



# EAST LODDON P~ 12 COLLEGE

## PARENT NEWSLETTER

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### *Dates for Your Diary*

#### MAY

**2nd Parents Association Meeting 11.30  
Community Centre**

**5th Sandhurst Division Athletics**

**9th –11th Year 3, 5,  
9 NAPLAN**

**12th NAPLAN**

**Catch Up  
Yr 9/10 Term 2  
Sports Day**

**18th Yr 7 Immunisation**

**24th—26th Outdoor  
Ed Bike Camp**

**25th Yr 7/8 Term 2  
Sports Day**

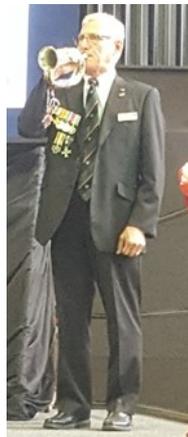
**6th Loddon Mallee  
Cross Country**

**9th Report Writing  
Day**

**12th Queen's Birthday  
Holiday**

**13th—16th Year  
10/11/12 Exams**

## From the Principal



### College Anzac Ceremony

The College held its ANZAC ceremony on Monday of this week, with a thoroughly impressive service led by our College Captains Jakob O'N and Nakeya M. Our Middle School Captains Oscar H and Zoe L, along with Junior School Captains Marley A and Joseph V, also spoke beautifully throughout the service. As well as our student leaders being highlights of the service, Sam H did a tremendous job in his role of Flag Attendant, and former College music teacher Norm Gray once again thoroughly



impressed with his playing of the Last Post and Reveille. An absolute highlight was also Mrs Therese Phillips, who delivered an outstanding speech dedicated to the story of her father at war, along with the beginning of a beautiful war-time love story involving her mother and father. Thankyou to all who were in attendance on the day.

Particular thanks also to Mrs Muller and our terrific Year 6 students who managed to sell over \$400- worth of ANZAC badges in the lead up to this significant occasion.

### 2018 Trip To Turkey – Open to 2017 Secondary Students

This morning, families of students interested in the Trip to Turkey in April 2018 met at the College once again to discuss details of our overseas venture. If any other families have been discussing this opportunity and are yet to register their interest with myself or Miss Pilkington, I would urge you to do so asap as final numbers for this opportunity will need to be determined shortly.



### NAPLAN Testing

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will undertake NAPLAN testing from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May until Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May, with catch-up tests being conducted on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. It had been reported in media outlets that this years NAPLAN testing would involve an online component. This is now not the case, with tests being completed on paper as in previous years. As always with NAPLAN testing, we encourage students not to place too much pressure upon themselves during the testing period, but endeavour to put in their very best individual efforts.

Students in Years 7 and 9 will also take part in a NAPLAN Equating Study next Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May. This test will be in the area of 'Language Conventions' and will be undertaken in the first two lessons of the day.

**Youth Mental Health First Aid Course – Get In Quick!!!**

In 2016, the College was fortunate enough to be able to host a Youth Mental Health First Aid Course, which was well attended by the College community and spoken very highly of by participants. Once again this year the College will host a course, with Mr Greg Currie once again presenting. The course is tentatively planned for Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of July, with approx. 6 hours of course tuition on both days. The target audience for this course is parents, community leaders and sporting club leaders, as well as education staff.

**Please make contact with the College office to express an interest. Names are required asap in order to ensure a placement in the course.**

For further information on this course please take a look at the following link - <https://mhfa.com.au/courses/public/types/youth>

**Absences – It's Not OK To Be Away!**

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. Students develop good habits by going to school every day – habits that are necessary to succeed after school, whether in the workplace or in further study. Missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially. It can affect their test results, including VCE, and, just as importantly, it can affect their relationships with other students, and lead to social isolation. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is also associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

**In 2016, 20% of our Prep – Year 6 students missed 20 or more days of school, and 44% of our Year 7 – 12 students missed 20 or more days.** At these rates, a student that averages this number of days away from school for their entire schooling, would miss close enough to a year and a half of school time during their Prep – 12 education!!!

Please ensure that your child is at school everyday unless they are ill or it is absolutely unavoidable. In 2017, we are aiming to significantly improve these levels of absenteeism across the College and the joint efforts of parents and staff are essential in making this happen.

**Masquerade Ball in Wedderburn**

For all of those who had a wonderful time dancing the night away at our recent Debutante Ball, you may be interested to know that there is a Masquerade Ball taking place in Wedderburn on Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>. This event is held at the Mechanics Institute Hall, with a cost of \$20 per adult, and \$10 for under 16's. Supper is included and tickets can be booked through Wedderburn Community House.

**College Uniform**

Please ensure that you take the time to look over our Parent's Association article on correct College uniform in today's newsletter. As mentioned in the last two editions of this newsletter, the College has an increased emphasis on uniform this term and has committed to being more vigilant at all year levels.

If your child is unable to be in College uniform for a valid reason, please ensure that you send along a note explaining the circumstances around this.

I hope you have a great week.

(Wasn't it great to see the Mighty Hawks



get their first win of the season!!!)

**Steven Leed  
College Principal**

**Assistant Principal's News**

It was so good to see some parents and community members at the ANZAC commemoration that we held on Monday. For the first time the assembly was student led. Jakob and Nakeya our school captains took charge of the assembly and we were really proud of the job they did. Equally as proud were we of readings by subschool captains, Joseph V, Marley A and also Zoe L. Oscar H came straight off the bus from the cross country to assist. Other highlights of the assembly were a speech by Mrs Therese Phillips about her father's time in the RAAF. She had a beautiful story to tell about how her mum and dad met whilst he was posted in Italy. Maybe some good does come of war? And the photos she had were amazing! Final thanks goes to Mr Gray who returned to play his trusty bugle for our service. It sends chills down my spine each time I hear him play the last post.



**Mrs Phillips' mum and dad**

**Junior and middle school captains at the Shrine**

In other Anzac news, I took our middle and junior school captains to the Shrine for the Legacy Victorian Schools Service, last Friday. This was a great day, and though the weather threatened we escaped without getting drenched. Marley and Joseph placed a wreath on behalf of our school at the eternal flame whilst Zoe and Oscar marched with our school banner at the end of the service, through the seated crowd of 3000+. It really is a great thing to be a part of and I am always so proud of how our students conduct themselves compared to some from other schools. I just wanted to scream at some of the students from other schools who clearly had not been briefed on the etiquette of such gatherings. AGGGGH, I sound like a grumpy old sook, but really.... Talking?...at an ANZAC service? It's not on. I can honestly say, 'East Loddon students would NEVER do that'. During our journey to and from Melbourne Joseph and Marley entertained us by practicing their poems 'In Flanders Fields' and 'the Response to Flanders Fields'. This should be something that they never forget. It certainly became embedded in my brain.

In other ANZAC news, the Year 6's under difficult circumstances with regard to timing, sold \$454 worth of ANZAC badges. This must be some sort of record. Well done year 6 and thanks to everyone who purchased a badge.

**P-4 Update**

**Building Strong Foundations**



**P-4 Sub-School**

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Prep Caitlin for always trying her best and asking when unsure.

Year 1 Abby for the gains she has made with her reading.

Year 2 Ella for a great start to Term 2.

Year 3 Keira for working hard during Writing, being descriptive and presenting work neatly.

Year 4 Mia for a great start to Term 2 and for the detail she is including in her writing.

**You Can Do It! (Getting Along)**

Prep—Jessica and Alex

Year 1—Archer

Year 2—Jayde

Year 3—Tristyn

Year 4—Molly



**Reading Clubs- Well done to the following students and their families:**

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50 Nights of Reading	Y4- Macey, Drew and Marissa Y3-Darcy and William Y2-Jake, Logan and Zane Prep-Travis



**Prep Letters in Focus**

The focus is on the ‘ar’ as in ‘Be a star.’ Preps are also revisiting and consolidating ‘m’ and ‘a’.

**Prep Words To Fluency**

The word to fluency for this week is ‘am’. Preps are also reinforcing recognition of the word- ‘said’.

**Humanities News-**

The Year 1/2 class, with Mrs McNamara, have commenced an exciting new Geography unit and are learning about features of their local environments and are developing 3D models of their local districts. It was very pleasing to observe the high level of co-operation and communication as they worked in small teams to develop their models. In particular, we were very impressed with the strong leadership and organisation skills being exhibited by our Year 2s (Great skills for the future). What an exciting project with great educational value for the students involved!



**Literacy Hints**

Please model and expect correct pronunciation of words at home. It is becoming common practice of a significant number of students to drop the ‘g’ ending off ‘ing’ words, for example- ‘runnin’ instead of ‘running’. Besides making spelling harder, for those who have been educated in modern standard English- it sounds dreadful and is grating; an observation some potential employers may be quick to pick up on. It can be a very hard habit to break and common practice does not make it okay. We all have a role to play in providing the best educational opportunities possible for our children and this is another example of how it is essential that we work together to maintain and improve standards. Remember- “What you accept is what you will get.”

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

**Middle Years Captains Report**

Last Friday we went to the shrine in Melbourne to attend a school ANZAC Ceremony. On Monday we had our interschool cross country. We had a day off due to ANZAC day on Tuesday. We will also be presenting our middle years survey on Monday and we hope you all have a great week. Zoe and Oscar.

**Term 2 Middle Years Working Bee**

We are keen to have a parent working bee to complete some projects in the Middle Years at some point in Term 2. Stay tuned.

**Year 8 Science**

Students are currently exploring how the particle model explains how chemical elements form solids, liquids and gases. In the picture below Emma, Izzy and Jack have made a thermometer and are using it to understand the relationship between energy and pressure in a gas.



**SWEP (School's Water Efficiency Program)**

For the past week the school has used 33,095 litres of water. There are 813 schools participating on the SWEP website and they all go on to the leader board. Out of the 813 schools we are listed at 705 in terms of our water usage. This term we will be looking at ways to help us use less water.

Amy T and Isaac J-M (Grade 5).

**World Champion Kettlebeller - News**

Again our resident World Champion and all round great ambassador for 'having a go' Georgia W will be featured in the upcoming 'Bendigo' magazine.

Georgia was interviewed, along with other lifters and spoke about her passion for the sport and recent success as well as hopes for future events. Not to mention the fact that she is the youngest person in the world achieving what she is!

If you would like a copy, they are coming up for sale in newsagents in Bendigo.

Well done Georgia!

**Year 8 English**

Year 8 English Students are reminded they have an assignment for 'Dougy' due on Thursday 11th of May. If for whatever reason your child requires an extension, please provide a written note in writing before the due date.

**Deutschenachrichten**

This week Klasse Preps learnt a new song, 'Es sitzt ein Frosch' and have met Herr Grünfrosch. Herr Grünfrosch has also been keeping an eye on students as they have been working in class. Klasse 2/3 new topic will be Clothes this term. Klasse 3/4 are learning how they say when their birthday is and asking other students when they have their birthday. They will also be getting their new spelling words this week. Klasse 5 have started the topic 'Kleider Machen Leute'. Klasse 6 are able to say what clothes they are wearing, as well as what others are wearing. Klasse 8 gave their oral presentation of the Ostergedicht, some students presented the 16 line Gedicht very well. Simone and Veronika will be missed from Klasse 9/10 Deutsch. From all accounts both girls safely boarded the plane.

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

**Senior School News**

**State Swimming Finals**

Congratulations Lydia and Alia who yesterday competed at the Victorian State Schools Swimming finals. This means they are in the top fastest swimmers across the public school system. Lydia competed in the 200m freestyle and Alia competed in the 50metre backstroke and freestyle.

**Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Ed Ski Camp – Semester 2**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> of September (after the Loddon Valley League Grand Final) through to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of September. At present I have 18 students that have indicated they are attending by either paying the full amount of a substantial deposit. A letter was distributed to these families in the holidays the final cost is \$450 per student. Unfortunately, a slight increase on the price two years ago.

The camp is to Bogong for 5 days. Students will down-hill and cross country ski for three of the five days.

**There are two places available for the Ski Camp – please see me if you are interested as soon as possible.**

**Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Ed Bike Camp**

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> of May – further details to be distributed once the excursion is approved via School Council. If you have any questions please let me know.

**Jobs available – Deb Redman**

Apprentice Butcher, Bendigo supermarket – full time

Apprentice Bakers – Bridgewater and Bendigo.

Two Apprentice Roof Tilers – based in Bendigo. Applicants must be able to work at heights, and lift heavy objects responsibly. A White Card will be needed for this position.

A trainee Human Resources Assistant – full time for a 12 month contract in the Castlemaine area. National Training Wage will apply which is approximately 80% of a normal clerical award rate.

Apprentice Landscape gardener – Bendigo area. Must have a current driver’s licence if possible, able to lift heavy objects, such as pavers and handle digging trenches etc.

All applicants must firstly register on the Online Jobs board, upload their resume, and then forward their resume to Deb Redman, via email ([debra\\_redman@meqt.com.au](mailto:debra_redman@meqt.com.au)) Ph 5442 8862

**Interschool Cross Country – Sebastian**

Congratulations to the students that participated in the event on Monday. I really enjoyed cheering the students on along the course, taking some action shots and being a part of the day. Well done, to all students who participated. We had some quick times within the female sections, special mention to Jas C (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Alia M (4<sup>th</sup>). Thanks to all the

students who were involved in the day either running, or in the canteen assistance to check point personal. I was very impressed with your behaviour and attitude on the day.



**Student/Parent/Teacher Interviews**

If you haven’t heard from particular teaching staff regarding your child’s progress to date, please contact me to arrange an opportunity for this to occur. Alternatively, you can contact the subject teacher directly via phone or email.

**Year 11 PE students making the most of practical application**

Pictured is the Year 11 PE students dissecting sheep hearts kindly provided by the Raywood Butcher. Thank you! Students are also exploring the blood pumping through the heart in the second photo, by drawing and re-enacting the experience.



**Thanks for your time,  
Sarah Byrne  
Senior Sub-School Leader**

**Year 10 English.**

Students are reminded they have an essay for 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time' due on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> of May. If for whatever reason your child requires an extension, please provide a written note in writing before the due date.

**Thanks**

**Hayley Lethlean**

**Public English Speaking Award (PESA)**

The Plain English Speaking Award (PESA) is a public-speaking competition for students aged 15-18 years. It provides an opportunity for students to build self-confidence and extend their skills in oral communication, speech writing and research. Students are encouraged to speak on a topic they are passionate about.

The Regional Finals for the competition are open now and will close on Monday the 8<sup>th</sup> of May. If any students who are 15-18 are interested in participating, please speak with Mrs Clare to fill in the appropriate forms. We have already had some interest in the program and it would be great to send a group of students to the event. The regional event will be held on Wednesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of May at Girton Grammar School.

**Mrs Clare**

**PA Meeting**



**Next TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017**

**At 11.30 am**

**East Loddon Community Centre**

**(building beside entrance to school)**

**Everyone welcome**

**Any agenda items, please send through via the contact numbers/e-mail below.**

**Discussing Fundraising, Catering Opportunities.**

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**DEB BALL-Huge thank you to everyone involved with the Deb Ball last term. It was a beautiful night and so many people helped to make sure it was a night to remember. Excellent job and a great showcase of our wonderful school and community.**

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**PA Facebook:** Our PA Facebook page is a valuable tool for relaying information to parents at short notice. While we all do our best to alert others to situations that are current, please share important messages with all your parent contacts and encourage them to join our PA Facebook page. If you have a question, we will do our best to assist you and other parents are always happy to join the conversation too.

Please remember you are always welcome to contact the school directly for answers to queries.

**We are all working to help each other.**

Thanks again.

**PA COMMITTEE FOR 2017 is:**

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## Canteen News

APRIL					
Friday 28th	Michelle Balic	Kylie Addlem	Monday 15th	Margaret Hocking	
			Tuesday 16th	Sue Pickles	
MAY			Wednesday 17th	Penny Cockerell	Brian Duffy
Monday 1st	Judy Mountjoy		Thursday 18th	Sue Pickles	
Tuesday 2nd	Karen Pascoe	Narelle Maddison	Friday 19th	Lynda Carwright	Leanne Welsh
Wednesday 3rd	Sue Pickles				
Thursday 4th	Sue Pickles		Monday 22nd	Michelle Diss	
Friday 5th	Natalie Rose	Miranda Smith	Tuesday 23rd	Sue Pickles	
			Wednesday 24th	Nicky Lawry	
Monday 8th	Belinda Clymo		Thursday 25th	Sue Pickles	
Tuesday 9th	Sue Pickles		Friday 26th	Mel Primrose	Kaeler Grigg
Wednesday 10th	Bec Cullen				
Thursday 11th	Sue Pickles				
Friday 12th	Toyah Ketterer	Yoli Humphries			

### KFC - Kids Friday Club

KFC for Term 2 will be starting on Friday May 12<sup>th</sup> and continuing on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> and June 2<sup>nd</sup>. This year at KFC we are learning about how God wants us to treat each other beginning with The Golden Rule.

We're in for a bit of fun as we form our teams on week 1 and get started. All children in Prep to Yr 6 are welcome to come along and join in. Meet in the Multipurpose room straight after school until 5pm.

For new families to the College - 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 (apart from Term 1) on Friday after school until 5pm. The children are asked to bring a gold coin to help with craft costs and a simple snack to share for afternoon tea (not containing nuts).

KFC consent forms will be handed out over the next week or so.

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