



# Edinburgh College

*Character... through Nurture, Learning and Service*

## Newsletter

Term 1 February 1, 2017

### Edinburgh College Welcomes You to the 2017 School Year

#### First day smiles...

Nerves, excitement, catching up with old friends and meeting new ones, all made for an exciting start to 2017. Edinburgh College extends a welcome to all returning students as well as 53 new students and five new staff members.





## From the Principal

### Welcome Back to Edinburgh College for 2017

We hope each of you have had an enjoyable holiday with your families and that your child(ren) are excited about the year ahead at EC because we as a team are ready to go!

### New Edinburgh College Staff Appointments

We are very excited to have the following new staff members join our College team:

- Mr Martin Kane – Business Studies
- Miss Edna Sao – Secondary Mathematics
- Mrs Renee Hall – Primary Drama/Music (Years 1-6)
- Mr Lindsay Ralph – Primary Art (Years 1-6)
- Pr Ryan Vidot – Chaplain



Mr Kane



Miss Sao



Mrs Hall



Mr Ralph

Also, here is a reminder of our the new roles for existing staff members:

- Mr Tim Borgas - Principal
- Mrs Jason Smith - Head of Secondary
- Mrs Tanya Pascoe - Head of Primary
- Mrs Margaret Andoh-Okai - Director of ELC
- Mrs Anne Thorneycroft - Learning & Teaching Coordinator
- Miss Kristen Judd – VCE Coordinator & Secondary Operations Officer
- Mrs Davina Harvey - Student Wellbeing Coordinator

### Policy Updates

Throughout Term 1 there will be a number of key Edinburgh College policy updates. We will endeavour to inform you of these updates via email, SEQTA and our new website (which is to be launched in early March) as soon as they have been ratified by our College Council.

The following policy updates have been uploaded to our existing Edinburgh College website for your convenience:

- Anaphylaxis Policy
- Primary Behaviour Improvement Policy
- Secondary Behaviour Improvement Policy
- Bushfire Preparedness
- Bullying Prevention Policy
- Child Protection Policy
- Child Safe Code of Conduct – Staff, Volunteers and Other Adults Policy
- Child Safe Recruitment Policy
- College Community Code of Conduct Policy
- Critical Incident Management Policy
- Cybersafety Policy
- Duty of Care Policy
- Guidelines for Parents with Complaints
- Parents with Complaints Policy
- Procedural Fairness Policy
- Student Welfare Policy
- Work, Health, Safety and Welfare Policy

Thank you for taking the time to familiarise yourself with these important policies.

-Mr Tim Borgas

## From Our New Chaplain

### -Pastor Ryan Vidot

Hi everyone. I am privileged to have been appointed as your Chaplain. I come to Edinburgh College having previously worked as a secondary teacher at Gilson College and most recently as a Seventh-day Adventist pastor at Casey and Bales churches. I'm happily married to a teacher (who's not at this school), and we'll be expecting our first child in mid March. It's definitely going to be a busy year but I'm looking forward to working with our staff, students and school families. If you see me around the traps please say hi! God bless .



Pastor Ryan and wife, Emma

## Edinburgh College Student Leaders 2017

Our Secondary Student Leaders were elected in Term 4 of 2016. They have some great ideas and plans to involve students in various activities across all year levels and to provide student leadership across the campus.



### Captains:

Joshua Hassan and Kira Smith



### Vice Captains:

Liam Rudge and Grace Manning



The Primary Student Leaders will represent Edinburgh College in many official events and also work closely with Mrs Pascoe, in assisting with weekly assemblies and chapel programs.



**Captains:** Joby and Lushomo



**Vice Captains:** Jerush and Paige



## Welcome to our Year 7 Students

Edinburgh welcomed 24 Year 7 students to Edinburgh College yesterday. We look forward to getting to know you all.

When one of our Year 7 students was asked how her first day was at Edinburgh, her response was an instant "awesome"! It's lovely to see students happy in their new environment.



## Positive Behaviour for Learning (PB4L)

Positive Behaviour for Learning is an educational approach to addressing student conduct within a school environment. By implementing evidence based, prevention focused interventions, improved academic and behavioural outcomes can be achieved. PB4L initiatives are evident throughout Edinburgh College's ethos, curriculum, behavioural strategy and student acknowledgement system. The outcome of these initiatives ensure students are offered effective support strategies in order to make positive behavioural choices and are acknowledged for positive conduct, effort and behaviour. A safe and effective teaching and learning environment results.

Our secondary students at Edinburgh College participated in a PB4L Day yesterday. They explored one of our key PB4L principles - respect. Our new chaplain, Pastor Vidot led an assembly where this theme was presented as the example of Christ was examined. Following this, students enjoyed being reunited in their home room groups and worked together as a team to create a noticeboard that illustrates the theme of respect.



The Ministry of Education New Zealand (2015) acknowledges that the implementation of PB4L leads to improved learning outcomes including 73% less disruption in class, 71% increase in engagement in learning and 55% increase in students arriving on time for lessons. We look forward to continuing to implement the practices of the PB4L program across our school throughout the year and engaging our students in the themes of respect, responsibility, resilience and highlighting the importance of a willing attitude to learn.

- Mrs Davina Harvey  
Student Wellbeing  
Coordinator



## Student ID Photos

Tomorrow all Edinburgh students will have an ID photo taken. These photos are not official school photos and are used for general staff and library purposes. Students should come dressed in full summer dress uniform.

## First Day of School for Prep Students



Mr Borgas, Mrs Pascoe and Prep Teacher, Mrs Smith, officially welcomed 21 new Prep students to their first day at Edinburgh.



Mrs Smith reported that all students settled quickly into a busy day of active learning. Today, and each Wednesday until the long weekend, is 'rest day' for our Preps. We think they might really appreciate having a day off each week!



## Maths Pathway—Parent Information Night for Students from Years 5 to 10

**WHEN:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at 7-8pm  
**WHERE:** Secondary Chapel

All parents/carers are invited to attend this important information evening.

Edinburgh College actively seeks every avenue that will enable students to achieve maximum learning in each area of their study. Last year we adopted a new initiative in mathematical learning called Maths Pathway. We have noted commendable learning achievements in this area since the implementation of this program.

We plan to continue this program into 2017 and beyond, and will be including Year 5, 6 and 10 this year. We are committed to this program and the continued growth of our students.

Next Monday at 7:00pm in the Secondary Chapel, representatives from Maths Pathways will present to interested parents regarding the benefits of this program.

We look forward to seeing you next Monday night.

-Mrs Thorneycroft and teachers:

Mr Oemcke, Miss Sao, Mrs Hill and Mr Harris

*Know therefore that the Lord is God;  
He is the faithful God, keeping His promise of love to a thousand  
generations of those who love Him and keep His commands.  
- Deuteronomy 7:9*

## Years 5 to 12 Swimming Carnival

Next week, Wednesday 8th February

students from Year 5 through to 12 will participate in the annual College Swimming Carnival. The Carnival will be held at the Croydon Memorial Pool. The students will be transported to the venue by College buses. Year 5 and 6 students will compete in the 12 year old category. Further information will be shared with you via Seqta email by the end of this week.



## Swimming Lessons for all Primary Students

Weekly lessons will commence next Friday for all Primary students. They will need to wear their bathers under their sport uniform and bring a towel, goggles and thongs in a plastic bag. The Edinburgh buses will transport students to Croydon Aqua Hub.

## Secondary Parent Information Evening

All parents are invited to attend the information evening to be held in the Secondary College Chapel next Wednesday, 8 February at 7:00pm.

## Avondale College Practice Teaching Student

Mr Justin Littlewood will be joining the Secondary team during his Practice Teacher program this year. Justin will spend three weeks with us this term and return mid-year for his final six weeks of practice teaching for his course.

Justin is a 4th year student studying a Maths and Science major and will spend time in Maths Pathway classes with Mr Oemcke. He will also do some Science classes with Mr Croft and Physics classes with Mr Kiratidis.



Edinburgh College is a SunSmart Campus.

Please remember to bring your hat and wear it when out in the sun!



## Registration Forms—Primary Families

Thank you to the families who have already completed and handed in their many forms. **PLEASE NOTE: All medical and swimming forms must be given to Mrs Dunne by this Friday, 3 February in order for your child/ren to participate in swimming lessons.**

## Primary Parent Association AGM

You are all encouraged to attend this meeting to be held in the Primary Administration building, 7:30pm, 7 February.

## Uniform Shop Opening Hours

January 31 through to the end of the first week of school:

8:00 am to 9:00am

**Mondays** 8:15—9:15am & 3:00—4:00pm

**Tuesdays** 8:30—9:00am

## IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

### PRIMARY

#### TERM 1

##### February

- 2 Student and Staff ID Photos
- 6 Spelling Mastery Commences
- 6 Maths Pathway Parent Information Night—7:00pm
- 7 Parent Association AGM—7:30pm
- 8 Prep Day Off
- 8 Year 5—12 Swimming Carnival
- 10 Swimming Lessons Commence Prep to Yr 6
- 14/15 Parents/Students Meet & Greet Teacher Evening
- 15 Prep Day Off
- 17 Swimming Lessons
  
- 22 Prep Day Off
- 24 Swimming

##### March

- 1 Prep Day Off
- 3 Swimming
- 6-9 FLAG Week (Fun Learning About God)
- 10 Swimming
- 13 Public Holiday
- 15 Adventist Schools Vic. Athletics Day Years 1-3
- 17 Swimming
- 22-24 Year 5 Ballarat Camp
- 24 Swimming
- 29 Treat Day
- 30 Purple Day
- 31 Swimming
- 31 Final Day of Term 1—NOTE: 2:30pm finish

## Primary After School Student Pick Up

Parents please note that if you are running late to pick your child up from school (after 3:45), your child will be taken to Out of School Hours Care (OSHC) which will incur a cost.

Staff cannot remain on duty indefinitely after school as they have meetings to attend. Thank you for your understanding and for being prompt.

### SECONDARY

#### TERM 1

##### February

- 2 Student and Staff ID Photos
- 6 Maths Pathway Parent Information Night—7:00pm
- 8 Year 5—12 Swimming Carnival
- 8 Parent Information Evening
- 12 Parents/Students Meet & Greet Teacher Evening
- 14 ASV Basket Ball—VCE
- 14 Valentines Day
- 15 The Challenge—Year 9
- 23 SEISS Year 10 Basketball
- 28 SEISS Swimming Carnival

##### March

- 1 The Challenge—Year 9
- 2 SEISS Year 9 Basketball

# Primary Students Ready For a Year of Fun and Learning



What a great start to the school year!

It was wonderful to meet new students and families and to see familiar faces from the Early Learning Centre. My anxieties about the 'first day' disappeared after seeing everyone excited about returning to Edinburgh College. Thank you, all, for the warm welcome to Edinburgh. We, as a staff, are very excited about the year ahead and look forward to working alongside each one of you as we continue to learn.

**-Mrs Pascoe, Head of Primary**

**Mrs Turner, Mrs Shorney and Year 1**



**Mrs Bradley and Year 4**



**Miss Courtney, Mrs Shorney and Year 2**



**Mr Harris and Year 5**



**Miss Pratt and Year 3**



**Mrs Hill, Mrs Hassan and Year 6**





# Edinburgh College 2017

## Our First Day of School

Teacher: Mrs Smith



Dear Preps,  
I hope you enjoyed your first day of Prep at Edinburgh. We had a very busy day! I loved seeing each one of you and I know we are going to have lots of fun learning together this year.

See you again tomorrow,  
Mrs Smith.