

EAST LODDON P- 12 COLLEGE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dates for Your Diary

AUGUST

18th Yrs 8/9/10, (8 students) Creating the Future Excursion
Cancelled

21st Yr 12 English Excursion

Yr 10 VCE or VCAL subject info 2.15—3.20pm

24th Jets Gymnastics Excursion Yr's 2-6

28th Yr 9/10 Term3 Sports Day

30th Information Communication Technology

Parent's Association Meeting 10am Community House

31st LaTrobe Aspire applications due today

Fathers Day Egg & Bacon Brekky

SEPTEMBER

4th—8th Bogong Snow Camp

6th Yr 9/10 Sculpture Excursion

From the Principal

Lions Club Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations are extended to Marley A and Libby C, who represented the College and East Loddon Lions Club at the regional level of competition in Cohuna on Sunday. Both Marley and Libby did an outstanding job with their speeches and received a great deal of positive feedback. Libby also managed to win her section and move on to the next level of competition once again this year.

Well done to both girls on their outstanding efforts. Staff at East Loddon are very proud of you both!

East Loddon Sunday Fun Day

To be held on Sunday, August 27 at East Loddon P-12 College from 11am until 2pm. Students attending our 2018 Turkish Exchange will be conducting a steak tasting event with TastePoint.com and for every adult that takes part in this free beef tasting on this day, a \$1 donation will be forwarded to their club or charity of choice.

The students involved in the Turkish Exchange will give a brief presentation regarding their upcoming exchange and well-known local musician David Lakeman and his fellow musical friends will entertain all with their music.

Stalls on the day will include the Kindergarten selling seeds in seedling trays, a cake stall, Coffee shop, BBQ and cold drinks, CWA bric-a-brac/plants, Dingee Bush Nursing Centre and the Men's Shed will also be in attendance.

There will be plenty of seating. So come along and bring some friends for a relaxed social day to catch up with and support others from our community.

120 spots are available for the beef tasting which will be allocated to the first 120 adults who confirm their participation to: Steven Leed or Sarah Pilkington via the College Ph: 54 368300 or email: nicky_lawry@hotmail.com



Private Speech Sessions

Availability will shortly open up for another 2 students of kinder or school age to undertake private speech sessions with Laura-Jane of Talk It Up Speech Pathology. These sessions take place at the College on a fortnightly basis, assisting families in accessing this much sought after service, and preventing the need to take a full day off school to attend an appointment in Bendigo or Echuca. Laura-Jane has established a tremendous rapport with all students who currently attend sessions, and the positive results gains that have been noted with current students have been most positive.

If this service is something that you would like to know more about, please do not hesitate to make contact with our College Office, or alternatively you may wish to talk directly with Laura-Jane on 0438 006 445.

Feel free to also take a look at Talk It Up's website - <http://www.talkitupbendigo.com/>

Monday's Curriculum Day

Monday's Curriculum Day was a great initiative in that staff were able to spend quality time in a variety of school settings, focussing on areas of strategic priority for the College. My group travelled to Ouyen P-12 College to view the happenings a College very similar in size and context to ours. We have taken away a great deal of findings, recommendations and observations, as have all other groups. This coming Wednesday afternoon, College staff will conduct a sharing session for all staff which will provide an opportunity for further collaboration and discussion of our observations. College Council representatives have also been invited to attend this session if they are able to. Other schools visited on Monday were in Rochester, Echuca, Bendigo, Birchip, Wycheproof, and Kerang, with a staff member also attending our DET Regional Office in Bendigo.

As a College, we are continuing to look at ways in which we can further improve the level of education that we are delivering to our students, and these visits will provide a level of direction and focus for the future.

New Bell Music – From A Trio Of Musical Stars!

Year 12 students Cyan N (vocals), Nick K (drums) and Tom B (guitar and bass) – known as 'Comfort Zone' – travelled to Melbourne recently as part of a Kool Skools initiative, to record their original tracks 'Hand In My Pocket' and 'Monochrome'. Their songs were forwarded to the College yesterday and they are impressive!!!

Students and staff will be able to enjoy these songs for the immediate future as Miss Harrington has placed the tunes onto our bell music loop. It has been great to hear from the talented trio, and I am sure that students will all be singing along in the not-to-distant future!



Gym Storage Shed – Construction Underway

As a result of the tremendous community fundraising efforts last year, and donations towards our College Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Fund, we have been able to follow through further with our Gym project of 2016. This week has seen the start of the construction of a Gym Storage Shed to be placed alongside the existing storage area at the back of the College gym. This area will house our College stage, chairs and gymnastics equipment, freeing up much needed space for the gym equipment that is used on a daily basis.

I would like to once again extend thanks to all College community members who donated to our community gym project in 2016. Our staff and students are certainly very thankful for the improved facility we now have the privilege of using each day.

I would also like to extend a special thankyou to Adrian Hocking, who led the efforts of shifting both water and a tank for this new development. It is the dedication of time and effort such as this that allow us to make College projects a reality!

Whilst I am passing on thanks, could I also thank David Cullen who also took time out of his own busy schedule earlier this term to assist with a project within the College grounds. We very much appreciate this also!

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

Parents who received an invitation to participate in this year's School Parent Opinion Survey, are reminded to please take part in this survey before August 27th. Please remember that we are very keen on honest feedback, and that your answers remain confidential!

The 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 is conducted **online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd** and only takes **15 minutes** to complete.

The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September. For further information, please visit:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyparent.aspx>

Hope you have a great week!

Steven Leed
College Principal

Science Week

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Happy Science Week 2017!

It's been a busy and creative Science week for us all here at East Loddon P-12 College with our Prep-10 students putting on their thinking caps for our Science Week design challenges. The students have enjoyed our new 'Tinker Space' in the library, which has been open each lunch time, allowing them to work on their inventions!

Tomorrow's Science fair will be run in the multi-purpose room over lunch time (1pm-1:30pm), everyone is welcome to attend to view the amazing work from our students over the week.

We've had two challenges this week for students:

Prep - Grade 2: What can you invent to help get the sheep over the river without using that busy bridge?

Grade 3 - Year 10: What can you invent for a more sustainable East Loddon? (there has been a large focus on Agriculture in most inventions)

We have invited farmers from our community to assist in judging these inventions, and will be awarding prizes at sub-school assemblies on Friday afternoon.

Nude food day tomorrow:

This week, we have also been conducting waste audits over lunch time, tracking how much plastic, recyclables and other waste we dispose of. On average, from Prep-Year 12, we are discarding **1kg of waster per lunch time**. Whilst this is quite a good result, we want to try and make it better! We are encouraging everyone to challenge themselves to a 'nude food day' tomorrow, meaning, try to carry you lunch in some re-usable to reduce our waste. We'll be conducting another waste audit tomorrow to see the difference!

A big thank you to all our staff, students and parents for getting involved and supporting Science Week! I can't wait to see everyone's inventions tomorrow! Hope to see some parents there too!

PS. If you haven't already, check out this weeks edition of The Weekly Times. Our very own Oliver L, Ned C and Jess D are featured in an article about our Science week!

Sarah Pilkington
(Science Co-Ordinator)



Kool Skools

Empire Records welcome East Loddon P-12 College's newest band 'Comfort Zone'

On Wednesday 2nd Aug Nick K, Tom B and Cyan C travelled to Melbourne to record at Studio 52, a music recording studio owned by Empire Records. The three-piece band known as 'Comfort Zone' wrote and recorded two original songs with sound engineer Trevor Carter. Trevor has more than 30 years in the industry and has played a large role in writing for, recording and signing bands and artists such as Silverchair, The Cat Empire, Delta Goodrem, Axle Whitehead, Missy Higgins and many more. Comfort Zone blew Trevor away by their style and skills and he spoke to them about their future in the industry. Their tracks form part of an album that sees East Loddon P-12 College join students from Boort and Pyramid Hill on an album funded by the Loddon Shire. This album will then make up part of the Kool Skools Project that sees schools from across the country nominated for awards in a similar format to the Aria Awards. These awards are highly sought after and are often judged by big names in the music industry such as music promoter Ian 'Molly' Meldrum. Thanks to Mrs Merryn Arthur for accompanying the students with me on what was a very long but very rewarding day. The album is expected to arrive to schools for sale in early Term 4 (be sure to get your copy signed before they're famous!).

Miss Harrington



P-4 Update

Building Strong Foundations



Student of The Week

Prep—Oliver for imagination and enthusiasm with his Science project.

Year 1—Lily for her fantastic effort with reading.

Year 2—Allira for being helpful and caring to everyone in the class.

Year 3—Keira for being a great classroom helper and showing care for classmates.

Year 4—Ryan for his good behaviour, for being focused and for terrific effort all week.

You Can Do It!

Prep—Travis

Year 1—Teagen

Year 2—Matilda

Year 3—Oliver

Year 4—Shyann



Reading Clubs

175 Nights of Reading	Y3-Joseph and Emily Y2-Emily, Billy and Kiara Y1-Oscar and Sienna
150 Nights of Reading	Y3-Hayley
125 Nights of Reading	Y3-Zach



Prep Letter in Focus

The sounds being consolidated this week are 'Ss' (Seals slide) and 'Ff' (Five fat fish).

Prep Words To Fluency

The words in focus come from the Science theme and are : 'design' and 'explore'. These are part of oral language development.

Professional Development

On Monday, four of our staff visited Specimen Hill Primary School, which was recommended to us by Regional Office staff, to view programs in action and to discuss policy initiatives. We spent four and a half hours with the Principal, DI Craig, and their Teaching and Learning Coach, Jo Ryan). We spent time in each of their classrooms, talking with students and staff and reviewing their resources. We then spent three hours at Regional Office identifying features we would like to incorporate to improve student learning outcomes and discussing timelines for their implementation. It is an exciting time to be in education and we really appreciated the generosity and collegiality extended to us by the staff at Specimen Hill. We also appreciate the support of College Council and parents in to us by the staff at Specimen Hill. We also appreciate the support of College Council and parents in making this opportunity available, we look forward to continually identifying and implement 'best practice'.

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LITERACY HINTS

Successfully reading texts often requires the reader to draw upon experiences to support visualising, a key component in developing understanding of the text.

Text to Self Connections- We draw upon direct experiences and bring those experiences to the text we are reading. We understand because it is familiar to us.

What can you do at home? Go to different places, talk a lot to develop vocabulary and build lasting memories.

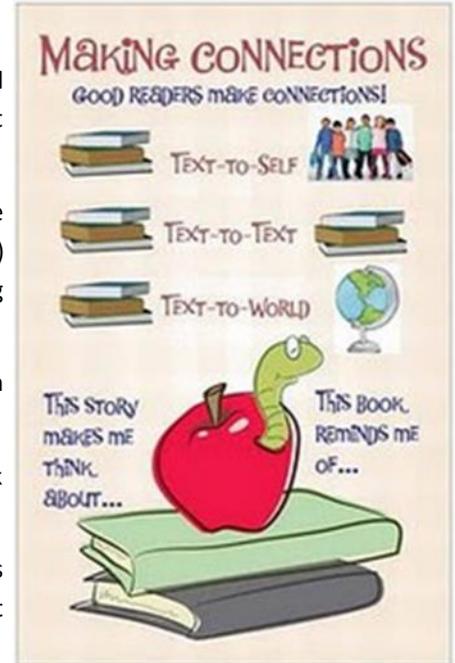
Text to Text Connections- We have read about topics in other texts and we bring that information to the new text to help us make sense of what we are reading.

What can you do at home? Share lots of books with your children, we can't experience everything direct (and we probably wouldn't want to) but we can read about them, developing vocabulary and building knowledge and understanding.

Text to World Connections- These are third tier experience. We can learn by viewing film or listening to others as they share their experiences.

What can you do at home? Watch quality films with your child and talk about what you see and hear.

Remember that conversation is an essential element in all three levels and the key to vocabulary development. You are an incredibly important partner in this process.



Rochester Cancellation

Your child will have brought home letter today discussing the cancellation and remuneration for family contributions.

Preps and Science

This week is Science Week but at our College we incorporate Science into our curriculum every week. Not only does it provide students with knowledge and understanding of the world around them, but it also introduces students to potential career pathways. Take a moment to talk with your child about the Science they are currently learning in classes, and even cease the opportunity to extend their learning at home through Internet, books, film or first hand experiences.



Peter Vernon
P-4 Co-ordinator

Yr 2/3 Integrated studies-Health

During Health the Yr 2/3 class have been learning about Healthy Eating with the focus on Healthy Bones. The class learnt that calcium keeps our bones healthy and that milk, cheese and yoghurt gives us calcium. This week the class made a Healthy Bones Skeleton as one of their activities in Health. Photos of their finished skeletons have been entered in the Dairy Australia-Healthy Bones Week competition. As you can see there are some 'good looking' bones in the Yr 2/3 class.



Annette Burgstett

Yr 2/3 Integrated Studies teacher



Middle Years Sub-School

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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.

If you are a Middle Year's parent and have not joined Bloomz, please contact Andrew Cameron or your child's homeroom teacher to ensure we have your email. See Bloomz (www.bloomz.net) for information.



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



Middle Years Captains Report

On Wednesday the Year 7's went on a Science excursion to Ecolinc. This week was Science Week and as a part of that middle years students were doing projects on how we could make either a dairy farm or the school a more sustainable place. These are going to be judged at Friday lunchtime. On Saturday Zoe L is going to the state finals of the German Poetry cCompetition so we've had a lot of students representing the school again. Oscar and Zoe

Deutsche Nachrichten

This week has been a busy week in Frau Mac's Klassen. They have continued working on their film for the German Schools Film Competition. On Saturday 19th August, Zoe L will be going down to the Austrian Club in Melbourne to participate in the Klasse 8 section in the State Final of the AGTV Poetry Competition. Wishing all the best for Saturday, Zoe.

Annette Burgstett
German Co-ordinator



Photography Competition 2018 #improud Calendar

Damien Drum MP has opened up a photography competition asking entrants to submit photographs which showcase something that makes you proud of living in the Murray Electorate. Here are the details:

Open to high school students only (Years 7-12).

Photos must be taken in the Murray electorate (you can Google the map boundaries).

Entries must be landscape orientation.

Your entry must include an entry form and authority form to be eligible.

You can submit more than one entry, however each photo entered needs its own entry form.

Entries close Friday 15th September 2017.

PRIZE:

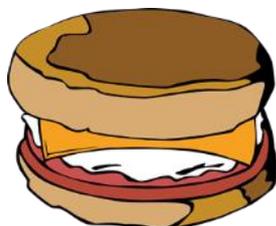
12 finalists will have their photograph featured in the 2018 calendar, and their photograph will be framed and hung in Mrs Drum's Parliament House office.

ONE winner will receive a \$100 voucher to spend at a photography store.

See Mrs Heaslip or Mr Aurisch for more information!



Bring your special male along to our
Fathers Day Egg & Bacon Muffin Breaky



Muffins served @ 8.15am

Thursday August 31st
in the Multi Purpose room

Kindly sponsored by the East Loddon Lions club

&

Sports Colours Day

Gold coin donation collected by the SRC

Parents Association NEWS

Next P.A. Meeting



Wednesday 30th August 2017 @ 10 am

At the East Loddon Community Centre

(building beside entrance to school)

Everyone welcome – Cuppa & cake included!

Leanne Welsh President 03 5436 6281 or 0447 689 309 welsh600@gmail.com

Kaeler Grigg Secretary 0448 632 780 kaelergrigg@hotmail.com

Come join us


**Bendigo
Tennis**

Register now for Summer 2017



Bendigo Tennis is offering all Bendigo Primary and Secondary School Students with a FREE trial Tennis membership, to help you get into the upcoming summer season of tennis. The membership is valid from **15th August – 30th September, 2017**, and offers players **FREE** court access at the **BRAND NEW Bendigo Tennis Complex** (Nolan St) during the valid period (subject to availability)

Come and join our social, development and competitive playing opportunities, with formats for players of all ages and abilities, including:

- Juniors (Mon, Wed, Fri & Sat)
- Midweek ladies (Tues, Wed & Thurs AM)
- Saturday afternoon Seniors
- Social Seniors (Monday AM)
- Night Comps (Men, Ladies, Mixed)



The **NEW LOOK Bendigo Tennis Complex** boasts a Pro Shop, Café/Bar, Functions Center, Hot Shots Zone and landscaped surrounds.

For full details or to register, visit:

www.bendigotennis.com.au

Senior School News

Thanks Adrian H – you are awesome. As a PE and Sport teacher here, I'm really excited that our new storage shed is starting to be built. Special mention and thanks to Adrian H who moved a concrete tank to make way for the new shed. Very much appreciated.

Year 10 into VCE or VCAL & VET subject information expo

Parents & Guardians are welcome!!!

Monday 21st of August 2:15pm-3:20pm – information was distributed to students over 2 weeks ago. From 2:15pm-2:45pm Year 10 students will find about their options post Year 10 eg VCE or VCAL and the related opportunities associated with these.

From 2:45pm-3:20pm Year 10 & 11 students will have the opportunity to speak to teachers of various subjects in the MPR. It will be in an expo style format.

Managed Individual Pathways MIPS co-ordinator Sue Clay will be in attendance and also Mary-Ann Sait from the LLEN to answer questions about VET courses offered at Charlton, Structured Work Placements and more. If you are unable to attend but would like information please make contact with me.

La Trobe Aspire Applications

Reminder to Year 12 students and parents these applications close August 31st. Students have received this information. Basically if you son or daughter is in Year 12 and interested in applying for La Trobe Uni they should be applying for this. It is an online application that has just two key questions to the application. I am more than happy to assist students with this process.

Year 10 -12 Guest Speaker

Last Friday during lunch time our lovely students gave up some time for free snag (thanks Mr Bunton, Tom F, Dylan and Riley) to attend a presentation by Linden Barry Managing Director & Founder of Cardboard Cartons. He was an entertaining presenter who spoke openly about employability skills, what employers are looking for in an applicant, presentation, appropriate dress, resume tips and showing initiative. We even found out why Leanne W married her awesome husband.

It was a really nice gesture from Linden to give up his time and make the effort to speak to our students. Thanks to Leanne W and Mr Bunton for organising the presentation.



Mock Interviews

Mock interviews were conducted for Year 10 students as part of their study of work and work futures in Humanities. The interviews provided students with an opportunity to develop their skills in writing resumes, letters of application and finally undertake a mock interview before a panel of people. Students were able to refer to their Work Experience program by using this experience and the skills they developed to build a profile of employability skills and attitudes. While the mock interviews were challenging, they represent an important experience as students build their capacity to transition from school to further study and work. Students took the interviews very seriously and received feedback from their respective panel members, who were made up of people from the local community, Rotarians from Bendigo South East and staff from the North Central LLEN.

I thank all students for their most effective participation and the volunteers who made up our interview panels.

Shane Rudkins



Year 9 Buddy Program with Yea 1

We are visiting the Year 1 class once a week during reading time. We listen to them read and give them feedback on how they can improve and how well they can read. We have noticed that they are pretty confident and they have got lots of techniques for sounding out words and breaking them up. We all enjoy going down to the Year 1 class, and we'd like to thank Mr Vernon and the class for having us in there. We look forward to more buddy reading! – Written by Jasmine C and Jamiee A



HEALTHY BONES WEEK

Students at East Loddon P-12 College Health Classes have been learning the importance of calcium in their diets as part of the Healthy Bones Week initiative.

Did you know that bones reach their peak bone mass by your 20's?

This is when bones are at their strongest. Strong healthy bones assist children to reach their optimum growth level. This is why it's so important that your bones are looked after from the time you are born.

Just like adults children need all (3) key elements for Healthy Bones. Calcium + Exercise + Sunshine.

Calcium

If your children are aged between 4-8 years they should aim to have 2-3 serves of calcium-rich foods each day to reach a total intake of 700mg/day.

Older children (9-11 years) and teens (12-18 years) should aim to have 3 serves of calcium-rich foods each day to reach a total intake of 1000-1300 mg/day. This is their period of rapid bone growth.

Exercise

Running, jumping and skipping are all simple everyday activities that your children probably enjoy already. Younger children are doing this everyday in the school yard and don't even know that they are doing a great job looking after their bones.

For teenagers it's a little harder, after all you have to pull them away from their ipod! Get them to access their own Healthy Bones Score and share the results with their friends, maybe they can send out a challenge to their friends to get them all going?

Sunshine

Yes ...get them outside. We all need a little sunshine, approximately 5-10 minutes during summer, and for longer periods in winter. Start today to build strong healthy bones.

Exposure in summer is recommended at mid morning or mid afternoon (i.e 11am or 3pm daylight saving time). Avoid peak UV periods.

In winter larger exposure time is required and probably at midday.

MAD MILKSHAKE DAY

On **Tuesday 29th August**, the Wellbeing Team through the support of the Community Centre and Cardboard Cartons will be serving **FREE** milkshakes at lunchtime outside **the Multi-Purpose Room** to promote **Healthy Bones Week**.

More information regarding the fun activities that we learn about for Healthy Bones Week can be found on www.dairy.edu.au/discoverdairy or score your bone health online by going to www.healthybonesaustralia.org.au and follow the links. While there, learn about why bone health is crucial and how you can improve yours.



Canteen News

TERM 3			AUGUST		
AUGUST			Monday 4th	Margaret Hocking	
Friday 18th	Kaeler Grigg	Toyah Ketterer	Tuesday 5th	Sue Pickles	
			Wednesday 6th	Bec Cullen	
Monday 21st	Judy Mountjoy		Thursday 7th	Sue Pickles	
Tuesday 22nd	Sue Pickles		Friday 8th	Leanne Welsh	Miranda Smith
Wednesday 23rd	Nicky Lawry				
Thursday 24th	Sue Pickles		Monday 11th	Michell Diss	
Friday 25th	Lynda Cartwright	Sue Holt	Tuesday 12th	Sue Pickles	
			Wednesday 13th	Penny Cockerel	Karolyn Campbell
Monday 28th	Belinda Clymo		Thursday 14th	Sue Pickles	
Tuesday 29th	Sue Pickles		Friday 15th	Me Primrose	Toyah Ketterer
Wednesday 30th	Nicole Hocking				
Thursday 31st	Sue Pickles				
SEPTEMBER					
Friday 1st	Michelle Balic	Yoli Humphries			

KFC – Kids Friday Club Term 3

Our final KFC is tomorrow August 18th.

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

Our annual Bush Olympics will be held at Bears Lagoon this Sunday August 20th 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
21st Yr 12 VCE English Excursion Yr 10 VCE or VCAL Subject Information Expo	22nd	23rd	24th Year 2-6 Jets Gymnastics Excursion	25th	26th	27th
28th Year 9/10 Term Sports Day	29th	30th Yr 9 students Information Communiuca- tion Technology Event	31st La Trobe Aspire Applica- tions Due Fathers Day Egg & Bacon Brekky	1st SEPTEMBER	2nd	3rd
4th Yr 9/10 Bogong Snow Camp begins	5th	6th Yr 9/10 Sculp- tue Excursion Yr7/8 La Trobe incursion	7th	8th Yr 9/10 Bogong Snow Camp returns	9th	10th
11th	12th	13th	14th	15th Zeeko Music Incursion Start time 1.50pm MPR	16th	17th

Life After An Apocalypse excursion cancelled

Unfortunately the Life After An Apocalypse excursion that was scheduled for Friday 18th August has been cancelled by the organisers. The students in Year 8, 9 and 10 that were going to be attending have been informed as well. We are hoping to organise an alternative excursion in the future and will distribute information about that once plans are finalised.

Rebecca Johns