



# EAST LODDON P- 12 COLLEGE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Our College respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and pay our respects to the ongoing living culture of Aboriginal people



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## Dates for Your Diary

### AUGUST

**9th** VTAC info Session

5.30-6.30pm

**10th** Yr 7/8 Term3

Sports Day

**11th** Year 10-12 Guest  
Speaker (see Senior Sub  
School section).

**14th** Curriculum Day

Student Free

**15th** P-4 Rochester Farm  
& Safety

Excursion

**16th** Yr 7 Noah's Ark

Excursion

**18th** Yrs 8/9/10

Creating the Future Ex-  
cursion

**21st** Yr 10 VCE or VCAL  
subject info 2.15—  
3.20pm

**28th** Yr 9/10 Term3  
Sports Day

**30th** Information Com-  
munication Technology

**31st** LaTrobe Aspire Ap-  
plications Due

## From the Principal

### Parent Teacher Student Interview Opportunity

I would like to thank all families who were able to attend our Parent Teacher Student Interviews on Tuesday either in person or via telephone. Your attendance at these interviews is very much appreciated. We understand that no matter what format we take with interviews, we are unable to best suit the needs of everybody. If you would like to discuss the progress of your child with any of their teachers, I would encourage you to make contact with the teacher or the College in general. Many of our classes also converse through digital forums such as Class Dojo, Bloomz or Edmodo, of which I would also encourage parents to consider taking part in.

### Parent Opinion Survey – We Want Our Parents To Tell Us What They Think

East Loddon P-12 College is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school. This survey is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents' perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted **online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and only takes **15 minutes** to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August**.

**A randomly selected group of 75 parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey via a letter sent home with relevant students this coming Monday, with all responses to the survey remaining anonymous.**

The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September. For further information, please speak to your child's teacher or visit: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyparent.aspx>

### Term 3 Curriculum Day

A reminder is extended to the College community of our Term 3 Curriculum Day to be held on Monday August 14<sup>th</sup>. This day is a student free day, as College staff will be attending a range of other schools to view best practice in a variety of elements that relate to our strategic direction.

# Principal's Report

## College Canteen – Money Sharing

It was noted on a couple of occasions this week that canteen staff/volunteers observed students sharing money with other students before entering the canteen (some large sums on occasion also). Whilst this 'care for others' is admirable, there are also cases where this money sharing can have more sinister intentions or outcomes. On occasions, students share money with others with the best of intentions and care for their friends, however, the student accepting the money can at times know that their own parent/guardian does not wish for them to purchase items from the canteen. At times, the student receiving the money may not be allowed to eat the particular item that is being purchased for family or medical reasons, and on other occasions the student giving the money to others may have actually 'taken' this from home without their parent/guardian's knowledge.

In short, although students are more than likely only wanting to be friendly to others, we do not want to place our students in an unintentionally awkward or

negative situation. Canteen money is not to be shared with others, it is to be spent on the intended purpose (which is more often than not, the purchasing of lunch, not icy-poles for a group of mates).

## Staff Vs Year 12 Wheelchair Soccer – (My tail is between my legs!)

I will keep this brief! After my spruiking of the likelihood of the staff beating the Year 12's in another sporting endeavour last week, we were very soundly beaten by the under-dogs! The staff will now look to the next sporting challenge, so that we can once again return to the winners list. Well done Yr 12!



Hope you have a great week!

**Steven Leed**  
**College Principal**

Please help us to get this message to all students, by having a chat with your child/ren about this tonight.

# Assistant Principal's Report

## Assistant Principals News

Thanks to everyone who attended Parent Teacher Student Interviews this week. Numbers were significantly down on the previous interviews and so we trust that if you have any concerns about your child's progress or half year report, that you will contact the relevant staff. Staff will also be in contact with you if they have concerns about your child. Please direct any feedback about the interviews to Mr Leed or myself.

Its busy busy busy at school again this week. Yesterday we had a group of our Year 12s go to Melbourne for the Kool Schools program, which I can't wait to hear more about, as they wrote and performed two song I believe. Next week the Year 8's head off to Kryal Castle for a day trip. I so want to go, but can not due to other commitments. My Uncle Eddie (rest his soul) was the blacksmith at Kryal Castle for years and each time we went to Ballarat mum and dad refused to take us there. Even when we yelled 'Kryal castle Kryal castle Kryal castle'. Hence I have castle envy for the Year 8s. Still today, I am the disgruntled bloke that kicks over sandcastles at the beach.

I've had a ripper week outside of school this week. My local footy club has been hosting the AFL Indian team. They are in Australia to play in the AFL international cup. This starts on the weekend and comes to Bendigo next Friday 11<sup>th</sup> when India plays Pakistan at Golden Square. This week I have hosted two of their players at my house. Here are some interesting facts about the men staying with me

One attends a school with 25,000 other students! Google 'Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences'. It is amazing

One fellow has rarely used a knife and fork and finds them difficult to use. He usually eats with his hands.

Running water does not exist in the village. Water is collected from the well (by the women). Hence one of my guests bathes with water from a bucket.

That said he had awesome wifi service in his village, as we skyped his parents.

6,000 people attended the final of the AFL comp in India, which was used to choose their team.

India is a mystery to me and sounds like a truly amazing place. If you're after a free night out, join us at Golden Square next Friday at 7:30pm.

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

## Help us celebrate all things Science by igniting your imagination!

What: SCIENCE WEEK 2017 – ‘FUTURE EARTH’

When: Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017

*Prep to Grade 2 students are asked to ignite their imagination and create an invention to solve the following problem: “How can we move those sheep across the Loddon River without using that busy bridge!?”*

*Grade 3 – 12 students are asked to solve this open-ended challenge: “What does a sustainable East Loddon look like?”*

Students from Prep – Year 10 will be allocated two Science lessons to work on this project but are encouraged to work on this at home too!

Designs can be entered into the Science Fair on Friday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August at 12:45pm in the Multi-purpose room.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Prizes will be awarded for:

Prep – 2 Challenge:

- Most creative invention
- Most practical invention

Grade Three and above challenge:

- Technology award
- Scientific sustainability award
- Creativity award

Prep – 12 Award:

The Albert Einstein, all-rounder award.

## What are you waiting for!?

## Let's start inventing!

Got a question about our Science week challenge?

Please get in touch with Miss Pilkington

as soon as you can,

there's no time to waste!



IGNITE YOUR  
IMAGINATION

### P-4 Update

#### Building Strong Foundations



#### Student of The Week

Prep—Caitlin for improving her writing by using great spelling strategies.

Year 1—Paige for using patterning to create equations and explaining these to the class.

Year 2—Angus for his excellent attitude to challenges.

Year 3—Darcy for working hard on his reading and writing.

Year 4—Matilda for always doing her best.



#### You Can Do It! Persistence (Working Tough)

Prep—Tom

Year 1—Noah

Year 2—Paige

Year 3—Riley

Year 4—Macey



#### Reading Clubs Congratulations to:

175 Nights of Reading	Y4-Mia, Molly and Ava Y3-Tori, Emily, Keira, Tristyn and Riley Y2-Chloe, Miles, Alex and Ella Y1-Paige and Ruby O. Prep- Caitlyn, Logan and Oliver
150 Nights of Reading	Y4-Fynn and Drew Y3-Hayley Y2-Jake and Angus Y1- Sarah and Angus Prep
125 Nights of Reading	Y3-Aidan
100 Nights of Reading	Y4-Ebony



Thank you for your commitment to sharing 'take home' books with your child every evening. The support you offer is helping to give your child the best learning opportunities possible. The skills developed in the early years build the foundation for all future learning and will directly impact on career pathways. The more you invest in your child's learning, the better their chances of realising their dreams in the future. You do make a real difference!

**Prep Letter in Focus**

Our Preps are currently learning about 'Ww' (water on a web) and 'Zz' (zebras in a zoo).

**Rochester Excursion Reminder**

If you wish for your child to attend the Rochester Farm and Road Safety Expo, and have not yet returned the permission form and \$10 to the office, please do so as soon as possible.

**Professional Development**

Our College and its staff is strongly committed to improving teacher effectiveness, curriculum delivery and student learning outcomes. On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> August our P-4 staff will be spending time observing classes as Specimen Hill Primary School, talking with staff about strategies and developing a framework for incorporating new teaching ideas. Specimen Hill was chosen because it uses a learning model similar to our own and has consistently achieved 'high growth' for all students, including those with special needs. This will also include looking at data collection and analysis.

**Science Happenings**

As part of Biological Science, some of our students explored using microscopes. One of the many advantages of being a P-12 College is the ability to access expensive science equipment and the expertise of staff, in this case Miss Pilkington. Our students looked at commercially produced slides but we are hoping that in the near future our Senior School students will be able to make slides of the different Eucalypt leaves we have been learning about.

**Science Competition**

Congratulations to Marley, Angus and Kyen on participating in the University of NSW Science Competitions, your readiness to 'have a go' is highly admirable.



**Special Sports Award- Cross Country**

Thanks to Mr Young for attending our assembly last Friday and presenting Ava with a well-deserved award for her effort and persistence in the State Cross Country Competition.



**On Demand Testing**

Our Years 3 and 4 students have just completed another component of the On Demand Testing (An online software program for student assessment). This time the students undertook the reading comprehension section. The information gathered is used in conjunction with other tests and teacher observations to make judgements about student progress, strengths and areas for improvement, and this in turn informs individual learning goals and future learning.

**Peter Vernon**  
**P-4 Co-ordination**

# Wellbeing Report



## Tuning in to Kids Rochester

Want to learn how to help your child manage feelings and emotions (emotional intelligence)?



Children with emotional intelligence...

have greater success with making and keeping friends

are more able to calm down when upset or angry

have better concentration at school

In this program you'll find out how to help your child understand and manage feelings such as worry, frustration and anger.

### Term 3, 2017

**When:** Tuesday 8th, 22nd and 29th August 2017 (This is a three session program)  
**Time:** Arrival and registration 9.45am  
 Sessions 10.00am - 2.00pm  
**Where:** St Joseph's Primary School Kildare Centre, Campaspe Street, Rochester  
**Cost:** Free  
**Child Care:** Sorry, no childcare provided  
**Facilitators:** Jo Rodriguez (Family Education Services CatholicCare Sandhurst)  
**Lunch and Morning Tea provided**

**For bookings phone school reception on (03) 5484 1797 and last day to book is Wednesday 2nd August 2017**  
 Groups are subject to maximum and minimum numbers determined seven working days prior to the commencement date. Early registration is encouraged

# Middle Years Sub-

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Our Middle Years Newsletter has changed! All teachers have begun to communicate with parents regularly via a program called Bloomz rather than updates in the school newsletter.

Parents should have received an email earlier this week to join your child's class page to receive regular updates from all Middle Years' classes. See Bloomz ([www.bloomz.net](http://www.bloomz.net)) for information. If you haven't received an introductory email, please contact Andrew Cameron at school.



Some general Middle Years information will still appear in the newsletter regularly.



### Middle Years Captains Report

This week we have all started our PE/Sport unit on gymnastics, we have also had our Parent, Teacher and Student Interviews. The Year 5's also had a video conference with an Olympic skier on Wednesday. Next week the Year 7/8's are going on a table tennis and basketball sports day on Thursday and the Year 8's are going to Kryal Castle on Tuesday. We hope you all have a great weekend. Zoe and Oscar

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### Senior School News

#### Year 10 -12 Guest Speaker

Lunch time event: Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of August MPR **Free BBQ lunch** 12:40pm-12:55pm & Presentation by Linden Barry **Managing Director & Founder of Cardboard Cartons** 12:55pm -1:20pm.

#### **Topics to be presented:**

- Employability skills
- What employers are looking for in an applicant?
- Presentation
- Resume
- Interview advice
- And much more relating to the work force & future employment

#### VTAC Year 12 student and parent information session

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> of August 5:30-6:30pm Staff Tea Room**

Year 12 students wishing to or interested in applying for University or TAFE courses in the future are encouraged to attend with their laptops and parents/guardian also. Notices were distributed to students yesterday.

#### Year 10 into VCE or VCAL subject information expo

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> of August 2:15pm-3:20pm – information was distributed to students today. Please ask your child for the note. There is a section that is required to be returned to the College Office.

#### La Trobe Aspire Applications

Reminder to Year 12 students and parents these applications close August 31st. I have spoken to Year 12 students about this on three occasions last term, however, just a friendly reminder that if you need me as a referee or assistance with drafting the application please let me know.

#### Year 9 students: Information Communication Technology (ICT) Event

Any interested Year 9 students have been invited to attend an ICT event at Rochester P-12 College on August 30<sup>th</sup>. The day focuses on potential future careers in ICT with a range of guest speakers and ICT related activities. Students who are interested need to let me know by Friday 11<sup>th</sup> of August. There are limited places available (eg maximum 4 students can attend).

#### Year 9 - Year 11: New Zealand Ski Trip Sep 2018 (repeated notice)

Planning with our cluster schools for the Sep 2018 New Zealand Ski trip has started. At this stage we require an

indication of students that wish to attend as soon as possible (August 7<sup>th</sup>).

The itinerary will be similar to our previous two trips. For example, approx. 7 days in Queenstown with 4 ski days and an outdoor activity day included. The cost is estimated at \$2300, plus extras such food for lunch, snacks, drinks, hiring additional gear eg. goggles, gloves. If students are wishing to attend a payment plan can be organised with the final deposit due July 1<sup>st</sup> 2018. This allows you time to get your kids working for the cash/holiday.

Further information is available from myself or I encourage you to ask past students that have attended also eg Caity H and Emily A. Students who wish to express an interest need to notify me by Monday 7<sup>th</sup> of August.

#### Good luck Jacinta C

This weekend Jacinta in Year 11 is being interviewed for a place at the National Youth Science Forum. She has successfully completed other requirements such as, application forms, responded to online questions and attended an information session. Jacinta has been busily preparing for her anticipated interview questions. Good luck Jacinta.

Thanks for taking the time to read this, lots happening at the moment so please let me know if you have any questions.

Pictured is further progress in a garden areas with our Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Ed class. We are now juggling how to stretch the funds & bark a little further.



Thanks

**Sarah Byrne**

**Senior Sub-School Leader**

# Canteen News

<b>TERM 3</b>			AUGUST		
<b>AUGUST</b>			Monday 21st	Judy Mountjoy	
Friday 4th	Mel Primrose	Miranda Smith	Tuesday 22nd	Sue Pickles	
			Wednesday 23rd	Nicky Lawry	
Monday 7th	Bec Cullen		Thursday 24th	Sue Pickles	
Tuesday 8th	Sue Pickles		Friday 25th	Lynda Cartwright	Sue Holt
Wednesday 9th	Lisa Twigg	Brian Duffy			
Thursday 10th	Sue Pickles		Monday 28th	Belinda Clymo	
Friday 11th	Leanne Welsh	Natalie Rose	Tuesday 29th	Sue Pickles	
			Wednesday 30th	Nicole Hocking	
Monday 14th	Curriculum Day	STUDENT FREE DAY	Thursday 31st	Sue Pickles	
Tuesday 15th	Sue Pickles		SEPTEMBER		
Wednesday 16th	Kate Duncan		Friday 1st	Michelle Balic	Yoli Humphries
Thursday 17th	Sue Pickles				
Friday 18th	Kaeler Grigg	Toyah Ketterer			

## KFC – Kids Friday Club Term 3

KFC got off to a great start last Friday, and continues for the next 3 Fridays - August 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>.

Kids, - get your name marked off the bus list and meet in the Multipurpose Room straight after school until 5pm. Remember to bring a gold coin, some afternoon tea to share (nothing containing nuts) and a smile J

This Term we're going to continue learning about how God wants us to treat one another.

Our annual Bush Olympics will be held at Bears Lagoon on Sunday August 20<sup>th</sup> following our Family Celebration Service at 11am. This is always a highlight on the KFC Calendar. The Service is designed for children and families to join in and the Bush Olympics provide a great time of old fashioned races - egg and spoon, book balancing and the lolly man with chocolate medals up for grabs. Bring some lunch to share.

Contacts for enquiries: Robyn Falls 0429368242, Wendy Twigg 54368264 or Judy Mountjoy 04288379222 or Leanne Welsh 0447689309

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
7th	8th Year 8 Kryal Castle Excursion	9th VTAC Yr 12 Student & Parent Information Session	10th Term 3 Year 7/8 Sports Day	11th Yr 10-11 Guest Speaker Free BBQ	12th	13th
14th Curriculum Day STUDENT FREE DAY	15th P-4 Rochester Farm Safety Excursion	16th Year 7 Noah's Ark Excursion	17th	18th Years 8/9/10 Creating the Future for Humanity Excursion	19th	20th
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28th Year 9/10 Term Sports Day	29th	30th Yr 9 students Information Communication Technology	31st La Trobe Aspire Applications Due	1st SEPTEMBER	2nd	3rd