



# EAST LODDON P- 12 COLLEGE PARENT NEWSLETTER

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



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## Dates for Your Diary

### APRIL

**18th** State swimming/diving

**19th** P-12 House Cross Country

**24th** ANZAC Service  
2.30pm start

**25th** ANZAC Day Holiday

**30th** Sandhurst Division Cross Country

**Year 7/8 Big Picture Mind your Own Business Market Day**

### MAY

**Prep -9 World of Maths Incursion \$6 per student**

**8th** Year 9/10 Term 2 Sports day

**11th** Year 10 Careers Day 11.30am-2.45pm

## From the Principal

### Greetings From Canakkale!!

Herkese merhaba. Ben Canakkale Doga Kolejinden Esin. Steve ve Sarah`nin ogrencileriyle okulumuza yapmis oldugu ziyaretten cok mutluyum. Sizi tanimak cok guzel. The message above is from one of the English teachers at Doga School named Esin. She has mentioned that she and the teachers at Doga are very happy to have our students in their college!

The Sister-School Exchange has been a wonderful experience for all of us involved and one which I believe that we need to continue to embrace in the future. Our students have been blessed with amazing people everywhere they have gone and the students' host families have gone 'above and beyond' to make sure that we all have a great experience whilst in Turkey.

The story of Will and Jasmine and their connections to war at Gallipoli (as featured in the Bendigo Advertiser before we left) has continued to grow on our travels with SBS radio featuring these details at some stage around Anzac Day in Australia. The Victorian Principals Association have also featured the article in their monthly newsletter which is distributed all around the state, and the Today Show, along with National Nine News have also 'come on-board'. This Monday, Will and Jasmine will travel across to Eceabat (Gallipoli Peninsula) with Sarah and I to have an hour long interview with Chris O'Keefe, who is a State Political Reporter for Nine News Sydney. Parts of this interview will then feature on the 6pm news in Australia. In other exciting news for our College's Sister-School Exchange, we have been granted permission to attend the dawn service at ANZAC Cove with our host students and some Doga staff. This is the first time that this permission has been granted, particularly for Turkish students and we are extremely excited to be a part of this 'first'.

We look forward to seeing you all when we return. Thanks for your ongoing support!

**Steven Leed**  
College Principal



# Assistant Principal's Report

## Assistant Principals News

I hope everyone had a wonderful time over Easter. I'd love to say 'it's great to be back' but...we're back none the less. You've got to love this time of the year, though I'm tipping most families are wishing for some good rain to soften the soil a little, and if not, settle the dust at least.

Mr Leed's article was a fair bit shorter than usual this week as he is on the other side of the world with our Turkish exchange students. All reports from there are great. How's this for a Sister School. They have an indoor ICE SKATING RINK! What's that you say? Did I read that right? Yes, an INDOOR ICE SKATING RINK. I still find that a bit hard to comprehend. They also attend from 9 until 5:30pm. Who cares, they have an INDOOR ICE SKATING RINK. Can't wait to hear all of the stories on their return. They still have another week or so to go.

This week we have been a bit short staffed, with a couple away in Turkey and some at the Year 9 camp and also Mr Aurisch is on Leave and others have unfortunately been ill. For this reason, your child may have had more than the normal number of replacement teachers. Thanks for your patience with this kids. Next week we may rearrange the timetable a little, which will cause a few disruptions but will also allow some part time staff to increase their time fractions for a short period to fill gaps.

Today as I write I am psyching up for the Cross Country. Unfortunately my loud mouth has once again gotten me in a tricky spot. I said to the Year 12's that if they beat me in the race I would buy them a Mars Bar and vice versa. Given that the last time I ran was after a spicy meal, I think I'm in financial trouble. Thanks to all of the children and staff who have offered support and advice during my lead up to this event. Chloe T and Emma H, told me I wouldn't even beat Mr Vernon (not sure if they're having a dig at me or PV) and some wise spark put on the staff calendar that my funeral would be next week. It has also been suggested that I carry the defibrillator already hooked up. Oh yee of little faith. Thanks in advance to all those who came along to the day.

ANZAC day commemorations at the school will take place on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April at 2:30 pm. All welcome and we have a special guest Major Adrian Sheriff, who will be our guest speaker. He comes highly recommended as a speaker. ANZAC badges are being sold at present by the Year 6's. Please buy one from us to support the Mitiamo East Loddon RSL. They will be on sale every morning until April 25<sup>th</sup>. Tomorrow I will take the Junior and Middle School Captains to the Shrine for the Legacy Victoria Schools Service.

Once again we look forward to a busy term. An INDOOR ICE SKATING RINK. Well blow me down.

**Mr Wilkinson**  
**Assistant Principal**

**P-4 Update**

**Building Strong Foundations**



**P-4 Sub-School**

**Student of The Week**

**Prep—Penny for her consistent effort throughout the week.**

**Year 1—Thomas for his great attitude to learning and consistent effort.**

**Year 2—Angus for trying his best with every challenge presented to him.**

**Year 3—Kyen for working on his writing (Narratives and Reports) and using WOW Words.**

**Year 4—Logan for working well in class.**

**You Can Do It! Awards GETTING ALONG**

**Prep—Talia for helping others with some tricky Easter activities.**

**Year 1—Caitlin for always thinking of others.**

**Year 2—Ruby C for always getting along with those she works with.**

**Year 3—Paige for happy, friendly nature displayed daily.**

**Year 4—Joseph for helping others.**



**Reading Clubs- CONGRATULATIONS ON A FANTASTIC EFFORT!**

50 Nights of Reading	Y4-Hayley and William
	Y3- Allira, Logan, Chloe, Harry, Jake, Kiara and Emily
	Y2- Archer and Sienna
	Y1-Lucas C., Tom and Caitlin
	Prep-Ava, Charlotte and Matilda



Thank you for continuing to provide reading opportunities for your child during the holidays; it helps to maintain skills and sends a great message.

**Prep Sounds in Focus**

ai- (long vowel sound) as in 'Snails play'

ee- (long vowel sound) as in 'See the bee' and

i-e (long vowel sound created by a split digraph) as in 'I like ice-cream'

**Prep Words To Fluency**

'play' and 'day'

**Maths Hints-** Developing automatic response to basic number facts is essential; it means that students can focus on the process rather than on the calculations. In the early stages, students require counters but gradually they move from manipulating counters to abstract thinking. All children are individuals so there are no hard and fast rules about when this happens but as a general rule this process starts later in Year 1 and over time most become less reliant on materials.

Children learn the 'tens' bonds (numbers that combine to make 10, doubles, halves and near doubles.

There are lots of great interactive Maths games available on the internet which reinforce automatic response skills.

Try taking the picture cards out of a pack of large cards (available from toy shops), each player turns over two cards and adds the numbers together. If correct, they keep the cards and the next player takes a turn. It is amazing how fast children learn and 'remember' when there is an incentive, like winning more cards.

Later students learn about multiplication and start to memorise the Tables. They then apply their knowledge of multiplication to division. Some educationalists downplay the importance of Tables, but for those who learnt them (and still remember them, even decades later) you will appreciate just how useful these sets of number facts are. By a poster (most Newsagents) and display it in a prominent place. Practice, practice, practice! There is still a place for ROTE learning some facts.

**P-4 Professional Learning Community Update (Moderation of student work)**

In Literacy, our current focus is on improving writing skills. Staff have selected two stimulus pictures, one for Narrative writing and the other an Information text. All students, Prep to Year 4 will be expected to produce a piece of writing on each, within a 40 minute timeframe. Teachers will then work as a team to place each piece of writing on the Victorian Curriculum Writing continuum. It is important to remember that within each class a number of levels will be represented. The purpose of this moderation will be to support teacher judgements about levels and to collaboratively identify future learning goals for each student. Working as a team has tremendous advantages!

**Peter Vernon**

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

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



**Big Picture Market Day—Lunchtime, Monday, May 7th**

**ALL P-12 STUDENTS, BRING ALONG SOME MONEY ON THE DAY TO BE INVOLVED!**

**BIG PICTURE MARKET DAY**

Lolly Launchers

Pie Throw

Lolly Jar Guess

Games of Chance/Skill

Balloon Pop

Dance Off

Sausage Sizzle

Ball Toss

Biscuit Stall

**AND MORE...**

**EACH GROUP HAS STARTED WITH \$25 AND IS RAISING MONEY FOR A WORTHY CAUSE**

**Middle Years Captains Report**



What a week it has been so far. Today we had the cross-country and we congratulate those who participated and who move on to the next level. Also thanks to the parents for coming to watch. Tomorrow the Junior and Middle School Captains will be attending an ANZAC Ceremony in Melbourne. On the 7th of May we have our Big Picture Market Day, have a good weekend.

Alicia and Levi

**Jack F—On location in Turkey and loving it!**



**Year 7 Laptops**

From Monday 23rd April, Year 7 students will be able to take their laptop home to complete homework. They will require their diary signed by a teacher for this to happen each night. Laptops will stay at school over the weekend.

If you don't want the laptop home, please let Mr Cameron know.

**Academic Competitions 2018**

Year 3-12 students again have the opportunity to participate in the University of NSW Academic Competitions. **Entry forms have been handed out to interested students.** If you would like another form, please let the office know. These allow your child to compete in a one hour test against students of the same age from around the Pacific region. Forms and money are due to the school office by **Friday 27th April.**



**Senior School News**

**Year 11 & 12 Parents/guardians support session**

Year 11 & 12 VCE parents/guardians are you interested in attending our upcoming Elevate Education Session on Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:15pm? If yes please let me know. In addition to this are you interested in attending an information session on how to support your child through their VCE with advice on helping your child and study tips? If yes please let me know by Friday April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**Year 9 Advance Camp**

During the last 3 days our Year 9 students have been bush walking (although, I would call it trekking, it was definitely off track) across Koorooya State Park and Melville Caves. The students arrived at school Monday morning with clothing, camping equipment and food for the 3 days. Mr Smith and Mr Young quickly educated them on downsizing their packs to fit the essentials in. Some items were left behind as a result. Students and staff were required to carry their packs for the 3 days. The group was divided into 2 smaller groups, whilst both groups participated in similar activities we didn't see them across the 3 days. Each group participated in some bushwalking, caving, rock climbing, abseiling, local aboriginal information was also a key feature along with building our team work skills and survival in the outdoors with minimal environmental impact. Mr Smith was fortunate to spend the 3 days there, he loved and was truly impressed with our students' attitude, effort and ability to interact with La Trobe Uni students. Mr Young and I switched part way through the camp with a quick change over Tuesday at the lunch spot. Like Mr Smith, we were also really pleased with the students' team work, ability to support each other up some pretty high peaks (the highest in the park) with packs on almost all the way. Well done Year 9's we (Mr Smith, Mr Young and I all think you are awesome). La Trobe University third year students worked with us to run the activities. Thank you to Leigh, Tara, Elise and Harry. Students provided feedback about the activities that rocked their world, some of the highlights appeared to be rock climbing, caving, abseiling, seeing the beautiful views and sleeping in a cave. Yes, that's right, some of us slept in a cave. It was a little different to how I had imagined, but quite cosy. Although, we could hear the night wildlife up close, I did note some similarities to the animal noises and people sleeping and / or snoring. Well done Year 9, fantastic effort!



**Canoe Camp**

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> of March 10 nervous but excited Year 9 & 10 students set off with Mr Wilkinson and Miss Byrne. The students had been talking about the camp for weeks prior. They had also been practicing their paddling strokes, emergency capsizing and other skills. The students even tried carrying extra weight in the canoes in order to practice controlled steering (with the extra load) during classes in preparation for the trip. As we arrived at Koondrook we said good bye to our last flushing toilets, or toilets of any type for three days and began to unload the trailer and canoes. Only to then load the canoes with all our gear. From tents, sleeping mats, water, food, gas cookers, pots, clothing, first aid kits and other useful items. At this point we also said good bye to Maree and Doug Byrne who had kindly travelled from Swan Hill to Dingee on the train to then join us. Their role was to then return the vehicles to the destination in Swan Hill. Miss Byrne may not have explicitly detailed which day this was, but luckily a friendly phone call Wednesday morning, ensured the plan was set.

Now for launching time, the group set off a little slowly with limited control initially. Which way is downstream someone commented, thankfully the current lead the group in the right direction. The first landmark on our travels was the newly established Barham bridge. From here it was onwards to Murrabit. It would feel like some time (40km) until we discovered the next bridge (at Murrabit). Paddling or drifting speed was slow at times and the students battled with some group dynamics. Solo time in the environment seemed to be a hit, with students either keen to paddle fast at the front or casually at the back of the group. As we approached the Murrabit Bridge on sun set Miss Byrne located a convenient boat ramp for us to disembark and camp up along the river side.

Day two was planned to be the longest day in the canoe, with the target set at 50km. It is difficult to say whether the current between Murrabit and Pental Island is slower or we were just a tiny bit tired. Either way the blue signs and kms passed took their toll on the group. However, a refreshing lunch time swim renewed their focus to find a camp at blue sign 1435. We paddled on past the entrance to the Little Murray, near where the Loddon River enters the Murray River. Some of the students were tempted to paddle along the Little Murray to Swan Hill. Although, refrained from this challenge. That night we camped on a farm on the Victorian side, with sheep inspecting our camp site after dark it was lucky we had packed away all our equipment.

Our final day brought renewed hope, was the McDonalds on offer or the sense of the final passage of paddling? Either way students increased their average speed by 2km / hour to arrive at Swan Hill at 11:30am. The final leg was 25km in duration with scenic views of Pental Island Caravan Park and Murray Downs. We stopped at the 10 wooden steps at the Riverside Park. An amazing effort for our students. They had paddled 115km in 3 days with all of their gear. Mr Wilkinson and

Miss Byrne were extremely impressed with the students efforts and persistence. Well done, Sharnie, Zander, Jas, Hugh, Blake, Connor, Dakota, Jack, Courtney and Hayley. Thanks also to Maree and Doug Byrne for helping save us time with vehicle shuttles and thank you to Mr Wilkinson for coming along on the camp, keeping us smiling and helping Miss Byrne when she was a little immobile.



**VCE Australian History Excursion**

Jo and Mrs Clare were busy little bees at the end of last term. We attended two different excursions for our Australian History class. Aside from learning more about our topics, we learned some valuable research skills (Jo has some serious Googling skills now- just ask her!). One highlight of our trip to the State Library of Victoria was seeing documents like Batman's notorious treaty with the Wurundjeri people in person.

They were both long days but definitely worth it!

Mrs Clare



## **FLU (INFLUENZA) – IMMUNISATION**

Influenza, commonly known as the flu, is caused by a highly contagious virus that is spread by contact with fluids from coughs and sneezes. Every year, the flu causes widespread illness in the community. Annual immunisation is strongly recommended for older people and other people who are at risk of serious complications from the flu (such as pneumonia).

An influenza epidemic occurs when an outbreak of the illness is widespread in a certain community. A pandemic occurs when the illness is more geographically widespread and on more than one continent. Influenza epidemics occur, on average, every three years whereas pandemics have occurred only four times in the past 100 years.

Annual immunisation against the flu is strongly recommended for people in at-risk groups such as older people, pregnant women and those who work or live with people in at-risk groups. Annual influenza vaccination is recommended for any person from six months of age who wishes to reduce the likelihood of becoming ill with the flu.

### **Immunisation against the Flu**

Immunisation of people who are at risk of complications from the flu is the most important way we have to reduce the number of flu infections and deaths.

Influenza viruses change every year because the influenza virus has a unique ability to change its surface structure. This means that even if you had the flu or an immunisation one year, your body's immune system might be unable to fight the changed version of the virus that will be circulating the following year.

Each year, a new vaccine is developed (usually called the seasonal vaccine) and is available for those who wish to be immunised. The seasonal influenza vaccine includes protection against four strains of influenza. Recent evidence suggests protection against influenza may start to decrease from three to four months following vaccination. Annual vaccination before the onset of each influenza season is recommended. While influenza continues to circulate, it is never too late to vaccinate.

The influenza vaccine cannot give you a dose of flu because it does not contain live virus. Some people may still contract the flu because the vaccine may not always protect against all strains of the influenza virus circulating in the community.

An annual flu vaccination is provided through the National Immunisation Program for most people in the community who are considered to be at an increased risk of complications. In Victoria, an annual vaccination against the flu is free for:

- all Victorian children aged six months to less than five years of age
  - people who have medical conditions that put them at risk of serious complications of the flu
  - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people aged six months to under five years and 15 years and over
  - pregnant women – at any stage of pregnancy
- people 65 years and over.

Contact your doctor or immunisation provider for further information about eligibility. People not covered by these categories can also have an annual flu immunisation but it is not available for free.

For more information, check out the Better Health Channel, <https://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/HealthyLiving/flu-influenza-immunisation>



# Canteen News

Pies, Pasties, School Pies, Potato Pies, Sausage rolls are available Term 2 and Term 3.

<b>2018</b>			<b>MAY</b>		
<b>TERM 2</b>			Monday 14th	Michelle Diss	Louise Hocking
<b>APRIL</b>			Tuesday 15th	Sue Pickles	
Friday 20th	Brian Duffy	Kylie Addlem	Wednesday 16th	Karolyn Campbell	Katherine Ellis
			Thursday 17th	Sue Pickles	
Monday 23rd	Margaret Hocking		Friday 18th	Miranda Smith	Leanne Welsh
Tuesday 24th	Sue Pickles				
Wednesday 25th	ANZAC DAY		Monday 21st	Lynda Cartwright	
Thursday 26th	Sue Pickles		Tuesday 22nd	Sue Pickles	
Friday 27th	Leanne Welsh	Toyah Ketterer	Wednesday 23rd	Nicky Lawry	
			Thursday 24th	Sue Pickles	
Monday 30th	Mel Primrose		Friday 25th	Cheryl Green	Lisa Twigg
<b>MAY</b>					
Tuesday 1st	Sue Pickles		Monday 28th	Margaret Hocking	
Wednesday 2nd	Lisa Twigg		Tuesday 29th	Sue Pickles	
Thursday 3rd	Sue Pickles		Wednesday 30th	Miranda Smith	Ashton Bryant
Friday 4th	Natalie Rose	Ash Long	Thursday 31st	Sue Pickles	
			<b>JUNE</b>		
Monday 7th	Belinda Clymo	Ebony Lawry	Friday 1st	Kate Duncan	Kylie Addlem
Tuesday 8th	Yoli Humphries				
Wednesday 9th	Sue Pickles		Monday 4th	Michelle Diss	Ebony Lawry
Thursday 10th	Sue Pickles		Tuesday 5th	Rachel Hay	Ash Long
Friday 11th	Mel primrose	Bree-anna Hocking	Wednesday 6th	Sue Pickles	
			Thursday 7th	Sue Pickles	
			Friday 8th	Katherine Ellis	Michelle Balic

# **SUPER HEROES DISCO**

**Sponsored by-Bendigo and District Accounting Services**

**Friday 27th April at the Raywood Town Hall**

**Primary 5.30-7pm Secondary 7.30-10pm**

**FREE ENTRY Supper & Drinks Provided**

**COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE SUPER HERO**

**Our Local Raywood Police Officer will be in attendance**

**Parents are required to stay for the duration of the dance.**

**NO PASS OUTS**



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
APRIL 16th <b>Start of Term 2</b> <b>Year 9 Advance Camp to Melville Caves begins</b>	<b>17th</b>	18th State Swimming /Diving <b>Year 9 Advance Camp to Melville Caves returns</b>	19th <b>P-12 House Cross Country</b>	20th	21st	22nd
23rd	24th <b>ANZAC Service In the Gym at 2.30m</b>	25th ANZAC Day Holiday	26th	27th	28th	29th
30th Yr 7/8 Mind Your Own Business Market Day Sandhurst Cross Country	1st MAY World of Maths Incursion Prep—9—\$6 per student	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
7th	8th Year 9/10 Term2 Sports Day	9th	10th	11th Year 10 Careers day 11.30—2.45pm	12th	13th