



### FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents, Carers and Community members

#### Applications For Year 7 Selective High Schools

Applications for placement in Year 7 in selective high schools in 2023 open on **close on 17 November 2021**. Parents of Year 5 primary school students need to apply online.

Application information can be downloaded from <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>. The online application link is available from this website from 19 October 2021.

#### HSC Begins This Week

The long awaited HSC examinations begin this week. In the history of the Higher School Certificate, this is the first time that the examinations have been delayed. My congratulations to all students for their commitment to their studies during this difficult time and our best wishes goes to all students who will be sitting the examinations in the coming weeks.

#### COVID News

As announced by the Minister, from 8 November all NSW schools will move to updated Level 3 settings that bring school operations more in line with what is allowed in the community. I would like to update you on the key changes that will be in place at our school from Monday 8 November and for the rest of Term 4.

#### Keeping Us All Safe On School Grounds

A combination of layered COVID-safe plans and measures will allow us to prioritise student and staff safety and keep our school open. To do this, the following guidelines will be in place:

- Students, staff and visitors must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms.
- All staff and adult visitors on the school site must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination.
- Masks are required indoors for all staff, adult visitors and students in Year 7 or above, and strongly recommended indoors for primary students. Masks can be removed when eating or exercising.
- All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.
- Adults should maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.
- Activities and events should be held outdoors where practical.
- Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees - following square metre guidelines.
- Students should avoid mingling with other class and year groups when moving around the school.
- Students and staff will maintain good hand hygiene and schools will continue with enhanced cleaning, including high touch points.

#### From 8 November

Our school will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4 2021, with the following activities allowed in a COVID-safe manner:

- Assemblies and presentations are allowed outdoors, with cohorts separated and physical distancing in place. Fully vaccinated visitors (including parents and carers) are only allowed to attend if completing a specific role (such as presenting) and at the invitation of the school.
- Community use is allowed outside of school hours (including P&C meetings) with COVID-safe plans in place – in line with public health requirements.

- Dancing, bands, ensembles and music classes will be allowed within cohorts. However, everyone must wear masks while playing instruments indoors. Other instruments that rely on breath or require a mask to be removed to be played, as well as singing and chanting, are not permitted in Term 4.
- Excursions are allowed outdoors (and indoors where sole use of the premises is available).
- Incursions are allowed indoors and outdoors where cohorts are kept separate.
- Graduations and formals are allowed within cohorts, either on school sites or at external venues – with COVID-safe plans in place and physical distancing adhered to.
- School sports are allowed, including inter-school sports and access to indoor and outdoor pools (from 1 November).
- Transitions and orientations are allowed in a COVID-safe way that minimises mingling between students.

### **Parents And Carers On Site To Support School Operations**

Fully vaccinated parents and carers will be allowed on-site to support curriculum delivery, student wellbeing activities and school operations (for example reading support, canteens and uniform shops). Parents and carers must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination on entry to the school site.

Thank you again for your continued support during this school term.

Take care

*Mrs Gillian Davis*  
Principal

## SECONDARY NEWS

This week marks halfway through Term 4. Although many students have sat class tests and assessments, it is important that they maintain focus in class. The learning that takes place in the coming weeks will form the foundations for future learning in each subject area. This week sees a change to the Covid guidelines that we are bound by at school. Whilst there is some easing, students are still required to be separated into cohort groups, and there are some limitations on activities.

### **Secondary SRC**

I was incredibly proud of all students who presented SRC speeches and self-nominated for student leadership positions. Congratulations to our successful candidates: Laura, Tegan, Jakota, Jayden, Emily, Jazmyn, Tylah, Sarah F and Sally.

School and House Captains will be announced at our Presentation Day.

### **6 Into 7 Transition**

Our second day of our 6 into 7 transition program will take place next Tuesday 16/11/21. Students will need to bring a general workbook, pens and pencils, and leather upper footwear (for practical lessons such as Food Tech). We look forward to welcoming Year 6 again- it won't be long and they'll be Year 7, how exciting!

### **Remembrance Day**

Unfortunately, Remembrance Day will look quite different for us this year, with Covid guidelines in place. Our students will mark the day with a short service at school, where we pause to remember the sacrifices that have been made by citizens of our amazing country. Lest we forget.

### **Mobile Phones**

Unfortunately, several students have had their mobile phones at school, and have been using them. Our school procedures require students to leave their phones at home, or hand them into the safe box in the office. Students have been distracted from their learning, by their phones, and they are having a negative impact on peer relations during break time. Please ensure that your child is aware that if they bring their phone to school, it must be handed in.

Take care

*Miss Rebecca Grant*  
Head Teacher- Secondary Studies



## PRIMARY NEWS

This Term in Mathematics the Year 3/4 class have been studying measurement. As part of this unit the students measured the different parts of their bodies and recorded their answers. Using these measurements, the students had to create a life-size version of themselves to display in the classroom.

While completing this activity students learned the importance of taking accurate measurements and ensuring they were recorded correctly. Upon completion students were able to reflect on their work.

This is how they went:





### Rates: speed

In the last newsletter we had a look at ratio and scale, an application of ratio. **Rates** are similar to ratio but with a key difference; a rate relates two **different** quantities.

The concept of **speed** is a rate with which we are all familiar. When your columnist rides his bike fifty kilometres in two hours (an unlikely scenario), we can easily calculate his (average) speed:

$$\text{speed} = \frac{\text{distance}}{\text{time}} = \frac{50 \text{ km}}{2 \text{ hours}} = 25 \text{ kilometres per hour or } 25 \text{ km/h.}$$

Converting speed from one set of units to another is sometimes difficult. Nevertheless, it can be revealing and have practical implications.

Consider the speed zone around schools of 40 km/h. If a vehicle is travelling at 40 km/h, how far will it travel in one second?

- 40 km is 40 000 m
- 1 hour = 60 minutes = 3600 seconds
- The vehicle travels 40 000 metres in 3600 seconds
- Speed =  $\frac{40\,000 \text{ metres}}{3600 \text{ seconds}} = 11 \text{ m/s}$  (rounded to nearest whole number)

A little contemplation will reveal why the speed limit around schools is in place. In South Australia, the limit around schools is 25 km/h.

### Puzzle 5

The “escape velocity” for a rocket to leave the Moon’s surface is 8 568 km/h. How many metres per second is this?

### Puzzle 4 solution

The scale on a map is given as 1 : 100 000. Fill in the missing number: “one centimetre on the map measures 1 km on the ground”

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## School Banking update from Commonwealth Bank

For 90 years, our School Banking program has helped children learn about money, reinforced the importance of regular savings and provided structure for parents to support their children to save.

Though the program continues to have strong support from schools, parents and teachers, recent decisions by some state and territory governments because of a review by the corporate regulator mean we are unable to continue providing programs in schools, and we have had to make a difficult decision to close our School Banking program for all government and non-government schools across the country.

Our School Banking program was established in 1931 at a time when having a bank account was not commonplace, and since then we have helped more than 15 million Australians take their first financial steps. This would not have been possible without the wonderful support we have received from schools like yours, including all the parents and volunteers, and for this we are deeply grateful. Thank you.

Even though this is a sad time, School Banking has taught so many young Australians, past and present, the value of money and we believe this should be celebrated. We have created a place for you to share your stories, fondest memories and lessons learnt through the program. To share your story and access our financial education resources, please visit [commbank.com.au/schoolbanking](https://commbank.com.au/schoolbanking).

Even though the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to your school after this year, you can continue to make deposits into your child's Youthsaver account through online transfers or at any CommBank branch. If you need further information please phone 132 221 or visit your local CommBank branch.

## Emmaville Central School 2022 Kinder Orientation

### **Dates:**

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> November: 9:00 – 10:00am

Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> November: 9:00 – 11:05am

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November: 9:00 – 12:00pm

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December: 9:00 – 3:05pm



- If you wish your child to catch the bus they are welcome to come on the bus for the full day and arrive earlier.
- These days are designed to give your child a taste of what school is like, help them to feel more comfortable at school as well as making friends.
- Please contact the school on 6734 7235 if you would like more information.

## TERM 4 CALENDAR

	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
<b>Week 6</b>	8 Nov <b>HSC Exams Begin NSW</b>	9 Nov <b>HSC Exam English Paper 1</b>  <i>Stage 4 Swimming for Sport</i>	10 Nov <b>HSC Exam English Paper 2</b>  <b>Kindy Orientation 9:00 – 10:00am</b>	11 Nov <b>Remembrance Day</b>	12 Nov <i>4-6 Swimming for Sport</i>
<b>Week 7</b>	15 Nov <b>HSC Exam Mathematics Standard</b>	16 Nov <b>Year 6 into Year 7 Transition</b>	17 Nov <i>Stage 5 Swimming for Sport</i>  <b>Kindy Orientation 9:00 – 11:05am</b>	18 Nov <b>HSC Exam Legal Studies</b>  <i>K-3 Swimming for Sport</i>	19 Nov <b>HSC Exam CAFS</b>  <i>4-6 Swimming for Sport</i>
<b>Week 8</b>	22 Nov <b>HSC Exam Biology</b>  <i>Bake-a-book Competition</i>  <i>Book Fair</i>	23 Nov  <i>Book Fair</i>	24 Nov <i>Stage 5 Swimming for Sport</i>  <b>Kindy Orientation 9:00 – 12 noon</b>  <i>Book Week Dress as a book character</i>  <i>Book Fair</i>	25 Nov <i>K-3 Swimming for Sport</i>	26 Nov <b>HSC Exam Visual Arts</b>  <i>4-6 Swimming for Sport</i>
<b>Week 9</b>	29 Nov	30 Nov	1 Dec <i>Stage 5 Swimming for Sport</i>  <b>Kindy Orientation 9:00 – 3:05pm</b>	2 Dec <i>K-3 Swimming for Sport</i>	3 Dec <i>4-6 Swimming for Sport</i>  <b>Last Day for HSC exams NSW</b>
<b>Week10</b>	6 Dec	7 Dec	8 Dec <b>Senior Formal</b>  <i>Stage 5 Swimming for Sport</i>	9 Dec <i>K-3 Swimming for Sport</i>  <b>Proposed Year 6 Farewell – More info to come</b>	10 Dec <i>4-6 Swimming for Sport</i>
<b>Week11</b>	13 Dec <b>Presentation Day 1:30pm – 3pm</b>	14 Dec	15 Dec	16 Dec <b>Last Day of School</b>	17 Dec <b>Staff Development Day</b>