

# ELIZABETH COLLEGE E-NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy start to the year with camps, assemblies, Harmony Day and, of course, Prize Night, where we recognised the achievements of so many of our students. The Enrichment Program is well underway, too. The expectation that students commit to one activity each term recognises that extracurricular learning increases engagement and wellbeing. Many students have signed up for several offerings and clearly value the opportunity to try new things.

I was pleased to see so many of you at our recent Meet the Teacher evening. Developing relationships between teachers and parents is an important part of supporting students in their studies. Please contact your son or daughter's classroom teachers or Home Group teacher if you have any questions or concerns at any time.

A number of our teachers will be taking leave between Easter and the end of Term 1. We have been very fortunate to have highly experienced relief teachers available to ensure continuity in the learning programs. Enjoy the Easter Break; we look forward to seeing students return refreshed and focused on finishing the term successfully.

Dr Dianne Purnell

## PERFECT HARMONY

Diversity is one of the College's greatest strengths and diversity of all kinds was celebrated on Wednesday at our annual Harmony Day. Hospitality and EAL students set up tasting plates of traditional cuisines from China, Italy, Japan, South America and Nepal, which, along with an Aussie barbeque, reflected the many cultures that make up the student body. Students played popular games such as fiske and sumo wrestling and tried their luck in the spaghetti eating and orange dress competitions, while our talented musicians kept the crowd entertained. The central message of the day was respect for others. Students signed a huge banner created by the Student Leadership Group pledging their support for the Bullying. No Way! national campaign and to promote Elizabeth College as an inclusive and safe space. A further initiative by the College, to be launched in the cluster assemblies next term, is an anti-bullying film featuring some of the Drama students from 2017. It is one of a suite of films commissioned to help raise awareness about wellbeing and improving outcomes for all students.



Detail of new painting by  
Terry Boots



## CELEBRATING 50 YEARS STRONG

All past students are invited to participate in the College's 50th Anniversary Celebrations 6-10 August. Stay in touch by registering as an EC alumni: [goo.gl/forms/tyvhmUbYID](http://goo.gl/forms/tyvhmUbYID).

## STUDENT AND STAFF ACHIEVEMENTS

- Jemima-Rose Methorst-Moore has won a place on the National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra
- Stage Band students performed at the Clarence Jazz Festival
- Noah Patterson-Robert came first in the 800m and second in the 400m in the State Athletics Championships and represented Tasmania in the Nationals
- Xanthea McCarthy coached and competed in the Sydney International Rowing Competition, while Molly McCausland and Sienna Hass-Brown took third place in the Tasmanian Schools Rowing Championships and raced with alumni, Portia Cook in the Australian Schools Rowing Championships
- Raphaela Corney won a gold medal in the U18 pole vaulting championships at the Australian Junior Athletics in Sydney
- Teacher, John Schuringa won his event in the King Island Imperial run, while Luke Yates presented his research in theoretical physics at UTAS. His audience included past EC students who have been inspired by him.

## UPCOMING DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| <b>Friday 30 March –<br/>Tuesday 3 April</b> | Easter Break           |
| <b>Friday 13 April</b>                       | Term 1 Ends            |
| <b>Monday 30 April</b>                       | Term 2 Begins          |
| <b>Tuesday 1 May</b>                         | Athletics Carnival     |
| <b>Wednesday 23 May</b>                      | Reports to students    |
| <b>Tuesday 29 May</b>                        | Parent Teacher Evening |
| <b>Wednesday 30 May</b>                      | Careers Expo           |

