



Respect

Resilience

Responsibility

Relationships

Upcoming Dates

15th Teeth on Wheels

19th Year 9/10 Sports Day

20th—22nd Outdoor Education

Canoe Camp

25th Debutante Ball

APRIL

5th End of Term1 Early Finish 2.30pm

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From the Principal

2019 College Council members met for the first time as a new council last night. We were excited to welcome DET staff members Nathan Twigg and Sarah Pilkington, and Parent representative Jo Rossiter onto council for the coming year, along with new student reps Jessica Demeo and Stephen Verley. College Councillors in 2019 are Steven Leed, Scott Wilkinson, Jackson Clayton, Sarah Pilkington, Nathan Twigg, Richard Hicks (President), Nicole Hocking (Vice-President), Micheal Lawry, Dusty Pascoe, Lynda Cartwright, Natalie Rose (Parent Association Rep), Darren Welsh, Jo Rossiter, Jessica Demeo and Stephen Verley.

Thanks are extended to all 29 families who assisted with the recent 'Bake-sale' held at Bunnings. This event was run by our terrific **Parent Association** and with the wonderful level of support provided by families, more than \$750– was raised for the college. What a great effort by all involved!

I had the pleasure of attending **Debutante Ball rehearsals** on Friday evening and those of you lucky enough to attend the ball on March 29th, are sure to be in for a real treat. Tickets are still selling like hot-cakes and are available via the college office.



Adult tickets cost \$20, Secondary aged students \$15 and Primary aged students \$5. If you wish to pre-order these tickets, please make contact with office staff during school hours. Payment can be made via cash or card.

College council discussed and decided last night to phase-out the Skoolbag App that we have previously been using for newsletter distribution and student absences, with all college communication now flowing through our Compass App. This afternoon our college newsletter will also be forwarded to families as a 'news feed' via the Compass App. Although the Compass system is relatively new to the college and there may be hiccups from time-to-time, it makes a great deal of sense to have all communication flowing through one system. Please ensure that you forward any Compass-related feedback to us at the college.

My chosen photo this week is of the year 7/8 boys Volleyball team who represented the college on Tuesday. Capably coached by Sharnie A, the team very narrowly lost to BSE in their grand final game. The team did however beat a Bendigo college with more students in it's year 7 cohort than we have in our entire college. Top effort boys!

Regards, Steve Leed

Literacy & Numeracy

When you're reading with your child, you can be helping by asking questions.

Broadly speaking, questions can be broken down into three categories; "Within the text", "Beyond the text", and "About the text".

"Within the text" questions focus on what is happening in the story or what information is being presented. Answers to these questions are clearly mentioned in the book.

Try asking your child questions beginning with these words:

- Who
- What
- When
- Where

For example: "Who is the main character?" or "What happened after Goldilocks had the porridge?". These are the best place to start.

Numeracy

Did you know that maths anxiety is a real condition?

If your child experiences real distress when put on the spot to answer maths questions, please make sure you let their teacher know. More tips on how to help your child in this area will be shared in future newsletters.

Sarah Clare

Curriculum Learning Specialist



Assistant Principal's news

**Long House Captains—
basking in the glory of being
announced 2019 house
champions for swimming**

A big sigh of relief after yesterday has finally been left behind us. Photos, Investigation, Parent Teacher Student Interviews and School council. Tick, tick, tick, tick. All done. Thanks to all parents who could attend yesterday. If you missed interviews due to other commitments, please feel free to contact staff directly.

Deb Ball planning is hotting up. We have had a great

response so far from staff and parents with regard to donations of food, drinks and time. At this stage we are right for cakes and slices and other sweet treats, however we would love more savoury items (so to speak). Apparently sausage rolls are everyone's favourite thing to make and though I agree they are the greatest food invention ever, in the interests of variety, we are

putting out a call for mini quiches, pin wheels, those mini egg and bacon pie things, zucchini slice, party pies, oven bake spring rolls and the like. Deb tickets are selling really well and we would also suggest that you purchase earlier rather than later. Thanks to everyone that has offered to donate so far. Your generosity is much appreciated.

Notices

WORK BOOTS WANTED PLEASE

If anyone has any unused, (but in reasonable condition) work boots they would like to donate to our Science and Technology Dept, we will greatly appreciate some additions to our spare stash. While it is preferable students have their own, these spare boots will help students take part in practical classes if for some reason they don't have any. A range of sizes accepted.

Thanks in advance!





Sub-School Updates

Junior

Bus Safety Session

Tomorrow students in P-4 will participate in a bus safety session at school. Bus safety is a priority for our college as the majority of our students travel to and from school on a bus. The session will include a presentation as well as hands on activities.

Teeth on Wheels

The travelling dentist van is visiting the school today and tomorrow to see a number of students from the primary school.

Tissues

Thank you to those students who have brought in a box a tissues to share with the class throughout the year. We would appreciate if all students could bring at least one box before the end of next week.

Parent Teacher Interviews

I would like to extend a big thank you to all parents who were able to come to our Parent Teacher Student Interviews on Wednesday. As a P-4 sub-school we are very impressed with the parent and family commitment to student learning. Thank you.

Middle

Captain's Report



This week there has been quite a bit happening. The interviews, investiture and school photos were held on Wednesday. Also this week the 7/8s had volleyball and tennis as well as the 5/6s having a volleyball day today. And on top of all that we had a public holiday on Monday. Congratulations to everybody who received a badge or medal at the investiture.

Parent Teacher Student Interviews

If you weren't able to make it to our interviews yesterday and would still like to meet with your child's teacher, please call our school office to arrange a visit or phone call.

Sport Days

Well done to Marley A who won her 50m breaststroke final at the Sandhurst Primary Swimming Sports. She will now represent the school at the Loddon Mallee Region carnival next Thursday. Congratulations Marley.

Senior

National Youth Science Forum

If any Year 11 students are interested in this program please see me.



La Trobe Uni Study Skills Session

Year 10 , 11 & 12 students participated in the La Trobe Study Skills session on Tuesday. Our Year 10 students were involved in a session around time management and goal setting.

The Year 11 & 12 were involved in a session focussing on the different learning styles. This was then followed by some discussion about particular strategies that are useful for learning and revising content for these different styles.

Thanks to all the parents, guardians and students that came along yesterday for the interviews. It is really nice to see you all.

AROUND ELP SRC Report

This week we discussed assistance at the Deb ball and Investiture assembly, as well as potential focus groups that we will be working in next term. In Term 2, we will have three small groups working on different priority areas in the school and conversing with relevant stakeholders. More information to come.

SPORTS

Inter-School Swimming

We had 12 secondary students and 16 primary students represent the school in swimming at the Bendigo District level. Congratulations to all swimmers for their effort. Well done to Marley A and Angus A for qualifying for Loddon Mallee Region next Thursday.

Year 7/8 Volleyball and Tennis: 12th March

Year 8 Girls Tennis—3rd

Year 8 Boys Tennis—3rd

Yr. 7/8 Boys Volleyball - 6th

Yr. 7/8 Girls Volleyball - 6th

A great effort!—thanks to Mr Leed, Mr Rudkin, Mrs Macted and Mrs McNamara for attending.

Year 5/6 Volleyball:

Thursday 14th March



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STAFF

Mr Ricky Wright has worked in the college as a Groundsman since first being approached to do so in 2011. He grew up in Dingee as part of a large family (Rick is one of 10 siblings) and has really fond memories of his childhood, where he explained that he always had someone to play with and particularly liked spending summer holidays swimming in the channel just behind their family house. He attended ELP-12 College himself from Prep to the end of form 5 and loves working as part of our staff. Rick's father passed away when he was 16 years of age and although he moved away to Bendigo for a short period of time, Rick returned to Dingee to support his mother.

Rick loves tinkering with bikes and cars and has recently started riding a mountain bike, as well as playing barefoot bowls. He is extremely thankful to the many members of the college community who provide support for the college and if a 'lucky leprechaun' granted him one wish, it would be for great health for all!

Canteen Roster

		2019 FEBRUARY	
Fri 15th	Michelle Balic Yoli Humphries		
Mon 18th	Belinda Clymo	Mon 25th	Lynda Cartwright
Tues 19th	Sue Pickles	Tues 26th	Sue Pickles
Wed 20th	Brian Duffy Cheryl Green	Wed 27th	Penny Cockerell
Thurs 21st	Sue Pickles	Thurs 28th	Sue Pickles
Fri 22nd	Michelle Balic Miranda Smith	Fri 29th	Kristie Cullinan Karolyn Campbell

Calendar

Mon 18th	Tues 19th	Wed 20th	Thurs 21st	Fri 22nd
	Year 9/10 Sports Day	Outdoor Ed-Canoe Camp	Outdoor Ed-Canoe Camp Loddon Mallee Swimming	Outdoor Ed-Canoe Camp
Mon 25th	Tues 26th	Wed 27th	Thurs 28th	Fri 29th
				Debutante Ball
Mon 1st APRIL	Tues 2nd	Wed 3rd	Thurs 4th	Fri 5th
				End of 1st Term Early Finish 2.30pm
Mon 22nd APRIL	Tues 23rd	Wed 24th	Thurs 25th	Fri 26th
Easter Monday	Term 2 begins		ANZAC Day Holiday	