EAST LODDON P- 12 COLLEGE

PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dates for Your Diary

FEBRUARY

10th Rubicon Camp returns

13th-14th P-6 Swimming Program

15th Prep Rest Day

Yr 7/8 Swimming

Yr 9/10 Swimming

Parents Association Meeting 12.30pm Community House

16th-17th P-6 Swimming Program

20th –21st P-6 Swimming Program

22nd Prep Rest Day

Yr 7/8 Swimming

Yr 9/10 Swimming

Desperately seeking help of Volunteers for P-6 Swimming Program. Starting 6th February to 23rd February, (excluding Wednesdays). Please contact the College Office if you are able to help.

Date	year levels to assist	Time at pool	Number of volunteers still required
Monday 13 Feb	Years 2 + 4	11am-12:15pm	2
	Years 6 + 3	12:15-1:30pm	4
	Years prep + 1 + 5	1:30-2:45pm	4
Tuesday 14 Feb	Years 2 + 4	11am-12:15pm	2
	Years 6 + 3	12:15-1:30pm	4
	Years prep + 1 + 5	1:30-2:45pm	3
Thursday 16 Feb	Years 2 + 4	11am-12:15pm	4
	Years 6 + 3	12:15-1:30pm	5
	Years prep + 1 + 5	1:30-2:45pm	3
Friday 17 Feb	Years 2 + 4	11am-12:15pm	3
	Years 6 + 3	12:15-1:30pm	4
	Years prep + 1 + 5	1:30-2:45pm	2
Monday 20 Feb	Years 2 + 4	11am-12:15pm	0
	Years 6 + 3	12:15-1:30pm	2
	Years prep + 1 + 5	1:30-2:45pm	2
Tuesday 21 Feb	Years 2 + 4	11am-12:15pm	3
	Years 6 + 3	12:15-1:30pm	4
	Years prep + 1 + 5	1:30-2:45pm	2
Thurs 23 Feb	Years 2 + 4	11am-12:15pm	4
	Years 6 + 3	12:15-1:30pm	5
	Years prep + 1 + 5	1:30-2:45pm	3

Can you volunteer for one or more of the above places? If you or someone that you know can, please contact the office. Use the above form and put your name on and circle the times you are available.

24th February P-12 Swimming Carnival—Mitiamo Pool

Principal's Report Cont.

New Staff in 2017

As mentioned last week, the college has 3 new staff in 2017 with the arrival (from left to right) of Mr Jackson Clayton, Mr Dean Young and Mrs Wendy Twigg. All 3 staff have settled into life at East Loddon P-12 beautifully, having a positive impact on College programs and developing a great working relationship with staff and students. We are very much looking forward to working with our new staff this year and hope that you have a chance to introduce yourself to them at our upcoming swimming sports day on Friday 24th Feb.

Contact email addresses for our new staff are as follows-

Mr Jackson Clayton – clayton.jackson.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
Mr Dean Young – young.dean.f@edumail.vic.gov.au
Mrs Wendy Twigg – twigg.wendy.w@edumail.vic.gov.au

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.

Feedback on Booklist Arrangements

I would again like to call upon any feedback on our recent changes with booklist arrangements. If you are able to assist with your thoughts and feelings on these changes, please send your feedback to Mrs Sue Cail in the College Office.

A Little Slice Of College History

Following community feedback on this photo that I placed in last week's edition, I believe that the aerial photo of our College was taken sometime in the early 70's, definitely before 1978. We believe that there are only a handful of buildings in this picture that still remain in the College today, those being room 21, our Tech & Art rooms and Home Economics room. The main oval and ground that currently houses our gym have been freshly graded, and if any community members can accurately remember when this occurred, then we'd love to hear about it. More info please.....

Swimming Starts Next Week

Monday Feb 13 sees the College begin its Primary Swimming Program on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday for two weeks. Our Secondary swim sessions take place on the next two Wednesday's and our whole college swimming sports are held on Friday Feb 24th. We would love to get more volunteers for the primary swim sessions and a huge number of parents and community members for the P-12 sports day, to help support our students in their swimming endeavours.

Hope you have a great week!

Steven Leed
College Principal

PIANO LESSONS

If your child is looking for an outlet for their creative side, they may well be interested in piano lessons.

Music lessons have long proven valuable in raising confidence of students and showing them that with persistence, you can achieve anything.

Students come out of class time once per week and have one to one private lessons.

Lessons are available at levels from beginners to experienced. Please contact the office if interested.

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Teaching And Office Staff Email Addresses

Teacher name	Email address (all followed by
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Sue Cail	cail.susan.s
Sarah Clare	clare.sarah.j
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Jackson Clayton	clayton.jackson.j
Jenny Cutting	cutting.jenny.j
Brenda Drury	drury.brenda.m
Chelsea Harrington	harrington.chelsea.l
Rebecca Johns	johns.rebecca.a
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Phil Kidman	kidman.philip.p
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Shane Rudkins	rudkins.shane.m
Eamon Smith	smith.eamon.j
Jenny Tracy	tracy.jenny.a
Wendy Twigg	twigg.wendy.w
Peter Vernon	vernon.peter.b
Samantha Westwood	westwood.samantha.l
Scott Wilkinson	wilkinson.scott.s
Sarah Windridge	windridge.sarah.b
Dean Young	young.dean.f

Assistant Principal's Report

Assistant Principals News

Today's news from me, will focus on bus behaviour and safety. I am including the Public Transport Victoria rules for 'conditions of travel' on a school bus service. We have the occasional incident relating to behavior on the school bus and I would like to make it clear to kids and parents the expectation and consequences of misbehavior. These rules are set in place to protect your children. Jo Guthrie from the East Loddon Lions Club kindly donated her time today to talk safety with our junior school students and we have had bus meetings with all students to elect captains and also discuss safety on and around the bus and stops. Can you please take the time to reiterate these ideas with your children. A sit down discussion of the following, before or after dinner, may be appropriate. Travel on the school bus service is a privilege and not a right.

Regards, Scott Wilkinson

Conditions of Travel

To ensure the safety of all passengers on school buses, the following conditions apply at all times.

To ensure safe travel on school buses, students must agree to the following:

- Not to play on the road at the bus stop or try to get on the bus before it has stopped.
- Make sure you and your belongings are inside the bus at all times.
- Not throw anything from a bus window or have anything hanging out a window.
- Place bags and other belongings in the allocated storage areas.
- Get on and off the bus quietly and in an orderly manner.
- Stay in your seat while the bus is moving.
- Not distract drivers with screaming, shouting or unruly behaviour.
- When you get off the bus only cross the road when the bus has left and it is safe to do so.
- No dangerous or flammable goods are allowed on the bus, for example aerosol cans.
- Travel on the bus service allocated to you, to and from your approved bus stop only. Do not change to one that will take you to a sports or social event.
- Wear a seat belt where fitted.

To ensure students are considerate to one another and their bus driver, they must agree to:

- In the morning, arrive at the bus stop 10 minutes prior to departure.
- Not eat, drink or smoke while on the school bus.
- In the morning, let the school and driver know if you will not be travelling home on the bus that day.
- Use a standard conversational tone and not use offensive language or call out to others on board or to passing traffic or people.
- Listen to the bus driver and bus captain. They are responsible for maintaining school bus safety and also have the authority to report any vandalism or misbehaviour including but not limited to bullying, teasing, or aggression.
- Leave your bike in a safe and secure place if riding to the bus stop. Public Transport Victoria and the Department of Education and Training are unable to accept responsibility for the safety of your bike.
- Behaving inappropriately on a school bus places the safety and wellbeing of all on board at risk.

Non-compliance with any of the above conditions may result in the following:

- The driver will stop the bus.
- The offender's name and full details of the breach will be recorded.
- The offender will be transported to school or to their normal drop off.
- The breach will be reported to the coordinating principal.
- The coordinating principal will take disciplinary measures in accordance with the guidelines below.
- In rare and exceptional circumstances, and only as a last resort, drivers are authorised to eject passengers from a bus.

Following the report of a relevant incident, the coordinating principal may take the disciplinary action below:

- First offence – verbal warning to student.
- Second offence – written warning to parent/guardian.
- Third offence – one week suspension of student from school bus travel.
- Fourth offence – the student will not be allowed to travel on the school bus for the remainder of the year.
- A serious offence that endangers other students, bus staff or property will result in immediate suspension.

Responsibilities of parents/guardians

- Parents/guardians are responsible for transporting their children to and from authorised bus stops and their safety at the bus stop while waiting for the bus.
- It is most important that parents waiting for bus passengers at a roadside bus stop should wait on the same side of the road as the bus to prevent accidents.
- School bus travel is a privilege and not a right and consequences will follow a breach of these conditions.
- It is understood that bus travel is provided and accepted on these conditions.

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CSEF Application – Now Open.

CSEF application are now open for parents who have a Health Care Card, Pension card or Veterans card. The CSEF is an annual payment to the school to be used towards camps, sports and / or excursion expenses for the benefit of the eligible student.
Primary Student rate - $125.00

Secondary rate - $225.00

All applications must be accompanied by either a copy of the relevant card or the original which the office staff will copy. Some families have already put their application in but have not sent in the card . Could you please do so as soon as possible so that your application can finalised.

Sue Cail
Business Manager

Lions Club of East Loddon

APPLE FUNDRAISER

Lions are selling yummy, fresh & organic

ROYAL GALA & PINK LADY APPLES

2kg Bags - $10 or 12kg Box - $50

Royal Gala's are ready now – orders due by 17th February – Pick up on 24th February at the Swimming Sports Day
(or by other arrangement. Other pick up points – Calivil Hall Monday 27th February from 9.30-11.30am)

Pink Lady – not ready until April – but order now and a pick up date will be advised.

All proceeds are going towards increasing our school holiday program!

Phone 5436 6220 or 0428 366 220 or text your order
Email orders to eastloddonlionsclub@gmail.com

P - 4 Sub-School

P-4 Update

Building Strong Foundations

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep Tom for a great start to school and asking for help when unsure.

Year 1 Ruby C for her outstanding work and work ethic.

Paige For tremendous work and always putting in 100 percent in all she does.

Year 2 Angus for a fantastic first week.

Year 3 Tori for her great attention to work and attentive listening.

Year 4 Marley for a great start to the year; organised and ready to learn, participating and helping others.

You Can Do It!
Prep—Logan
Year 1—Archer
Year 2—Zane
Year 3—Darcy
Year 4—Macey

Assembly News

Congratulations to our Sub school Leaders: Marley and Joseph, who conducted their first assembly last Friday. At our assembly, we revisited the importance of our College Values: Respect, Relationships, Responsibility and Resilience, and what each one means.

Urgent Need for Swimming Volunteers

A warm thanks to those parents who have sent in returns offering to help with swimming starting this coming Monday. We have had a few faithful volunteers, however, we desperately need more helpers for some sessions, especially those where we only have one parent volunteering. It is not possible to run the program unless we have volunteers as we cannot meet the Government's adult to child ratio. Alternatives would be to have half the classes sitting out while the other half is in the pool or transferring the program to Bendigo and using professional coaches, which is going to be extremely expensive.

Our swimming program has always yielded some of the best results in the nation but only because we have been fortunate enough to have people willing to give up some of their time. You don't have to be experts, just prepared to help our children learn to swim well enough to survive in a water emergency. Please consider whether you are able to commit to an hour or two, even on just one day, so we can keep the program going in its current form. If you can help, please send us a note tomorrow (Friday 10th February) or give the office a phone call. We will send out a copy of the roster on Friday.

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P-4 Sub-School Cont.

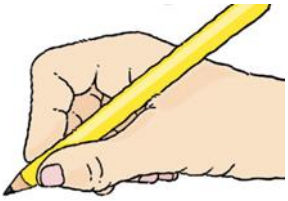
Prep Letter in Focus

The letters in focus are**: Bb, Kk and Dd**

Prep Words To Fluency

Please revise '**I**' and '**like'.** This week we have been learning: **'can'** and **'and'.**

Pencil Grip



It is extremely important that students hold their pencil/ pen using the appropriate grip (pinch and tuck, using the ends of the thumb and index finger). Holding the pencil in the joints or adding the middle finger greatly reduces flexibility and speed. Please monitor this at home and remind your child of the correct pencil grip if necessary. It is essential that the incorrect grip does not become habit.

Peter Vernon
P-4 Co-ordinator

Deutsche Nachrichten

This week Klasse 8 have been busy making Schultŭten for the Preps Klasse. This is a tradition in Germany when children start school, they receive a Schultŭte. They all look fantastisch. These will be presented to the Preps by the Klasse 8 students at the P-4 Assembly on Friday. Next week Ella H who has been in Germany on exchange will be leaving the snow in Germany and embracing the warm weather we have been having lately. We are lucky to have 2 exchange students arriving at the school on Monday from Germany. Simone Weber will be staying with Chelsea H and her family and Veronika Pfeifer will be staying with Jessica D and her family. We wish them all the best during their stay here and hopefully they will enjoy the warm weather during their time here, and hopefully they will not miss the snow too much. Photos will be included next week.

Annette Burgstett
German Co-ordinator

What is Physics?

A quick Internet search will tell you that Physics is:

the branch of science concerned with the nature and properties of matter and energy. The subject matter of physics includes mechanics, heat, light and other radiation, sound, electricity, magnetism, and the structure of atoms.

To our P-6's this term it is circuits and switches, magnets and paper clips, pushing ,pulling and electric play dough!

I'm very excited to announce that our Junior School Captains Marley and Joseph have been busy planning and preparing for our lunchtime **Tinker Table**. This will allow students to tinker with all things Physics as a lunchtime activity and undertake some Physics challenges. I can't wait to share some photos when we get up and running!

A big thank you to Marley and Joseph for your organization and leadership in the planning of this activity, I can't wait to see how it goes!

A question the Grade five's have pondered this week has been: Why can't you catch light from a torch? Hmm…. Maybe one for dinner time discussion.

Miss Pilkington

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Middle Years Sub-School

Middle Years Leaders report

This week Zoe and I have explored leadership and what makes a good leader. The Year 7's are also on Rubicon camp and focusing on Character Strengths and teamwork skills. – Oscar and Zoe

Rubicon Camp

The Year 7s have been having an awesome time on camp! They went river rafting on the first day followed by a night bushwalk, then rock climbing and geocaching on the second day, and are looking forward to more bushwalking and canoeing today. They have displayed lots of great character strengths during the camp, including overcoming fears, encouraging other team members, and collaborating to get jobs done.

Year 7 at Rubicon

Swimming dates

In preparation for the P-12 Swimming Carnival, students will be at the pool on the following dates:
Year 5 & 6: 13th – 23rd Feb Primary Swimming

Year 7 & 8: Feb 15th and Feb 22nd

Students need to return their Sport Permission forms to participate.

Year 5 Maths

Year 5 and 6 Performing Arts

We began our song writing task this week by writing a parody. We have been learning about syllables and repetition and how it is used in song writing so that we can write a parody of a song we all knew. Once we finish we are going to record it, create choreography and film it as a class music video. We'll be sure to share it with you later in the term! Miss Harrington

Year 6 Performing Art

Year 8 Humanities

We are studying Geography this term and have begun exploring Geographical Concepts (SPICESS-Space, Place, Interconnection, Change, Environment, Sustainability and Scale) in a fun way. As we learn a little bit more about each concept, these are being presented in a 3D poster format from which we can refer to as we use these seven concepts to investigate our two units of 'Landforms and Landscapes' and 'Reshaping Nations'. Personally, I am really enjoying getting to know each of the awesome Year 8 class members during our four periods together each week and I thank them for their warm welcome. J Mrs Twigg

Year 8 German

Kitchen Garden Program Wish List

Our Kitchen Garden Program is looking for a few items. If you are able to help us out with anything, please let me know. You can email me at muller.laura.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

- Old timber ladder to use as a drying rack for our herbs (condition not important as long as it has rungs
- Chicken wire (or similar) to support our climbing snow peas
- Hammers to drive in stakes (if you have a spare one lying around!!)
- Paper bags for seed collection and herb drying
- Plastic buckets
- Scissors and twine for tying up plants

Any donation would be greatly appreciated!!

Students are reminded that their Narrative Assignment is due on Thursday 16th of February. Please remember that homework sheets are due on Monday's and spelling tests will also occur on the same day.

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Senior Sub-School

Work Experience Update:
Just a reminder to all year 10 and 11 students. Work Experience will be held from June the 19th to the 23rd this year. I will be catching up with all students this week and next to begin arranging work placements. Please take some time to consider what it is you might like to do during work experience and to research some potential employers. It is a hope of mine that we can have all work experiences organized by then end of term one – this is possible with initiative and enthusiasm!

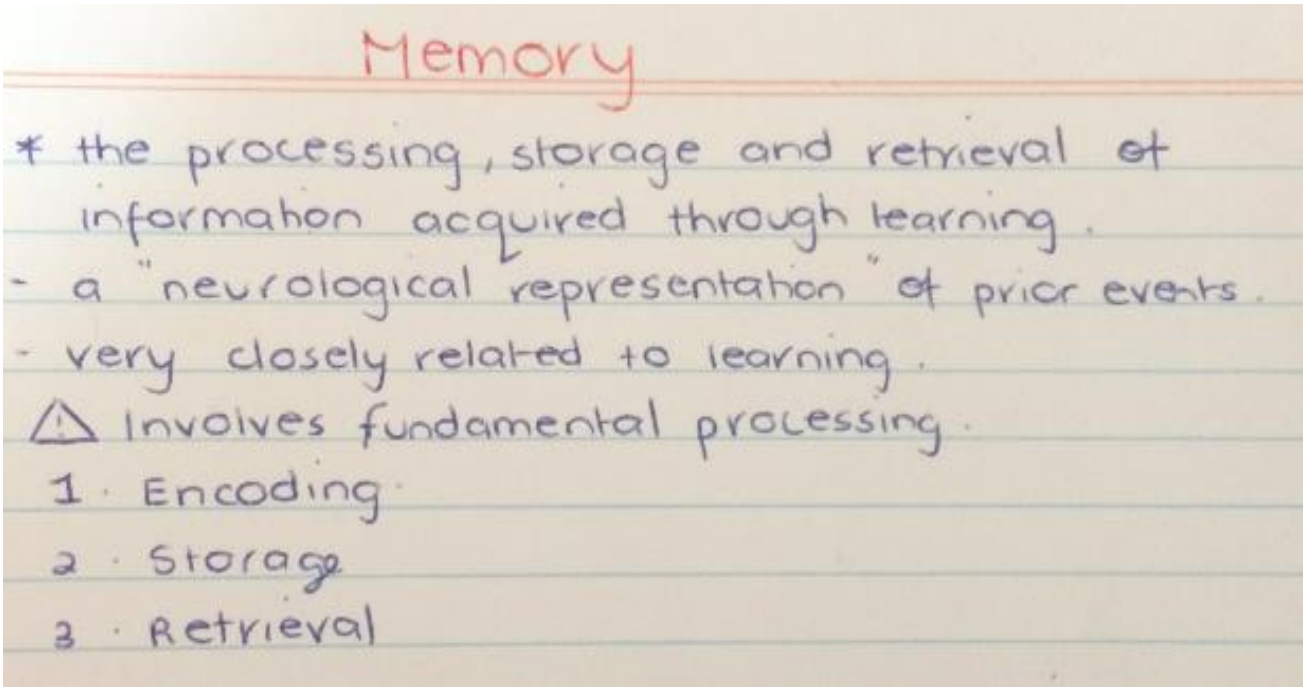
If anyone has any questions in regards to Work Experience, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Miss Pilkington
Work Experience Coordinator

Senior Study Skills
This semester the Senior School will be trialling a study skills program two mornings a week. These sessions will cover topics such as revision tips, exam terminology, careers, mindfulness and wellbeing.
So far this week, classes from 9-12 have completed a quiz to find out what their learning style is. They have also found out about some strategies they can use to aid their learning. Their task is to trial one strategy this week. Please have a chat to your child about which tool they are having a go at. Flash cards and visual reminders seemed like a popular choice, so don't be surprised if your walls soon turn into works of art. It's for the best cause, we promise!

Stay tuned throughout the semester to find out what other study skills we are discovering

Kind regards,
Sarah Clare



Year 10 English:
Students are reminded that they need to continue reading the class text 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time'. They received this during Step Up week last year and have until the end of next week (week 3) to complete their second reading. Parents please remind students of this. Students are also expected to have the completed draft of your issues oral by the end of week 6. Homework sheets due every Tuesday.

Hayley Lethlean
Year 10 English Teacher

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PA Meeting

Next Wednesday 15th February 2017

At 12.30 pm

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, Deb Ball

HELP WITH CATERING FOR NEXT WEDNESDAY 15th FEBRUARY PLEASE

A great opportunity has presented for good fundraising dollars with PA providing and organising the food for a Loddon Shire Council Forum, happening at the East Loddon P-12 College, next Wednesday, 15th February.

LUNCH is scheduled for 12 noon and we were hoping for food that people would be able to eat while standing and mingling around so perhaps finger food (party pies, quiches etc.) If we could also get a vegetarian option too, that would be fantastic. Any slices would be great too, please. As the Deb Ball is on Friday 31st March, any slices donated and not used, will be frozen to use then. Thanks heaps.

We really appreciate parents help with any opportunity to attract funding into PA so that we can continue to support the school by funding extra curricular programs and activities that will benefit our students, teachers and school. If you can send any food donations to the school that Wednesday morning, we will be at the Community Centre from 10 a.m. to plate food. Would welcome any volunteers early and then will go straight into the meeting, starting at 12.30 p.m.

Please call or text Leanne Welsh on 0447 689 309. We are so grateful for your help and have great cooks here at East Loddon. Many thanks.

PA Facebook: Our PA Facebook page has been 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. Please also remember you are welcome to contact the school directly for answers to queries.

We are all working to help each other.

Thanks again.

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Tania Twigg	Uniform	0428 379 258	taniatwigg@activ8.net.au

Canteen News

Canteen Roter

FEBRUARY			Monday 27th	Shannon Ralphs	
Friday 10th	Kaeler Grigg	Kate Duncan	Tuesday 28th	Sue Pickles	
			MARCH		
Monday 13th	Margaret Hocking		Wednesday 1st	Nicole Hocking	
Tuesday 14th	Sue Pickles		Thursday 2nd	Sue Pickles	
Wednesday 15th	Nicky Lawry	Julia Roulston	Friday 3rd	Lynda Cartwright	Yoli Humphries
Thursday 16th	Sue Pickles				
Friday 17th	Natalie Rose	Leanne Welsh			
Monday 20th	Toyah Ketterer				
Tuesday 21st	Sue Pickles				
Wednesday 22nd	Lisa Twigg	Kylie Adamson			
Thursday 23rd	Sue Pickles				
Friday 24th	P-12 Swimmng	NO LUNCHES			

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