

COLLINGWOOD ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

The monthly school newsletter



KEY DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

What's coming up

RESP Parent Program at Craigieburn

Friday 6 September 1pm

RESP Parent Program at Broadmeadows

Friday 13 September 1pm

Graduation Assemblies and Song Room
concerts

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*Above: Well done and thanks to Meg Gough-Brooks
for designing the new postcard to promote
CELS in the community*

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



Hello everyone

This newsletter shows you some Language School programs that are supporting our students to learn about their new country, experience the culture and understand the school system in Victoria.

We believe that real life experiences such as excursions to the gallery, the zoo and museum are very valuable for our students. Students learn English

best when they are provided with opportunities to participate in a wide range of activities.

The after school program Makerspace is another example. Our students learn to problem solve, be creative and design and make objects. These are key skills our students will need in their future.

All our young people will benefit from the health unit explained below: Learning the Language of Feelings. This very important learning will help our students to develop relationships and manage their own feelings. This is an important part of their personal growth. It would be great if parents could talk to their children about the English learning from these activities.

Catherine McMahon

Makerspace

Collingwood Campus is offering a Makerspace workshop every Monday after school.

At Makerspace students can create, invent, explore, pull apart and build projects together. Students can experiment and learn to use a variety of tools and materials.

Makerspace provides exciting learning experiences in the STEAM subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts and Maths.

Makerspace is fun and a great place to learn English.

Students will work with Dr Greg Giannis, an artist, educator and researcher. For more information talk to teacher Kylie Wilkinson.



Graduation Assemblies and Song Room Concerts

Craigieburn Campus

Thursday 19 September

1.00pm Secondary Graduation Assembly
2.15pm Primary Graduation Assembly

Collingwood Campus

Thursday 19 September

9.45am Primary Song Room Concert
11.15am Primary Graduation Assembly
1.00pm Secondary Song Room Concert

Friday 20 September

11.15 Secondary Student Voice Event
1.15pm Secondary Graduation Assembly

Broadmeadows Campus

Friday 20 September

1.15pm Primary and Secondary Graduation Assembly



Parents and carers are invited to attend the Graduation Assemblies, for students exiting CELS this term. Students who are leaving will receive a graduation certificate. Students will also perform short music items at the Song Room Concert.

Excursion to National Gallery of Victoria

On Monday 12 August primary and secondary students from Collingwood Campus visited the National Gallery of Victoria to see artworks about Australia. The program included an introduction to see real artworks and participate in making their own art in the gallery. The excursion provided a rich language learning opportunity during and after the visit. The students were fortunate to meet one of the artists from the NGV and have a photo taken with her. Students practiced their drawings for the excursion. Below are two beautiful and unique drawings by Dash and Mediatrix.



Primary Excursion to Werribee Zoo

On Wednesday 28 August Broadmeadows Campus primary students went on excursion to Werribee Zoo. B42 and B23 looked at Australian animals and were fascinated by the sleepy koala! They also learned a Dreamtime story. B11, B12 and B41 learned about wallabies and explored their habitats. Students also went on a safari bus and saw African animals such as giraffes, zebras and rhinos.



Secondary Excursion to Melbourne Museum

On Friday 23 August the secondary students from Broadmeadows Campus went to the Melbourne Museum and IMAX. Students loved learning about the history of Melbourne in the Melbourne Gallery. Students were also amazed by the huge dinosaur fossils in the Science and Life Gallery. Everyone then visited the Carlton Gardens for lunch and enjoyed a picnic with friends.



Book Week Celebrations

Students and Staff from Broadmeadows Campus



On Wednesday 22 August the primary students from the Broadmeadows Campus celebrated Book Week. The theme for this year was 'Reading is my secret power.' Students learnt all about super heroes and comic books through a rotation of art activities. A secondary class came to help with the activities and read some books to the primary students. It was great to see how well the students worked together. The photos show students and teachers dressed up in their super hero outfits and exploring their *secret reading powers!*

Health: Learning the Language of Feelings

This term in Health, the secondary students are doing a unit called 'Healthy Mind'. As part of this unit, students are learning the important language we use to talk about our feelings. We are also learning how feelings impact our bodies and learning and how we can manage our feelings at school and at home.

The aim of this unit is to help our students to talk about their feelings, and become active in managing their feelings. This will help our students during their transition to their new lives in Australia, which can bring about lots of different feelings.

The unit was put together by Joanna Kelman, the Wellbeing Coordinator at Craigieburn Campus and is used across the campuses by our teachers.

This is having a positive impact on students, who have been using 'feeling' words with each other, with the Wellbeing Team and with their teachers. This will support students health and wellness into the future.

