if students are absent. Please notify the Campus Reception if your child is absent and provide a note or medical certificate to explain their absence. Student attendance is very important to successfully complete their year of study.

STUDENT NOTEBOOK/COMPUTERS

Parent/guardians are asked to share with their children the importance of caring for their Notebook/Computers and to be responsible and look after them.

EXCURSIONS

Please return Excursion permission forms promptly with the correct money if you have not paid fees and do not have CSEF—a receipt is always given.