Elizabeth College Parent and Community Group
Principals Report
June 2016

Reports, Mid-Year Assessments
Student received their second report for the year and have just completed assessments for pre-tertiary subjects. This has been a valuable experience for students in preparing them for end of year exams. The feedback from teachers will be critical in supporting them to be successful for the remainder of the year. A further report will be provided to students Wednesday 17 August, with a Parent Teacher on Thursday 25 August.

The Wiz
Once again the Elizabeth College performing arts area have excelled themselves with an outstanding season of the Wiz. More than 100 students were involved in this production from a number of classes. Over 50 students on stage, more than 20 in the band as well as the Technical Theatre students, Vocational 'Hair and Makeup' students and Music Technology (audio) students working behind the scenes. All shows sold out prior to opening night, which is a real testament to the College’s reputation for performing arts.

EC Guide 2017
You will be provided with a copy this evening. Thank you to our communication team for this high quality production.

Parent Information Evenings and Orientation Day
On Tuesday 14 June and Wednesday 15 June we held successful information sessions for grade 10 students and their parents followed by our annual orientation day on Friday 17 June. We had nearly 600 students from 25 different schools attend on the day.

Transition
Our transition team has been busy working with feeder schools, offering transition classes to help students understand what college will be like, what subjects are available and to get them to start thinking about their pathways. We will now follow this up with one on ones with each student in grade 10 to determine subject offerings prior to preliminary enrolments in August.

Elizabeth College Four Year External Review
You will have been copied a copy of the Review Report. Thank you to those of you who participated. We were very proud of the outcome of the review, as it demonstrated what an outstanding College Elizabeth is in providing students with an education to prepare them for the future. The review has also given us some strategies to be thinking about for the future. We will discuss the review in further detail tonight.

New Staff
Eleonora Van Graas, replacing Anne Romeo who was seconded to EPS (Data section of department). Eleonora is teaching Biology and maths.

International Program / Gap Year Immerqui Parent and Student Information Sessions
Our international program continues to grow and as part of it we are offering students the opportunity to work in china post year 12. See flyer regarding an information session to be held next term.

Study Tours
We have a group heading off to Hiroshima, Japan this week with our sister school visiting us form 29 July. Kunshan, Shanghai will be visiting us from 11 August.
11/12 Top Update
The government is continuing its roll out of year 11/12 being offered in high schools. We have seen a number of rural high schools start to offer year 11/12 and we will see more next year. The next phase is to get city schools to offer subjects in year 11/12 either on their own or in partnership with their local College. We are talking to the Principals of Ogilvie and New Town this week to look at how we might work together in the future to support students to attend until the end of year 12 with the aim of attaining the Tasmanian Certificate of Education.

Kitchen gardens and outdoor seating
The courtyard in front of our canteen has been renovated to add more seats for students and to make more space for kitchen gardens. Students from our Enrichment Gardening group are replanting the kitchen herb beds, ready for hospitality and home cooking students to use in Term 3.

Building works
Work is about to start on our new Performing Arts workshop and storage building. Located between the Theatre building and Murray Street, it will provide a fantastic new space for students to work on sets and props for productions throughout the year.

Business School/Cosgrove High School
Several students from the EC Business School have opted to work with years 9/10 Cosgrove High school students to develop a marketing plan in relation to the school canteen and a healthy menu. The program will consider adjustments to the architecture of the building, survey parents/teachers/students to provide feedback and run most of term 3.