



# 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

### NOVEMBER

**24th** Year 10/ 11 Exams  
(see calendar on back page)  
Year 11's last day

**28th**—Moggs Creek  
Camp begins

Lions Youth of the Year

**30th** Planks IncurSION

P-8 cost \$2

### DECEMBER

**1st** Moggs Creek Camp  
Returns

KFC

**7th –8th** Year 10 Driver  
Education

**11th-15th** Step Up Week

All students to participate  
including Year 11's

Year 10's last day

**13-15th** Year 3 /4 Anglesea  
Camp

**18th** Activity Day

**19th** Activity Day Mitiamo  
Pool

**20th** Activity Day

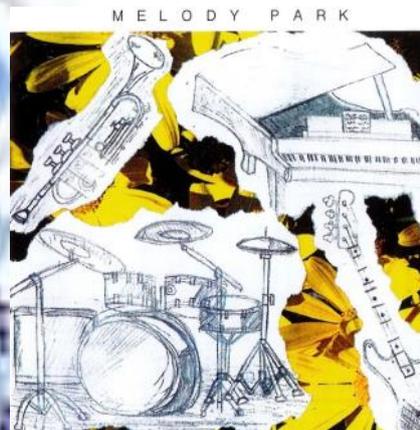
**21st** Presentation  
Assembly 10am start

Busses Leave 1pm

**22nd** Student Free day  
Curriculum Day

## Loddon Shire CD Released!

This week we received our copies of the Loddon Shire CD. This album was recorded at Studio 52, Collingwood last term and features our Year 12 band 'Comfort Zone' (Tom B, Cyan N and Nick K). Grab your copy from the College Office for \$5. All proceeds will go towards ensuring that we can be part of the project next year with a new group of budding



On behalf of all students we would like to thank Studio 52 for opening their doors once again to allow us to record our music. It is always a wonderful privilege to come to Melbourne to record. Thank you to Tony Bellenger, Alan Stobaus & the Loddon Shire for their ongoing financial support of the Kool Skoots program. Thank you to all staff members from East Loddon, Pyramid Hill & Boort District schools for their dedication and enthusiasm toward their students.

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#### EAST LODDON P-12 COLLEGE

1. Hand In My Pocket
2. Monochrome

#### PYRAMID HILL COLLEGE

3. Perfectly Imperfect
4. Don't Dream It's Over
5. You & I
6. Starlight

#### BOORT DISTRICT SCHOOL

7. Someone Like You
8. Mind Garden
9. Don't Worry
10. Come and Go
11. Beauty Of The Beast
12. Another Day



## BOOKLISTS

Booklists have been sent home with students today.

Please check bags.

Presentation Assembly 21st December 10am start

## From the Principal

### Valedictory Dinner

I really do not want to steal Miss Byrne's thunder here, but can I just say that last Friday night's Valedictory Dinner was a great night! The night was held in Bendigo with more than 80 in attendance and it was such a great way to acknowledge all of our wonderful 2017 Year 12's. This year saw a range of teachers speak on an individual student, outlining why that student was a champion.

Thanks are extended to Miss Byrne, all past and present staff in attendance and to each of our Year 12's and their families.



### 'Global' Opportunities for East Loddon P-12 College Students

For a small rural school, our students achieve and are afforded many opportunities on a global scale. Georgia W was in Dubai awaiting a connecting flight to Milan when I last heard from her on Tuesday, and I am sure that by now she is putting the final preparations into her attempts for further 'world Kettlebell domination!' Chelsea H and Jessica D attended school this morning for the final time with us in 2017, before they fly out for Germany tonight to take part in their respective overseas exchanges. Sophie H has also been accepted into this same BJR exchange in Germany next year, with her German exchange sister attending East Loddon P-12 College in Term 1 of 2018. Katie B and Emily A will also leave for Canada and America shortly for extended periods of time on Exchange, and in April next year we have our 2 staff and 6 students take part in the 2018 Turkish Trip.

What an impressive level of global opportunities for our students from East Loddon! I wish all of these students the very best in their travels!

### 2018 College Staffing Update

Our College has recently advertised for 2 primary Generalist teachers and one secondary teacher of English and Humanities for the 2018 school year. We were very impressed with the quality of applicants that applied for these positions and have made 3 offers of employment to our selected applicants. All three applicants have accepted our offers of employment for 2018 and at the completion of our appeals process in a fortnight's time, I will announce our successful candidates to the wider College community. The recruitment process in an education setting is an exhaustive one with many applications to read, critique and then shortlist, before undertaking the process of interviewing and making offers of employment to successful applicants. Some College Councillors were involved in this process again this year and as a College staff, we really appreciate the time, effort, opinions and honesty of these councillors.

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### **'Camp Season!'**

It is that time of the year when a great range of classes undertake their camps in what can be a very busy end to the year. Last week it was our Year 5 and 6 students who ventured to Canberra, while next week will see our Year 9 and 10 students spend four days in Moggs Creek. The week after sees our Year 10 students undertake 2 days of Driver Education in Charlton and the following week will see our Year 3 and 4 students spend 3 days in Anglesea. Please ensure that you are aware of camp arrangements if you have students in these year levels. Feel free to call the College Office at any time if further details are required.

### **Well Done 5/6 Students!**

I am extremely pleased to report to the College community that our Year 5/6 staff who attended the recent Canberra Camp reported back to me that staff members from at least 4 venues visited made particular comment about how wonderful our students were! Whilst we know that our students are wonderful, it is always nice to hear this from others who are around school groups regularly.

Well done Year 5 and 6!

### **Student Mobile Phones At The College**

AAAARRRGGGHHH!!! Apologies for that, but it does get a little frustrating when you feel that you constantly go over the same thing. After talking to several students and some parents on a regular basis, it is probably a good time to extend a reminder to all about mobile phones at the College.

We acknowledge that a lot of our secondary (and the occasional primary) students have a mobile phone and that in the right circumstances they can be very useful devices. This however does not extend to school in almost all cases. If a staff member requires students to have a mobile phone as part of a class task (generally in the senior school, if at all) then they will ensure that you know about this.

When your child says to you 'I am meant to take my phone today because....' They are almost certainly 'stretching the truth'!

Student mobile phones generally lead to negative outcomes during actual school hours. In our recent past we have had (as have most schools) students who take photos of other students on their phone without that students consent, parents and students who make contact with each other during school hours about 'important' things, phones that ring during classtime and cause great disruption, students who endeavour to change bus arrangements without parent or College consent, students who make comments and/or posts to social media..... and the list goes on!

Can I make it as clear as possible that we all have a role to play in helping here. All staff are asked to ensure that they question a student if they see their mobile phone. Staff are doing their job as instructed by me when they do this. This should not result in an argument or anger/frustration shown to that staff member. It sometimes does and would you believe that sometimes these students will hand over their phone if I or a different staff member make the same request. Weird isn't it?

Parents and guardians, I would really appreciate it if you could help us out here in a really easy and straight forward way. Can you please call the College Office if there is a message that your child needs? This way, we are aware of arrangements and do not need to hold up buses at the end of the day to sort out the whereabouts of student X, who is meant to be somewhere that they are clearly not. Please understand that phones beeping, buzzing and ringing are a real distraction in class and this distraction takes away from valuable learning time.

If your child **must** have a mobile phone at the College, then this is acceptable so long as it is either handed into the College Office first thing in the morning or kept in your child's bag or locker for the day. I would think that the Office is the safest and most reliable option.

The following points are from the College's current mobile phone policy-

The College does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones.

Students misusing personal mobile phones at College or causing a nuisance will be brought to the attention of the principal who will confiscate the mobile phone and return it to the student at the end of the day or at an appropriate time in the event of students who repeatedly breach guidelines.

# Principal's Report (cont.)

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## End of Year Timeline

College Council along with College staff have finalised the last week of the 2018 College year, which will take place from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. The following dates and events are slightly different to those of previous years. Please take the time to note these on your calendar.

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December – Activity Day at the College

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – Community Pool day at Mitiamo Swimming Pool

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Activity Day at the College

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – End of Year Presentation Assembly

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December – Curriculum Day. Student Free.

Further details on these days will be forwarded closer to the end of the school year.

## 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/>

Hope you have a great week!

**Steven Leed**  
College Principal

## Planks Incursion

On **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November**, we will be visited by the Green Hat team, who will be running a 'Planks' workshop with Prep-Year 8 students. This workshop will **have a STEM focus and** involve open ended tasks building a variety of constructions using only identical 'planks' and will run with 3 separate groups in the gym. Year 6, 7 & 8 classes will attend the workshop in P1&2, Grade 3, 4 and 5 classes will attend P3&4 and Prep – Grade 2 students will attend P5&6. **Parents and interested kinder kids are welcome to attend the afternoon session as well.** Students are asked to bring in \$2 each to contribute towards the cost of this incursion. Please contact Mrs Johns for more information.



**Presentation Assembly 21st December 10am start**

## **Booklists 2018.**

Booklist were distributed to students today – please look for them in your child’s bag. Once again, this year booklists are to be completed online via the code on the front of the each booklist. This year we have put together a package with all forms that need to be returned for the beginning of the year – please use the tick list and return appropriate forms in the plastic pocket by **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2017.**

For families experiencing financial hardship and would like to pay via a payment plan in 2018 please contact Sue Cail at the general Office before completing booklist.

**Sue Cail**  
**Business Manager**

### Parent Payment Policy General Information Letter for Parents

Dear Parent/Guardian

The *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* provides that instruction in the standard curriculum program is delivered free to all students in Victorian Government schools; this is referred to as ‘free instruction’. The Act also grants school councils the power to charge fees for goods and services to support the delivery of free instruction and to raise funds.

Free instruction includes learning and teaching, instructional supports, materials and resources, administration and facilities associated with the provision of the standard curriculum program. The standard curriculum program includes core learning and teaching activities related to the Victorian Essential Learning Standards and senior secondary certificates such as VCE, VCAL and VET in Schools programs.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development *Parent Payments in Victorian Government Schools* policy provides advice on the different types of payments that schools can request from parents and outlines the procedures and protocols schools must adhere to. This policy is available from the Department’s School Policy and Advisory Guide ([www.education.vic.gov.au/spag](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/spag)).

School councils are responsible for developing and approving a school-level parent payment policy that is compliant with the Department’s policy.

There are three areas for which parents may reasonably be requested to make a payment or contribution:

- **essential education items** which parents/guardians pay the school to provide or may provide themselves, if appropriate (for example, stationery, text books and excursions (travel and entry costs));
- **optional extras** which are offered on a user-pays basis and which parents/guardians may **choose** whether their child accesses or participates in (for example, school magazines or extracurricular programs or activities); and
- **voluntary financial contributions** which parents/guardians may be invited to donate to the school.

Parents/guardians are responsible for ensuring that their children are provided with essential education items. The school makes every effort to keep the cost of items that need to be purchased at a minimum. Parents/guardians also have the option of providing essential education items themselves.

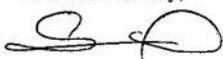
Alternative payment arrangements are also available through the school.

The East Loddon P-12 College Council has made a considerable effort to ensure that this school policy is fair and provides a number of options to support parents to access the materials and services associated with their child’s education.

If you have any queries or wish to discuss your circumstances and the options available to you, please contact the school to make an appointment.

The school-level parent payment policy can be viewed on the school website and will also be provided in the student information pack.

Yours sincerely,



Steven Leed  
Principal



Richard Hicks  
College Council President

**P-4 Update**

**Building Strong Foundations**



**P-4 Sub-School**

**Student of The Week**

**Prep—Travis for showing consistent improvement in reading and writing.**

**Year 1—Oscar for his readiness to learn and enthusiasm to engage in group activities.**

**Year 2—Allira for being a respectful class member who always helps and tries hard.**

**Year 3—Logan for his growing work ethic and his happy attitude.**

**Year 4—Molly a fantastic student who is responsible, tries her best and is organised and ready to learn.**



**You Can Do It!**

**Prep—Lucy**

**Year 1—Sienna**

**Year 2—Andrew**

**Year 3—William**

**Year 4—Mia**



**Assembly News-**

At our assembly, students who participated in the 'Walk to School' (Laps of Central lawn) were presented with a certificate.

Marley and Ava were presented with their 'Pen Licences' in recognition of a consistent high standard of handwriting.



**Reading Clubs** - Congratulations to our students and their families.

<b>300 Nights of Reading</b>	
<b>275 Nights of Reading</b>	<b>Y4-Chloe and Marley Y2-Kyen and Kiara Prep-Lucy</b>
<b>250 Nights of Reading</b>	<b>Y4-Kathleen Y2-Jake and Paige Y1-Archer and Noah Prep-Travis</b>
<b>200 Nights of Reading</b>	<b>Y4- Gracie Y1-Ethan</b>
<b>150 Nights of Reading</b>	<b>Prep- Lucas C.</b>



**Prep Sounds in Focus**

This week the focus is on the 'eer/ ear' sound as in 'Dear little deer', and the 'air/ere' sound as in 'There is a chair'.

**Prep Words To Fluency**

The words to fluency are two very high frequency words, common in many texts: 'there' and 'their'.

**Literacy Hints- The importance of punctuation.**



Punctuation is an essential component of our written communication, helping us to gain meaning from what we read.

The following are examples from the Internet (have fun locating some of your own):

*"Let's eat, Grandpa"* versus *"Let's eat Grandpa"*. The first is an invitation to Grandpa whereas the second infers Grandpa is on the menu. Punctuation can potentially save lives!

The point is, ignoring punctuation when reading can certainly change meaning. When reading with your child, please ensure that your child uses punctuation. This is sometimes hard to achieve with

beginning readers, on their first read, as they tend to focus on decoding words and sentences. There is a real advantage in children reading a text a number of times, with an opportunity to shift the focus during subsequent reads. As your child becomes more confident with the language, they should be encouraged to recognise and use punctuation, and a reader's voice. One of the best ways to promote this is to model these skills by reading a few sentences to your child.

*Peter Vernon*

*P-4 Teaching and Learning Team Co-ordinator*

**Year 2/3 Integrated Studies- Science-Night and Day**

During this week's Science lesson, Allira J presented her extra Science homework about Space. Allira asked if she could find out some extra information about Space. Allira J found out some interesting facts about Space. Well done, Allira. The Year 2/3 Science class also had special guests from the 3/4 class who gave a talk about Space and weather-some interesting facts were presented.



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

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



**Bloomz Weekly Snapshot**



Year 5 and 6 enjoying their week on the Canberra camp



Year 8 Zaishu Stools



100% on latest Year 7 Spelling Test



**Middle Years Captains Report**



This week our Year 5/6 returned after an exciting Canberra Camp. Thank you to Mr Kidman, Mrs Muller and Mrs Phillips for going. We still have our calves at school. Year 7's are starting to prepare for Sub School elections and prepare speeches. Thank you to all parents for their feedback about Bloomz. Have a great weekend.

Oscar and Zoe

**Important Dates:**

Thursday 7th December—2:30pm—Year 4/8 Graduation

December 11—15th—Step Up Week

**Senior School News**

**Year 12 Valedictory Dinner**

Last Friday we celebrated 13 years of schooling for our Year Class of 2017. It was a special night with several staff speaking about the Year 12 students and selecting the theme of 'Year 12 Champions'. We had 20 students in our Year 12 group this year, the largest group to graduate from our College in recent history. I am extremely proud of this. We already have some students who have gained early entrance into university. This will be confirmed once results are released on December 15<sup>th</sup>. We have other students who have started working in apprenticeships already. Meanwhile other students are busy applying for jobs, TAFE or other adventures.

**Year 12 Interviews**

Information was distributed to students, parents/families on Friday evening regarding Year 12 pathway interviews. I intend to meet with Year 12 VCAL students on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> of December and Year 12 VCE students on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> of December.

The interviews are an opportunity for students to seek support regarding VTAC applications, TAFE applications, assistance with job applications, cover letters or resumes, or other.

If students are unable to attend the allocated time I ask that they contact the College and arrange an alternate time.

**Year 10 & 11 Exams**

Year 10 & 11 students have been working productively to complete their Semester 2 exams across a range of subjects. I would like to congratulate the students on their mature and serious approach to these exams. I acknowledge the experience is stressful, but it is a great practice for the real thing (exams in Year 12).

Tomorrow has been allocated as a day for students to catch up on any exams missed during the week. Students are asked to report to the College Office where students will sit catch up exams in the meeting room.

**Upcoming camps for SB**

I wanted to let families know that I will be involved in a few camps over the following weeks and during these camps will not have access to my emails. I will attend the Year 9 & 10 Moggs Creek Camp 28<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December, the Year 10 Driver Ed Camp 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> December and I am likely to attend the Year 3 & 4 Camp Wed December 13<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>. If parents/guardians have specific questions about subjects I would encourage you to direct this contact to the teacher. If matters are in regards to Sub-School stuff I would encourage you to contact Scott Wilkinson or Steve Leed.

**Thanks for your time,  
Sarah Byrne  
Senior Sub-school Leader**

**Deutsche Nachrichten**

Thursday evening Jessica D and Chelsea H will be flying out of Melbourne to Germany as part of the BJR Exchange. All the best, experience a white Christmas with all the trimmings and enjoy yourself as well as learn many new things and importantly let mum and dad know how you are going. Klasse 8 have finished their Oktoberfest tasks the Posters are very informative as well as well presented. On Thursday they will be having a 'tasting' lesson. Photos next week. Klasse 2/3 have been learning about the Advent Kranz. Klasse 3/4 have been putting the final touches to their props for their Wetterbericht(weather forecast). Klasse Preps have been shown how Felix und Franzi celebrate St Nikolaus.

**Annette Burgstett  
German Co-ordinator**

**Library Overdue Books**

As the school year is only a few weeks away we would appreciate all overdue books be returned before **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December**. According to our Library records the students listed below have overdue book/books. As we lose a great many books every year from lost books, we would appreciate your assistance by returning the items as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

Prep	Yr 1-2	Yr 2-3	Yr 3/4	Yr 5	Yr 6	Yr 7	Yr 8	Yr 9	Yr 10	Yr 11
Lucas C	Lily	Hayley	Jorja	Amy	Tyler	Kayla	Jakob	Dakota	Samantha	Emily
Jasper	Paige S	Will	Ryan	Issac	Makayla	Adam	Zoe D	Cameron	Zac	
Deisel	Oscar	Zac		Brodie	Libby	Jack	Molly	Jack	Jack	
	Reid			Daisy	Jemima		Bridget	Blake		
					Jaxon					
					Stephi					
					Sam					
					Brandon					

## KFC – Kids Friday Club Term 4 2017

KFC continues tomorrow - November 24<sup>th</sup> and December 1<sup>st</sup>.

On our final KFC on Dececeember 1<sup>st</sup> we will aim to finish at 5pm and follow with a sausage sizzle. Families are welcome. At this session we weigh in our loose change, focus on the Christmas story and give all the children a gift.

We then have our Community carols evening which doubles as a KFC breakup on Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Dingee Hall commencing with a free BBQ tea at 6.30pm.

Our transition to the signing out of KFC seems to be going well. Thanks to parents/guardians for your part in this.

**THIS WEEK - REMEMEBER TO BRING...**

- Loose change for our Loose Change Challenge
- A snack to share (no nuts)

All children in Prep-Yr 6 welcome.

Contacts for enquiries: Robyn Falls 0429368242, Wendy Twigg 54368264 or Judy Mountjoy 04288379222

# Canteen News

<b>TERM 3</b>	<b>NOVEMBER</b>		<b>DECEMBER</b>		
Friday 24th	Miranda Smith	Yoli Humphries	Monday 11th	Mel Primrose	
			Tuesday 12th	Sue Pickles	
Monday 27th	Judy Mountjoy		Wednesday 13th	Kylie Addlem	
Tuesday 28th	Sue Pickles		Thursday 14th	Sue Pickles	
Wednesday 29th	Lisa Twigg		Friday 15th	Lisa Twigg	Sue Holt
Thursday 30th	Sue Pickles				
<b>DECEMBER</b>			Monday 18th	Michelle Diss	
Friday 1st	Toyah Ketterer		Tuesday 19th	Activity POOL DAY	<b>NO LUNCH ORDERS</b>
			Wednesday 20th	Sue Pickles	
Monday 4th	Margaret Hocking		Thursday 21st	Sue Pickles	<b>NO LUNCH ORDERS</b>
Tuesday 5th	Sue Pickles		Friday 22nd	<b>Curriculum Day</b>	<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b>
Wednesday 6th	Bec Cullen				
Thursday 7th	Sue Pickles				
Friday 8th	Michelle Balic	Cheryl Green			

<b>2018</b>					
<b>TERM 1</b>			<b>TERM 1</b>		
<b>JANUARY</b>			<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
Tuesday 30th	Sue Pickles		Monday 5th	Margaret Hocking	
Wednesday 31st	Penny Cockerell		Tuesday 6th	Sue Pickles	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>			Wednesday 7th	Bec Cullen	Ebony Lawry
Thursday 1st	Sue Pickles		Thursday 8th	Sue Pickles	Julie Hall
Friday 2nd	Michelle Balic	Yoli Humphries	Friday 9th	Kylie Addlem	Natalie Rose

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
				24th Year 10/11 Exams Last Day for Year 11's Catch Up Kids Friday Club	25th	26th
27th	28th Yr 9/10 Moggs Creek Camp Begins  Lions Youth of the Year	29th	30th P-8 Planks in-cursion cost \$2	DECEMBER 1st Moggs Creek Camp returns  Kids Friday Club Last night	2nd	3rd
4th TAFE & LaTrobe Uni Excursion	5th	6th RMIT Excursion Longrenong Excursion	7th Year 10 Driver Education Year 4 and Year 8 Graduation 2.30pm	8th Year 10 Driver Education	9th	10th
11th STEP-UP WEEK Begins All students to participate including Year 11	12th	13th Year 3 /4 Anglesea Camp begins	14th	15th STEP-UP WEEK concludes  Year 3 /4 Anglesea Camp returns Last day for Year 10	16th	17th
18th Activity Day at the College	19th <b>Activity Day Community Pool Day @ Mitiamo Pool</b>	20th Activity Day At the College	21st PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY  10AM START BUSSES LEAVE 1PM	22nd		