



ELIZABETH  
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Sean Heathorn, Bryce Roberts and Tahlia Kitson in the workshop for hands-on Maths activities

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Welcome to our Term 3 newsletter which again showcases some of the rich opportunities that students participate in at Elizabeth College: playgroup, debating, new ways of learning maths, our athlete development program and lots more.

As I look ahead, I see yet another lively term with a range of unique opportunities for learning for our students. Science Week, new Enrichment activities, assemblies, reports, our Japanese exchange visits and Mount Hotham ski trip – to mention just a few.

Science Week is always a major event at our college and we are re-invigorated by the primary school children who join us with such excitement. Our students lead activities from bubble blowing to advanced science experiments and activities that link us all to the world

of science – increasingly important as we equip young people for the future.

Our Enrichment Program once again offers all students the opportunity to share in a wide range of activities such as learning to drive, bushwalking, bike riding, artistic pursuits and support with their studies.

On Wednesday 12 August students will receive another formal report that allows them to reflect on their progress and to continue to work towards achieving higher standards. As always, we appreciate being able to speak to you about your son or daughter's progress, so we will hold another Parent Teacher Evening on Thursday 20 August.

I look forward to staying in touch over this term and if you have any queries, always feel free to contact your son or daughter's teachers or Home Group teacher.

Dr Dianne Purnell  
Principal



Taylor Randall being interviewed by ABC radio about the Stage Band expedition



The Elizabeth College Stage Band ready for action

## ELIZABETH COLLEGE STAGE BAND IN MT. GAMBIER

After some Melbourne retail therapy, a performance of the Lion King, a 16-hour-bus ride and a birthday celebration, the Elizabeth College Stage Band arrived in Mt. Gambier for the 2015 *Generations in Jazz festival*. The only Tasmanian group at the three-day festival, our students were there to perform, compete and learn more of the art of jazz from the array of amazing professionals in attendance. The opening concert was led by jazz legend James Morrison and other mentors included vocal groups *Take Six* and *The Idea of North* as well as such instrumentalists as Jeff Clayton, Mark Nightingale and Ross Irwin.

The Elizabeth College band was amazed to receive 3rd place in the Division 3 competition and for three of our band members to be selected in the division 3 super band. Congratulations to Taylor Randall (2nd Trumpet), Felix Grant (2nd Tenor Sax) and Kate Weston (bass trombone) on this exceptional national achievement. Students are left with wonderful memories and "found it inspiring to hear people our own age making such amazing music."

For a full report, visit [facebook.com/elizabethcollegetasmania](https://www.facebook.com/elizabethcollegetasmania)

## OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

In Term 2 the Outdoor Education classes completed their water activities before the cold weather settled in. These included kayaking on flat water and kayak-surfing with rafting a highlight for the class, even though there was snow that day! We also completed orienteering and navigating skills, and we are ready to start rock climbing in Term 3. The Outdoor Leadership class has been taking part in mini-projects that are student led, in preparation for the major project at the end of the year. These have included snorkelling, surfing, bushwalking and even archery!



## TASMANIAN PREMIERE OF *OUR HOUSE*

In early June, over ninety talented cast, crew and band members took part in our biggest musical yet *Our House*. This Tasmanian premiere sold out quickly and audiences responded with enthusiasm and praise as they immersed themselves in the story of Joey Casey and recalled the catchy music of ska band, Madness. The feedback from the community was outstanding with comments like "Stunning performances. Heart wrenching and heart-warming. So impressed with every aspect of the show. So much talent. Thank you to everyone involved for such an incredible experience" and another stated "Wow what an incredible performance. Clever, witty, engaging talent and a very entertaining show". Special thanks to the amazingly talented Performing Arts staff and students for making this a highlight of the Elizabeth College year!



## CLASSICS IN THE AUTO CLASS

In April a group of Automotive students travelled to Launceston to see the National Automotive Museum. On display were cars and motorcycles from early to late 1900s, including a range of vehicles such as luxury, sports and customised cars and bikes. Students enjoyed the trip, which fuelled their passion for classic automobiles as well as opening up their ideas for future career pathways. Taylor Millhouse described how the trip "highlighted the difference between older cars and what we work with now," while Jai Ploughman, a Bodyworks student, found the trip "inspiring".

Michael Harris and Abigail Reed get up close to some classic cars

## DANCE PERFORMANCE

On May 13 Dance students performed for family and friends in the Elizabeth College theatre. With the theme of 'contact' between dancers, students created a series of small phrases that explored weight-taking, sculpting static postures, and initiating movement in diverse ways. Students carefully wove these explorations into whole dance incorporating fifteen people, and the show was received enthusiastically by their audience.



Zachary Cornish, Mihiro Shimomura, Maddeline Clifford, Joshua Spizick perform a finale on the theme of 'contact'.

## ATHLETE DEVELOPMENT TOUR

A group of 37 Elizabeth College Athlete Development Program (ADP) students and three staff members travelled to Melbourne recently for our annual Maribyrnong Sports Academy (MSA) tour. The MSA is one of the leading sports schools in the country and our affiliation with them has spanned nearly a decade. Our students had the opportunity to tour their state-of-art facilities, participate in their programs and hear from their teaching and coaching staff. Other tour highlights included a Victorian Institute of Sport tour, a visit to the national Sports Museum, a tour of the Exercise Science Department at Victoria University, a tour of the Western Bulldogs training facilities, watching a game of AFL and an Australian Netball League game. The tour provided a great opportunity for our students to see some of the opportunities and pathways available in the sports and fitness industry. Many more exciting excursions are still to come.



Elizabeth College ADP students at the Victorian Institute of Sport with their tour guide, David Morris, who was a Winter Olympian silver medallist in Aerial Skiing at Sochi, 2014.



Jack Wylie at the chocolate factory

## SUPPORT FOR RURAL STUDENTS

Moving from the country to a large college in the city can be exciting, but sometimes students are so busy with their studies they do not get to experience some of the activities that residents of Hobart take for granted.

To support rural students during Term 1 we held a morning tea where these students who live outside Hobart were able to get together and suggest and choose activities they would like to be involved in. At the end the term a group of these students went to Cadbury's Factory. The trip was just in time for Easter shopping and many of the students were keen to swoop on the available produce.

If there are any students from outside Hobart who would like to participate in future activities please contact Fran Moore.

## ELIZABETH COLLEGE PLAYGROUP

I've had an amazing time working in Playgroup this year. Every week our Working with Children class plans activities or crafts for the children to do in Playgroup, and a few days later we run those crafts in a real playgroup setting. So far the children have made hula skirts, Mother's Day presents, Easter baskets, baby owls, and much more. The children have as much fun with it as we do! I love coming to class every week to play with the children, whether I'm stacking blocks on the mat or digging outside with them. I'm excited to see what happens in the second half of the year, and I'm really glad I chose this course!

By Jo Paterson



Jo Paterson with Norbu at our playgroup



Irene Legg, Mae Cockerill and Jo Ellis

## DEBATING

Elizabeth College is proving very competitive in this year's Schools' Debating Competition. We were defending champions last year, having won the Shield in 2012 and 2013, but had to surrender to a strong Hobart College team in 2014.

This year one of our teams, Mae Cockerill, Jo Ellis and Irene Legg, has been victorious in all five debates contested so far and has already qualified for the finals. The other team of Veronica Douglas, Felix Grant and Toby Roat with support from Max McLaughlin, has been successful in four of the five rounds.

Jo Ellis has also been rewarded for her debating skills with selection in the Tasmanian team for the Nationals held in Adelaide in May. There, Jo was one of only five debaters to receive a Highly Commended award from the adjudicators.

## MATHS LESSONS HIT THE WALL

This year we have been trialling a new innovation in one of our maths classrooms, with the entire room coated with special paint to create one huge whiteboard. Now students can get up and about during a maths lesson to try new concepts in pairs or complete revision problems in a circuit around the room. Helen Cooke is also experimenting with a new application for smartphones called Rocketboard that allows her to keep a record of screen captures of her students' whiteboard work. Whiteboard classrooms help promote collaboration, experimentation and engagement, not to mention getting everyone on their feet and moving around the room!



## SCIENCE WEEK 2015

*Shining the Light on Science* is the theme of Elizabeth College Science Week, which begins on the 13th August this year. It is shaping up to be bigger than ever before with a series of public events to capture the imagination and engage budding scientists of all ages. A symposium will gather together science leaders, recent graduates and students to explore our theme. At our Careers in Science Fair, students and the public can look to the future. All Southern Tasmanian students have the chance to enter our photography competition and win prizes totalling \$750. On top of this, throughout the week, hundreds of primary students from across the South will be attending a diverse range of Science activities.

Details about all events can be found at [elizabethcollege.tas.edu.au](http://elizabethcollege.tas.edu.au)





Toby Roat and others in the Wind Ensemble

## SOUTHERN COLLEGES AND UTAS WIND ENSEMBLE

The Southern Colleges and UTAS Wind Ensemble presented an exciting concert at the Conservatorium of Music in May. The forty five member band played beautifully throughout the program receiving stirring applause and cheers from the very appreciative audience. The ensemble was also extremely fortunate to participate in a workshop directed by Dr David Campo, Associate Director of Bands at Stephen F Austin State University in Texas, USA. We all came away with many new ideas and concepts to take us further along our musical journeys.

## FINDING MEANING

BY ABIGAIL JONES

It sneaks in unforeseen  
 A thief dancing in the night.  
 Once it comes, it never leaves.  
 A forceful, wondrous might,  
 It has a thousand faces,  
 Each an equally covert façade.  
 It fills up the crevices and spaces  
 Like air expanding in a balloon.  
 It's waking up in winter to a garden newly thawed,  
 Dew glistening in the sunlight,  
 Flowers splattered like pale paint,  
 It is never something definite,  
 Yet a driving, commanding force.  
 The search for its existence  
 Has seen the dedication of lives,  
 Yet to truly find it  
 One must only really thrive.

'Finding Meaning' was shortlisted in the 2015 Elizabeth College Poetry Competition

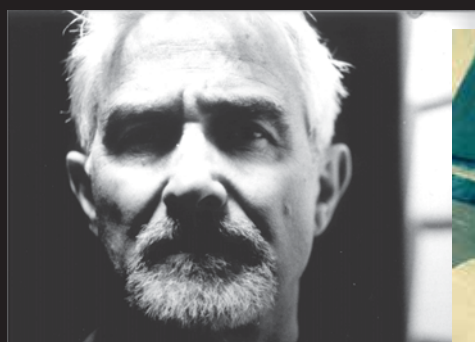
## SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

This term the Elizabeth College School of Business has got off to a roaring start. A partnership with UTAS for students studying business related subjects, it is a unique educational program which will help students to experience and discover the world of business both inside and outside the classroom. In Term 2, students took part in hands-on activities with businesses such as Roaring 40s Kayaking, Les Elliott's Karate Academy and Incat as well as the new Rokeby High School Community Hub. Roaring 40s owners Reg and Jenny spoke to students about what it takes to run a successful business before taking the group on a paddle on the Derwent.



Threesa Kahatapitikanamalage and Sherry Wang paddling with Roaring 40s

## VISUAL ARTS



From left: Portrait by Max Duniam-Hill, Art Production 3C; Pottery by Jesse Seaton, Art Production 3C; 'Light Painting' image by Richard Zammit, Art Production Foundation 2C.

## THE ANIMAL REVOLT! EC DRAMA STUDENTS PERFORM ANIMAL FARM

The Elizabeth College Theatre was transformed to a barn and farmhouse in early May with over fifty Drama students bringing to life George Orwell's classic tale of *Animal Farm*. The smell of hay permeated through E Block as students took part in the Animal Revolt. Students spent many weeks of work analysing the hierarchical nature of the animal world and fine tuning the physical characteristics of animals such as pigs, horses, sheep, donkeys, owls and hens. The two Theatre Technology classes supported this production with the design and creation of original costume and mask designs. They also built an elaborate and functional set with extensive lighting and sound design. The audiences left the theatre each night challenged and entertained, never to forget "All Animals are Equal"!



## BUILDING CONFIDENCE, ENHANCING COMMUNICATION, BONDING AS A TEAM!

In Work Readiness students have been planning and delivering short lessons to the rest of the class. Teaching their peers a new skill has been a fun way to develop communication skills and confidence. Topics so far have been accurate frisbee throwing, pencil twirling and the fingernail polish challenge. Raajhal Ram, who led the Frisbee activity, said, "We all had a bit of fun in the gym, and it helped me to know that I could teach others new skills."



## WORLD VISION

Lilly Dyer, Rhea Welsh-Hussain, Francine Henderson and college chaplain Mat Burns attended the World Vision Youth Conference in May. The focus was on empowering students to help overcome global poverty and injustice. They were inspired to learn that in the last few years extreme poverty has been halved. The group intend to run a 40 Hour Famine again this year, raising awareness across the college and money to support charity work. Last year we raised \$1000 and this year the group is setting their target even higher. Look out for more info in Term 3 if you would like to get involved.