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Term 2 Newsletter

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College Principal - David Adamson



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

Welcome to our second College Newsletter of 2021.

This time last year we had just endured a significant period of lockdown, so 2021 has been an improvement and we have been able to do most of our normal activities. When we have had to go into remote learning everybody has been able to smoothly move into that mode for as long as we have needed. Student learning hasn't stopped and we have all continued to work together to minimise the disruption.

Next term the school will be involved in reviewing the past four years and developing a new Strategic Plan for the next four years. Our survey data shows that the school has a strong culture of working together to improve student learning and that this will provide a good basis for our new plan.

Next term will also involve working with our Year 9 students to begin their transition to the Senior Campus. It will be exciting and challenging for them, but they are well prepared after having done some work this term with Mr Kingham and completing the Morrisby program.

We are also looking forward to our production of the Addams Family late next term.

The holidays will give us a chance to reflect and recharge ready for Term 3. While dealing with all the issues around COVID is wearing on us all, I am always filled with a sense of optimism when I see the great work that students do on a daily basis.

Thanks to everybody for all their efforts this term.

And don't forget to get your vaccination as soon as you can.

David Adamson

Principal

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Dates for your diary

16th July – Pupil Free Day

29th July – The GAT

23rd Aug - Parent Teacher Interviews

Term Dates 2021

Term 3 Mon 12th Jul – Fri 17th Sep

Term 4 Mon 4th Oct – Fri 17th Dec



Essendon Campus Principal - Lisa Nugent

Dear Parents/Guardians and Students,

This Semester our priorities have been learning catch up and extension, happy, active and healthy kids and connected schools. Staff have been involved in professional learning to improve their practice and we have employed extra staff as tutors to support students who need extra help or need to be challenged. We have also been fortunate to have a number of ex-students, who are currently studying at University come in to tutor and mentor students after school. We have encouraged all students to set goals and reflect on their progress throughout the year. We are also working with the VCE teachers in our local Moonee Valley Network to improve student outcomes across all schools. We were able to continue to work with many community organisations both on and off site, including The North Melbourne Huddle, Headspace, Vic Roads, Major Universities and TAFE's, the Moonee Valley Local Learning Network and the GRIP Leadership Group.

I would to take this opportunity to express my very sincere thanks for your support and commitment this Term. Students and families have shown resilience and flexibility during our two remote learning periods. We would prefer if students were able to be onsite at this time, unfortunately this was out of our control. Students completed most of their exams at home and this has given both staff and students an indication of student progress and areas in need of improvement. Thank you to families who supported students at home during remote and flexible learning. Best wishes to Ms Leanne Magree and Mr George Cichy on their retirement and welcome to Richard Rocek.

There are still many opportunities available online which students can take advantage of over the holiday break. The Melbourne University VCE Unit 3 lectures are free and online and are a great way to check understanding of the Unit 3 knowledge and skills.

Year 12 Free Online Revision Lectures in the holidays

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Advance Notice – Compulsory Year 12 September Holiday Practice Exams

We are planning to run compulsory practice exams for students completing a Year 12, Unit 3 and 4 subject this year. These will be in the September school holidays.

Dates – Tuesday 21st – Thursday 23rd September. Please avoid these dates when booking appointments and events in the September holidays.

School Captains

College Captains - With the Term coming to an end, we'd like to recap all the experiences that have happened. We began the Term with a casual clothes day, in support of those with brain cancer and those who had lost loved ones from the disease. The *Go Grey In May* Day, was a great success with all students being very supportive of the cause. Unfortunately, COVID-19 caused more chaos in our lives with us all going

into a two-week lockdown. Due to restrictions, Year 10 Work Experience was delayed but many were fortunate enough to be able to complete one week of their placement in the final week of Term. Another casualty of lockdown, was mid-year exams, as most of them were completed at home. Although the Year 11's and 12's were allowed to return to school after a week in lockdown. Before we went into the lockdown, the Campus received a visit from The Huddle, an organisation run by North Melbourne Football Club. The Huddle had lunchtime activities where students could win prizes such as tickets to games. The visit was a great experience for all involved. We all hope and pray that Term 3 will bring us much more exciting and positive events and experiences. We'd also like to congratulate the Year 10's who have attended work experience this week for their patience and cooperation through these difficult circumstances. We hope to see you all next Term for what we hope will be a much more enjoyable Term. Hope you all enjoy your holidays.

- Keona and Max

Sport Captains - Term 2 was undoubtedly a difficult Term for us all but we were able to participate in some sports before we went into another lockdown. In the beginning of May, the Senior Boys' Volleyball Team participated in Regionals in Geelong. Unfortunately, the boys didn't make it to the next round but it was a great effort from all. On the 20th of May, the Senior Girl's Netball Team took part in a competition, held in Broadmeadows, where we won all three games played and made it to the next round. The girls will play again in Term 3 and we hope to achieve a win again. Congratulations to all that participated. We all look forward to next term where we hope sport can continue without any interruptions or another lockdown. Hope you all have a great holiday and enjoy the time to rest!

-Imogen and Dylan

International Captain – I am Melanie, our school's International Captain. I would like to congratulate you for your amazing achievements so far this year, although it has been such a challenging period of time for everyone. As a result of an unexpected lockdown, we had to return to remote learning for a few weeks. It was a difficult time for us since we were to complete our mid-year exams under such an unfortunate circumstance. Nonetheless, many of us still managed to accomplish incredible outcomes.

To all my international peers, I understand the hardships that you are going through. It has been over 12 months since the last warm-hearted meal with our beloved families. However, there is always a rainbow after the rain. And I believe that all your sweat and tears will be paid off.

Fortunately, abreast of the absence of emotional support from your family, the year 12 common room and the library are always available for you as an opportunity to socialise and make new friends. Remember that you are never alone!

We greatly appreciate your effort and dedication in our community. I'm honoured to be a part of this wonderful school. We hope that you will have a restful break and look forward to seeing you in term 3.

-Melanie

Performance - On behalf of the Music and Performing Art Program, we are delighted to announce this year's production of 'The Addams Family' in which all Campuses will join and perform. Our rehearsals are going smoothly and with our extra time to rehearse because of *cough* you know why *cough* The cast is very excited to show you what we have in store for the local and College communities. The new updated date of this performance will be on the 8th, 9th, 10th of September.

More of our School's Music and Performance news, the date for this year's Senior Soiree has been announced. The Soiree will take place on Monday, September 13th in the Essendon Arts Centre at 6:30 pm with music performances by the Year 10, 11 & 12 classroom and instrument music students.

-Brian Le

Term 2 Award Winners

Year 10 Academic	Year 11 Academic	Year 12 Academic	Real Reward Winners Semester 1
Asraa Mohamed Trinity Mai Ellie Fuller Kanit (Shogun) Sakdavichit Tan Dat (Jack) Truong Huong Phuong Anh (Fiona) Nguyen	Ngoc Han (Jane) Chau Alicia Inguanti Caitlyn Tapungao Nhat Minh (James) Ngo Finn Holmes Khoi Pham	Keona Tapungao Isabella Horvatovic Pham Bao Truc Vuong (Melanie) Woei Liew (Keith) Neve Grant Jack Gomez	Ellie Fuller – Year 10 Ngoc Han (Jane) Chau – Year 11 Jack Gomez – Year 12

Senior Secondary Certificate Reform

Victoria is transforming the delivery of Senior Secondary Education with the introduction of a single Senior Secondary Certificate that will offer greater access to quality vocational and applied learning pathways for all students. The Senior Secondary Education reforms aim to provide access to education and training that is relevant, engaging and that delivers in-demand skills for the future world of work, ensuring that students can access education that leads to employment.

Next year students will still be able to enrol in either the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) or the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). The following year, in 2023, VCAL students will be enrolled in the new VCE Vocational Specialisation or the new Foundation Pathways Certificate which will be introduced to replace Foundation VCAL.

The VCE Vocational Specialisation will be recognised Internationally, be valued by employers and will build on the strengths of VCAL including providing:

- flexible timetables that allow students to study at school, TAFE and work
- opportunities to experience real-life workplaces
- subjects that will build students skills and prepare them for life after school
- greater access to high quality VET learning, either in school, a neighboring school or a local TAFE

The new Certificates are part of a suite of 38 reforms recommended in the *Review into Vocational and Applied Learning Pathways in Senior Secondary Schooling* (the Firth Review) to lift the quality and perception of vocational education and help more students access high-quality applied learning programs.

Course Selection in 2022

We are supporting all students in their course selections for 2022 and are providing the following advice and information to students considering a VCAL pathway.

If students are studying VCAL in 2022 they will transfer into the VCE Vocational Specialisation with credit for completed VCAL subjects in 2023. In 2023, students will continue to study Senior VCAL subjects in the new Certificate as part of the implementation process. At the end of 2023, these students will be awarded the VCE Vocational Specialisation if they meet the requirements.

Students who are studying Foundation VCAL over multiple years, including in 2022, will transfer into a new Foundation Pathways Certificate in 2023 with credit for completed subjects. These students will study the new foundation subjects and graduate with the Foundation Pathways Certificate.

This approach provides assurance and clarity to current Year 10 students some of whom will be among the first cohort to receive a VCE Vocational Specialisation Certificate in 2023.

The following diagram sets out the senior secondary pathways for students commencing the VCE or VCAL in 2022.

Enrolment options



* Note: Students can also move between certificates

If you would like to talk further about these changes please contact, 9319 1300. To learn more about Victoria's Senior Secondary Certificate reform, you can email the [Senior Secondary Reform team](#).

Chess Report

25th May 2021 Northern Star Chess - Secondary Zonal Tournament – Term 2, 2021

No doubt, the second round of this Year's Northern Star Chess Tournament was equally exciting as the first.

The immense concentration required for chess was once again displayed by our amazing EKC students. Disciplined planning and foresight were carefully practiced by our students as they played against various schools from around Melbourne such as Penleigh Essendon Grammar, Suzanne Cory, Lakeview Senior College, St Monica's College, Lowther Hall Anglican Grammar and St Aloysius College.



In the second round of this tournament, Essendon Keilor College was represented by Jared Colyer, James Ngo, Taaha Shervani, Tyron Tan and Luis Viray, Khormeh Bonar, Nus Lamachon, Ceren Akpolat and Fatma Ali. In true sportsmanship spirit, all our students played their seven games, showcasing great determination and dedication and were commended for their outstanding behaviour.

With a school score of 16.5 Essendon Keilor College gained 5th placing.

Congratulations to all our participants.



Zoo Excursion

During Term 2, we went to the Zoo as a part of our AOS 3 to view the selective breeding programs and ecosystems as well as understanding how the Melbourne Zoo is fighting the extinction of endangered animals. It was a great opportunity for us to gain information about the Corroboree Frog and visit the Butterfly Enclosure.

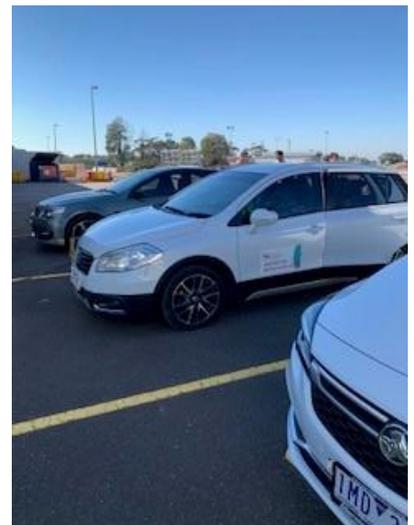
Sara Jones



Year 10 Science: Physics & Driving Excursion



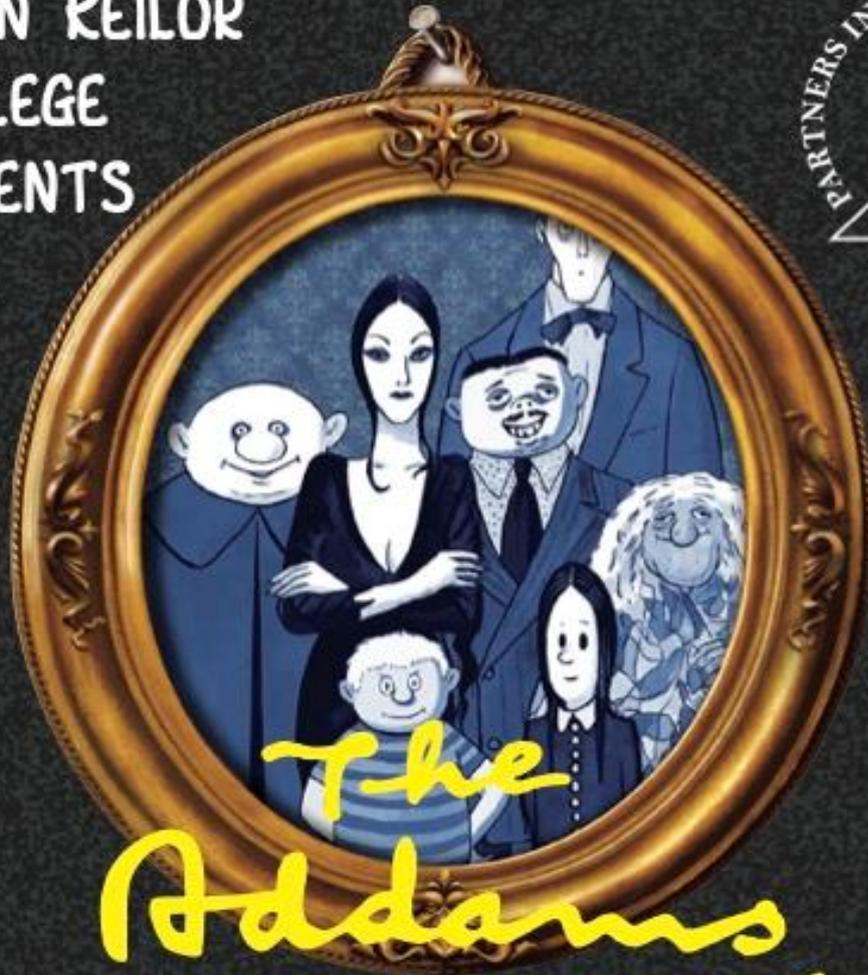
Throughout the Term Year 10 students studied physics in Science and luckily, had the opportunity to apply what they were learning. Looking at the effect of kinetic energy in a car and the effects of different speeds in a crash. Travelling to the Toyota complex in Altona we were lucky to be given exclusive access to their facilities. On the day students were split into two main groups. The first stayed in the auto dome area and looked at road safety, the effects of speed on a car in a crash and the four 'levels' of driving after receiving your Learners Permit. The presentation and discussion



provided insight into the dangers of road use and how to keep everyone safe. While the other group had the chance for 15 minutes to drive around a track with a qualified driving instructor. Learning the fundamental steps and skills required when driving. Overall, the day was very insightful, and students were given a coupon for a free driving lesson.

-Amelia Wright, Year 10.

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Careers Update Term 2 2021

VTAC and SEAS Applications for Year 12 Students

From Monday August 2nd (week 4 of Term 3), students will be able to create their VTAC accounts, apply for Tertiary courses, apply for SEAS (special consideration), and also submit Scholarship applications.



Year 12 students will be assisted with this process during study sessions that week.

In preparation for this, students should continue to research their preferred courses via VTAC Course Search: <https://delta.vtac.edu.au/CourseSearch/searchguide.htm?ap=19>

They should also refer to the updated Course Guides recently posted to the Year 11/12 Careers Google Classroom.

Any students wanting to apply for SEAS due to Disadvantaged Financial Background, Disability / Medical Condition or other Difficult Circumstances need to meet with Student Welfare Coordinator Ms Hawkins. This Year, all students will be required to submit an impact rating for COVID.

University / TAFE Open Days

Most tertiary institutions are running their open days throughout August this year. Students are encouraged to attend the 'On Campus' open days but many institutions also offer online virtual alternatives. Open days are a great opportunity to see what life at a particular institution might be like and can help students make more informed decisions about the future. Open Day information including dates, links and virtual tours have recently been posted in the Year 11/12 Careers Google Classroom, and are available to parents on Compass.

Course Counselling / Subject Selection

Course Counselling Day for students from Year 9 – 11 will be held on Wednesday August 11th (week 5). Students will be provided with information and support to assist with this process prior to the Course Counselling Day.

**Subject
Selection**



Morrisby Careers Interviews for Year 9 Students

Year 9 students from Keilor and Niddrie did a fantastic job during remote learning to fully complete their Morrisby career assessments. We almost had a 100% completion rate which was fantastic to see. Students will have their one-on-one interviews with qualified careers consultants in the first week of Term 3. We look forward to seeing the suggested careers for our students and the subject selection recommendations.



Presentations from Tertiary Representatives

Senior students recently received a presentation from a representative from the University of Melbourne who gave students an insight into what life studying at Melbourne University could be like. Before doing their VTAC applications, students will also be receiving presentations from other institutions including RMIT, Latrobe University and Australian Catholic University



Excursions

Unfortunately, COVID restrictions resulted in the cancellation of a few Careers related excursions scheduled for the end of Term 2. Hopefully these can be rescheduled to later in the year. We were able to run on-site White Card (Construction Induction) training for various students from Year 10-12 to make sure they understand key Health and Safety information relating to the Construction Industry.

Coming Up:

- Practice Job Interviews Essendon August 26th (TBC)
- Year 10 Careers Day September 2nd
- Metro Tunnel / Rail Careers September 7th
- Year 9 Careers Day Niddrie November 3rd
- Year 9 Careers Day Keilor November 4th



Work Experience and Work Placement

Whilst the first week of Work Experience had to be cancelled due to COVID restrictions, we were very pleased that both Year 10 Work Experience and Year 11 VCAL Structured Workplace Learning were still able to occur (in non-high-risk settings) in the last week of Term. Whilst a number of placements had to be cancelled, the majority of our Year 10 students and Year 11 VCAL students were still able to get out and get some valuable experience in the work force. Feedback from employers has been really positive. Some students have organised some unique placements that will take place later in the Year (this includes Defence Force, Police Force, Academy of Interactive Entertainment and Gene Technology Access Centre).

Daniel Kingham

Student Pathways Coordinator

Here are a few Work Experience Photos from this Week:





East Keilor Campus Principal - Lisa Robinson

Whilst not the Term we had expected, it was important that Term 2 built on the great start to 2021 that we have had. Regardless of the 2 week remote learning, we were still able to deliver many opportunities to come together as a Campus and build on the beautiful Community that we have. In this newsletter you will hear about our SWPBS Shop and the leadership events including ANZAC Day and Crazy Hair Day that continue to build our community spirit. I would like to thank all parents for their commitment to supporting learning. The lockdown challenged us, right in the middle of the assessment schedule but with your support we were able to ensure all students achieved results.



Again, in Term 3 our goal is to ensure all students reach required learning benchmarks, show growth, ask for help and don't settle for "just good enough". We need to be relentless in building this in our young people both at school and at home. We know how important these qualities and values are in the world beyond school. Term 3 will again test many of them. It's important that you look at the CAT schedule and have conversations about upcoming assessment.

Week	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
4-2-6 Aug		Science: Chemistry Practical Investigation	
5-9-13 Aug			
6-16-20 Aug			Science: Carbon Cycle/Natural Disasters Research Task STEM: Electronics Problem Solving
7-23-27 Aug	PDT: Theory STEM: Design Process Drama: History of Theatre	English: Text Response Humanities: The Black Death Newspaper Report Maths: Number and Algebra STEM: Rocket Design	English: Town-Compare and contrast essay Humanities: Federation Response PDT: Theory Art: Art Elements Drama: Elements of Production Y Challenge: Red Cross Investigation

8-30-3 Aug/Sept	Science: Separating Mixture Practical Report Italian: School Life Japanese: Introduction report English: What does it mean to be brave? Humanities: Ancient Societies Comparison Art: Elements HAPE: Puberty	Italian: Pastimes Japanese: Family report HAPE: Alcohol	Italian: Buon Apetito! Japanese: Education report HAPE: Net/Wall
9-6-10 Sept	Maths: Algebra	Food: Eating Healthy	VCD: Technical drawing Maths: Skill test average Food: Influences on our food choices

Congratulations to our Term 2 award winners. It is important to acknowledge growth and celebrate learners across our community.

Year 7 Attendance	Year 8 Attendance	Year 9 Attendance	Learning Growth
Jasmyn Gorgiovski Gabriel Tangata Jenna Van Harmelen Lin (Lina) Yang Richard Do Ryan Withers	Mathew Abed Cao Thai Uyen (Tiffany) Giang Kobi Glenister Nguyen Pham	Radhika Kumar Kai Xuan (Trisha) Tan Ryan Tangata Konatsu Bonar April Farrugia Kyla Kirdi	Lenny Fishenden Thehashi Perera Shaun Watkins Mays Alaussi Heidi Brown Caprice Lyons-Jones

Finally, the new fences are up and we look forward to the completion of the leisure centre in October 2021.

Lisa Robinson

Lisa Robinson

Campus Principal



GRIP Leadership Conference

On the 26th of May the Student Leaders attended a conference in the City called 'GRIP Leadership'. At this conference we, the Student Leaders, had the amazing opportunity to learn many new strategies, get some new ideas for our school and meet other student leaders from all around Victoria, including schools from Bendigo. We even had the opportunity to split off and learn about topics that we chose and were interested in. This Conference was also interactive! We were able to talk to the hosts, other students and participate in games. The day was amazing and everyone learnt something new that we were able to cherish and bring back to our school to make our time at school as enjoyable as it can be. We really enjoyed the time at the GRIP Leadership Conference and we hope that we will get this opportunity again.

- Chloe.

Morrisby Career Assessment

Morrisby's interactive platform assists students in making better decisions about their future subjects, courses, careers and apprenticeships. The Morrisby Careers Assessment was a series of questions that were to determine our best strengths and weaknesses, the results made up a personalised Morrisby Careers report that helped us students understand the careers best suited for us. It gave us an insight into our personalities and subjects that we're interested in to help guide us Year 9 students towards careers we may choose in the coming years.

Chanel & Trisha - (Year 9 Level Leader)



Year 7 Zoo Excursion

On Thursday the 6th of May the Year 7s went to the Zoo for a Science excursion. We went off into different groups and had a worksheet to write about animals and their habitats. In all our different groups we did Zoo keeper talks, got food from the kiosks and just walked around and enjoyed seeing all the animals. My favourite part was the seals and the butterflies because they looked really pretty and the seals were so close to you when they were swimming because you could see them from behind the glass.



ANZAC Day

The East Keilor campus honours all who serve our community. On April 25th the campus reflected on the service of all men and women in Australia. April poignantly shared the 'The ode' and we observed a minute silence.



Lunchtime Activities

The lunchtime activities program at the East Keilor Campus continues to evolve. Students are surveyed at the beginning of the term so they have a voice in which activities are run throughout the term and we ensure there are a range of activities to cater to students' interests. Term 2 saw the gym & weights room open weekly, a hotly contested Volleyball Tournament, a Table Tennis Tournament on our new tables in the Quadrangle and both indoor and outdoor downball. As well as these, we offered lunchtime movies, Jenga Building and craft activities in the library. We're looking forward to incorporating Mindfulness into our program for Term 3 and building on the program with further input from the students.



Crazy Hair Day

On June 16th, we held a crazy hair day to raise awareness and funds for Myeloma, a cancer benefit charity. It was a great way to come back to school after remote learning and a perfect opportunity to support a beneficial cause. Fortunately, the World's Greatest Shave isn't cancelled, instead we have postponed it to Semester 2 due to the current restrictions. A simple alternative was created and students and teachers were invited to have the craziest hair possible for a chance at a prize. Many students came to school with crazy coloured hair and wigs along with casual clothes. Max I from Year 8 won for having the 'Craziest Hair'!
Konastu & Kyla





Niddrie Campus Principal - Christine Cole

The Year 7 Zoo excursion, NAPLAN online testing, Year 9 Morrisby career profiling, GRIP Leadership Day, Year 8 Science incursion and Crazy Hair Day are just some of the events and programs students have been involved in this Term.

On Friday 23rd April, our school community commemorated ANZAC Day with a student led service which included a laying of a wreath and a minutes silence whilst Xavier Bassett played the Last Post on keyboard.

The Student Leadership 'Crazy Hair Day' raised a further \$241 to contribute towards their World's Greatest Shave for a Cure fundraiser. We have postponed the cutting, shaving, and colouring of hair day to Thursday 5th August (due to COVID restrictions). To date, the Campus has raised over \$4,000 towards the goal of \$6,000.

Congratulations to our Intermediate Boys' Basketball team who won the School Sports Victoria competition by winning all 6 games against other Victorian Schools.

Similarly, congratulations to Tom Sutherland for his award-winning swimming at State School Championships held in April. An amazing effort!

The Niddrie students continue to focus on setting goals and achieving their best in their classes this term. The academic focus and commitment to CATS this Term has been outstanding. The attendance at Homework Club has increased as students see the value in receiving additional support and challenge from their teachers. Keep up the great work!

A reminder to all families that Homework Club runs every Wednesday and Thursday afterschool until 4pm in the Library. Students are encouraged to attend to review and revise their classwork and seek some help from teachers.

Looking forward to Term 3 and seeing the students take part in all the learning opportunities we have to offer.

Campus Student Management Team

Campus Assistant Principal: Mark McInerney

Campus Coordinator: Joanne Drago

Year 7 Coordinator: Joanne Drago

Year 8 Coordinator: Tammie Kantharidis

Year 9 Coordinator: Tony Adamson

- Please contact the relevant Year Level Coordinator if you have any queries or concerns about your child's learning progress, attendance or wellbeing.

School Wide Positive Behaviour Support (SWPBS)

Congratulations to the following students who were our weekly REAL Reward winners of a \$5 canteen voucher for Term 2.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Ria Cooper Zoe Del Monte Jack Manley Noane Papalii Reid Vella Eleanor Pye Lorenzo Fantauzzo	Layla Gray Zane Willis Arjana Gjohilani Tom Sutherland Monet Zivkovic Jada Patterson Sopoaga Semisi	Declan Gidman Luca Stellato Trent Doehmann Maddie Knowles Mckenzie Florrimell Anthony Barbaro Bailey Dodd

Y- Challenge (Niddrie and East Keilor) Scope & First Aid with CPR Australia



As part of the Year 9 Y-Challenge elective, students participated in three sessions delivered by SCOPE AUSTRALIA.

SCOPE is one of the largest not-for-profit disability service providers in Australia, supporting thousands of people with complex intellectual, physical and multiple disabilities.

The reason we ask SCOPE to speak with our students is for them to have an understanding of what a person living with a disability encounters in day to day life. It gives them an insight into different aspects of their lives, whether it be travelling on public transport, participating in community events or communicating with someone who has a hearing impairment.

Students understand that the aspirations of a person living with a disability are the same as those without a disability. We hope that with this understanding and insight that students have empathy for others in the community and may offer assistance to a person with a disability if the need arises.

As well as the SCOPE sessions, the Year 9 Y-Challenge students participated in First Aid Training. This training is a good grounding in First Aid and gives students the confidence to know what to do whether in an emergency situation or simply to take care of a sporting injury. It is also a great certificate to include in a resume!

Intermediate Boys Basketball

Last month the Year 9 and 10 Boys Basketball Team competed in the qualifying round of the Victorian Basketball Championships. The all-star team saw a combination of students from all three Campuses, including Zane Omar and Lucas Ilievski of Niddrie, Lenny Fishenden of East Keilor, and Mahdi Haibeh, Jye Kotoski, Heath Mundy, Jack Tapungao, Mua Tavo and Gedy Gebremedhin from the Essendon Campus. The team was also fortunate enough to have Year 12 student David Zivanic share his basketball wisdom on the day as Head Coach.



After a nervous start to the day, beating Geelong's Christian College by only 5 points, the team grew stronger with every game played. After knocking over St Monica's College comfortably, the EKC boys finished on top of their pool leading into the finals. The first final saw a close win against Mt Ridley College, with Mahdi Haibeh top scoring with 18 points, 6 assists and 8 rebounds, allowing EKC to progress to the grand final. Coming up once again against Geelong's Christian College in the Grand Final the boys knew it was going to be a nail-biter, and that it was. After a hard-fought battle with great displays of teamwork and sportsmanship, the EKC boys came out victorious by 6 points, winning the qualifying round of the College Championships.

On the 12th of August the boys will rally once again to compete in the finals of the Victorian College Championships at the State Basketball Centre in Waverly. Well done on your efforts so far.

Congratulations Tom

The College would like to congratulate and acknowledge Tom Sutherland who competed in and won the State Swimming Finals at Melbourne Sports and Aquatic Centre.

With his victory, Tom was named the 2021 Under 14 State Champion in the 50m Breaststroke event which is an amazing achievement and one of which he should be proud.

Congratulations Tom!



Grip Leadership Conference



This Term on Wednesday the 26th of May the EKC Student Leaders from all three Campuses attended the Grip Leadership Conference at the Exhibition Centre. We were so relieved and excited to attend, as the Conference had been cancelled in 2020 and we worried it would be cancelled again this year. The Student Leaders got to participate in workshops that developed leadership skills, inspired and offered new ideas to improve leadership initiatives, as well as consider strategies to involve and motivate all our peers at school. We got to meet and share ideas with other

student leaders from across Victoria as 600 plus students attended that day. It made me proud to see that there were many initiatives discussed at the conference that we have already introduced at the Niddrie Campus. We were also very excited to implement many other ideas. It was a worthwhile event and we are already looking forward to next year's Conference.

-Tegan Anderson

Mindfulness May

One of the student leadership initiatives was holding activities on Tuesday during lunchtime for Mindfulness May. Mindfulness May was about taking a breather and letting your mind relax and become stress free. Activities included making dream catchers, bracelets, necklaces and playing stress relieving games. We even got people from the North Melbourne Huddle to come and talk to us about some ways to release stress and how to be mentally healthy. Given that these sessions worked well the Student Leaders are thinking about running some more mindfulness activities next Semester.

-Luca Stellato.



Niddrie Term 2 Student Leadership Wrap Up

The Student Leadership Team has had another productive Term despite the interruptions of lockdown and imposed restrictions.

I am very impressed at how resilient and versatile the Student Leaders have proven to be when things don't go exactly as planned.

Armed with their face masks our Student Leaders attended the annual GRIP Leadership conference where over 600 Victorian school student leaders congregated to share ideas and develop their leadership skills. I am very proud of how our student leaders conducted themselves and represented EKC, actively participating in activities and workshops on offer.

The Student Leaders were open to new ideas introduced and were proud to see how many initiatives introduced at the Conference that they had already implemented at school.

I could hear their minds ticking as we made our way back to school at the end of the day and am very excited to see how they apply this inspiration.

Despite lockdown 4.0 Student Leaders still ran their meetings online checking in and persistently trying to plan for the World's Greatest Shave event that was supposed to take place on the 16th June. Students held a fun Crazy Hair Day instead and continue to raise donations behind the scenes. The Niddrie EKC Crusaders have already raised over \$4000 for the Leukaemia Foundation. Impressive!

As well as The World's Greatest Shave in week 4 next Term, Student Leaders are planning to run our annual R U OK? Day activities and are planning many other activities such as the Tuesday Mindfulness sessions that have been running this Term.

Lia Siafalis- Tsiatsios
(Student Leadership Coordinator).

Year 7 Science



This week in Year 7 Science we have been conducting research on Earth's renewable and non-renewable resources. One of the projects was creating a slide show where students research the resource that they have chosen and put the information into a slideshow, although there were some technical difficulties the slide show was amazing!! Students have also been

creating their own wind turbines using various materials, everyone had a great time and created their own wind turbine in their own unique way.

-Monjid Sidahmed 7W Class Captain



Year 7 Zoo Excursion

On Thursday, the 6th of May Year 7's from both Campuses went to the Melbourne Zoo for an excursion. This is the perspective from our group.

When we arrived at the Zoo we started off with a scavenger hunt looking for different animals around the Zoo and writing down something about them. The scavenger hunt was a little challenging at first because we didn't know much about the different kinds of animals. We had to run around the whole Zoo to find the different animals. Some animals we looked at were koalas, orangutans, lions, snow leopards, snakes, and more.



After about 30 minutes we had our lunch break. Once we had finished eating we could go around the Zoo on our own and finish off the sheet we were given. We had to do things like, "What is an animal that is a herbivore", or "Name 2 breeds of kangaroo". Another thing we did that was on the sheet was to go do a keeper talk with one of the animals. My group went to the seals to see how they eat and to see their tricks. We also had to find facts about the animal which was a seal. After that we had to see the rest of the zoo and fill out some other things that were on the sheet.



After finishing the whole sheet we went to the food court that was at the Zoo and had a break before roaming around the zoo looking at animals. Later we got ready to go on the bus and return to school so we would get back to school on time. It was the end of our trip to the Zoo.

ANZAC Day



The Student Leaders organised a service for ANZAC Day. We celebrated on Friday the 23rd of April to acknowledge the Australian and New Zealand soldiers who fought for our Country during World War 1 at Gallipoli. The whole school assembled at the front of the school where the school choir sang a song and our School Captains recited *In Flanders Fields*. We held a minute's silence and layed a wreath under the Australian Flag.



Crazy Hair Day

The World's Greatest Shave is a fundraiser that raises money for the Leukemia Foundation. All of the money that we raise is donated and used for further life saving research and to support families facing blood cancer.

World's Greatest Shave was postponed due to COVID restrictions and now it will be run on the 5th of August.

On the 16th of June, which was the day that was supposed to be happening, instead the Leadership Team ran a Crazy Hair Day. It was a lot of fun and we raised \$241 which will go towards the running of the World's Greatest shave event next Term.

-Maddison Spring Brown



As part of our Mental Health Awareness Month of May this Term, all students in Year 7 – 9 participated in workshops delivered by Headspace. The focus of these sessions was to give us strategies to help us to care of our Mental Health and Wellbeing and to let us understand what supports are available and where we can access these if needed.

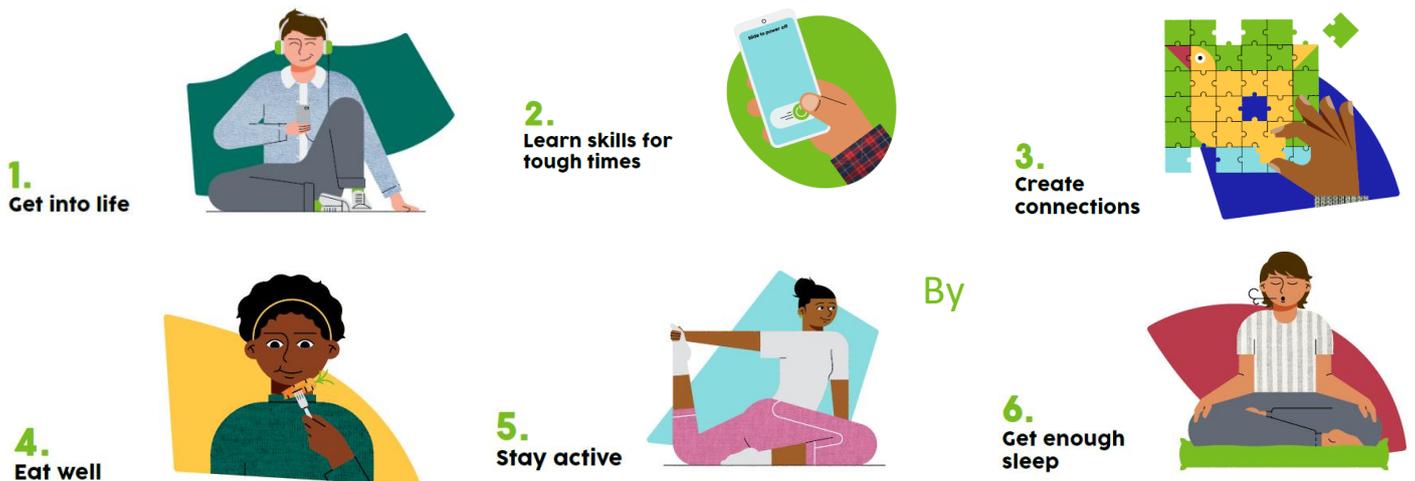
Let’s Talk About It: *Mental Health*

- Understand mental health and wellbeing
- Strengthen mental fitness (years 7-9)
- Discuss healthy coping strategies to support yourself
- Identify options for seeking support online and in your community

Self-Care: *Looking after your mental health*

- Understand mental health and the importance of looking after ourselves
 - Understand what self-care is and ways to do it
 - Build a healthy headspace action plan
- Identify where, when and how to seek additional support

Small steps can make a BIG difference



1. Get into life

2. Learn skills for tough times

3. Create connections

4. Eat well

5. Stay active

6. Get enough sleep

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