



# EAST LODDON P- 12 COLLEGE

## PARENT NEWSLETTER

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### *Dates for Your Diary*

#### FEBRUARY

**24th P-12 Swim-  
ming Carnival**

#### MARCH

**1st Yr 9/10 Term 1  
Sports Day**

**Prep Rest Day**

**3rd Sandhurst Di-  
vision Swimming**

**8th Prep Rest Day**

**9th Studio Arts La  
Trobe Uni Excur-  
sion**

**13th Labour Day  
Holiday**

**14th P-6 "Little  
Bad Wolf" Puppet  
Show**

**15th -17th Yr 9/10  
Outdoor Ed Canoe  
Camp**

**Parent's Associa-  
tion Meeting**

**16th Year 7 Im-  
munisation**

**20th Yr 7/8 Sports  
day**

## From the Principal

### Swimming Sports – Tomorrow At Mitiamo

Just a quick mention of tomorrow's swimming sports (More detail can be found inside this newsletter), and the chance to pop along and see our students participate and excel in the sporting arena. A sausage sizzle will be provided by the College with a snag for all who attend going some way to easing the hunger around lunch time. If you are able to come along and support our students, then please do so. There will be a specific area for parents, guardians and community members to observe the competition from, so please bring along a hat, water bottle, sunscreen and some form of shade/shelter, for what should be a great day. The pool canteen will also be open on the day.

Special thanks is once again extended to AUSTRALIA HELP who have provided significant financial assistance with our sports day sausage sizzle this year.



### P-6 Swimming Program Concludes

Today sees the completion of our P-6 Swimming Program for 2017 and once again, a very successful 2 weeks has been had. Staff put in a huge amount of work and accommodate disruptions to their usual programs during the 2 week program, and do this because of the importance of water safety and skill development for our students.

We could not operate such a successful program without the generous time and effort of our wonderful volunteers! A big thankyou is extended to each and every one of you, and at the risk of offending any single person, I would like to acknowledge Karolyn Campbell individually this year. Karolyn has attended and assisted at every single session of this year's program, which is an outstanding effort and something that College staff very much appreciate. Thankyou to all volunteers for your generosity with time, effort and expertise!

### Turkey 2018! – \*\* Student Information Session This Monday \*\*

The college is currently planning another trip to our sister school in Turkey, to leave during April 2018 for a period of approx. 3 weeks. Students who took part in our last trip during 2015 continue to marvel at the experience they had and the wonderful opportunities that were placed in front of them. Our upcoming 2018 trip will be no different, with students bound to have an incredible experience and form life long memories!

The college will hold a parent information session before the end of this term, with a financial commitment from interested families being sort shortly after. With the trip being approx. 14 months away, there will be a great deal of consistent communication between the college and interested families on a regular basis. Please discuss this opportunity with your child if they are of Secondary school age and have your child attend the student information session this coming Monday lunchtime, if they are interested in this opportunity. Places for 8 students will be made available (there are currently 2-3 places remaining) and the trip will be approx. 3 weeks in length with a full week tour of Turkey followed by a 2 week homestay in Canakkale (with sister school). Please feel free to contact myself in the College Office (or at tomorrow's swimming sports) if you have any questions regarding this overseas opportunity.



**Lions Dinner – Caitlyn Hocking**

I had the pleasure of attending the Lions Club Dinner Meeting at the Dingee Hotel on Tuesday evening and took great pleasure in listening to the stories shared by year 12 student Caitlyn Hocking. Caitlyn spoke of her recent exchange to America and was accompanied by a great display of photographs. Caitlyn spoke with great confidence and gave a fantastic recount of the entire experience she was afforded during the Christmas Period. Local Councillor, Cheryl McKinnon again displayed great support of the East Loddon community through her attendance on the night, and our local Lions Club put on a great night once again. Thanks go to all involved in the evening, as a great time was had by all.



**Collecting Students From The College**

A reminder is extended to all families of the requirement to first visit the College Office if intending to collect students before the end of the day or dropping off students later in the morning. The college office has a student sign in/out book for late arrivals to school and early departures and it is extremely important that this is used as intended. On the occasion of a school emergency, we rely heavily upon our class roles and sign in/out book to establish exactly who is in the College at any particular time.

It is also important for the College to know which parents and community members are in the College at any particular time. If you are visiting the College for any period of time, please make the College Office your first port of call. We have a visitor sign in/out book that is equally as important for the reasons mentioned above.

**Interested In Becoming A College Councillor?**

College Council is a great way to get to know more about the College your child/ren attend. We meet once per month on a Wednesday evening and discuss a range of reports, events and programs that are directly associated with the school, in an effort to continually improve best practice and program delivery at all levels.

This year we are calling on any interested parents to join our team of dedicated staff and parents as we progress through 2017. There are 2 parent positions that we require to be filled and 1 co-opted community member position. Parent positions have a term of 2 years attached to them, with our co-opted position being for a term of 12 months.

If this sounds like something that you might be interested in, please make contact with the college office to discuss this further, and to obtain a copy of our nomination form.

Hope to see you at the pool tomorrow!

**Steven Leed**

**College Principal**

**Assistant Principals News**

We have had a few issues this year with students who have gone missing at bus time. We avoid letting the buses leave the school until all students are accounted for because some students can not be collected at school if they miss the bus. The issue is, if we stop the buses from leaving for too long, then parents wait at bus stops for a longer time. AGGGGGH. **Can everyone please sign their students out if they are leaving school before the end of the day.** If we know that students are not at school because they have been collected then buses will leave at scheduled times most nights. Please do not collect your kids from their classrooms. If you report to the office, you can sign them out and we will go to the classroom to collect the students. This also causes less disruptions. Sorry- that's my sook of the week.

Get out of your chairs ladies and gentlemen and get your kids to stand up also. We need a big round of applause for all of the helpers who generously volunteered their time for the p6 swimming program this year. Here are all of the people to clap for.

Narelle Maddison, Michelle Diss, Sharon Lister, Margaret Hocking, Sarah Vinnicombe, Belinda Clymo, Jeannie Wagner, Bec Cullen, Hannah Tweed, Miranda Smith, Nicki Humbert, Katie Condliffe .

Aside from them give it up for **Karolyn Campbell** who has attended and helped at every swimming group this year. 21 times she has faced up to a group of sometimes eager students in sometimes sub-zero water. We can't run this program without volunteers. So thank you, thank you, thank you.

Hats off to all the staff who had pool sessions also. This is not our favourite thing to do, (unless it's stinking hot), but it's a worthwhile part of our program.

**Scott Wilkinson**  
**Assistant Principal**

# Respect - Resilience - Responsibility - Relationships

Dear Parent,

*Would \$500 help you to afford next year's school costs, including uniforms, school books or a laptop?*

You or someone you know may be eligible to join a local savings program and receive \$500 for education costs.

**Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program that has assisted more than 32,000 Australian families with education costs. Participants receive:**

- one dollar in matched savings from ANZ for every one dollar saved (up to \$500)**
- 4 MoneyMinded financial workshops in your area, and**
- personal support and guidance from a trusted community organisation.**

At the end of the program you can use your matched savings to purchase an education-related item, such as a laptop, school camps/excursions, uniforms, stationery and text books.

Brotherhood of St Laurence is delivering Saver Plus in your area and is currently looking for more people to join the program.

You may be eligible to join if you:

- have a current Centrelink Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
- are at least 18 years old
- have some regular income from work, (yourself or your partner) including casual, part-time, full-time, seasonal work or self-employment
- have a child at school, or be attending vocational education yourself.

To find out more you are invited to attend a **free information session and afternoon tea** at East Loddon College on **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm.**

**Please return the slip below to the school or phone 5448 1024, all correspondence is kept confidential.**

Kind regards

Carol Gledhill  
Saver Plus Coordinator  
47 High Street Bendigo  
5448 1024  
0439 935 516  
carol.gledhill@bsl.org.au

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I \_\_\_\_\_ (Name),

(Please tick)

- would like to attend the free information session and afternoon tea on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March.
- would like a phone call to discuss the program. My phone number is \_\_\_\_\_ and the best time to call is \_\_\_\_\_.
- would like more information emailed to \_\_\_\_\_ (email address).

**2017 Swimming Carnival – Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February at the Mitiamo Pool.**

Students will be arriving to the pool around 9:30am – Approximate times for events listed below.

9:50am – Butterfly

10:00am – Freestyle

11:15am – Backstroke

12:30pm – Breaststroke

1:30pm – Relays

2:00pm – Novelty Events

Parents and family are most welcome to attend.

Students are to dress in PE uniform or House Colours for the day.

A BBQ lunch will be available courtesy of the SRC

Bring your hats and sunscreen

Hope to see you there.



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**Year 9/10 Boys and Girls Volleyball**

**What:** The selected year 9/10 Boys and 9/10 Girls Volleyball teams will be competing in the Sandhurst Division Term 1 Sports Day

**When:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

**Where:** Bendigo Stadium

**Who:** Teams are being finalised and students who are in the team will be provided with details prior to the day. Mr Judd and Mrs Phelan will be supervising

**Cost:** \$7 per student



**Sandhurst Division Secondary Schools Swimming Carnival**

**What:** Interschool Swimming Carnival held against all of the Bendigo Schools

**When:** Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**Where:** Bendigo Aquatic Centre, Barnard St, Bendigo

**Who:** Students who win their age group events (in Heat 1) and who would like to compete

**Cost:** \$7 per student (to cover bus/venue hire)

The school team will be selected after our Swimming Carnival this Friday and students will be notified early next week.

Information will be given to the students who are selected to compete.

**P-4 Update**

**Building Strong Foundations**



*\*Please note that certificates will be awarded at our assembly on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March due to swimming commitments. Photographs of recipients will be taken at that assembly.*

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**Prep Zali for her fantastic attitude to her learning and her wonderful reading habits.**

**Year 1 Teagen for her fantastic effort in class and at the pool.**

**Year 2 Billy for his good work habits this week.**

**Year 3 Oliver for being a great listener and worker.**

**Year 4 Molly for being organised and a helpful classmate.**

**You Can Do It!**

**Prep—Lucas C**

**Year 1—Sienna**

**Year 2—Emma**

**Year 3—Brayden**

**Year 4—Nathan**



**SWIMMING SPORTS**

Tomorrow the students will be at the pool all day. Please ensure that they have sunscreen (Don't forget to check the 'Best by' date), a T-shirt and plenty of cool water. If you are taking your child home from the pool, please send a note in the morning so we can calculate how many buses are needed to pick up students from the pool. We look forward to seeing you there.



names or sounds. Eg elephant- ele/ f/ ant rather than e/l/e/p/h/a/n/t. Remember that sounding out consumes a significant portion of working memory (which is still fairly limited in younger children), so it is important that your child re-reads from the start of the sentence to re-establish meaning (essential for comprehension).



**Prep Letter in Focus**

mm- Mummy on the moon.

Nn- Nanny has a net.

ng- Ring on the finger.

**Prep Words To Fluency**

**LITERACY HINTS**

When children are sounding out, encourage them to 'chunk' sounds together rather than just saying letter

**NORMAL TIMETABLE RESUMES**

As of this Monday, the normal timetable for P-4 students will resume. Thanks for your support over the last two weeks, organising bathers etc. and encouraging your child to 'have a go', even when the water was a little cool. The resilience of our students was incredible and we saw some remarkable achievements over the last two weeks.

**Peter Vernon  
P-4 Co-ordinator**

**Middle Years Newsletter**

**Somers Camp**

Thank you to everyone who submitted an expression of interest for the Year 5/6 Somers Camp. As we have had many more applications than spaces, quite a few students will have unfortunately missed out. Parents and students will be contacted this week.

**Uniform**

As we are starting to get some chilly mornings, we're all having to fish out jumpers from the back of the cupboard. For those rare occasions where your child will be wearing an item out of uniform, please send a note with your child so that we know that you know and we can make accommodations if needed. Also, please note that grey shorts are required as part of our regular uniform, while black shorts are only part of the PE uniform.

**Performing Arts**

The Year 5 and 6 students have continued polishing up their songwriting skills this week. They have now taken a popular song ('The Best Day of my Life' – American Authors) and turned it into a parody designed to advertise the red bicycle they have for sale. Next week both classes will be creating choreography and singing through their song in the lead up to their class recording and video clip. We can't wait to show you their videos! Miss Harrington



**Year 6 Garden**

We have spent this past week watching our bean seeds develop in our below ground viewing pots. They have all developed at different rates and as soon as they are big enough they will be planted in our vegetable garden.

**Year 8 Science**

This year students have been designing and conducting their own experiments and writing detailed laboratory reports. Above Keenan and Jack conducting an experiment they designed themselves to determine the best heating equipment in the science room.



**Year 7 Science**

Year 7 students are continuing to work on their research project on the solar system in Science this week and have permission to take their laptops home to complete their presentation on their chosen topic. Please remind your child to bring their laptop back to school each day. Next Tuesday we the students will begin presenting their research to their peers. I'm sure they would appreciate you asking them about what they have learnt and running through their presentation with you at home. Miss Harrington

**Deutsche Nachrichten**

This week Klasse Preps have been learning 'Wo ist der Daumen?' as one of their songs. Klasse 3/4 are learning the poem 'Ein Ei so klein' as well as receiving their spelling words for next Wednesday. Klasse 5 have started work on their 'Gesucht' poster (Wanted). Spelling words will be given out next week. Klasse 8 have just finished their role play tasks, which were filmed. This year the Karneval Activity Day will be held on Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>. The activities will be for the P-4 classes and the Year 9/10 German students will be assisting with the activities. One of the activities include making masks. Karneval is also known as Fasching to Simone and Veronika. They will also be assisting on the Day.



**Annette Burgstett**  
**German Co-ordinator**

**Senior School News**

**Subject change of preferences**

If there are any students wishing to make subject changes please contact me **urgently**, as we are in the process of entering and confirming such data for the VASS system and our College reporting. If students are swapping subjects they need to seek teacher permission, parent/guardian permission and also Senior Sub-School Leader permission.

**Year 12 Tops**

Students are being encouraged to finalise their payments for the t-shirt or hoodie or both. As they are due to arrive any day now. However, students will not be permitted to collect their tops unless full payment has been made.

Cost: T-shirt \$44 and Hoodie \$60.50

**Year 12 Study Skills Parent Information Session**

Post investiture assembly – please keep Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of March from 3:40-4:30pm free.

More details and information will be distributed in next weeks’ newsletter.

**Congrats to Caity H** who made a lovely speech on Tuesday evening to the East Loddon Lions Club. Caity spoke about her travels to the USA in December and January. Caity experienced near freezing temperatures and the snow, whilst also being able to attend school in the USA, visit some famous sites in ‘The City of Angels’ and generally have a sneak peak into the American way of life. Well done Caity, for yet again accepting the challenge of international travel.

**Welcome to Veronika and Simone** – these two lovely young ladies have been a welcome addition to the Year 10 PE class. Both girls are very sporty and have signed up to compete in the Year 9 & 10 Interschool sport day in Volleyball and Tennis respectively. Like Dani their English is impeccable.

**Thanks for your time,**

Good luck to all students participating in the Swimming Sports. I was so impressed with the 25 **Year 9&10 students** that were in the water, cutting laps, diligently listening to technique tips from myself, Mrs Maxted and Mr Judd and generally having a go! It was fantastic.

It has been a busy week and I’m still chasing student requests and following up with ‘things’ from the last two weeks. Hopefully things start to settle soon. Thanks to the Senior School parents for your email contact and support two weeks ago. I sincerely appreciate it and so too did my family.

**Sarah Byrne**

**Senior Sub-School Leader**

**PS please pray for sunshine tomorrow**

## BREAKFAST PROGRAM STARTING NEXT WEEK.

The breakfast program will be starting this coming week. It is held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. It isn't just for those who haven't had breakfast; all students are welcome to pick up a piece of toast, some cereal and/or a drink. We are aware that country kids have a very early start to the day and even if they have eaten, they are frequently ready for the next feed by the time they arrive at school.

Please encourage your child to have a good nutritious breakfast, even if it is something as simple as cereal, milk and a piece of fruit. If they don't feel like much then, give them a piece of fruit or a muesli bar to eat when they get to school. Research reveals that it helps concentration and positive behaviour.



### PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

#### **UNIFORMS**

The Parents Association will be holding a Uniform display at the Swimming Sports tomorrow at Mitiamo Pool for all of your second hand uniform needs.

#### **CATERING**

The Parents Association will be holding the first of monthly catering for Loddon Shire Council meetings at Serpentine this Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. This week we are seeking donations of sweet slices. This is a great opportunity to support PA's fundraising efforts with 100% of the money received for catering going back into the school. Please ring or text **Leanne Welsh on 0447 689 309** if you can help. Thanks so much for your support.

**Forward Planning – Deb Ball – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017**, PA will be supporting the school by providing and organising the supper on the night. There will be a note come home in the next couple of weeks asking for your help with this. Please consider making a cake, a slice, a monetary donation or donating a slab of water/soft drinks for the PA Drinks stall on the night. If you are available on the day, we will be making sandwiches and preparing platters at the school. We do have the capacity to freeze any cooking beforehand – please ring or text Leanne of your donation. Every Tuesday will be pick-up day from the school office.

We really appreciate all parents participation in this event as it is a major fundraiser for the school and a very exciting night for everyone involved.

#### **NEXT PA MEETING**

The next PA meeting will be held on **15<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm at the Community Centre**, located at the front of the school. We encourage anyone who has the time for attend our meetings as it's a great chance to get involved and have an input into fundraising opportunities for our school.

For more information regarding the Parents Association please contact  
Leanne Walsh – President on 5436 – 6281 or 0447 689 309 or [welsh600@gmail.com](mailto:welsh600@gmail.com)  
Kaeler Grigg - Secretary on 0448 632 780 or [kaelergigg@hotmail.com](mailto:kaelergigg@hotmail.com)

## Canteen News

FEBRUARY			MARCH		
Friday 17th	Natalie Rose	Leanne Welsh	Monday 6th	Margaret Hocking	
			Tuesday 7th	Karen Pascoe	Miranda Smith
Monday 20th	Miranda Smith		Wednesday 8th	Sue Pickles	
Tuesday 21st	Sue Pickles		Thursday 9th	Sue Pickles	
Wednesday 22nd	Lisa Twigg		Friday 10th	Mel Primrose	Narelle Maddison
Thursday 23rd	Sue Pickles				
Friday 24th	P-12 Swimming Carnival	NO LUNCHESES	Monday 13th	Labour Day Holiday	
			Tuesday 14th	Sue Pickles	
Monday 27th	Margaret Hocking		Wednesday 15th	Kylie Addlem	Penny Cockerell
Tuesday 28th	Sue Pickles		Thursday 16th	Sue Pickles	
MARCH			Friday 17th	Michelle Balic	Brian Duffy
Wednesday 1st	Nicole Hocking				
Thursday 2nd	Sue Pickles				
Friday 3rd	Lynda Cartwright	Bec Cullen			

### KFC - Kids Friday club

KFC is an after school kids club for primary aged children that has been running for more than 15 years. In 2016 approx 60 children from East Loddon P-12 College enjoyed coming along to KFC. KFC is a Christian based interdenominational club - we play games, sing, enjoy afternoon tea, learn memory verses, do craft activities, listen to Bible stories and more. Normally we run a 4 week block of KFC each term on Friday after school until 5pm.

Due to the Deb Ball and other commitments this term, KFC will be running just one Easter session on Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>. We'll be starting our 4 week blocks of KFC in Term 2 and continuing through Term 3 and 4.

All children in P-6 are welcome to come along. Meet in the Multipurpose room straight after school (Preps will be escorted from their room)

More information will be provided in next week's newsletter along with a bus note.

Contacts for enquiries - Robyn Falls 0429368242, Judy Mountjoy 54379222 or Leanne Welsh 54366281

**WINTER UNIFORM ORDER**

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY 9<sup>th</sup> MARCH AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY PAYMENT

Please send order home with:

Payment:

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Method of Payment (cash/cheque/other) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/Year: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Short Sleeve Green/Gold Polo	Size	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
	Cost	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30
	Quantity													

Long Sleeve Green/Gold Polo Shirt	Size	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
	Cost	N/A	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$32	\$32	\$32	\$32	\$32	\$32
	Quantity	N/A												

Junior Girls Winter Skirt	Size	4	6	8	10	12	14	16
	Cost	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55	\$55
	Quantity							

Junior Girls Bell Bottom Pants (P-4 Only)	Size	4	6	8	10	12	14
	Cost	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25	\$25
	Quantity						

Double Knee Trackpants (P-4 Only)	Size	4	6	8	10	12	14
	Cost	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$24	\$24
	Quantity						

Polar Fleece Jumper	Size	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
	Cost	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	\$35	N/A
	Quantity													N/A

Senior Girls Grey Pants	Size	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
	Cost	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$53	\$53	\$53	\$56	\$56
	Quantity										

School Backpacks	Cost	\$65
	Quantity	

Senior Girls Winter Skirt	Size	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22
	Cost	\$55	\$55	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60	\$60
	Quantity								

Polar Fleece Beanies (P-4 Beanies)	Size	Small
	Cost	\$6
	Quantity	

Bottle Green Windcheaters	Size	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	S	M	L	XL	XXL	XXXL
	Cost	N/A	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$26	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28	\$28
	Quantity															

Hats	Size	XS	S	M	L
	Cost	\$11	\$11	\$11	\$11
	Quantity				