We welcome Mr. Johnathan Hawes to Gembrook this year. Mr. Hawes is an accomplished sportsman who is eager to impart his skills and love of all types of physical activity to our students. Physical Education lessons for Grades 3-6 will be on Wednesdays and Foundation-Grade 2 lessons will be on Thursdays.

**Physical Education (Foundation-2)**
PE this semester will focus on fundamental motor and movement skills with a focus on throwing and catching. Students will also practise athletic sports such as long jump, hurdles, running relays in preparation for the Junior Sports Day (after Assembly) on Friday 4th of March. We hope to see you all there! Students will be introduced to Gymnastic skills later on this term.

**Physical Education (Grade 3-6)**
The term started with our Senior Swimming Carnival at Belgrave pool. Many students competed in multiple events and a large team represented our school at the EDEC Carnival where they dominated the pool. Many have been selected to compete at the Divisional level. During Term 1 MLC and SLC students will be focusing on their athletic skills. This is in preparation for our House Athletics on the 2nd March and EDEC Athletics in Term 2. Students will be practising their skills for throwing shot put and discus, running sprints and distance, relay, high jump, long jump and triple jump. They will learn the specific techniques for each of these activities.

*Please ensure your child wears appropriate footwear and clothes, and brings a water bottle on the P.E days.*

Johnathan Hawes

**Environmental Science**

This year, students in Grades 1/2-6 will have weekly sessions of Environmental Science as well as their class based Science lessons. Our focus in the Outdoor Learning Centre will be Sustainability and students will investigate how we can reduce our waste, save our energy, conserve our water and care for the plants and animals in our environment. There will be many opportunities for students to go outside so appropriate clothing (hats, coats) will be necessary. Each grade will also participate in a Sustainable Day with their class and host a Produce Market.

Jude Everett
Performing Arts
This term, all students (Foundation-Grade 6) are participating in circus skills workshops facilitated by Rebecca from Little Devils. Each grade is concentrating on a different apparatus in preparation for our Circus Show at the Emerald Performing Arts Centre on Tuesday 22nd March. You will see juggling, spinning plates, ribbons and scarves, devil sticks and poi and be amazed by our students’ talent. Get in early, tickets sell fast!

Art
During Term One students in the JLC will be learning about the different Art Elements with a particular focus on line, shape and colour. They will explore the different art elements through the use of a variety of drawing materials such as pencils, markers, crayons and oil pastels. They will also have the opportunity to paint using both acrylic and water paint. Students will focus on producing work based on their physical features, their likes and dislikes and their environment.

MLC and SLC students will be focussing on line, shape, space, form and colour when investigating the art of Calligraphy. They will select and manipulate different media when experimenting with a range of fonts to plan develop and refine a front page for their visual diaries, and advertising signs for our Newsletter. Students will also study Australian artist Howard Arkley. Inspired by his distinctive pop art style they will take photos and edit them using colour and patterns to emulate this style.

Please ensure your child has placed his/her Art Smock in their grade’s basket.

Jude Everett