



**Essendon Keilor College**

# Term 1 Newsletter

**RESPECT ENGAGE ASPIRE LEARN**

## College Principal – David Adamson

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

Welcome to our first College Newsletter of 2023.

As always, we welcome a number of new and returning staff to the College.

- Jonathan Sherlock – English – Essendon
- Claudia Irato – Maths/Science – Essendon
- Thomas Rogers – Humanities/Legal Studies – Essendon
- Lauren Gaylard – Leading Teacher – Middle Year Curriculum – Niddrie
- Athina Lima – Integration Aide
- Casey Weston – English – Essendon
- Ryan Allen – PE – Niddrie
- Sarah Moore – English – Essendon
- Alessio Mereghetti – Italian Language Assistant
- Cory Duker – Maths/Science – Niddrie/East Keilor (Starting Term 2)
- Jeanie Heer – Laboratory Technician – Essendon
- Tom Williams – VET Music – Essendon
- Con Damoulakis – Art – Niddrie/Essendon
- Kari Fujita – Japanese Language Assistant (Starting term 2)
- Bradley Noonan – Facilities Manager
- Daniela Parisi – Integration Aide
- Basema Brek – Integration Aide

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

**President:** Nicole Kotoski

**Vice President:** Kemal Mustafa

**Treasurer:** Catherine Craggs



## College Phone Numbers

East Keilor	8331 0109
Niddrie	9375 8400
Essendon	9319 1300

## Absence Lines

East Keilor	8331 0108
Niddrie	9375 8405
Essendon	9319 1305

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## Dates for your diary

24 <sup>th</sup> April	– Student free day
25 <sup>th</sup> April	– ANZAC Day holiday
26 <sup>th</sup> April	– Students return
22 <sup>nd</sup> May	– Student Free day
1 <sup>st</sup> June	– Year 10 – 12 exams start
12 <sup>th</sup> June	– Kings Birthday holiday
16 <sup>th</sup> June	– Student free day
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	– Senior school formal
23 <sup>rd</sup> June	– Last day of term 2

**Parent Representatives:** Kristine O'Keefe, Kristy Stevens,  
Bettina Spirli

**Staff Representatives:** Melissa Hamilton, Melissa Travers,  
Lisa Nugent

There are two vacant positions for parent representatives. Please contact your Campus Principal if you are interested in becoming a member of College Council.

Lisa Robinson has been appointed the Principal of Laverton P-12 College, starting next term. Lisa has been at the College over five years and has been the Campus Principal of two campuses. Lisa has made a significant contribution to the College in that time. Her outstanding leadership has been recognised in this appointment. I would like to thank Lisa for all of her hard work, enthusiasm and energy and wish her all the best for her new challenge.

We have been able to run a number of very successful activities this term including the swimming and athletic sports and Year7 and 8 Camps. Camps are incredibly important to get students into a different environment where they are challenged and get to know the peers and teachers in a different environment. They also allow for students from the two junior campuses to get to know each other before they head to the Essendon Campus in Year 10. The same applies to the number of sporting teams that compete against other schools and students who participate in the school production.

Term 1 has flown by, and everybody is looking forward to the break. I will be on long service Leave for the first five weeks of Term 2 and Adam Potter will be the Acting College Principal. Jo Drago will be the Acting assistant principal at the Niddrie campus. Enjoy the break and I look forward to continuing the good work we are doing when I return.

David Adamson

College Principal

## Essendon Campus Update

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Term one 2023 has been busy! When you look through this newsletter it is so pleasing to see all of the ways in which learning and wellbeing has been present at the campus and the college. We have certainly packed a lot into the eleven weeks. I know that for many staff and students it will be a well-earned rest. I look forward to seeing our students thrive in term two and work towards semester exams and Year 10 work experience.

**It is however farewell from me. I applied for, and was offered the substantive principal position at Laverton P-12 College. It is a new chapter for me and my career and I am looking forward to it. It was not an easy decision to leave EKC; So many of the students and families I know so well and I have been very privileged to be a small part of their learning journey. I will remember it fondly. I wish all well in the remainder of 2023 and I look forward to returning to watch the production and see our Class of 2023 graduate.**

Thank you all for the EKC journey.

Have a safe break

Lisa Robinson

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Term one began the way it finished - with lots happening! Here's a snapshot of the many programs and opportunities students at the Senior Campus have had:

### STUDY CAMP

One of our VCE improvement strategies was to arrange a Year 12 Study Camp at the beginning of the year where students could learn about and put into practice study techniques to help give them the best opportunity to succeed in year 12. It was also designed to promote mutual support and connectedness amongst the students. Based at the prestigious



**Lisa Robinson**

Campus Principal



**Sally Stevens**

Assistant Principal

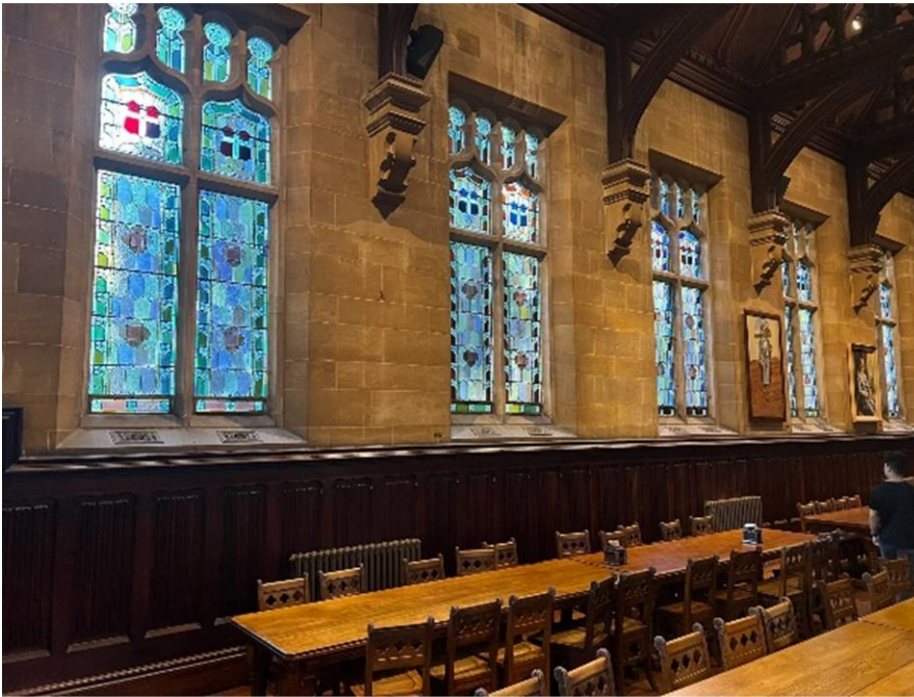


**Melissa Hamilton**

Acting Assistant Principal



Ormond College at Melbourne University, students were tasked with making their own way and meeting teachers on the grounds.



Once they had been allocated their individual rooms they began with their first study session - a presentation from Elevate Education building on sessions they undertook last year. Following this, the VCE students had a study session for beginning their first English SAC draft, while the VCEVM students undertook Literacy tasks towards their competencies. We then all made our way to Melbourne University for a presentation and tour of the campus before having lunch around the grounds or down on Swanston Street.





Another English/Literacy study session followed before we were joined by Ms Bianchin who ran a tailored session with students about Mental Health during Year 12. This session focussed on sleep habits, nutrition and self-care as well as supporting peers. Students then had time to prepare themselves for our Year Level Dinner at University Cafe on Lygon Street.



The following morning, we were joined by Mr Kingham who ran a session with the students about pathways beyond secondary School. This included information regarding VTAC, ATARs, SEAs and apprenticeships / traineeships. We then moved into the 'Dining Hall' for an independent study session which doubled as a chance to complete VASS documentation. After a jam packed 2 days, the consensus was they wanted longer! As a result, we have booked a 3-day camp for the Class of 2024.





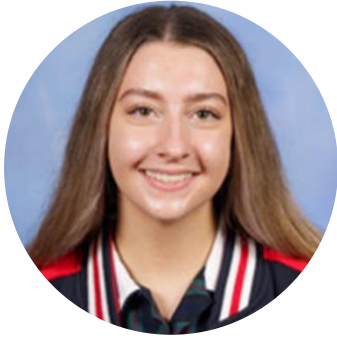
## STUDENT LEADERS

Congratulations to the Senior School Student Leaders. In Term 1 they have hit the ground running with a variety of activities at lunchtimes, programs and curriculum supports and improvements. Our College Captains & Vice Captains have been involved in running assemblies, speaking at a variety of events and making campus announcements over the PA system; the Activities & SWPBS Leaders are responsible for planning and running lunchtime activities including Chess and placing signage in classrooms and in the school grounds; the learning leaders have provided support in developing the protocols around the new Study and Common Rooms; our Sport Captains have supported our interschool sport teams and been involved in sports activities at lunchtime. The International Captains are a voice for students who need support and act as a bridge between the new arrivals and the school; the Music, Performance & Production Captains are very busy in the swing of production rehearsals after promoting auditions earlier in the term. The Year 11 Captains and Vice Captains are working with two of the Year 12 leaders to plan and promote the upcoming Senior School Formal and our newly appointed Year 10 leaders are beginning their journey and many support in the Breakfast Club on Thursday mornings.

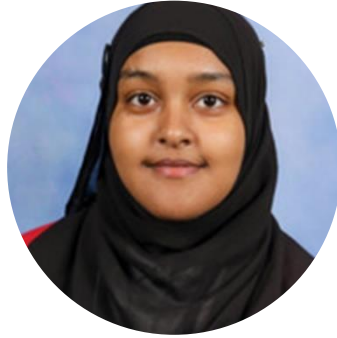




## College Captains



Amelia Wright



Asraa Mohamed



Andreas Vassilopoulos



Luke Barnard

## College Vice Captains



Isabella Tantotero



Sam Lovett- Pawsey



Erica Zanti

## Learning & Study Captain

## Music, Performance and Production Captains



Ellie Fuller



Kyra Aurisch



Mary Bonett

## Activities & SWPBS Captains



Gedy Gebremedhim



Abbas Moughniye



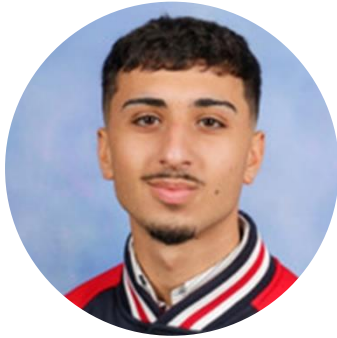
Raef Mohamed Nur



Taaha Shervani



## Sports Captains



Jack Talia



Mua Tavo



Fiona Nguyen



Quang Nguyen

## International Captains

## Year 11 Captains



Terese Spirli



Chanel Mai



Shania Ragland



Theary Morrish

## Year 11 Vice Captains

## Year 10 Captains



Chloe Gordon



Dechlan Major



Tiffany Giang



Karl Bebbington

## Year 10 Vice Captains

## STUDY ROOM & COMMON ROOM

During our Step-Up Program at the end of 2022, we re-introduced the Year 12 Common Room in the Hall and the Study Room in Room 8 at the rear of the library. Year 12 students have had input into the protocols around the use of these rooms and many have voiced their requests for improvements which have been taken on board. These spaces are designed to address the unique academic, social and wellbeing needs of students in their final year of schooling.



## HARMONY DAY

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognises our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone. Students at the Essendon campus had a free dress day wearing a touch of orange and raised money for the Myeloma Foundation through gold coin donations. To help the celebrations we had Moonee Valley Council Youth Programs out for a lunchtime musical performance and seedling planting activity.





# SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR SUPPORTS (SWPBS)

 <b>ESSENDON KEILOR COLLEGE</b> <b>SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS</b>		
	<b>Our Community</b>	<b>Wider Community</b>
<b>BE RESPECTFUL</b>	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use good manners</li> <li>• Follow staff instructions</li> <li>• Arrive to class prepared to learn</li> <li>• Work cooperatively with peers and staff</li> <li>• Use technology responsibly and safely at all times</li> </ul>	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appreciate diversity and treat all others as equals</li> <li>• Represent the College with pride</li> <li>• Behave in a safe manner</li> <li>• Consider how our actions impact on others</li> <li>• Use technology responsibly and safely at all times</li> </ul>
<b>BE ENGAGED</b>	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ask questions and regularly act upon feedback</li> <li>• Make positive contributions</li> <li>• Bring digital devices charged everyday</li> <li>• Participate in school events</li> </ul>	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are responsible for our actions</li> <li>• Engage in learning opportunities outside of school</li> <li>• Demonstrate EKC Values in accordance with College policies</li> </ul>
<b>BE ASPIRATIONAL</b>	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Put effort into every task and challenge ourselves</li> <li>• Strive for academic excellence</li> <li>• Set and evaluate learning goals</li> <li>• Attend all classes</li> </ul>	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are considerate of the public</li> <li>• Travel to and from school with care</li> <li>• Aim to become accomplished citizens who contribute, live meaningfully and succeed</li> </ul>
<b>BE A LEARNER</b>	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to others</li> <li>• Let others learn and teach</li> <li>• Use devices appropriately for learning</li> </ul>	We... <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage and support others</li> <li>• Maintain appropriate noise levels</li> <li>• Support our community</li> </ul>

This term, the entire College has focussed on the following behaviour goals:

- Ask Questions & Regularly Act Upon Feedback
- Put Effort into Every Task & Challenge Ourselves

Students who demonstrate these behaviours and other positive behaviours from within our Matrix are issued with a 'Positive Acknowledgement' post on Compass which is also sent to parents. These posts are tallied each week and 2 winners from each year level are awarded a canteen voucher.

Additionally, students who perform well and/or make significant improvements in their GPA in their 3 weekly progress reports have the opportunity to be selected for the Principal's Lunch where Ms Robinson 'shouts' the group a lunch and has a celebratory meal with students. Congratulations to the students who have been recognised this term:

	<b>YEAR 10</b>	<b>YEAR 11</b>	<b>YEAR 12</b>
<b>Week 2</b>	Grace Ballingall & Aidan Borg-McGlone	Amy Bektash & Manar Mohamed	Kiara Bowman & Sam Lovett-Pawsey





	YEAR 10	YEAR 11	YEAR 12
<b>Week 3</b>	Jordena Harris & Mohammad Abdullah	Savanna Cosgrave & Finn Atkinson	Long Vong & Montana Brayshaw
<b>Week 4</b>	Cayden Comer & Emika Liu	Savanna Cosgrave & Oliver Ivanov	Dylan Bremner & James Fotiadis
<b>Week 4 Principal's Lunch</b>	Sarah B Sam Glenn Mackenzie Gidman Jordy Harris	Megan Doherty April Farrugia	Nsiki Khuzwayo Kade Munro Mary Bonnett Caius Ripper
<b>Week 5</b>	Samuel Camenzuli & Jessica Brown	Konatsu Bonar & Victoria Giannarakis	Myracle Hallett-Murch & Isabella Tantotero
<b>Week 6</b>	Xuan Dang & Kamil Fayyaz	Chloe Liron & Te Marino Paranihi	Andreas Vassilopoulos & Heath Mundy
<b>Week 6 Principal's Lunch</b>	Cody Kotoski Erin Cas Kobi Glenister Olivia Jackson	Tom Reynolds Kyla Kirdi Nikita Marzovilla-Siclari Oliver Galloway	Dakoda Della Sandra Christian Tuccitto Monique Contessa Luke Barnard
<b>Week 7</b>	Patrick Papalii & Yutong Tang	Shania Ragland & Brady Coleman	Jye Kotoski & Trinity Mai
<b>Week 8</b>	Ameer Fouad & Logan Holliday	Chanel Mai & Thomas Phan	Matthew Robottom & Alexander Mundt
<b>Week 9</b>	Sam Craggs & Olivia Jackson	Paul Tavo & Oliver Galloway	Mikail Gunduz & Gedy Gebremedhin
<b>Week 9 Principal's Lunch</b>	Karl Bebbington Aidan Borg McGlone Lily Broadbent Grace Ballingall	Chelsea Sakdavichit Dion Sorbello Kyle Willis Aidan Zivkovic	Khang Nguyen Natalia Rehmtulla Quang Nguyen Macglory Ngametua
<b>Week 10</b>	Kira Nguyen & Layla Gray	Stephanie Artuso & Theary Morrish	Jackson Harper & Ahmed Sultan
<b>Week 11</b>	Cruz Mcleavy & Jordan Rein	Lily Thompson & Dilara Can	Sienna Maffei & Cohen Tuakana

## INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

On Tuesday 8th March, three of our fantastic female students were invited to the 12th International Women's Day Breakfast hosted by Moonee Valley City Council at the Clocktower in Moonee Ponds. Amelia, Asraa and Isabella enjoyed hearing from the panellists discussing the theme of **DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality**. A great opportunity for the girls to hear some powerful voices in the community promoting equal opportunity and access for girls and women into careers and social contributions around STEM, technology, and online platforms.



## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Clean Up Australia Day began over 30 years ago and this year a lucky group of students from Year 11 VCEVM gave their time to clean up areas of the community. Volunteering in the community is something EKC values and we feel it's important to provide opportunities like this for our students as it supports them in their personal and social development.







## ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Despite the miserable weather, a highlight of Term 1 is the Athletics Carnival at Aberfeldie Athletics Track. This is an opportunity for students to compete and progress through to Divisional and Regional level and we congratulate all the athletes on their performances. The Athletics Carnival is also a chance for students to dress up in their House Colours and battle it out for bragging rights! The Year 12s outdid themselves with the Annual Year 12 Dress Up this year. Check out this year's snaps!







## BREAKFAST CLUB & CHESS CLUB

Our weekly breakfast club has been a hit throughout Term 1. Every Thursday morning in the Food Tech room a dedicated group of staff and students work together to enjoy sharing a meal! Toasties seem to be the favourite! Equally, the competition is intense at our Friday Chess Club in Room 9.





# Careers Update

## Careers EXPO

Our yearly Careers EXPO was attended by representatives from 20 different institutions including University and Tafe providers, as well as Apprenticeship / Traineeship service providers and the Defence Forces. EKC are looking to build strong links with the Essendon Football Club who have recently established a partnership with RMIT. As part of this, we were very lucky to have two AFLW players (Maddy Prespakis and Georgia Gee) attend our EXPO and discuss their journey with our students. The representatives from different institutions commented on how fantastic our students were and the positive discussions that were had.



## 2023 Careers Excursions

Over the course of this year, students from various year levels will be offered the opportunity to attend a number of different University and Tafe institutions to help them choose their preferred destination. Students should keep an eye out on Google Classroom for updates. Excursions include:

- Year 12 Latrobe Experience Day (Term 2)
- Year 11 RMIT and ACU City Experience Day (Term 2)
- Kangan Experience Day (Term 3)
- Year 9 / VCEVM Try a Trade Day (Term 3)
- Year 10 Victoria University Experience Day (Term 3)

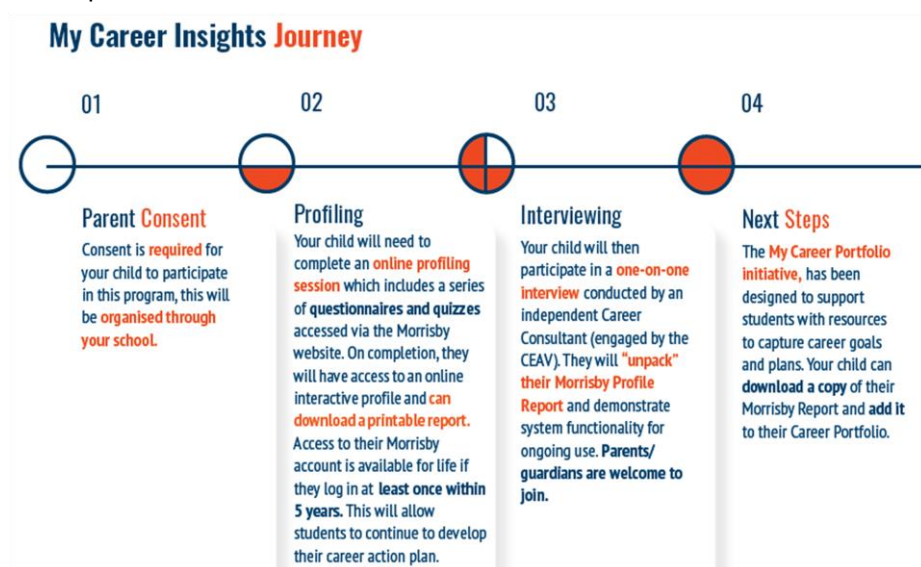


**Daniel Kingham**  
Careers Coordinator



## Year 9 Morrisby Assessment and Interview

Early in Term 2, all Year 9 students will undertake their yearly "Career Action Plan". During the middle of Term 2, they will then commence the My Career Insights (Morrisby) Careers Assessment Program. This is designed to give students a detailed analysis of their suitability for various Careers, and also, what subjects they should consider choosing in future years. Students will receive a one on one interview with a trained Careers Counsellor at the start of Term 3 to discuss their results and provide further advice for the future.



## Year 10 Work Experience

Overall Year 10 students have done a great job in organising their placement for Term 2 Work Experience. Our goal was to have every student having a placement lined up by the end of Term 1. There are still some students who haven't quite finalised things yet. It would be fantastic if these students are able to spend some time on the holidays securing their placement so that they can have a stress-free Term 2. Each students' local network of family, friends and connections is often the easiest way to find a work experience placement however, there are a range of work experience resources in the Year 10 Careers Google Classroom (classwork section) that will also be of assistance. If students need help please contact myself – [Daniel.kingham@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Daniel.kingham@education.vic.gov.au) or Michele Hamilton – [Michele.hamilton@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Michele.hamilton@education.vic.gov.au)





## East Keilor Campus Update

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It has been a fantastic start to the Year at the East Keilor Campus. There has been a high focus and dedication to learning growth in all year levels.

Our Year 7 students continue to settle into the school. They are learning to follow a timetable, adjust to new teachers and peers, wrestle with their lockers, tackle their first CATS (Common assessment tasks) and attend camp. Thank you to all the families who attended the Year 7 information evening to meet staff and learn more about the school. We look forward to seeing you at future college events.

Both Year 7 Camp (Anglesea) and Year 8 Camp (Phillip Island) were high activity based, they included surfing, bike riding, high ropes, rock climbing and bush walking to mention a few. The camps allow our students from both campuses to be together and build positive relationships with their peers and college staff. More activities took place closer to home too, with Swimming Sports seeing lots of Keilor students participate in races and take advantage of the opportunity to cool off in the pool at the end of the formalities. Keilor students also participated in Athletics day at Aberfeldie and Year 8 students have had the exciting opportunity to work with Mike Spears, an NBL player and coach to level up their basketball skills. We thank Matt Szewczuk and the HAPE team for their hard work in organising these College and campus events.



**Melissa Travers**

Acting Assistant Principal



There were a few opportunities for interschool sport this term, which saw students from the Keilor campus compete against local schools in Volleyball and Swimming. In addition to this, some of our sports team led activities and supervised events at Avondale Primary Schools' athletics day program which was very much appreciated. There will be plenty more opportunities for students to participate in interschool sport throughout the year.

In addition to sport, The Keilor campus has seen many students embracing other extracurricular activities this term. Students worked alongside Moonee Valley Youth staff for Harmony Day and lunchtime club activities on several occasions throughout the term. The instrumental music program has started up again, with some students showcasing their skills during a lunchtime concert. It was great to see so many talented students sharing their music with such a supportive audience. Similarly, there has been a pleasing uptake of students in our choir program. It is especially positive to see so many of our year 7 students taking advantage of the music program. Thank you to all the instrumental music teachers for providing these opportunities for our students.

Well done to our Year 7 and Year 9 students completing Naplan this term. Naplan results will be published early term 2 and will allow us to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy. We were proud of the way all year 7 and 9 students approached the NAPLAN testing, demonstrating respect for others, responsibility, and high aspirations. All Keilor students will be drawing upon these skills when they undertake exams towards the end of term two.

Our student leadership at the Campus have been aspirational in their efforts this term, with the support of Natasha Anicic. We thank Natasha for her support of the Leadership program.



## School Captains



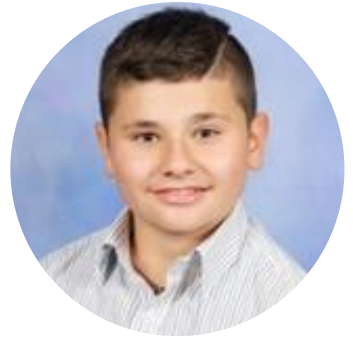
Daniel Vaccaro



Jaymee Darrington



Brooklyn Tahitahi



Julian Perrone

## Year 8 Level Leaders



Arielle Craggs



Nick Bouris



Sahiru Samarasinghe  
Arachchige



Minnie Didpecha

## Year 7 Level Leaders

## Stem Captain



Jamie Kho

## Performance Captain



Ellie Lu

## Music Captain



Diana Silva

## Sports Captains



Ryan Withers



Luca Debrincat



Mia Oakley

## School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Congratulations to our weekly Real Reward winners of a \$5 canteen voucher for Term 1

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Gabi Vezzoso	Chloe Dorl	Jasmyn Gorgiovski
Jacob Kondov	Jacob Scarfo	Ben Do
Fiona Tomarchio	Ellie Lu	Brooklyn Tahitahi
Sahiru Samarasinghe Arachchige	Taylor Quach	Mikhaela Lood
Miah Spencer	Stefan Basadur	Noah Williams
Ilya Deilama Beraimi	Mia Oakley	Mays Alaussi
Liana Spirli	Arielle Craggs	Ryan Withers
Emma Zirvanovic	Tyler Weinreich	Mohamed Yusuf

## Award Winners

### Most Real reward Recipients

Year 7: Fiona Tomarcio and Habib Abdallah

Year 8: Chloe Dorl and Stefan Basaddur

### Most Improved

Year 7: Chelsea-Lee Kemp and Olivia Giannarakis

Year 8: Dielora Redzepi and Pietro Pianese

Year 9: Ben Do and Yusra Addo and Jaymee Darrington

### Consistently high GPA

Year 7: Minnie Didprecha and Emma Zirvanovic

Year 8: Ellie Lu and Brody Simonds

Year 9: Keyra Hunia and Tayah Bokelund

Have a wonderful break. I'm sure you will join me in thanking all of the wonderful teaching and education support staff at the Keilor Campus for their hard work throughout this very busy term. We are looking forward to Term 2 and the learning opportunities offered to our students.



# Student Leadership Team

Our student leadership team has weekly meetings during lunchtime and sometimes during classes. We discuss and share our ideas to organise activities on our campus. We have organised events such as: BBQ, the SWPBS shop and Harmony Day, and we also supported the Swimming Carnival and the College Athletics.

## Harmony Day

Two barbeque events ran this term, one on Friday the 17<sup>th</sup> of march and one on Harmony Day were very popular with everyone especially our chefs. On Harmony Day, we had a casual clothes day and we raised \$80, with \$50 being donated to the Royal Childrens Hospital.

## Swimming Carnival

At the swimming carnival, we ran the photo booth and had a photographer on the ground as well. Students also got the opportunity to participate in different swimming events like freestyle, backstroke, butterfly, and breaststroke. At the end of the official swimming schedule, everyone had a free swim. This was super fun for everyone.



## School Production

Diana Silva, Arielle Craggs, Nikolina Papandreou, Chelsea-Lee Kemp and Liana Spirli have been successful with their auditions for the High School Musical school production. Those students attend their rehearsals on Tuesdays or Thursdays after school at the senior campus, from 3:30 until 5:30pm.

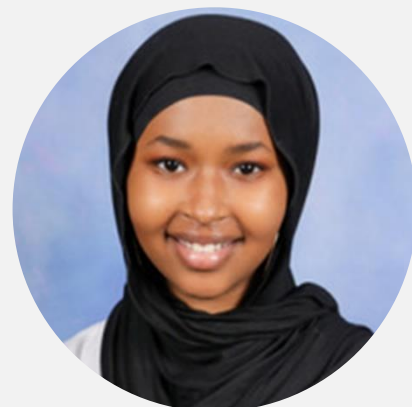




# Wellness Wednesday

By Diana Silva, Tayah Bokelund and Yusra Addo

Wellness Wednesday is all about promoting female wellness and connectivity with other students. The year nine and eight girls participated in a series of events such as going to the gym and for a swim to encourage young women to stay active. These activities provided help for our mental health and wellbeing. Throughout our visit at the leisure centre, we were also provided with coaches that not only explained the workouts but supported us too. Thanks to Ms Tabone we were able to come together and made new friendships along with building up our self-esteem.





# F1 Grand Prix Excursion





## Niddrie Campus Update

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I have really enjoyed visiting classrooms and talking to our students about learning and hearing from the students as to how their learning journey is progressing. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all students, teachers and parents/carers for their efforts this term. Our student leaders should also be commended on their outstanding work this term, as we have had many great events and celebrations acknowledging Harmony Day, as well as our Athletics Carnival, Swimming Carnival, Year 7 and 8 Camps and our Year 9 excursion to the Grand Prix. You will be able to read about this within other reports in this addition of the newsletter.



I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our Year 7 students and their families on completing the first term of secondary school. Each student has made positive contributions and has been well supported by Tony Adamson, Joanne Drago, Iris Anastasiou and Jonathan Cram as class leaders. We have had a focus on building positive connections throughout the term and this has been on display with new friendships formed and respectful relationships being developed between students and teachers.



**Adam Potter**

Niddrie Campus Principal



Celebrating success is just as important as achieving success, as it is essential to students' self-esteem and confidence. Whether your child has achieved a small or big goal, recognising, and celebrating what they have achieved offers them a sense of accomplishment and fosters confidence. Below are our REAL reward winners for term and I would like to congratulate all of our students who received awards as part of our end of term celebration assembly.

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9
Santino Raudino	Tammy Ellis	Thomas Tilley
Callan Moore	Jude D'Andrea	Jude Omar
Grace Kingston	Hyder Khan	Eleanor Pye
Mia Fraser	Lawson Johnson – Schollick	Monjid Sidhamed
Ashtyn Hack	Dion Ferrigno	Jaimi Hammill
Aydin Aldim	Mia Bagdas	Eleanor Pye
Santino Raudino	Paige Dunmore	Veronika Srpcanska
		Devon Logan

I do hope all students, staff and families enjoy a restful holiday period and I look forward to seeing our students upon their return on Wednesday 26 April.





## Music at Niddrie

It has been an exciting term for Music at Niddrie. Year 8 students have been learning how to play the piano. They've had lots of fun composing their own songs and lyrics and performing them to the class. They learnt about sound production and how music technology creates popular songs. Year 9 students have explored various genres of music and created covers of a song of their choice. We had some fantastic musical performances on Harmony Day, including our new campus choir's debut performance!





# Year 8 Camp – Phillip Island Adventure Resort

In week 5 of this term, the Year 8 students from both the East Keilor and Niddrie Campus came together to enjoy new experiences at Phillip Island Adventure Resort. Despite the drizzly weather, students still embraced the opportunities and challenges that the camp provided.



Activities included Surfing, Canoeing, High Ropes, Flying Fox, Giant Swing and Archery. Students attempted all activities with enthusiasm and challenged themselves to move outside of their comfort limits. Students worked together closely to build a raft (with some rafts proving to be more successful than others). The surfing was definitely a highlight. After a very early start for most, students braved the cold water and were successful in catching numerous waves, with many talented students standing on their boards.



**Jo Drago**

Niddrie Campus Coordinator







Another highlight for some was the penguin parade. The rain held off and students waited patiently from the viewing platform to experience the magic of watching these amazing seabirds waddle home from the ocean to their burrows.



After an activity packed 3 days, students and staff all reported having a wonderful time. They were supportive and encouraging towards each other, and further developed their resilience, and built upon their leadership and teamwork skills. The students should be commended for their exceptional behaviour throughout the camp.









# Year 7 Anglesea Camp





## Respectful Relationships

Respectful relationships are an integral part of our school curriculum at EKC. We have had a number of incursions that have occurred this term to support our Respectful Relationship program. This term, Project Rokit has presented to both the Year 7 and Year 9 cohorts, with a focus on positive bystander behaviour. We have had Elephant Education visit the Year 8 cohort with a focus on Sexting and the consequences surrounding it. Upcoming Elephant Ed incursions for the Year 7s and Year 9s have been scheduled for early next term.

## SWPBS

Throughout Term 1, the School Wide Positive Behaviours (SWPB) that both the Niddrie and the East Keilor campus focused on was:

- Ask questions and regularly act upon feedback
- Put effort into every task and challenge ourselves

In Term 2, the SWPB Focus will be:

- Let others learn and teach
- Work cooperatively with peers and staff

Students will be explicitly taught what these behaviours look like in the classroom and will be positively recognised when consistently demonstrating these.



 <b>ESSENDON KEILOR COLLEGE</b> <b>SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOURS</b>		
	Our Community	Wider Community
BE RESPECTFUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use good manners</li><li>• Follow staff instructions</li><li>• Arrive to class prepared to learn</li><li>• Work cooperatively with peers and staff</li><li>• Use technology responsibly and safely at all times</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Appreciate diversity and treat all others as equals</li><li>• Represent the College with pride</li><li>• Behave in a safe manner</li><li>• Consider how our actions impact on others</li><li>• Use technology responsibly and safely at all times</li></ul>
BE ENGAGED	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ask questions and regularly act upon feedback</li><li>• Make positive contributions</li><li>• Bring digital devices charged everyday</li><li>• Participate in school events</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are responsible for our actions</li><li>• Engage in learning opportunities outside of school</li><li>• Demonstrate EKC Values in accordance with College policies</li></ul>
BE ASPIRATIONAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Put effort into every task and challenge ourselves</li><li>• Strive for academic excellence</li><li>• Set and evaluate learning goals</li><li>• Attend all classes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Are considerate of the public</li><li>• Travel to and from school with care</li><li>• Aim to become accomplished citizens who contribute, live meaningfully and succeed</li></ul>
BE A LEARNER	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Listen to others</li><li>• Let others learn and teach</li><li>• Use devices appropriately for learning</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Encourage and support others</li><li>• Maintain appropriate noise levels</li><li>• Support our community</li></ul>

## **Basketball Victoria – Wheelchair Basketball**

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We were lucky enough to have Wheelchair Basketball to come to EKC for two days to deliver some awesome wheelchair basketball sessions for the students. All of the students were fully engaged and got to participate in many activities throughout the sessions.



## **Essendon Keilor College Basketball Skills Academy Program – Mike Spears**

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The Basketball Skills Academy Program will be introduced at Essendon Keilor College for Year 7, 8 & 9 students. This program will be run by a professional basketball player Mike Spears who has played basketball in over 8 countries, attended the Michael Jordan Academy and comes from California, in the USA. This elite program provides an opportunity for young athletes with excellent basketball abilities to advance their established skills while providing a challenging environment that encourages them to reach their full potential. This specialised program will be a fee paying program which will run from 7:30am to 8:45am every Tuesday before school. If your child would like to participate in this program please submit application form by Friday May 5th.



## EKC Accelerated Football Program

This term, the Accelerated Football Program commenced, beginning with a three week trial before applications for the program were finalised. Currently there are 26 students from year 7, 8 and 9 participating in the program. Sessions are running every Wednesday afterschool and the development of both skill and fitness levels has been impressive.

Students are working on not only skill development and fitness levels but their knowledge and understanding of the game. This is seen in our match simulation and game sense drills where students need to make the right decision with the ball whilst under pressure.

Training will continue in term 2, with a focus on defensive principles. This will ensure our EKC Inter-school Football teams are well prepared.

## Athletics Carnival Results

Congratulations to all students that participated in the events on the day. In the end it was Blue House that ended up on top with 504 points.

Well done to all the age group champions who participated and displayed their athletic skills.

### House Athletics results

1<sup>st</sup> **Blue** 504 points

2<sup>nd</sup> **White** 429 points

3<sup>rd</sup> **Red** 370 points

4<sup>th</sup> **Green** 290 points



ATHLETICS AGE GROUP CHAMPIONS	
13 Male	Michael Corso 7S
13 Female	Madison Moate 7S
14 Male	Devon Logan 9W
14 Female	Scarlett Callegari 8R
15 Male	Lucas Scerri 9S
15 Female	Gabrielle Michaelides 9W
16 Male	Neziah Mora-McDonald 10
16 Female	Jordy Harris 10
17 Male	Brady Coleman 11
17 Female	Tenisha Tahitahi 11
Open Male	Jye Kotoski 12
Open Female	Amelia Wright 12



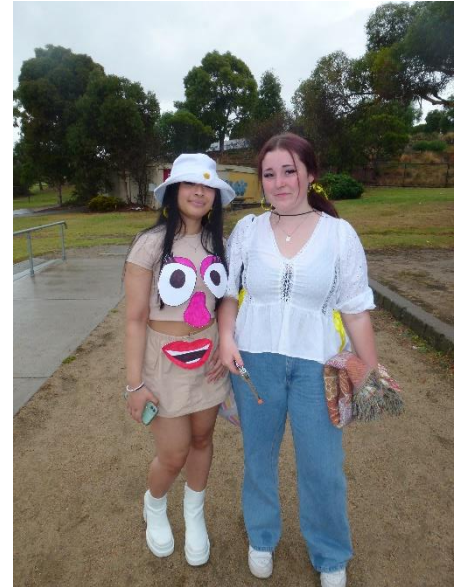
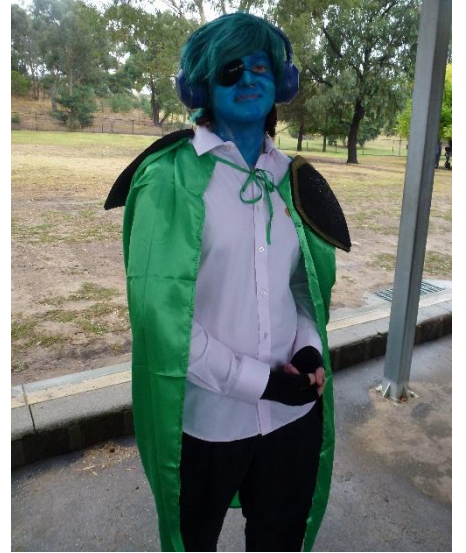
# College Snapshots



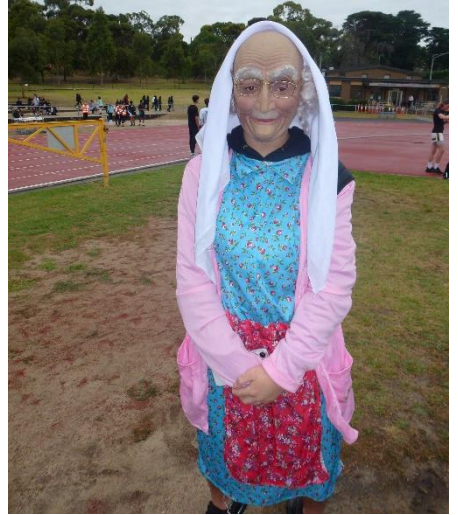




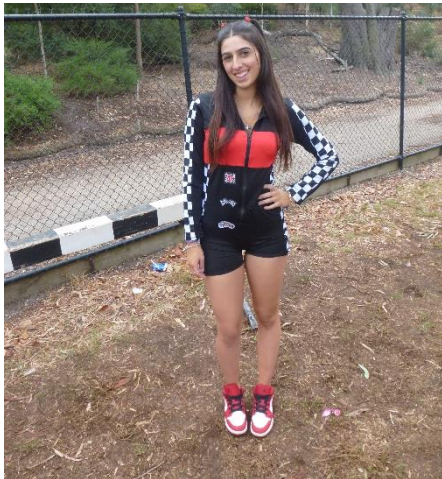
























Essendon Keilor College

# Homestays Wanted

## ***Do you have a spare room at home and would like to host an International Student?***

Essendon Keilor College are looking for suitable homestay providers to host international students in 2023.

Becoming a homestay provider can be a very rewarding experience, giving you an opportunity to share in different cultures and customs.

You will receive a tax-free payment of \$340 per week to cover the cost of student's meals, accommodation, and access to amenities such as the internet.

If you are interested in hosting an International Student, please contact our International Homestay Coordinator Nancy on 9319 1300 (during business hours).





# PLAY RUGBY LEAGUE



## NORTH WEST WOLVES

### BOYS - GIRLS

### ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME

North West Wolves Rugby League Club  
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320 Fullarton Road, Airport West



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JOIN THE AVONDALE FC COMMUNITY AND

# SIGN UP TO OUR ALL ABILITY TEAM

**Avondale FC are proud to announce we are entering a Junior and Senior team in this year's Football Victoria competition over winter.**

To celebrate our entry into the competition, we are hosting a FREE come and try / information session.

**DATE: 22 APRIL 2023 | TIME: 9:30 AM – 10:30 AM**

**VENUE: 1A DOYLE STREET, AVONDALE HEIGHTS**

For more information, please email [info@avondalefc.com.au](mailto:info@avondalefc.com.au)



THE CITY OF MOONEE VALLEY

# YOUTH SURVEY

**ARE YOU AGED 12–25?  
DO YOU LIVE, WORK, STUDY OR  
HANG OUT IN MOONEE VALLEY?**

**HAVE YOUR SAY  
ON OUR UPCOMING  
YOUTH PROGRAMS,  
WORKSHOPS AND EVENTS!**

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# SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES - APRIL 2023

For young people aged 12-25 who live, work, study or hang out in Moonee Valley!

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
<p>10</p> <p>EASTER MONDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY</p> 	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p><b>LITTLE DREAMERS YOUNG CARERS EXCURSION TO ZOO</b> Meet in Essendon For 6-15 yrs 10am - 4pm \$10</p>  <p><b>BIGGER THAN US FILM SCREENING</b> Valley Youth Space, Niddrie 3pm - 5pm FREE</p> 	<p>13</p> <p><b>COOKIE DECORATING WORKSHOP</b> Valley Youth Space, Niddrie 2pm - 3:30pm FREE</p> 	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16</p>
<p>17</p> <p><b>GRASSROOTS YOUTH SUMMIT</b> Woodlands Park, Essendon 11am- 4pm FREE</p> 	<p>18</p> <p><b>GRASSROOTS YOUTH SUMMIT</b> Woodlands Park, Essendon 11am- 4pm FREE</p> 	<p>19</p> <p><b>GRASSROOTS YOUTH SUMMIT</b> Woodlands Park, Essendon 11am- 4pm FREE</p> <p><b>VIRTUAL REALITY GAMING</b> Crown Street Stables, Flemington 11am - 1pm FREE</p> 	<p>20</p> <p><b>GAME OFF!</b> Avondale Heights Library 1pm - 5pm FREE</p>  <p><b>ARTIVISM IN THE CLASSROOM WORKSHOP</b> Incinerator Gallery For 12-16 ys 1pm - 3pm \$20</p> 	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>  <p>SIGN UP FOR ACTIVITIES HERE!</p> 

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