

EAST LODDON P- 12 COLLEGE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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Dates for Your Diary

SEPTEMBER

8th Bogong Snow Camp returns

13th IAAF Kids Athletics (after school) is full.

14th AFL's 9s Yr 3/ 4

15th Zeeko Music P-4
1.50pm start MPR Parents Free

18th Primary Division Athletics

Yr7 Big Picture Market Day (more details next week)

20th College Production
2weeks to go
Community BBQ
6pm

21st Yr 7 Immunisation
AFL's 9s Years 5 / 6

22nd Yr 5 & 7 Recycling Program Waste Audit

End of Term 3 Early finish 2.30pm

9th Term 4 begins

From the Principal

College Production in 2 weeks.

Hope to see you there!

Literacy, Numeracy and E-Smart Week

Another very busy week at the College has seen a range of exciting 'things' take place across a range of year levels. Make sure that you take the time to read some of the articles on this week's activities throughout this newsletter, and also on the Bloomz app if you are interested in what has been taking place in the middle years classes.

Exciting German News

At the College, we were very excited when we heard that Chelsea H and Jessica D had been accepted into the BJR student exchange program, that saw two German students attend our College earlier this year, and will see Chelsea and Jessica attend a school in Germany later this year.

Last night we received further exciting news in that we have now had another student accepted into next year's exchange program. This will see Sophie H attend a school in Germany late next year, after her 'exchange sister' attends East Loddon P-12 College at the beginning of 2018. Congratulations are extended to Sophie, her family and the College's German staff for making this happen.

A Visit From The Bendigo Advertiser

I am really excited to report that Emma D'Agostino from the Bendigo Advertiser will spend a large proportion of the day at the College next Wednesday 13th September. Emma will shadow myself for the day and write a number of articles on the College and some of the initiatives and programs that are currently running. This 'A day in the life of East Loddon P-12 College' article will feature in the Bendigo Advertiser shortly after this date and I am really excited that we will have the chance to showcase some of the many wonderful things that we do.

Parent Opinion Survey Now Completed

Thanks are extended to all families who took the time to complete this year's Parent Opinion Survey. We had 37 surveys completed this year, which is significantly more than we have ever had in the past. I sincerely thank our parents for this as we very much value the time taken to provide us with open and honest feedback. The results and feedback from these surveys will be forwarded to the College at the beginning of Term 4, and I look forward to sharing the information with staff and the wider College community.

Zeeko Music Incursion 15th September, 1.50pm start Parents may attend free of charge

Principal's Report (cont.)

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/>

9/10 Snow Camp

Whilst it has felt cold enough to snow at East Loddon at times this week, our Year 9/10 Outdoor Education students are experiencing the real thing at Bogong all week. Miss Byrne and Mr Aurisch have reported that camp is going very well and we look forward to hearing of their week when they return tomorrow.



Gym Storage Shed

Construction of our new storage shed behind the gym is well under way and it is hoped that works will be finished in the coming days. This is exciting for the entire PE Learning Area as the much needed additional storage space has been something that the team has wanted for some time now. This additional storage space will assist in allowing for better access to the many great items of sporting equipment that are used on a daily basis.

Have a great week!

Steven Leed
College Principal

Assistant Principal's Report

Assistant Principals News

Congratulations to all involved at Calivil after their win in the Loddon Valley footy grand final on the weekend. To all other teams that played footy or netball congrats on your season also. Can't wait for the AFL finals to start this week either. I'm crossing my fingers for Byrnsie, Miss Pilko, Henry and any other Tigers band wagon 'jumperonerers'. At least Richmond has a good song.

In other sports news, I travelled to Bendigo last week, with the Year 9 and 10 table tennis teams. We performed admirably, which is code for, we got smashed off the court. That's all ok though, our kids were well mannered, great sports, enjoyed the day and upset a few teams along the way. As I said to the team, 'no one really wants to be the best table tennis players in Bendigo do they?' It really is a special skill table tennis. You can be good at it (and our kids were) but then there is another level that some people go to. How people become that good at table tennis is a bit like a secret cult. Our stand out 'Stars for the day' were Emma K and Zac C. Well done to all involved.

There have been some changes of late to the advice that the Department issues on student drivers. As such, School Council has made a policy for use by our College. It relates primarily to our Year 12 students, who drive themselves and potentially other students to and from school. The policy is attached and I would strongly encourage you all to read this. If you are a parent of a Year 12 student who currently drives to school, please feel free to ring and discuss its implications. Our number one priority is for students to have the safest transit possible to and from school.

They Year 9/10 Outdoor Ed students have been at the snow this week. This is an awesome opportunity for these kids and wow have they picked the week to be there. Snow down to 300 m at one stage. Trips like this bring challenges to our remaining Year 9 and 10 students' classes. Know that your children are expected to attend if not on camp. Sometimes I think students convince their parents that they don't need to be here because there is a camp taking place. This is garbage. Don't fall for it. Your child is required at school every day, regardless of what activities their peers are involved with. Classes continue as is.

A big shout out to all Year 12's who are entering the AGGGH phase of their education. I know that my year 12 maths students are really stepping up to the plate by visiting me outside of class time and completing an enormous amount of revision as the exams loom. I am so proud of their work and hope that the same is happening in all of their other classes. Please keep encouraging your kids as they lead in to this busy time.

Enjoy your weekend

Scott Wilkinson
Assistant Principal

East Loddon P-12 College STUDENT DRIVER POLICY

Rationale: As students complete their final years of schooling, many become licenced to drive motor vehicles. Some choose to drive to school. The College requires the capacity to monitor which students do travel in private vehicles and ensure parents of drivers and passengers are aware of any such arrangements.

Aims: The aim of this policy is to encourage the safe and legal transport of all student drivers and their passengers, to and from our College. It also aims to inform the College and relevant parents of all students who are travelling as or with student drivers.

Implementation:

Any student that holds a valid Victorian licence who intends to drive to school, (either on a regular basis or occasionally), must comply with the school policy and is required to complete the Parent Permission and Student Agreement Form.

School Requirements

1. Students are required to adhere to all road rules and drive in a safe and responsible manner.
2. Students are only to use their car for travelling to and from school. Students are not permitted under any circumstances to drive from the school grounds during the day without prior permission of both the College and relevant parents.
3. Student licence details and car make and registration must be recorded with the school.
4. Students may only park in the designated student parking area.
5. Students are not permitted to carry other students as passengers to and from school without the written permission of their parent/guardian and the passenger's parent/guardian and ratification by the Principal or their representative.. If student drivers carry passengers they must adhere to the Graduated Licensing System (GLS) peer passenger restrictions. Further to this, the College requires that if students transport siblings then they must carry no other passengers.

The GLS condition requires all P1 drivers to carry no more than one peer passenger (aged 16-22 years). Peers do not include siblings. This condition does not apply when a fully licensed driver is sitting in the front passenger seat.

6. Students are required to notify the school of any passenger who may be travelling with them to and/or from school.
7. Student drivers, a parent/guardian and, if relevant, the parent/guardian of any passenger, must sign the Parent permission and Student Agreement Form.

Appropriate sanctions will apply where students fail to meet these obligations. Any unsafe driving behaviour or breaches of road rules will be reported to the police.

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in... August 2017.



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Numeracy Week Treasure Hunts

It was great to see the large number of students participating in the treasure hunts as part of the National Literacy and Numeracy Week activities yesterday. It was particularly special to see the Year 12 students helping their prep buddies! Students had to find different locations on the map of the school and then search for a letter. If they followed the clues in the right order, the letters made a word, and they got an entry into the prize draw. There was a fantastic number of entries and the prize winners were Jake S and Oscar B, Molly H, Marley A and Ava M, while Travis S (with the help of Nick K) won the main prize of an iTunes voucher. Huge thanks to Mr Cameron, Mrs Lister, Miss Pilkington and Mr Clayton for their help running the activity.

Rebecca Johns



The NCLLEN thanks to partnering with the Northern Grampians Shire – is able to support interested young people aged 12- 22 in Buloke and Loddon Shires to attend **Launchpad - October 2nd and 3rd**

Whether they have the next world changing idea or are just dipping their toe into the world of social enterprise, [YMCA's Launchpad](http://youthforcauses.ymca.org.au/programs-and-workshops/launchpad/) takes young Victorians on a journey of self-discovery, diving deeply into who they are, what they care about, and how their ideas can make a positive impact on a local or global scale.

Participants will:

- Immerse themselves into the world of **social enterprise**, including going behind the scenes of some of Melbourne's most inspiring social enterprises
- Connect with passionate, like-minded people who are using the power of business to **create positive social change**
- Be inspired and supported to explore their values, passions, unique skills and social purpose
- Develop their ideas and transferable start up skills to take with them into future endeavours

Leave connected to a change making community, **with a greater understanding of who they are and how they can change your world.**

The NCLLEN, the *Youth Building Places and Spaces* and Engage is able to subsidise **10 young people** from Buloke and Loddon Shires who would like to attend this 2 day session in Melbourne – covering all but \$ 20 dollars of attendance and accommodation costs (* conditions apply in relation to age and young people must be able to attend independently although numbers dependant there may be shared transport available) . **Northern Grampians young people will be funded via the NG Shire** contact Lisa Whyte lisa.whyte@ngshire.vic.gov.au

The FAQs on the website / link will answer most questions; young people wishing to access the subsidy should register via the LLEN not directly on the website

If you are interested in attending registering for this event and live in Buloke and Loddon make sure to contact Barb at projectofficer@ncllen.org.au or the LLEN Office on 5491 1144 –first in applies

P-4 Update

Building Strong Foundations



Student of The Week

Prep—Caitlin for her growing confidence in all areas of her learning.

Year 1—Abby for her growing independence and persistence with learning.

Year 2—Alex and Billy for excellent starts to their Narratives. Both had interesting introductions and adjectives.

Year 3—Logan for doing his best in Literacy and numeracy, where he has shown a hardworking attitude with good results.

Year 4—Marley for being of great assistance to Miss Ainslie (CRT staff)

You Can Do It!

Prep—Lucas

Year 1—Teagen

Year 2—Harrison

Year 3—Darcy

Year 4—Macey



Assembly News

At our assembly, a small group of talented young singers performed the HR Puff N Stuff theme song for us. They sang with clarity and enthusiasm, and it was great to see their confidence in performing on stage.

Reading Clubs- Well done to everyone who reached a 'milestone' this week.

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| 200 Nights of Reading | Y4-Chloe and Marley Y2-Kyen, Emily and Kiara Y1- Ruby C. Prep- Zali, Jessica and Lucy |
| 175 Nights of Reading | Y4-Marissa |
| 150 Nights of Reading | Y3-Gracie and Darcy Y2- Matilda |



Production Update

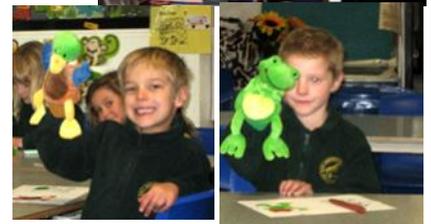
Each year level's act is now well underway and they are looking fantastic! We have less than two weeks to go until the big day and we cannot wait to share the performances with you! Our matinee performance will begin at 1pm. The evening will begin with a community BBQ from 6pm ready for an evening performance commencing at 7pm. Students who are not attending the BBQ beforehand are required to report to their home group teachers in the gymnasium no later than 6.40pm. Audience members can be seated in the gymnasium from 6.50pm. See you all on Wednesday 20th September!



Deutsche Nachrichten

Frau Mac has just been informed that Sophie H in Klasse 9 has been successful in being accepted for an exchange to Germany. Gut gemacht, Sophie. Klasse Preps have started working on activities with Felix und Franzi. They are learning the Hallo song and have started making Felix and Franzi puppets. Klasse 2-3 have continued working on the topic Wilde Tiere and learning how to play the stealing game. Klasse 3-4 have been completing their mobile to do with the poem 'April, April er macht was er will'. Klasse 5 have been trying their hand at role-playing (saying the parts without Fräulein help). Annie M, Noah R, Charlize S and Mason H are doing well. Klasse 8 presented their Pausenbrot survey task and have been participating in speaking tasks about the foods they like and trying their hand at writing their own poem for Literacy Week.

Annette Burgstett
German Co-ordinator



Year 2-3 Integrated Studies-Health

During this week's Health lesson, Year 2-3 have been learning the names and correctly placing tags where the bones are located. Check out the pictures.

Annette Burgstett
Year 2-3 Integrated Studies teacher



Prep Sounds in Focus

Our focus sound for this week is the 'ch' as in 'Chickens cheep, ch, ch. ch'.

Prep Theme Words (For Literacy Week)

reading, author study, Aaron Blabey

Literacy Hints

As we celebrate National Literacy Week our teachers would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank you for the incredible support you offer your child at home with their daily reading. You remain one of the most important factors in your child realising their literacy potential and pursuing future pathways. Your regular support is an important key to their success (Evidence of which is supported by International studies) and it is good to take a moment to reflect on what you have already helped your child to achieve and ponder on what they can achieve in the future



Book Character Day

It was great to see so many of our students engaging with texts by dressing up as book characters. It was a day to celebrate the cultural richness we have through books. We really appreciate your time and efforts in making this day happen. We hope you had the opportunity to grab a photo or two for future memories.

Grandparents/ Special Friends Morning – ADVANCE NOTICE

As part of a Parents' Association initiative our staff and students will be inviting Grandparents and Special friends to a special, interactive morning (8:50 to 11:30 approx.) on Tuesday 31st October. We will send an information letter home shortly and our students will be making personal invitations for their guests, and hope that as many guests as possible can attend.



We are incredibly indebted to this small group of dedicated parents who are incredibly committed to our College and providing every support and opportunity for your child to reach their potential.

Peter Vernon
P-4 Co-ordinator

The Parts of a Parent Reader



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

This week has been eSmart, Numeracy and Literacy Week. We have been doing little activities to celebrate. We are also working on improving Big Picture for 2018 by getting survey results. We met with Big Picture teachers to discuss what we found. We have also been working on our production routines. We hope you all have a great weekend.

Oscar and Zoe

eSmart Week

We have had a focus on cyber safety in each Middle Years class this week. Year 6's did an activity about clicking on questionable links and ads on websites. The Year 5 and 7's analysed how they should respond to some realistic online scenarios and the Year 8's watched a video had a great discussion about what social media they use, negative behaviours they see/participate in online and how to avoid them.



Life Under a Dome

Last Friday, 10 students from Years 8-10 travelled to Ballarat with Ms. Pilkington and Mr. Clayton to explore an intriguing scientific question:

'If we could no longer sustain life on Earth, could we lead humanity to a sustainable and safe future and live under a dome? Or is there an alternative solution?'



Students worked in small groups with students from another school through a range of different practical activities. They learnt about harnessing energy from renewable sources, filtering water, dealing with waste products and even growing food using aquaponics! Students used the afternoon to collaborate with other students and develop a plan for living under a dome—or an alternative solution.

The day provided students with a great opportunity to get hands on with their learning and engage in a real world problem solving exercise. The students did a fantastic job and represented the school with pride. Thank you to Mrs. Johns for organising the day and well done to everyone involved.



Senior Sub-School

Year 9&10 Outdoor Ed Class newsletter report:

15 students departed East Loddon on Monday at recess, we left behind the wet rain to find we were travelling into a unique September at the Bogong High Plains and Falls Creek. In fact it rarely snows past august, and we have been fortunate to experience one of the biggest snow dumps for the season! How exciting.

We awoke Tuesday morning to find that it had snowed at Bogong Outdoor school, where we are staying. A special treat for students from East Loddon and Heywood.

We set off Tuesday to cross country ski around and in the Nordic bowl. It was a great starting point for students to learn to cross country ski. The weather tested our students, as the snow continued whilst they learnt herringbone and snow plough technique and tips.

Wednesday sore us experience some down hill skiing, a little different to the Tuesday, there were chair lifts to take students back to the top. The winds were strong and to be honest I was impressed I didn't here too many student complaints, or may be I just couldn't here them because of the insulated helmet I was wearing. Today we also had the pleasure of more down him skiing. We will head home tomorrow in time for period 6.

It's been a terrific week to see our Year 9&10 students stepping out of their comfort zones and putting our 4Rs to use. For instance, building RELATIONSHIPS with new

students and staff from other schools, whilst also working in ski groups with students from our school that they may not always mix with.

RESILIENCE when falling over on the slopes and getting back up again to have another go on the ski run.

RESPECT when dealing with Bogong equipment.

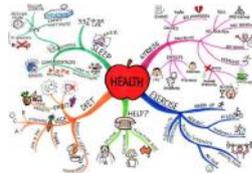
And finally RESPONSIBILITY when each day students are having to organise their breakfast, make and pack their lunch, bring their bag with appropriate equipment and ensure they are responsible for getting to each assembly, meeting or activity on time.

Special thanks to Mr Aurisch for coming on the camp.



Year 12s and their Prep buddies

This week, the Year 12s have participated in Literacy and Numeracy week activities with their Prep buddies. Yesterday, they took part in the Maths Treasure Hunt around the school. Today, they dressed up for Book Day. They obviously loved the Hungry Caterpillar as young children, as they mostly came as items of food from the book! We are so proud of the relationships the Year 12s have established with their Prep buddies, and the support they have been able to provide students throughout the year. What an awesome group!



Subject Selections

Students in Year 10 and 11 are reminded that subject selections for 2018 are due Wednesday 13th September. Forms should be returned to the office please.

Revision

As we move closer towards exam season, students are reminded to revise regularly. We have been working on building study skills in the Senior Sub-School this year; our students can all identify activities they can complete at home to prepare for the exams. One simple thing they can do is create a mind map of the key concepts they learned. 5 minutes here and there will make a huge difference when you enter the exam hall!

Sarah Clare
Curriculum Leader

LET'S BE CYBERSAFE - IT'S NATIONAL eSMART WEEK!

This week is National eSmart Week and below are some useful websites for parents to know about.

'Keeping children safe from violence', the Alannah and Madeline foundation, www.amf.org.au

'Young and eSafe' – Office of eSafety www.esafety.gov.au

'Parents, teens and digital monitoring' www.pewinternet.org check out the iParent information.

'Aussie teens and kids online –report a complaint' ACMA www.acma.gov.au

It is always a concern that young people want a television, computer, ipad, phone etc in their room. Below is a link to National Sleep Foundation and information regarding the amount young people require to function in a healthy and happy manner. Experts continually reinforce the importance of not having devices in the bedroom to enable this to occur.

'Teens and Sleep', National Sleep Foundation,
www.sleepfoundation.org/sleep-topics/teens-and-sleep

For more information about National eSmart week check out the Alannah and Madeline Foundation website
www.amf.org.au

The Alannah
and Madeline
Foundation



Keeping children safe from violence

P.A. Meeting

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October 17th at the Serpentine Hall in the morning.

Time to be confirmed

This meeting will coincide with a catering job making 160 lunches

Any help gratefully appreciated.

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

Kaeler Grigg Secretary 0448 632 780 kaelergrigg@hotmail.com

Canteen News

| TERM 3 | | | OCTOBER | Term 4 | |
|----------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| SEPTEMBER | | | Monday 9th | Judy Mountjouy | |
| Friday 8th | Leanne Welsh | Miranda Smith | Tuesday 10th | Sue Pickles | |
| | | | Wednesday 11th | Penny Cockerell | |
| Monday 11th | Michell Diss | | Thursday 12th | Sue Pickles | |
| Tuesday 12th | Sue Pickles | | Friday 13th | Michelle Balic | Yoli Humphries |
| Wednesday 13th | Penny Cockerel | Karolyn Campbell | | | |
| Thursday 14th | Sue Pickles | | Monday 16th | Belinda Clymo | |
| Friday 15th | Cheryl Green | Toyah Ketterer | Tuesday 17th | Sue Pickles | |
| | | | Wednesday 18th | Bec Cullen | Miranda Smith |
| Monday 18th | Karen Pascoe | | Thursday 19th | Sue Pickles | |
| Tuesday 19th | Sue Pickles | | Friday 20th | Kylie Addlem | Natalie Rose |
| Wednesday 20th | Kylie Addlem | | | | |
| Thursday 21st | Sue Pickles | Julie Hall | | | |
| Friday 22nd | Kaeler Grigg | Natalie Rose | | | |
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KFC - Kids Friday Club

The children of KFC are invited to participate in performing an item at the College Production on September 20th – singing Not Alone.

Practice for this item will be held in the Multipurpose Room at lunch time on Wednesday September 13th and Tuesday September 19th.

Contacts for enquiries: Robyn Falls 0429368242, Judy Mountjoy 0488379222, Leanne Welsh 0447689309



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| Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday | Sunday |
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| 11th | 12th | 13th IAAF Kids Athletics (after School is full) | 14th AFL's 9's Years 3 / 4 | 15th Zeeko Music Incursion Start time 1.50pm MPR Parent Free | 16th | 17th |
| 18th Year 7 Big Picture Market Day (more details next week) | 19th | 20th P-12 College Production Community BBQ 6pm | 21st Year 7 Immunisation AFL's 9's Years 5/6 | 22nd End of Term 3 Early finish 2.30pm Recycling Program Yrs 5 & 7 Waste Audit | 23rd | 24th |
| 9th October Term 4 begins | 10th | 11th | 12th Loddon Mallee Athletics | 13th | 14th | 15th |
| 16th | 17th | 18th | 19th | 20th | 21st | 22nd |

Production Night BBQ

The SRC will be running a community BBQ from 6pm on production night. To assist us with catering for this, can you please complete the slip below and return to the College ASAP. Thank you.

Production Night BBQ

Family Name: _____

Number of adults: _____ Number of children: _____