



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members

Welcome to the final term of 2021. May I begin by congratulating all parents, carers and helpers who assisted our students during the past lockdown and with learning from home. The support you have given to our students has been so wonderful and supportive and we appreciate your support during this difficult time.

Whilst we have been in lockdown the NAPLAN results were released and I am very pleased with students results. Some outstanding areas were Year 3, 5 & 9 where students were above the state average in Reading. All students received growth at or above the expected level, in at least one of the following domains of Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy. Our results are certainly a reflection of the hard work by our students, parents and teachers. My congratulations to all for such an outstanding achievement in such difficult times.

Level 3 Restrictions

At the time of writing the school is still in Level 3 restrictions. This requires students in Year 7-12 to wear masks indoors and outdoors, except when eating or exercising. There is also additional cleaning occurring at the school. Whilst these restrictions are on, we are closed to parents coming onto the grounds, but we are open to parents/carers calling us to discuss any issues. We welcome your call at any time.

Pool Passes

The school has been successful in gaining a grant through the Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund Project through the joint Commonwealth/State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements and supported by Glen Innes Severn Council. This has allowed for the purchase of full season pool passes for all families currently enrolled at Emmaville Central School. Letters were sent home to parents, with the eldest sibling in the family, on Tuesday 5th October. Please look after these letters as they can not be re issued. You will need to take these letters to the pool to so that you can get your pass.



Australian Government

Year 12

When this newsletter goes out our Year 12 will be in the last two weeks of their schooling. My congratulations goes to all Year 12 students and their parents/ carers for the way they have assisted Year 12 in getting through their final year at school. Year 12 will have their last day on Friday 22nd October, with HSC examinations beginning on Tuesday 9th November. I would like to wish all Year 12 my sincerest congratulations on completing year 12 and wish them well in their exams and futures.

New Enrolments

We are currently accepting new enrolments for 2022. If you are intending on sending your child to Emmaville Central school in 2022 and they are not currently attending or enrolled at our school, please contact the school so that your child's enrolment can be arranged.

Take care and stay safe

Mrs Gillian Davis
Principal

Teen's winning idea has community at its heart

Portable exercise kits to help a remote town get fit have won a Heart Foundation grant for Emmaville Central School, writes Vanessa Lahey.

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A lesson in innovation: Laura Carter and the equipment for her Fit Kits.

The remote town of Emmaville located in rural NSW is not somewhere you'd find a 24/7 gym or a regular Zumba class if you were looking for a workout.

With just one drought-affected recreation reserve, a seasonal swimming pool and a 100-kilometre round trip to the nearest fitness facility, there aren't many options for exercise.

It was this situation that led Emmaville Central School student Laura Carter to devise a winning plan to help her community become more active, healthy and happy.

Laura's solution was to purchase a variety of home exercise equipment and pack it into portable 'Fit Kits'. An idea that won her this year's Heart Foundation Active Australia Innovation Challenge.

"Emmaville is a low socio-economic community with an ageing population, of which 25 per cent are of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander background," Laura said.

"Our community members have limited access to physical activities and services. As such, our community experiences high rates of physical inactivity and poor mental health.

"My goal for the Fit Kits is to overcome the existing barriers to exercise. School community members can borrow a Fit Kit free of charge to take home and exercise using the fitness tutorial provided."

The criteria for the Heart Foundation's Active Australia Innovation Challenge was for entrants to come up with an innovative way to get members of their community moving.

Laura was one of 19 successful submissions selected from around 600 entries nationwide - a figure equal to Emmaville's population and double the number of entries received the previous year.

Laura's proposal secured a \$10,000 grant enabling the school to make Fit Kits a reality. Emmaville Central School Principal Gillian Davis said she felt Laura had a good chance of winning.

"I was aware the Laura had entered the competition and thought that she had an outstandingly brilliant idea," Ms Davis said.

The school is throwing its support behind Laura to help spread the word about Fit Kits to the Emmaville community via advertising the initiative and how residents can access them.

"This is such a great opportunity for our community to improve their health outcomes," Ms Davis said.

This article is available online at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/news/latest-news/teen-s-winning-idea-has-community-at-its-heart>

SECONDARY NEWS

Welcome back to school! All of our students have returned keen to learn and be on-site, and despite some guidelines that mean day-to-day activities look somewhat different, everyone is happy! Congratulations to all students for following the current Covid guidelines- it is much appreciated!

Term 4 Staffing

This term we have had some changes to secondary staff. Mr Rodwell and Ms Slattery have taken over teaching Maths and Music, and we know that students have some excellent learning experiences so far.

Mrs Melissa Key has also been successful in becoming Relieving Head Teacher-Secondary Studies for 2 days per week this year, and will continue in the role 1 day per week next year.

Mr Josh Barden will join us for 3 days per week from Week 3 until the end of Week 10, as he transitions into the PDHPE teacher role from 2022.

I am of course incredibly happy to note that we still have Miss Lawler, Mr Hanna, Ms Smith, Mr Davis, and Ms Burkhardt teaching with us.

Year 12

Our outgoing HSC cohort will be at school to complete outstanding activities, and prepare for their HSC exams until the end of Week 3. HSC exams commence 9th November 2021.

6 into 7 Transition

We are finally able to commence our 6 into 7 Transition Program, with the easing of some guidelines. Year 6 students will have two transition days, 19/10/21 and 16/11/21. At this stage, parents are unable to attend the information session, however a comprehensive information pack will be sent home, and parents are encouraged to call the school if they have any questions about their child starting secondary school.

Take care!

Miss Rebecca Grant

Head Teacher- Secondary Studies

PRIMARY NEWS

Welcome back to Term 4! This week students have enjoyed getting back into their learning.

K-3 were lucky enough to get outside in the warm weather and pick the cornflowers they grew in the Primary garden last term, as part of our unit on Edible Flowers.

The students really enjoyed learning about different flowers that are safe and edible to eat, they can grow in their gardens at home. The K-3 students took these flowers home as a special treat to share with their friends and family.





Adding and subtracting fractions

You have bought a pizza and it has been sliced (perhaps by using that little roller thing) into eight pieces. In fraction terms, we will be dealing with a denominator of 8. Each piece is $\frac{1}{8}$.

If Alexander is given three pieces, we say he has $\frac{3}{8}$ of the pizza. Similarly, two pieces for Betty is expressed as $\frac{2}{8}$. Together they have five pieces, or $\frac{5}{8}$ of the pizza.

The diagram at the top illustrates this point. So far, so good.
The example above was easy. The pieces were the same size.

What if the pieces are different sizes? What if Alexander had $\frac{3}{8}$ of a pizza and Betty had $\frac{1}{2}$?

The only way to add up the pizza fractions is to make the pieces the same size. In other words, the denominators must be the same. We need a common denominator.

In a previous newsletter we looked at finding the lowest common multiple. This is the secret to finding the lowest common denominator.

The two denominators we have are 8 and 2. The lowest common denominator is just 8.

Now all we have to do is change $\frac{1}{2}$ to a fraction with denominator 8. If we just multiply numerator (top) and denominator (bottom) by 4 we get $\frac{4}{8}$. Betty's $\frac{1}{2}$ is $\frac{4}{8}$! Add this to Alexander's $\frac{3}{8}$ and we have $\frac{7}{8}$, our answer.

Simply put: $\frac{3}{8} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{8} + \frac{4}{8} = \frac{7}{8}$

Good news! Subtraction works in a similar way.

Puzzle 3

Chris has $\frac{2}{3}$ of a pizza and Debbie has $\frac{1}{6}$. How much more than Debbie does Chris have?

Puzzle 2 solution (apologies, it wasn't Puzzle 4)

What is the LCM of 15 and 9? 45

John Rodwell

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SRC NEWS

The SRC (Student Representative Council which includes school captains) is an important body in the school, made up by students, who take on leadership roles and represent their peers.

School Captains and SRC members are role models for other students and it is important that they display school values and take pride in being a student at ECS. Students should:

- ☆ wear full school uniform correctly, this includes wearing a school hat
- ☆ display exemplary behaviour at school and when traveling to and from school
- ☆ speak respectfully to peers, staff and all visitors to our school
- ☆ remember to fulfil duties without being reminded
- ☆ be well organised
- ☆ be a leader not a follower – setting the right example at all times
- ☆ be enthusiastic school citizens who live up to our school motto “Dream, believe, create, achieve”.

If students wish to nominate for the SRC or School Captain, they will need to complete the expression of interest and hand it in to Mrs Key by Friday 15th October 2021 (week 2). Students will then have to present a short speech to their peers on Tuesday 19th October 2021.

I encourage all students to apply.

*Mrs Melissa Key
Year Advisor*

Guess the weight of the chocolates!

- Guesses will start on the **Monday 11th October** during lunch time and the closest guess will be announced on **Wednesday 20th October**.
- Guesses are **unlimited** and will cost **50c per turn**.



Changes to the 2021 HSC

Prioritising the health and safety of everyone involved in the HSC

- Principals have the flexibility to decide on the number, type and weighting of school-based assessments for Year 11 and 12 students in 2021 and 2022.
- Hand-in dates for all major projects have been extended by at least two weeks.
- The deadline for Year 12 school-based assessment marks is **8 October**.
- The deadline for teacher-provided marks for the Special Consideration Program is **22 October**.
- Written exams will start on **9 November** to give everyone involved in the HSC more time to get vaccinated.
- Presiding officers and exam supervisors must be fully vaccinated ahead of HSC exams.
- NESA will provide schools and supervisors with strict COVID-safe exam protocols that have been developed with NSW Health.
- HSC results will be released on 24 January 2022.

COVID-19 Special Consideration Program

- The program is available to HSC students whose preparation or completion of a performance exam, oral language exam or major project is significantly impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.
- Teachers will provide marks for their students that consider the impact of COVID restrictions.
- The marks will be moderated by NESA.
- To support teachers in providing marks, Marking Support Packs are now available via our **Learning Management System**.
- Marking guidelines on the NESA website can be used for courses where packs are not available.
- Teachers with questions about providing marks can email covid19support@nesa.nsw.edu.au to request a call with an experienced marker.
- The program is available to eligible Year 12 students who haven't met the HSC Minimum Standard yet
- Teachers will determine whether a student has met the minimum standard requirement by assessing their ability in the affected domain using NESA Minimum Standard Achievement Level Descriptions. Advice and resources on how to assess students is now available on Schools Online.

Got a question?

1300 138 323 | covid19support@nesa.nsw.edu.au | [educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/covid-19-advice](https://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/covid-19-advice)

COMMUNITY NEWS

Emmaville Cemetery

The Emmaville Cemetery Committee would like to thank Glen and Wendy Frendon for their generous donation of \$500. This will go towards purchasing new plants/trees to replace those that were lost during the recent drought.

The committee are planning to conduct a working bee to remove dead plants and hopefully plant new ones. We are a small committee, so volunteers would be greatly appreciated.

Date and time to be advised.

TERM 4 CALENDAR 2021

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Week 2	11 Oct	12 Oct	13 Oct	14 Oct	15 Oct
Week 3	18 Oct HSC Legal Studies Exam	19 Oct SRC Speeches and voting	20 Oct SRC Chocolate Guessing Competition Announced	21 Oct Year 5 – 6 Mixed Touch Football Gala Day	22 Oct Last Day Year 12
Week 4	25 Oct	26 Oct	27 Oct	28 Oct	29 Oct
Week 5	1 Nov Year 7 – 10 exams	2 Nov Year 7 – 10 exams	3 Nov Year 7 – 10 exams	4 Nov Year 7 – 10 exams	5 Nov Year 7 – 10 exams
Week 6	8 Nov	9 Nov HSC Exam English Paper 1	10 Nov HSC Exam English Paper 2	11 Nov Remembrance Day	12 Nov