Elizaeth College E-NEWSLEttEr

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I recently heard a student discussing his Maths test with a friend in class and he said, “I made an interesting mistake today…” As a teacher and principal, I celebrated his outlook. He was thinking about the sorts of errors he had made, rather than feeling a failure. Self-reflection, taking notice of feedback, asking questions and making time for tutorials with teachers are all strategies which allow young people to develop and grow - learning is more about knowing what to do next time, rather than any awards received.

Our mid-year assessment period allowed some students to experience formal exam conditions and others to continue their scheduled lessons. In the last week, our focus has been on what students can learn from feedback on exams and assessments. Teachers will be helping students to identify the strategies they can use to set themselves up for success for the remainder of the year. Importantly, all students have received advice from teachers and it is how they accept and reflect on this feedback that will determine their future.

We wish all students and families a safe and relaxing break so they can return with energy and enthusiasm for Term 3.

Dr Dianne Purnell

ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

The Student Leadership Group is selling the popular Entertainment Books to fundraise for our chosen charities. They are $65 dollars each are available at the front office or digitally via: www.entbook.com.au/2401128.

STUDENTS ARE DIGGING IN

Look out for more changes to our grounds as students involved in the Gardening Enrichment, Student Leadership Group and VET Construction continue their work helping to create a green and inviting campus.

STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Former EC student and hockey champ Josh Beltz is shaping up as having a very good chance to represent Australia at the Rio Olympics.
- Samantha Gangell was selected to race in the Youngbloods Challenge, making her one of the best harness horseracing drivers in the state.
- Hannah Sutton came 3rd in her division representing Australia in the International Science Forum in the USA.
- Monty Wain won the prestigious City of Hobart Eisteddfod Open Instrumental Recital. Further Eisteddfod congratulations go to Rhiannon Hurn who won the Under-18 Brass Solo, Monty, again, for his win in the Open Instrumental Concerto and to Monty, Rhiannon and Gus Grant for various merit certificates.
- Former student and 2010 EC Dux Jonathon Geeves graduated from Monash University with a Bachelor of Engineering and was awarded the prestigious Sir John Monash Medal.
- Kitchen Operations II students completed a work placement at Dark MoFo Winter Feast. They all had awesome experiences and were told by the stallholder, “If they were in Melbourne I’d hire them in a heartbeat!”
- Congratulations to Camile O’Conor and Cooper Wilson who recently participated in the Gymnastics Nationals. In particular, Camile’s performances were outstanding, placing her an overall fourth.

UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Friday 1 July End of Term 2
- Monday 18 July Beginning of Term 3
- Wednesday 10 August Science Week begins
- Wednesday 17 August Reports to Students
- Thursday 25 August Parent Teacher Evening