From the Principal

Welcome to our first newsletter for 2014. This will be the only newsletter that we will be posting home in 2014. All future editions will be uploaded to our school website and parents will be able to access them online after being alerted to the new publication via SMS text message.

Included with this newsletter is a Student Contact Details update form. Please ensure that all contact details are correct and that email addresses and mobile phone numbers are up to date as we will be making more use of these forms of communication in 2014.

I would like to introduce you to our College Senior Management Team. Each of these staff members has some responsibility for their learning area and should be the second point of contact if you have any concerns about what is happening in classrooms.

The first point of contact should always be the individual classroom teacher and I encourage you to make contact and discuss your child’s progress within their courses. It is our policy to make contact with parents when there are concerns and I have also asked teaching staff to make contact when there are successes to celebrate. Please don’t assume that the phone call will be a negative one when you see the College’s number appear on the phone screen!

The College Management Team is made up of the following staff members:

Principal: Alan Brown
Associate Principal: Grant Walton
Program Coordinator - School Operations: Don Utting

Head of Learning Area English: Kathryn Inman
Head of Learning Area Mathematics: Brycen Godfrey
Head of Learning Area Science: Jenni Townsend
Head of Learning Area Society and Environment: Robyn Strickland
Learning Area Coordinator Arts: Nick Vane
Learning Area Coordinator - Health and Physical Education: Neill Munro
Learning Area Coordinator - Technology and Enterprise: Peter Unwin

You may have noticed a new building being constructed on the College grounds. This building is the Eaton Campus of the Bunbury Regional Trade Training Centre and will provide a purpose built training facility for the Electrical and Building and Construction training fields. Students will be able to apply for entry into these areas as they enter Year 11 from the 2015 academic year.

These facilities will provide industry quality training opportunities and students will be able to complete pre-apprenticeship training. The building will be completed prior to the end of 2014 and more information will be made available to this year’s Year 10 students once programs have been finalised with the Industry Training bodies that will deliver the courses.

The year has started very smoothly and I was very clear with our staff and students about the expectations that I have for Eaton Community College. It is my expectation that all members of staff will ensure that there are learning programs that lead to opportunities for students to develop their natural skills and help them to achieve their goals beyond the College.
It is also an expectation of all staff at the College that students will demonstrate their respect for all members of our community by making sure that they do not interfere with the ability of any student to complete their work and undertake the learning that they desire. As such, students not following the instructions given to them from members of staff will be dealt with under our College Behaviour Management Policy and Procedures. Parents will be notified if a breach of this policy occurs and the sanctions that will be imposed will be discussed.

We would like to work with families to ensure that all students are able to achieve to their maximum potential at the College and in order for this to occur there will be times when we will need your support.

We will not tolerate any behaviour that places another student, staff member or member of our wider community at risk of harm. This includes behaviours that are commonly referred to as bullying.

Unfortunately, there are many incidents that have occurred outside of the College and the effects of these incidents are brought into our school. This will not be tolerated. The College has many support processes in place and students have been made aware of the opportunities to access them. It is my expectation that students will make use of these support processes rather than bring conflict into the College. If this does not occur I will impose sanctions that are appropriate to our policies and procedures.

As always I strongly encourage parents and carers to make contact with me at the College and discuss any concerns, criticisms or commendations.

Best wishes to all in our community.

Alan Brown

From the Chaplain:

I would like to introduce myself to students and parents and let you know that I am here to support in a wide range of ways.

Life for families runs at such a fast pace, sometimes it is hard to keep up and family dynamics can change rapidly. If I can help in any way (or if I can’t I may be able to direct you to someone who can) please let me know. You can do this by leaving a message for me at the front office.

I am in the school on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Sometimes it takes a few days for me to get back, and occasionally the message may get lost in the system. If this has happened for you I apologise, but I encourage you, if you have not heard back within a week to please, please try again. Families are precious and what make our community and you need to be supported.

Jenny Chester
Chaplain

BUS - LIBRARY CARDS

All students now have been issued with a Smart Rider card. This card is used for bus travel, their library card and an ID card.

The first card issued is free.
Replacement cards cost $5.00.

If your child does not have their card ask them to come to the Library and the requested will be sorted.

Marion Griffin
Librarian
Dear Parent/Caregiver

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION - ONLINE LITERACY AND NUMERACY ASSESSMENT

In January 2013, Minister for Education Peter Collier MLC announced students need to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to achieve a Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE) from 2016. Achievement of WACE is a compulsory component of Secondary School Graduation. This followed feedback from employers and training providers about the low literacy and numeracy capabilities of some school leavers.

The Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (OLNA) has been designed by the School Curriculum and Standards Authority to measure literacy and numeracy skills identified as necessary for functioning in society post-senior secondary schooling; for example, skills associated with shopping, managing a household budget, writing a job application and communicating with others.

Students currently in Year 10 will be the first to be required to meet a minimum standard for literacy and numeracy to achieve their Western Australian Certificate of Education from 2016.

Students can meet this minimum standard either by demonstrating Band 8 or higher in the NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests in Year 9 or by meeting the minimum standard of the reading, writing and numeracy components of a new OLNA.

The implementation of the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment from March 2014 will provide students currently in Year 10 with up to six opportunities (two per year) from Year 10 and Year 12 to demonstrate the literacy and numeracy minimum standard. In 2014 the assessment periods are:

**Round One**
Writing: 10–12 March 2014
Numeracy and Reading: 10-21 March 2014

**Round Two**
Writing: 1–3 September 2014
Numeracy and Reading: 1-12 September 2014

The following should be noted:
- there are three components in the OLNA:
  - Reading
  - Writing and
  - Numeracy
- each component is one hour in duration and will typically be held on different days
- students will use a school computer and be supervised by a school teacher
- students will answer 60 multiple-choice questions for the reading and numeracy components
- students will write 300 to 600 words for the writing component.

The OLNA is compulsory for students who have not demonstrated the minimum standard and want to achieve a WACE. Schools will identify and advise students who are required to attempt the OLNA.

Provisions apply for students with a language background other than English, who arrived from overseas and have attended school in Australia for less than a year. Provisions also apply for students with disabilities and/or co-existing conditions.

Please contact the school for further information. Don Utting - Program Coordinator

VISIT THE LIBRARY

All students are welcome to use the Library before and after school and during their lunch breaks. Students can borrow six items at a time for three weeks and this may include a “G” rated DVD.
ENGLISH NEWS

Mark Mondays on your calendar – your son or daughter might be home a bit later!

The English Learning Area is keen to help students make the most of the opportunities for success that we offer them. For this reason, we are again offering out-of-school support, and inspiration, to students every Monday.

Senior School Homework Class
3-4pm in Room 2.9 with Ms Inman

Creative Writing
3-4pm in Room 2.7 with Mrs T.

Lower School Homework Class
3-4pm in Room 2.9 with Mr Lyon or Mrs Carleo

English Detention Class

Please note: the introduction of the after-school English detention class is our way of ensuring all students understand the importance of completing class work and assessment tasks by their due date and submitting them for marking. The after-school detention class gives students an opportunity to do the missed work under teacher supervision, and with support. This year, students who fail to submit work for assessment will receive a Letter of Concern from their English teacher and an opportunity to complete the work at one of these classes. Your support with this initiative would be greatly appreciated.

SOCIETY AND ENVIRONMENT

After the very long, and I hope relaxing break, all students and staff in the Society and Environment learning area have had a productive start to 2014. The students have been eager to learn and have been working very hard.

This year we have Mrs. Christine Durrant teaching Years 9 and 10. Throughout this term they will be stepping back in time and learning about the Industrial Revolution the 20th Century and World War 11.

Miss Ashlee Hindle is teaching Years 9 and 10 also. Career and Enterprise and Work Place Learning is also part of her busy schedule with the Years 11 and 12 participating in work experience, business and enterprising activities and developing key employability skills

The Year 7s have Miss Lea Richards as both their English and Society and Environment teacher this year. The Year 7s are learning about the Ancient World. Landforms and Landscapes is the topic that Ms Richards’ Year 8s are studying.

I would like to welcome back Mr Grant Walton to the Society and Environment team for 2014. Mr Walton will be taking time away from his Deputy duties each week to teach our Year 11 students Modern History.

Ms Leanne Peacock, Ms Michelle Clarke, Mrs Patricia Mihaljevich, Mrs Danielle Pinelli and Mrs Janice Edwards will continue their wonderful work of assisting the students from Years 7-10 across the school.

There are a number of events on the calendar this term, with the beginning of swimming lessons for the Year 7s. The Geography competition will be taking place for a number of Year 8s and 10s. Two busy students Josh Demarti and Aimee Vandersteen from Year 10 are busy completing their applications for the upcoming Sir Charles Court Young Leadership Program and the annual ANZAC service will be held at the end of the school term.

I would like to congratulate all of the staff in the Society and Environment team on the wonderful start to the school year. I wish all of the students the best of luck for the coming year, and I look forward to seeing some amazing work throughout this term.

Ms Strickland HOLA Society and Environment

Have no homework? Encourage your child to do half an hour of reading each day
**MATHEMATICS HOMEWORK CLASSES**

Every Wednesday this term
3pm till 4pm in Room 1.1.

These are a great opportunity for students to get extra help with any problems they are struggling with or even just provide a quiet place to study. Paying for tutoring outside of school is expensive and these classes are a free service so I would encourage students to make the most of it.

From a previous student...

“One of the best things about being at Eaton Community College is that the teachers are always there to help you, especially the teachers from the Maths department. Every Thursday afternoon the Maths teachers came to Room 1.1, in their own time, determined to motivate students to finish their Maths homework (even if it involves a bribe of Tim Tams, a new packet of biscuits each week). I have always been one of those people that are good with numbers, however, when it came to upper school Maths I began to question why my Maths was more alphabet than numbers. How did the alphabet become a part of Maths?

Maths homework classes definitely assisted me in passing upper school Maths and obtaining a great final exam mark. No matter what year you are in, if you need some help with Maths I highly recommend that you attend the Maths homework classes. Some of you may feel that Maths is not important in life although you will soon discover that it pops up in many aspects in life. One hour of your time each week gives you a great chance to succeed; it’s definitely worth it. I mean there are biscuits! How could you say no?”

Hope to see you there.

*Mr Godfrey – HOLA Mathematics*

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**for the Science Vegetable Garden**

Our Science students are in need of additional articles such as:
- old towels
- metal shelving for the garden shed
- old garden tools or equipment

Your donations will be greatly appreciated and put to good use!

*Linda Cotterell*

Science Teacher

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**TAKE THE CHALLENGE!**

“The Longest Awareness Ribbon”

Monday 10th March to Friday 14th March

Eaton Community College has been invited to participate in a Guinness World Record Challenge

Funds raised go to Children’s Leukaemia and Cancer Research.

For a gold coin donation the donors sign the ribbon with their name.

Parents, younger and/or older siblings may participate.
**VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED**

The Canteen is seeking volunteers to assist in serving students to make their wait in the queue shorter.

If you have 30 or more minutes to spare any day of the week, please drop in and speak with our manager, Eryn, or call 9724 4477

**Lunch 1:** 10.50 to 11.30 am  
**Lunch 2:** 1.30 to 2.00 pm  
Your assistance would be really appreciated

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**UNIFORM SHOP CHANGE TO OPENING TIMES**

From 3 March 2014 the Uniform Shop will be open at the following times:

- **Monday:** 8.00am - 10.00am  
- **Tuesday:** 2.30pm - 3.45pm

The Uniform Shop is located in the foyer of the Community Centre

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**EATON DARDANUP FOOTBALL CLUB**

2014 Soccer Registration Days  
Eaton Recreation Centre  
Dardanup Recreation Ground  
**Thursday 6 March**  
**4pm - 7pm**  
**Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th March**  
**12 noon to 3pm**

Fees payable at registration - CASH ONLY  
Further information phone Franco on 9728 0205 or Leanne 0419250748

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**LESCENAULT NETBALL ASSOCIATION**

**REGISTRATION DAY**

**PP - Year 12**  
Wednesday 26th March 2014  
4.30 - 6.00pm  
Leschenault Leisure Centre  
All fees are payable on registration day  
Registration Forms & information on website

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