



# 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



Newsletter No 5

Date: 1st March 2018

## Dates for Your Diary

### MARCH

**2nd P-12 Investiture Ceremony 2.30start Sandhurst Division Swimming/ Diving**

**7th Last Prep Rest Day**

**VCE Physics Luna Park Excursion**

**9th Yr 11/12 Elevate Pds 5 & 6**

**14th Yr 7/8 Term 1 Sports day**

**12th Labour Day Holiday**

**13th Yr 7 & 10 Immunisation**

**15th Parent Teacher Student Interviews 1.00-5.30pm Year 7 Term1 Sports Day**

**20th Year 9/10 Term 1 Sports Day Yr 11 & 12 Top Art Designs Excursion**

**21st College Photos**

## From the Principal

### College Photo Forms

College photos will take place on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Today all students should arrive home with an order envelope for the College photo day. Please ensure that you check that your child has an envelope, before filling in the appropriate details and returning it to the College Office asap.

All forms need to be returned by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

### Parent Teacher Student Interviews – Please call to book times

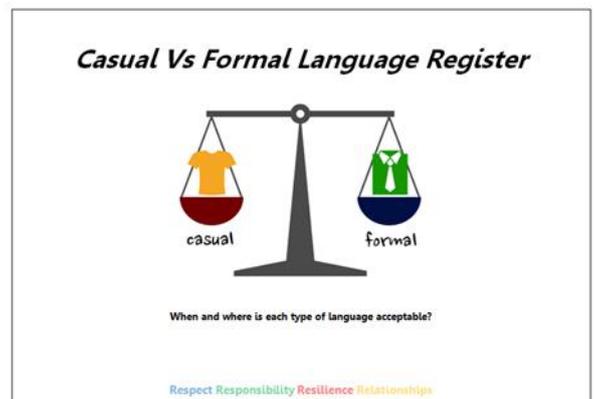
A reminder is extended to all families of our Parent Teacher Student Interviews which are held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Please ensure that you call the College Office asap to book in a time to see your child's teachers. College staff will begin calling parents in the next week or so, so please get in first to set a preferred time for interviews.

### Casual Vs Formal Language Register

I mentioned last week that four of our new College staff members had attended a PD that the large majority of College staff previously attended. One of the four key initiatives that the College has implemented in each classroom throughout the past 18 months as a result of attending this pd is that of 'Casual Vs Formal Language Register'.

In a College setting this classroom poster basically refers to the appropriate use of language in a

school setting. We endeavour to have our students understand that there is a right and wrong way to speak in a variety of settings. A College classroom is quite different to a football field, boys or girls weekend away or the shearing shed, and as such our language should be appropriate to the setting that we are immersed in. We do not tell our students that humans do not swear or speak poorly to others. We do however tell them that there is a time and a place for language. We do not encourage poor or offensive language in any setting, but we do explain to students clearly that school is certainly not the place for offensive language. We as educators and adults, along with our College parents set the standard and tone for this also. We are role-models to our students and children and like it or not, our values, actions and behaviours rub off on our impressionable youngsters. Please ensure that the message we are putting across to students is consistent from both home and the College. The 'f', 'c' and 's' words (along with many others) have no place in a College setting and will not be tolerated at school.



# Principal's Report (cont.)

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### Turkish Exchange – Less than 5 weeks away!

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2 staff and 6 students head to Melbourne ready to depart first thing Monday (3<sup>rd</sup>) morning for a trip of a lifetime. Sarah Pilkington and myself will accompany Jack F, Will S, Blake P, Hugh C, Jasmine L and Macey M on a 28 day learning experience that will see us travel to Thailand, Greece and Turkey as part of a sister School Exchange with Doga College in Canakkale, Turkey. Students will stay with Turkish host families for two weeks of this exchange and along with Sarah and myself, will attend Doga High School for 2 full school weeks. We will also take part in tours of various points of interest, most notably at the Gallipoli Peninsula where we will spend a full day in and around Anzac Cove.

As part of the preparations for this exchange, we have undertaken some history lessons with College staff, as well as general travel sessions with students who participated in our 2015 Exchange.

On behalf of our group of travellers, we wish to extend a massive thankyou to all who have supported us in our endeavours to get another Sister-School Exchange off the ground. There is an enormous amount of work that goes into preparing for any overnight school excursion, let alone an overseas trip and we thoroughly appreciate the time and efforts that so many people have given. We wish to thank Mrs Sarah Clare, Mr Shane Rudkins, Mr Scott Wilkinson and Miss Sarah Byrne who have all provided valuable information sessions to us in the lead up to the trip. We also wish to thank all College and community members who have supported any or all of the fundraisers that we have offered over the past 12 months. We have endeavoured to hold fundraisers in a variety of locations so as to not always target the same audience, and we appreciate the time and generosity that we have consistently received. A huge thankyou is also extended to our tremendous sponsors who have helped to make this trip a reality.

Platinum Level Sponsors	Lady Sultan Turkish Restaurant Bendigo TASTEPOINT Australia
Gold Level Sponsors	Inspired By Travel Wizartry Signs Bendigo CentaVic Clothing Bendigo Bridgewater Bakehouse Thomas Transport Pro-Sanding Lions Club of East Loddon Pam and Keith Lawry Bill and Gwen Twigg
Silver Level Sponsors	McKean McGregor Windridge Fencing and Screen Doors Rochester Veterinary Clinic Prue and Jimmy Wilkinson
Bronze Level Sponsors	Parmalat Brad and Sue Cail Nick Marlow Trevor and Jan Clymo David Lakeman

We have been successful with grant applications through Bencourt Care and Bendigo Bank and have had 4 levels of sponsorship in the lead up to this exchange. I would like to acknowledge the tremendous support of the following people and businesses –

### Do You Have A Gallipoli Connection?

Staff and students who are travelling to Turkey have been looking into 'Connections to war' with Mrs Clare. Each of us has been given the name of one soldier from the East Loddon area that fought at Gallipoli and did not return. We will research these soldiers further and endeavour to find their grave at Anzac Cove, before laying a knitted poppy and informing our group of the soldiers' details.

If you or your family have a connection to Gallipoli and you would like to research this further, please do so. If you are able to accurately locate the soldiers name and details of their burial site or memorial site, we would be honoured to place a poppy on your behalf. Please speak to myself, Miss Pilkington or one of our

students attending this trip if you would like to discuss this further.

Sites that will help with research are as follows –

<https://www.cwgc.org/> (start here to find out burial or memorial details)

<https://aif.adfa.edu.au/aif/> (find out more details here or at the address below)

<https://discoveringanzacs.naa.gov.au/>

### Whole School Curriculum Day

As mentioned last week, College Council have approved a whole school curriculum day to take place on Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup>. This day will be student-free whilst staff undergo training in the Respectful Relationships program, as well as Cultural Understanding and Safety Training (C.U.S.T). More details will be forwarded to the College community closer to this time.

I hope you have a great week!

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

# Assistant Principal's Report

## Assistant Principals News

It was with some trepidation on Monday evening, that I slid on to the main arena for our mixed netball match against Dingtán, (a conglomerate of parents and future parents for the College). You see, though I might strike you as a well oiled sporting machine, the truth is 'I'm an unfit sport dud'. My best move on the netball court is my attempted face catch, (which I nearly pulled off again this week). And so it was, that an under-manned 'Staff team' bolstered by Mrs Heaslip's sister Grace, thanks to the late withdrawals of Mr Young and Mr Clayton went in as rank outsiders against a much talked about outfit from the districts of Dingee and Tandarra. Thankfully when I lined up at WA, a fellow I once taught, in fact a school captain in 2002, noticed me and quickly changed his bib to WD. Oh Ben Govett, what a mess. You guys were terrible. I'm nearly 50 years old, I look like a 60 year old and have the fitness of a 70 year old and we still flogged you. Can anyone put together a team that can beat the staff?? I think not. Thanks to Mr Rowland who played his first ever netball game. I was thinking that would ensure I wasn't the team chump, but alas. Well done to our Turkish travellers for organising this comp.

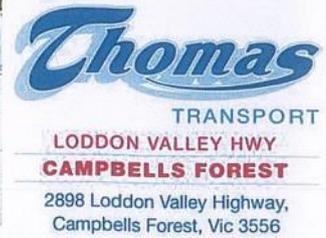
I hope everyone who has a child being 'Invested' at Friday's Assembly has received an invite to come along on Friday at 2:30. No invite required, but they were sent home to families of Sub School Captains, Bus Captains, Sports Captains and SRC reps. This assembly will finish at about 3pm, after all students are presented to Mr Leed. We would love to have a room full of people to help celebrate these students.

Parent Teacher Student Interviews are coming up on the 15<sup>th</sup> of March. If you haven't booked in to see all or some of the teachers of your students, then please do so asap. As of next week, we will begin ringing parents who haven't booked to encourage them to do so. The following teachers are not available on that day, due to part time status or other commitments. Mrs Maxted, Mr Ripplingale, Mr McKinnon, Miss Byrne, Mr Rudkins and myself. If you need to see any of these staff members, please indicate this when booking and we will arrange for them to send a progress report on your child or arrange another time, or make phone or email contact or send a pigeon or smoke signals or .....enough, you get it.

Regards  
Scott Wilkinson  
Assistant Principal

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The Students travelling to Turkey in April, 2018 would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous support of our Turkish Exchange.  
Without your generous support, this trip would simply not be possible!



PRUE AND JIMMY WILKINSON



BILL AND GWEN TWIGG

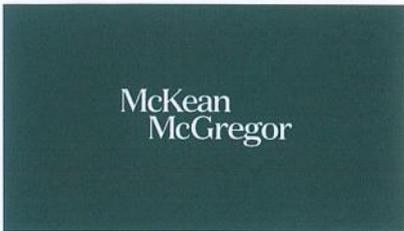
TREVOR AND JAN CLYMO

PAM AND KEITH LAWRY

NICK MARLOW

DAVID LAKEMAN

SUE AND BRAD CAIL



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**P-4 Update**

**Building Strong Foundations**



**Student of The Week**

**Prep—Ava for her enthusiasm for learning and stretching out words in writing.**

**Year 1—Lucy for using some fabulous ‘high power WOW words’ in her writing.**

**Year 2—Paige for writing a fabulous Narrative and editing her own work to make it interesting.**

**Year 3—Alexander for his hard work during Maths and always doing his best.**

**Year 4—Jorja for consistently working well in class**



**You Can Do It! Awards**

**Prep—Jake**

**Year 1—Travis**

**Year 2—Sarah**

**Year 3—Ella**

**Year 4—Oliver**



**P-4 Sub-School**

**Reading Clubs**

Almost all students will be up to 25+ nights with their home reading and once again we thank you for putting in the time to enable your child to practise the skills they are learning at school. These additional experiences do make a significant difference to acquisition and consolidation of reading skills and keeping up to date ensures your child reaches the set target of ‘250 Nights of Reading’.

**Prep Letters in Focus**

**Ss-** Seals swim, seals slide

**Rr-** Rusty robots

**Tt-** Trotting tigers

**Vv-** Vase in a van

**Prep Word To Fluency**

The word to fluency this week is ‘**and**’.

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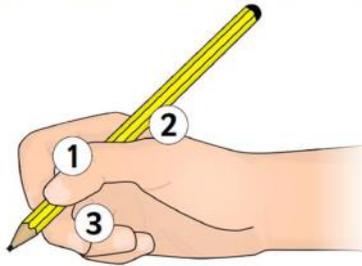
### Prep Testing

Prep testing is almost finalised with results being sent electronically to the Department prior to this coming Wednesday. We would like to thank you for making this possible by ensuring your child attended their appointment time. The information gleaned from the testing will allow Mrs Lister to tailor teaching and learning to the needs of the children as identified in the extensive testing program. Mrs Lister will have already spoken briefly with lots of parents after the tests and given some ideas to work on. There will be a further opportunity at Parent/ Teacher/ Student interviews to follow up on the information gathered.

### Prep Rest Days

A reminder that this week coming will be the last Wednesday when Preps are not required at school. After the 7<sup>th</sup> March, Preps are required to attend full time.

### How to Hold a Pencil



1. Put your thumb and forefinger just above the cone shaped part of the pencil.
2. Let the pencil rest between your thumb and forefinger.
3. Then put your middle finger underneath for support.

### Literacy Hints

Please remind your child to use the most effective and efficient pencil grip when writing and drawing. The 'Pinch and tuck' or Tripod grip (forefinger and tip of thumb with the pencil resting on the remaining fingers) is by far the best way of holding a pencil when writing. Flexibility is maximised by only using these two fingers, and when the middle finger is added, it is like putting a break on movement and rather than the fingers moving and the hand sliding, the whole arm is drawn into the process.

Left handers should hold their pencil slightly higher and ensure that the left hand is positioned below the line so that they do not obscure their view of what they are writing. This is important as we visually check as we write, especially spelling of words (Does it look right?). If correcting pencil grip is an issue for your child, there are plenty of commercial 'pencil grips' available, only get your child to try before you buy so that you get the grip that is 'just right' for them.

**Peter Vernon**

**On behalf of the P-4 Teaching and Learning Team**

### **P-4 Art - SMOCKS PLEASE!!**

A friendly reminder that all P-4 students need to bring a smock to school to wear for their art lessons. This is to protect their uniforms as much as possible during our "messy-fun"!! We have limited aprons available in the room, so bringing a smock from home is preferable please. An old shirt is a great example which you may already have on hand. Please contact either Samantha Heaslip or Neil Aurisch at school if needed. Thank you!!

**Mrs Heaslip**

### Integrated Studies- Year 2/3 Science

This week students returned their 'My Mixtures' homework as part of their Science topic 'All Mixed Up'. The work some students have put into their 'My Mixtures' booklet has been amazing. These will be displayed in the Office when I have looked at all of them. During this week's Science lesson the students mixed various substances together to see what happened.

**Annette Burgstett**  
**Year 2/3 Integrated**  
**Studies teacher-**  
**Science**



Middle Years Parents, please join Bloomz to get regular updates from your child's classroom.



**Bloomz Weekly Snapshot**



Yr 5 Art—Bird Sculptures

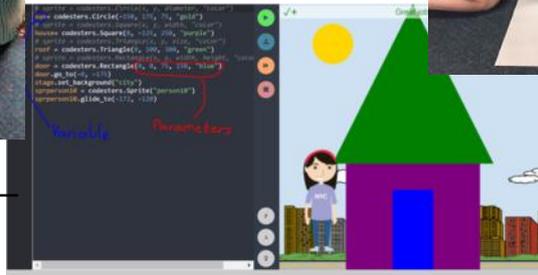


Yr 8 English—  
Analysis of  
"Boy Over-  
board"

Yr 6 English  
Narrative  
Writing



Yr 7 Digital Tech—  
programming



**Middle Years Captains Report**



It has been a great week so far. Don't forget that the investiture assembly will be held tomorrow at 2:30, it would be great to see as many parents there as possible. In Big Picture this week the 7/8's have been planning out our 'Mind Your Own Business' program and learning how to run a successful meeting and business. We will also run a middle school survey in the upcoming weeks. Have a good weekend.

Alicia and Levi

**Important Dates:**

- >> Friday March 2nd — Student Investiture Assembly 2:30pm
- >> Parent, Student, Teacher Interviews — Thursday 15th March

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### Senior School News

When we are busy, which many people appear to be at present. For example, I'm still coming to terms with the fact we are now in March. It's easy to forget some great things that are happening around us. Here are some of the highlights for me this week.

Our Year 10 students for making our newest student Harley feel welcome.

The Year 12 students for commencing the Prep Buddy Reading Program on Tuesday. It made our day.

The GREEN Team for helping with recycling in our school. It's so awesome to see already the demand for recycling is greater than the quantity of bins we have...we are working on purchasing some more.

Great to see some of our Year 10 students stepping up to VCE Health & Human Development eg. Sophie, Jas, Courtney, Hayley, Ella and Chantell.

Great to see some of our Year 10-12 students attending the Trade Training Centre at Charlton eg. Sarah M, Leif, Hannah, Jas L, Macey, Cameron, Blake, Chelsea and Tameka.

Also, awesome to see Mitch, Tom, Jas and Hugh all accepting the challenge of Agricultural courses through Go Tafe which involve a farm work placement.

I've also been impressed to see students engaged in their learning, contacting and catching up with teachers outside of class time if they have questions. Keep it up Year 11 & 12!

The Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Ed class for quickly adjusting to the cooler res conditions and practicing their cap-sizing again.

Those same great students Dakota, Jack, Blake, Courtney, Hayley, Jas, Sharnie, Zander, Connor and Hugh for giving the canoes an old fashioned wash and stacking them on the trailer without complaint.

Super impressed and proud of all our students achievements.

### Elevate Education Session and Student Guest Speakers

Notices were distributed to Year 11 & 12 students today with information about the event occurring on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> of March from 1:30-3:20pm. Please let me know if you are interested in attending, parents/guardians welcome.

### A Gap Year in the Australian Defence Force (ADF)

It is more than just a great way to try out a career in the Navy, Army or Air Force. It's a fulfilling year of adventure, experiences, mateship, learning, leadership and travel. An ADF Gap Year is whatever you make of it. Applications for the 2019 ADF Gap Year Open on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018. If you are interested in applying or would like more details about the ADF Gap Year please go to the [www.defencejobs.gov.au](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au) home page, click on the students & education tab and then scroll down to the Gap Year tab.

### CVGT job opportunities

#### **Current Bendigo Vacancies:**

Roof Plumbing Apprenticeship x3 positions

Diesel Mechanical Apprenticeship

Concreting Traineeship

Bricklaying Apprenticeship x2 positions

**Thanks for your time,**

**Sarah Byrne**

### SeniDeutsche Nachrichten

Last Friday Anna-Lena the German exchange student staying with Sophie H and her family arrived in Australia. Frau Mac organized a warm Willkommen for Anna when she arrived at school on Monday morning and there was a Special P-12 Assembly where Herr Leed and Frau Mac welcomed her officially to East Loddon P-12 College. Klasse Preps have finished making their Herr Grün Frosch. These will be displayed in the office sometime next week. Klasse 8 have completed their Schultueten which they have made for Klasse Preps. These will be presented to Klasse Preps during their P-4 Assembly.

**Annette Burgstett**

**German Co-ordinator**



**SANDHURST DIVISION SWIMMING – PRIMARY AND SECONDARY**

On the back of individual success at the East Loddon Swimming Carnival, the following students will be competing at the next level – the Sandhurst Division Swimming Sports.

- The 7-12 Sandhurst Swimming is tomorrow, Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre. Competing against nine other schools in the Bendigo Region

Libby C	Trista W	Oscar H
Gemma M	Brodie W	Nicholas V; and
Jaxon A	Bridget B	Zac C

- The Primary Swimming Carnival (for 9/10, 11, 12/13 year olds) will be held next Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> March at the Bendigo East Swimming Pool, competing against other Bendigo Primary Schools.

Keira T	Ava M	Brodie W
Jorja L	Madi L	Riley W
Marley A	Tristyn F	Joseph V
Hollee V	Fynn C	

We wish our swimmers all the best and encourage them to try their hardest. Successful swimmers on the day qualify for Regional Swimming held in Swan Hill.

Mr. Young

Sports Co-ordinator

**WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SAT DOWN FOR A MEAL WITH YOUR FAMILY?**

When was the last time you sat down for a meal with your family? Was it last night, last week or last month? For some families, eating together is reserved for special events and holidays, like birthdays or Christmas. These special occasion meals allow families to connect with each other, strengthen family ties and pass on family cultural traditions.

The MDI (Middle Years Development Instrument) Survey 2017 revealed that when East Loddon P-12 College Year 4-6 Students were surveyed on “How often do your parents or adult family members eat meals with you?” 82% responded that this happened regularly indicating for those students a high level of wellbeing. 16% rated in the low wellbeing category as this rarely occurred in their homes. Of our Year 7-9 students, this dropped to 77% who regularly ate meals with family members and 13% who did not.

Family meals do not have to be reserved for special occasions. Family meals can happen any time of day, any day of the week! If the words “I’m too busy” pop into your mind, you’re not alone. You probably even hear this from other parents and peers.

Family meals can fit into even the busiest of schedules and they offer a host of benefits for children and adults alike!

Children who eat with their families are better nourished, have lower rates of obesity and better vocabularies. These factors can have a positive impact on classroom behavior and academic performance. In addition, when it comes to improving the health of our children, family meals are a great way to instill healthy eating habits that will last a lifetime.

More information about the benefits of families eating meals together can be found on the link below, it has [6 ways to make family meals](#) more enjoyable.

<http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/mealtimes.html>





**Y**  
YMCA

Bendigo Regional YMCA Presents  
**POOLSIDE SESH**  
For Youth

**FREE ENTRY**  
for 18 and under  
Live Music:  
Tom Harrington  
Mariah McCarthy  
Steven Hammer  
Free BBQ  
COMPETITIONS  
#YPOOLSIDESESH

**SUNDAY**  
**4th MARCH**  
**3-6pm**  
@ Peter Krenz Leisure Centre,  
Napier Street Eaglehawk

\*children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult

For all enquires ☎ 03 5446 9222

'An event for Bendigo Youth. The YMCA believes in the power of inspired young people.'



JOIN US AT  
ST. PATRICK'S PRIMARY  
SCHOOL AS WE  
PRESENT FAMILIES WITH A

**Wellbeing Toolkit**

Guest speaker: Rachel Weaver (NDCH)

**THURSDAY**  
**22ND MARCH**  
**5.00PM - 6.00PM**  
FOLLOWED WITH A  
MEAL TOGETHER.  
JUST BRING THE  
FAMILY!  
RSVP BY 19TH MARCH  
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**Bendigo Senjuns Hockey Club**  
- 2018 Registration Day -

**Free BBQ**

**Saturday 17th March 2018**  
11am-1pm

At the Bendigo Hockey Grounds:  
grassed area near the playground  
(Ashley St, Ironbark)

**This is for all teams:**  
U/11 (girls, mixed)  
U/13 (mixed)  
U/15 (mixed)  
U/17 (mixed)  
Senior Mens (A & B)  
Senior Womens (A & B)

*Come and check out the progress and plans of the new hockey turf and pavilion!!*

*Existing members, transferring players and new players to the club are all welcome!*

Uniforms and socks available for sale on the day

\$50 deposit towards fees appreciated on the day  
Returning players (played prior to 2017) = \$10 off fees  
Introduce a new member to the club = \$10 off fees



# Canteen News

<b>2018</b>			<b>MARCH</b>		
<b>TERM 1</b>			Monday 19th	Michelle Diss	Ebony Lawry
<b>MARCH</b>			Tuesday 20th	Sue Pickles	
Friday 2nd	Lynda Cartwright	Breanna Hocking	Wednesday 21st	Nicky Lawry	Kaeler Grigg
			Thursday 22nd	Sue Pickles	
Monday 5th	Belinda Clymo	Vivian Nicart	Friday 23rd	Lynda Cartwright	Karolyn Campbell
Tuesday 6th	Sue Pickles				
Wednesday 7th	Kylie Addlem		Monday 26th	Miranda Smith	Cheryl Green
Thursday 8th	Sue Pickles		Tuesday 27th	Sue Pickles	
Friday 9th	Leanne Welsh	Mel Primrose	Wednesday 28th	Kylie Addlem	
			Thursday 29th	Sue Pickles	
Monday 12th	<b>Labour Day Holiday</b>				
Tuesday 13th	Sue Pickles				
Wednesday 14th	Penny Cockerell				
Thursday 15th	Sue Pickles				
Friday 16th	Michelle Balic	Toyah Ketterer			

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
26th	27th	<b>28th</b> <b>Prep Rest Day</b>	MARCH 1st	2nd <b>P-12 Investiture Ceremony</b> <b>2.30pm</b>  Sandhurst Division Swimming/Diving	3rd	4th
5th	6th	<b>7th</b> <b>Last Prep Rest Day</b>  <b>Physics Luna Park Excursion</b>	8th	9th <b>Year 11/12 Elevate Program</b> 1.30pm— <b>3.20pm</b>	10th	11th
12th	13th	<b>14th</b> <b>Yr 7/8 Term 1 Sports Day</b>	15th <b>Parent Teacher Student Interviews</b> 1.00— <b>5.30pm</b>  Yr7 Tennis Term 1 sports day	16th	17th	18th
19th	20th Yr 9/10 Tern 1 Sports Day Yr 12 Top Art Design Excursion	<b>21st</b> <b>College Photos</b>	22nd Loddon Mallee Swimming/ Diving	23rd	24th	25th