



# EAST LODDON P~ 12 COLLEGE

## PARENT NEWSLETTER

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### *Dates for Your Diary*

#### MAY

**19th Yr 5 River Detectives**

**24th—26th Outdoor Ed Bike Camp**

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

**31st Parent's Association Meeting  
9.30am Community Centre**

#### JUNE

**2nd Yr 5 River Detectives**

**6th Loddon Mallee Cross Country**

**9th Report Writing Day**

**12th Queen's Birthday Holiday**

**13th—16th Year  
10/11/12 Exams**

**19th—23rd Yr 10/11  
Work Experience**

**28th Reports Distributed**

## From the Principal

### **Youth Mental Health First Aid Course – Placements Finalised Shortly!**

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>

### **Student Voice**

The College has been very encouraged of late with the efforts of 3 students who have presented information at a staff and College Council level. Ethan L presented to College Council last Wednesday evening and thoroughly impressed with his VCE Software Development project. Middle Years Sub-School Captains Oscar H and Zoe L, presented findings from a recent Middle Years survey at a College staff meeting and also thoroughly impressed with their efforts. All 3 students were recognised for their presentations at last Friday's P-12 Assembly.



### **Community Engagement At The College**

It has been exciting to see our College facilities in use at night over the past few weeks with Wednesday night yoga sessions taking place for all of this term with local yoga expert Sharon Lister, and the start of a 4-week mixed netball competition on Monday night.



The College is a real hub for the community and we are delighted to see community members connecting with the school through these activities.

Details regarding Wednesday night yoga sessions can be found in the Community News, or by making contact with Sharon on 0427 421 337.

**Mixed Netball Update**

More than 50 College Community members took part in the first round of Monday night mixed netball and a great time was had by all. Whilst the 4 week competition is a social event and a wonderful way to bring the community together, there was much pride at stake for teams as they battled hard to win their first hit-out. ‘The Staff’ have taken the early lead with shooting sensation Bridget B

EASTLODDON MIXED NETBALL								
Team	P	W	L	D	F	A	%	Pts
The Staff	2	2	0	0	29	15	193%	8
Serpentine	1	1	0	0	28	2	1400%	4
Year 12 Goals	1	1	0	0	25	2	1250%	4
Raywood	1	0	1	0	7	12	58%	0
Lawkles	1	0	1	0	8	17	47%	0
Wiz Warriors	1	0	1	0	2	25	8%	0
Calivil Tennis	1	0	1	0	2	28	7%	0

ensuring that the team had two wins on the first night, despite superstar player Mr Andy Cameron being unavailable on the night. Serpentine and Year 12 Goals had big wins on the night, and although this is important to some, the greatest thing about the start to this competition was the amount of enjoyment displayed by all. In two weeks’ time (May 29<sup>th</sup>) The Staff (Yay!) take on the Year 12 Goals (Boo!) in a match that will be held at lunchtime in the College gym. There will be a gold-coin donation/entrance fee for staff, students and community members who would like to attend this highly anticipated match, with all proceeds going towards the 2018 trip to Turkey.

**Recent Fire-Drill**

On Monday of this week, staff and students undertook an emergency evacuation procedure known as a ‘fire-drill’ and I am very happy to report that students were mature and responsible throughout the entire procedure. Our College practices evacuation and lock-down procedures 4 times a year and it is important that these are treated professionally in all instances. All students were evacuated to our first assembly check-point in under 5 minutes and were safely at our second assembly check-point within 10 minutes. Students did not know that this evacuation was a practice drill and I would like to thank all staff and students for their efforts and co-operation throughout the entire procedure.

**Piano Lessons at the College**

For those who are unaware, the College has a specialist piano teacher who attends on a weekly basis to take individual students for piano lessons. If this is something that you believe your child may be interested in, please make contact with the College Office to discuss this further.



I hope you have a great week.

**Steven Leed  
College Principal**

**Assistant Principal's News**

Every now and again as a teacher you get the old 'warm and fuzzy proud feeling'. It happened for me twice over the past seven days.

The first time was whilst taking our Year 9 and 10 students to the interschool badminton competition in Eaglehawk last Thursday. Its common knowledge that when you go to a sports day in Bendigo, the likelihood of coming away with a prize is pretty low. The stats would have you know that the Bendigo schools are bigger, hence they have more Year 9 and 10s to compete for spots on teams and with that their level of competitiveness is high. They are also exposed to fancy pants coaching and access to different facilities in a lot of cases. This however doesn't always lead to East Loddon being the whipping boys/girls of the competition. Last Thursday was a good example of this. Our 9/10 boys came second in division 1 and 3<sup>rd</sup> in division 2, our girls came 4<sup>th</sup> in Div 1. I was over the moon. It is just such a good feeling to see our kids not just matching it with bigger schools, but actually beating them. Often this is a surprise for the bigger schools as they expect we will be a walk over. Ha to them. All students played well, but special note to Sam Boyer and Georgia Primrose who hardly lost a set all day. I love East Loddon!



The next feel good moment, was Monday night. The first round of our community 'after school' netball comp was held. This is a fundraiser for our Turkish exchange group for 2018. This is a project close to my heart and so I am so happy to see the success and good feeling that this generated on Monday night. It was awesome to see so many happy faces at the school after hours and enjoying good company, good competition and our wonderfully renovated gym. The only downside was I almost had a heart attack trying to keep up on court. Note to self: get fit. You know you're not travelling so well when an hour after your game a student asks "are you all right?" Thanks also to Libby Clymo who asked me 'where has all of your hair gone?' that was a confidence boost Lib! To all involved with the organization of this event, none less than the Lawry family, well done.

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

**P-4 Update**

**Building Strong Foundations**



**P-4 Sub-School**

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**Prep Logan for working hard on his Science reports.**

**Year 1 Angus for always putting in a good effort and being helpful.**

**Year 2 Logan for his effort in all areas of learning.**

**Year 3 Tori for being kind happy and hardworking.**

**Year 4 Macey for a great effort in Literacy and Numeracy.**

**You Can Do It! Organisation**

**Prep—Jasper**

**Year 1—Sarah**

**Year 2—Ella**

**Year 3—William**

**Year 4—Kathleen**



**Reading Clubs:**

Good readers read!

<b>100 Nights of Reading</b>	<b>Y4-</b> Ava, Mia, Molly, Kathleen and Joseph <b>Y3-</b> Riley, Tristyn, Oliver, Tori and Emily <b>Y2-</b> Alex, Ella, Miles and Emma <b>Y1-</b> Paige <b>Prep-</b> Logan, Oliver, Zali and Caitlin
<b>75 Nights of Reading</b>	<b>Y4-</b> Nathan <b>Y3-</b> Hayley, Aidan, Brayden and Darcy <b>Y2-</b> Harrison, Zane and Jake

**Prep Letter in Focus**

The sounds we are currently consolidating in Prep are ‘f’ and ‘n’. The Preps are also exploring the vowel digraph ‘ou’ as in ‘cloud’ and the ‘oy’ as in ‘boy’. It is essential to establish skills in relation to sounds and symbols as they are the key to success in relation to both reading and writing so any additional opportunities can provide at home would be greatly beneficial.

**Prep Words To Fluency**

‘Mum’ and ‘Dad’

**Literacy Hints**

We have been talking about the three strategies good readers use when confronted with an unfamiliar word (meaning, sentence structure and letter clues). When insufficient clues are provided by the first two strategies, good readers start decoding the word. Often, only a few letters are needed to provide sufficient information. When young readers are ‘sounding through’ words they are usually confronted with one of the traditional vowels (a, e, i, o, u). Sometimes they get stuck because they are not sure whether to use the short or long vowel sound. If one does not work, then students need to try the other. Beginning readers sometimes need a reminder; if they use the short vowel but the word does not make sense or sound right, they may need a reminder to flip the vowel (try the long sound). This also works in reverse. It is important that they ‘test’ their prediction (Does it make sense in the sentence? Does it sound right in the sentence? Does it look right?) by rereading the sentence and inserting their informed prediction. Don’t forget that ‘sounding through’ requires considerable working memory and this may impact on their comprehension, another reason why rereading the sentence is so important.

**For older readers**

If your child really enjoys a particular book, try other books by the same author or the same genre. It doesn’t always work but it is worth a try to support good reading habits. The Internet makes the task of finding books so much easier.

**Spinners- To spin or not to spin**

Spinners, as a sensory aid, can work for a very small percentage of fidgety students, including those with Autism Spectrum Disorder and/ or Sensory Processing issues but for the vast majority of students they are a toy, and can be a terrible distraction and actually significantly reduce productivity. Feel free to trial spinners at home for a few weeks and if they don’t work then they can be relegated to being just another gadget to entertain (for a few days at least after which the novelty will probably wear off unless there is real sensory satisfaction). Please understand that your child’s teachers are very conscious of the sensory needs of some students and want to do everything possible to support your child, and where spinners are of definite value they can remain, however, if your child becomes more distracted playing with it or distracts others around them by constantly spinning it, the spinner will be exited to their bag. Remember that in some cases being fidgety relates to poor concentration or ‘learned boredom’ because over the last few decades entertainment has become high tech and instantaneous, and when you are bored, you flick or change activities, and then change again. This is different to having real sensory issues, which need to be diagnosed. If your child is fidgety then it is best to seek professional advice rather than assuming a gadget will serve as a ‘quick fix’. If in doubt, have a chat with an Occupational Therapist or even make your child’s teachers the first port of call. There are lots of sensory aids available which may better serve your child’s individual needs and actually support learning better, so explore before you buy.

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

**Middle Years Captains Report**

This week we have talked about the idea of having a middle years working bee on the 13<sup>th</sup> of June. If you have any ideas on what could be improved then please come to us. We also have the big science competition tomorrow, good luck to everyone who is participating.

Oscar and Zoe.

**Bloomz – Year 6**



The Year 6's have been very busy in the garden and kitchen, cooking up a storm. Year 6 parents, please join Bloomz ([www.bloomz.net](http://www.bloomz.net)) to see what your child has been up to.



**Big Science Competition**

Six Year 8 Students will be sitting the “Big Science Competition” on Friday. This is an opportunity to explore student’s passion for science and to test their general science knowledge. Thank you to Miss Pilkington for organising this.

**Year 8 Maths**

Our class goal has been to master 300 Maths Pathway modules by the end of the term. This translates to mastering 60 modules (skills) as a class on each fortnightly test.

We achieved 80 modules on our most recent test. At this rate, we’ll get there easily. Great job, Year 8!

**Year 7 Science**

This week in Science, the students were given an open-ended task to explore scientifically – “If gravel, sand and sugar were mixed together in a bucket, how could you accurately separate these three solids into separate piles?” The students worked in small groups to solve this problem, thinking about the tools they would need and the separation methods they could use to separate these three solids into three separate piles. Tomorrow they will begin writing up the lab report. Miss Harrington



**Year 8 Science**

We have been busy exploring Chemical Reactions in our Science class this term. Today we participated in a Catalyst and Enzyme laboratory, exploring how these helper chemicals can speed up reactions. If you get a chance, ask your child about the four ways that chemicals can be sped up, and ask them to demonstrate it by making you a cup of tea (literally). Mr Cameron

**Senior School News**

**Year 10&11&12 Exam Timetable**

Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> of June	Year 11 English period 1&2
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> of June	Year 11 Biology Thursday June 8 <sup>th</sup> period 1&2
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> of June	Year 12 English (Reading time, 1&2) Year 11 Math Methods (Reading time, 1&2) Year 11 General Methods (Reading time, 1&2)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> of June	Year 10 English (period 3&4) Year 11 Physics (period 3&4) Year 11 Psychology (period 3&4)
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> of June	Year 12 HHD (period 5&6) Year 12 Soft Dev (period 5&6) Year 12 Vis Com (period 5&6)
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> of June	GAT 10am-1:15pm Year 10 Humanities (period 3&4)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> of June	Year 12 Biology (Reading time, period 1&2) Year 12 Accounting (Reading time, period 1&2) Year 11 & 12 History (Reading time, period 1&2) Year 11 Legal Studies (Reading time, period 1&2) Year 12 Physics (Reading time, period 1&2)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> of June	Year 10 Maths (period 3&4) Year 12 Maths – Further/Methods (period 3&4) Year 11 PE (period 3&4) Year 11 Chemistry (period 3&4) Year 11 Business Management (period 3&4)
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> of June	Year 10 Science (period 5&6) Year 12 Studio Art (period 5&6) Year 12 Legal Studies (period 5&6) Year 12 Chemistry (period 5&6)
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> of June	Year 11 German (reading time, period 1&2) Year 11 Economics (reading time, period 1&2) Year 12 Business Man (reading time, period 1&2) Year 12 PE (reading time, period 1&2) Catch up exams period 1&2

**Careers and potential university opportunities**

**RMIT:** The July school holidays are packed with science events for metro and regional school students. Take a look below at the free events and camps on offer for Year 10 - 12 students now open for registration.

**RMIT Experience Days:** July 4th, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6th registration is now open for Experience Days, free events designed for students from years 10, 11 and 12 to engage in hands-on workshops and explore life on campus. Students can register for these one day programs in science and engineering in the city campus or health and biomedical science at Bundoora campus.

**VIEWS:** July 1 - 8

The Victorian Indigenous Engineering Winter School (VIEWS) is an exciting program for Year 11 and 12 Indigenous students aiming to expand perspectives on engineering. Over six days students work together to overcome engineering challenges, visit universities, undertake cultural activities and get an insight into what it's like to study and work in different disciplines of engineering.

**SPARK Engineering:** The Spark Engineering camp is for students who might not normally consider going to university after school. Throughout this week long camp

students stay on university grounds at a residential College, and then during the week will undertake engineering activities throughout the city to get a taste of different universities and engineering disciplines.

If you are interested in any of these events please check out the RMIT website, or email Claire Farrugia [science-outthere@rmit.edu.au](mailto:science-outthere@rmit.edu.au) or speak to myself.

**Australian Catholic University (ACU)**

ACU's Ballarat and Melbourne campuses will again be hosting University Experience days. These days are a great opportunity for students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to try some of our courses and hear from our current students. Participants will have the opportunity to immerse themselves in two workshops of their choice and visit the campus. Parents are also welcome to join in with their own session running in the morning. For a full list of workshops and to register, please visit [acu.edu.au/university-experience](http://acu.edu.au/university-experience) from the 22nd May.

**Year 12 students:** if you are interested in studying at ACU please see me regarding an early entrance program.

**Senior Sub-School**

### Year 9 & 10 Sport Day – Badminton and Netball

Our finest Year 9 & 10 athletes represented the College last Friday in Bendigo at the Term 2 Inter-school sports carnival. Our Badminton players had their lucky charm (Coach Wilkinson) and by all reports played quite well placing 2<sup>nd</sup> in the boys competition and 4<sup>th</sup> in the girls competition. We apparently were victorious against some well known larger Bendigo schools, so well done to the Badminton players.

Our netballers needed that lucky charm, as our day was perhaps less victorious but certainly eventful. Our teams started slightly depleted, after some absences and injuries. Never the less, we had two teams take the court, only to suffer to slightly serious knee injuries causing our A team to play with 6 players, then 5. Fortunately, Castlemaine Secondary College loaned us two handy tall players. Congratulations to both the A & B team, as they both placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the competition. Special thank you to Chloe Collins who assisted with umpiring on the day too.



**Thanks for your time.** We really are getting to the business part of the term, with revision tasks, SAC's, exams and university information starting to creep into our day to day lives. As parents if you have any questions or need any assistance with any of this information or details. Please contact either the subject teacher directly or myself. I often find a conversation (be it email, phone or in person) can really help to relieve tension for students, parents or guardians. I sincerely try to keep parents updated with information of current events in the Senior School. But please don't hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

**Sarah Byrne**  
Senior Sub-School Leader

### MUSHROOM POISONING

Now that winter is upon us and there has been some soaking rain, mushrooms are starting to appear in the paddocks in this area. Mushrooms are a type of fungus. Australia has many varieties of wild-growing fungi, many of which are edible. However, a few types are poisonous or even deadly. Contrary to popular belief, there is no home test that can distinguish between edible and poisonous varieties. The only way to tell whether a wild mushroom is safe to eat is to have it identified by a mushroom expert (mycologist). If you are unsure, don't eat it. It is recommended that you only eat mushrooms you have purchased from the supermarket, greengrocer or other reputable source.



Protect your children from fungi poisoning

Many varieties of poisonous mushroom grow wild in Victoria. Most young children who eat poisonous mushrooms find them in the garden at home. Children younger than five years of age have a natural inclination to put things in their mouths. If you have a toddler, you should regularly check your garden for mushrooms and remove them to reduce the risk of accidental poisoning.

#### **Treatment for mushroom poisoning**

**If you suspect you or your child may have eaten a poisonous mushroom do not wait for symptoms to occur, contact the Victorian Poisons Information Centre (VPIC) (Tel 13 11 26).**

The VPIC staff member will take a brief history from you and give you the appropriate advice. It may be necessary for you to seek treatment through your doctor or the emergency department of your nearest hospital. It helps to have a sample of the mushroom. VPIC staff may ask you to send them a photo of the wild mushroom to help in the species identification and risk assessment.

**If the person has collapsed, stopped breathing, is having a fit or is suffering an anaphylactic reaction, immediately ring triple zero (000) for an ambulance.**

Do not ring the Victorian Poisons Information Centre in an emergency.

For more information about the above, check out the Better Health Channel, <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/fungi-poisoning>

## Canteen News

MAY			JUNE		
Thursday 18th	Sue Pickles		Monday 5th	Belinda Clymo	
Friday 19th	Lynda Carwright	Leanne Welsh	Tuesday 6th	Sue Pickles	
			Wednesday 7th	Nicole Hocking	
Monday 22nd	Michelle Diss		Thursday 8th	Sue Pickles	
Tuesday 23rd	Sue Pickles		Friday 9th	REPORT WRITING DAY	REPORT WRITING DAY
Wednesday 24th	Nicky Lawry				
Thursday 25th	Sue Pickles		Monday 12th	QUEEN'S BIRTH- DAY HOLIDAY	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Friday 26th	Mel Primrose	Kaeler Grigg	Tuesday 13th	Sue Pickles	
			Wednesday 14th	Mel Primrose	
Monday 29th	Judy Mountjoy		Thursday 15th	Sue Pickles	
Tuesday 30th May	Sue Pickles		Friday 16th	Michelle Balic	Lisa Twigg
Wednesday 31st May	Kylie Addlem				
<b>JUNE</b>			Monday 19th	Kate Duncan	
Thursday 1st	Sue Pickles		Tuesday 20th	Sue Pickles	
Friday 2nd	Sue Holt	Lisa Twigg	Wednesday 21st	Karen Pascoe	Miranda Smith
			Thursday 22nd	Sue Pickles	
			Friday 23rd	Natalie Rose	Toyah Ketterer

### KFC - Kids Friday Club

KFC got off to a great start last Friday and continues tomorrow 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 - do to others as you would have them do to you...Matthew 7:12

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.

Kids remember to bring - your signed consent form, a bus note, a gold coin (all in an envelope if you haven't already) and a simple snack to share for afternoon tea (not containing nuts).

If your child has never been to KFC before and would like to come along - they are most welcome.

On Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup> we are heading to Powlett Plains for a family morning and bring and share lunch at the Powlett Uniting Church with a lolly hunt for the children at 11am.

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

**PA NEWS**

**Parents Association FRUIT & ORNAMENTAL TREE FUNDRAISER**

Once again, the College Parents Association are running the **Fruit & Ornamental Tree Fundraiser**, providing family, staff and members of the community with access to reasonably priced and excellent quality trees. You will find the listing of available trees and an order form attached to this newsletter and also within the **Skoolbag App**. You can easily forward the listing and order form onto family and friends from within the Skoolbag App.

When you have completed your order form, not forgetting to add \$4 per tree – (this amount being the fundraising component for the school parents association) return to the school office or directly in the post or email to Jodie Demeo by **Friday June 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Trees will be available for collection from the East Loddon Community Centre around mid July.

All trees, with the exception of the listed container plants, are bare rooted, so they will need to be planted in their forever home or in a temporary home soon after they are collected.

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If you have any queries, please contact Jodie Demeo on 0427 471 327.



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**NEXT P.A MEETING**



**Wednesday 31st May 2017**

**At 9.30 am**

**At the East Loddon Community Centre**

(building beside entrance to school)

**Everyone welcome – Morning Tea included!**

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**PA COMMITTEE FOR 2017 is:**

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