



# Edinburgh College

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

## Newsletter

Term 1 February 8, 2017

### College Dedication Program

The College community met together last Friday for a whole campus Dedication program. Primary students blessed us with a whole school rendition of *My All in All*. The Secondary praise and worship band led out in singing praises to our loving God. Chaplain, Pr Ryan, challenged us to daily seek God and to allow Him to teach us how to be a blessing to those around us.

Our brave 4-year old children from the ELC Purple Room led us beautifully in the Lord's Prayer. Representatives of our resolute Prep to Year 12 students shared the mottos chosen by their year level and declared their personal commitment to honouring God's leading at Edinburgh.



At the conclusion of the program students enjoyed a delicious cupcake from Mrs Donny Wareham and her dedicated team from the cafe.

Thank you, Edinburgh team, for making our dedication service for 2017 such a memorable start to the new year. A special mention to the students who willingly stood in front of over 350 students and staff to share their class mottos and their personal commitments for 2017:

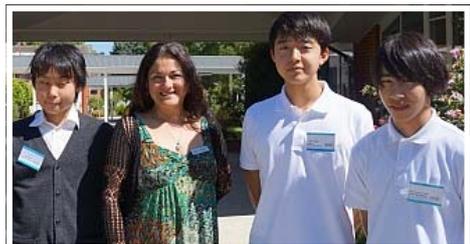
Stella (Prep), Sharan and Samuel (Yr 1), Year 2: Summer and Cooper; Year 3: Archie and Oscar; Year 4: Charlotte and Emily; Year 5: Micah and Mia; Year 6: Alicia and Krystal; Year 7: Josh N.; Year 8: Taylor H. and Nicholas B.; Year 9: Kimberley S; Year 10: Alex G.; Year 11: Jacqui S.; Year 12: Elijah U.

- Mr Borgas



### Edinburgh Hosts International Students

Three students from Meiho High School, Tokyo are spending time at Edinburgh College. Shintaro Mochizuki, Kai Nagaya, & So Suzuki are all Year 9 students. The students will be here until April 2 and will spend four days during the week



participating in our Year 9 program and one day visiting places of interest in the area. The students' host families are also showing the boys around the area. Ruth Vallejo (pictured with the boys) from the Australian Institute of International Understanding spends one day a week teaching the students and helping them with the English language.



## From Mrs Pascoe

Everyone who becomes a parent thinks that their child is the most important child in the entire world. And you know what...they are! God has gifted us these children to unashamedly love, care for and mould into strong, independent, God-fearing adults. As teachers, we want the same for every child who passes through our door. Teachers also want to see adult versions of these children who will become well adjusted and loving adults.

The first step in achieving this is to ensure that each child is in a safe environment, both at home and at school. Edinburgh College is committed to child safety and are dedicated to ensuring that the seven Child Safety Standards are embedded in all areas of school life and into each classroom.

The seven standards are as follows:

- Standard 1:** Strategies to embed an organisational culture of child safety, through effective leadership arrangements.
- Standard 2:** A Child Safety Policy or statement of commitment to child safety.
- Standard 3:** A Code of Conduct that establishes clear expectations for appropriate behavior with children
- Standard 4:** Screening, supervision, training and other human resource practices that reduce the risk of child abuse by new and existing personnel.
- Standard 5:** Processes for responding to and reporting suspected child abuse.
- Standard 6:** Strategies to identify and reduce or remove risks of child abuse.
- Standard 7:** Strategies to promote the participation and empowerment of children.

Our second step as Christian educators, is to uphold each child and their family to God and to ask for His guidance and protection over each family.

We look forward to working together to love, nurture and educate the children in our care.

**-Tanya Pascoe**  
Head of Primary

*"If God is for us, who can be against us?"*  
*Romans 8:31*

## Parent & Friends Prayer Group

We all face challenges and trials throughout the year. As Christians, we know we can bring these before God and know that He will help us through each one.

A group of parents/staff/friends meet together to pray for God's continued guidance and care as we journey through life. We invite you to join us when you are able. We meet together the 4th Thursday of each month in the Secondary Staff Room.

If you have a prayer request, please let our Chaplains know or drop a note to Mrs Dunne or Mrs Anderson.

We look forward to seeing you on Thursday, 23rd February for our first prayer group.  
**- Sarah Warren**



## The Challenge—Year 9

Year 9 students, parents and teachers gathered together at 6:00am this morning for a sunrise ceremony to begin their year of The Challenge. As the sun rose, The Challenge facilitators and parents declared their commitment and support of their students as they step into adulthood. The students were encouraged to focus on their positive achievements and to recognise that they are now becoming more responsible for their own actions with the support of their parents and loved ones.



## 2017 House Captains For Primary

House captains have been elected and will be responsible for helping to involve and motivate all students to participate in various events They will also work alongside staff to keep records of house points earned through these events.



**GILSON (Blue)** Oliver and Isabella  
**MELBA (Red)** Micah and Breanna  
**YARRA (Yellow)** Mia and Tom

## Secondary House Captains & Vice Captains

The Secondary house captains and vice captains are mainly responsible for motivating and encourage the involvement of all students in sporting events. Their duties started today with the Swimming Carnival.

**GILSON:** Captains—Harry and Jacqui, Vice Captains—Darcy and Grace.  
**MELBA:** Captains— Ella and Elijah, Vice Captains—India and Liam.  
**YARRA:** Captains—Josh and Brittaney, Vice Captains—AnnMarie and Jake.



## Buddy Time

Prep and Year 6 buddies enjoyed some time together last Friday. This is a regular highlight for all involved.



Year 3 spent time with their buddies in Year 1 last week.

They enjoyed reading, doing an activity and finishing with a cold icy pole.



## Grateful For Our Volunteers

We have several wonderful volunteers who help out in the classrooms and with individual students. Mrs Helen Snelling (pictured) is one such volunteer who has undertaken some special training in the Bridges course to assist individual students. Mrs Snelling also volunteers her time to help in the Year 4 classroom with Mrs Bradley.



Mrs Snelling working alongside Lily H.

If you are willing to volunteer your time, please submit a volunteers Working With Children's Check and let Mrs Dunne or the classroom teacher know when you are available.

## Encourage Your Children to Save

School Banking is a convenient way to help teach your children the importance of saving. Each Wednesday, Mr Mead volunteers to come in and collect bank books from each classroom, count the coins and bank them on behalf of the students. This will be Mr Mead's 23rd year of voluntarily banking for the students.



Volunteer banker, Mr Mead

If you are interested in this service, call into your local Commonwealth Bank and ask to open a Dollarmite account for your child at Edinburgh College.

## Parent Seminar

The impact of pornography on young people has been described as an emerging public health crisis. What can parents do? The issue will be addressed in a free seminar for parents hosted by Independent Schools Victoria on Wednesday 15 March 2017, from 6 pm to 8 pm. Hugh Martin, a psychotherapist and founder of the Man Enough program, will provide expert advice and lead the discussion.

The seminar will be held at the Independent Schools Victoria (ISV) offices at 40 Rosslyn Street, West Melbourne, and light refreshments will be served. ISV is close to public transport, and there is plenty of parking. To register, send your name to [Student.Services@is.vic.edu.au](mailto:Student.Services@is.vic.edu.au) with the words 'Parent Seminar' in the subject line.

## Homework for all Primary Students

A selection of new books has been purchased for the early years reading homework tubs. They are beautifully illustrated and well graded for level of difficulty. The books have been colour coded so that young readers can select a book to suit their reading ability.

Enjoy the experience of reading with your child.

- Mrs Royce



## Tonight - Secondary Parent Information Evening

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

## Swimming Lessons for all Primary Students

Weekly lessons will commence this 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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Mrs Dunne is still waiting for a number of families to return registration forms including the general excursion form, swimming and medical forms. **THESE MUST BE RETURNED TOMORROW** in order for your child/ren to attend swimming lessons.



## Cancellation - Secondary Home & School Parents/Students and Teacher Evening

Please note that this event scheduled for this Sunday evening has been cancelled.

## Year 3/4 and 5/6 After School Basketball Teams

More team members are required for the Year 5/6 basketball team. If you are available to help with coaching please let us know. If your child would like to give basketball a go, we would love to have them join us. Registration forms for students were sent home in the registration pack. Registrations close this Friday.



## Head Lice

Head lice have been reported in the Prep classroom. Please check your child's hair thoroughly and treat if necessary.

## Year 7 Immunisations

Information and consent forms will be sent home via Year 7 students this week. Please return the consent form before Friday, 24 February.

**Yr 7 Immunisations schedule:** 17 March, 19 May and 15 September.

## Learning Piano?

For Sale: Upright piano. Excellent condition. \$200. Please phone after hours on 97370371 or 0407 544 007.

## Strawberries for Sale

If you are interested in purchasing a tray of lovely, sweet strawberries, please contact Mrs Dunne at the Primary office. \$7 per tray (approx. 2kgs) of seconds. Payment must be made before delivery.



## Name Tags

Please name all uniform items as clearly as possible in order to prevent the lost property box from filling up. As you know, uniforms are not cheap, so we would like to be able to help you return lost items to their rightful owners.

## 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

- 8 Prep Day Off
- 8 Year 5—12 Swimming Carnival
- 10 Swimming Lessons Commence Prep to Yr 6
- 12 College Family Picnic 4-7pm
- 15 Prep Day Off
- 17 Swimming Lessons
- 21 Parents/Students Meet & Greet Teacher Evening
- 22 Prep Day Off
- 24 Swimming

##### March

- 1 Prep Day Off
- 3 Swimming
- 6-10 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

### SECONDARY

#### TERM 1

##### February

- 8 Year 5—12 Swimming Carnival
- 8 Parent Information Evening
- 14 ASV VCE Basketball
- Valentines Day
- Year 9 The Challenge Preparation Overnight Camp
- 15 Year 9 The Challenge Hike
- 23 SEISS Year 10 Basketball
- 28 SEISS Swim Carnival

##### March

- 1 The Challenge—Year 9
- 2 SEISS Year 9 Basketball
- 6-10 GIG Week
- 14 ASV VCE Volleyball
- 15 SEISS Year 8 Basketball
- Year 9 The Challenge
- 17 Year 7 Immunisation
- 23 ASV Year 9 Rogaining
- 24 Peer Support Grand Prix Excursion
- 27 Year 9 The Challenge Camp
- 28 Year 7 and Year 8 Camp
- 29-2 April Year 12 Avondale College Trip
- 31 Final Day of Term—NOTE: 2:30pm Finish