Acting Principal’s News

Last week saw the launch of our school App, and we strongly encourage parents and interested others, to get on board with this if they have Ipads, Ipods or Iphones. So far we have had 30 parents sign up, (this may indicate that Apple makes too much money). This App will soon be available to Android users however at present is only available through the App store. Search for ‘Skoolbag East Loddon P12’. Yes, I know, the spelling is cringe worthy.

School Photos arrived yesterday and were distributed to all students in attendance. If you have any queries about the photos, please call the office. There was a little hold up this year and we apologise for this. A number of photos had a piece of sporting equipment (unknowingly at the time) sitting in the background. The wonders of photoshop were engaged to magically make it disappear and I believe this took some time. See if you can spot it!

Unfortunately the airbrush wasn’t used on my photo and so once again mine go in to the pile of ‘I don’t usually look like that’.

We have recently had two cases of hand foot and mouth disease in the junior school. If your child presents with blistering sores please seek medical attention and advise the school. Though cases are difficult to avoid with young children it may be a good time to talk to your kids about hygiene and the importance of washing hands etc.

Educational Maintenance Allowance (EMA) ceases to exist at the end of 2014. At this stage the school is not aware of the program if any that will replace this. With this in mind (and working on worst case scenarios), families will need to assess how this may affect their budgeting for 2015. Any queries about this, please contact Sue Cail at the office.

Next Friday sees the end of Term 2. On that day, school will finish at 2:20 and buses will leave at 2:30. Parents will need to ensure that they adjust their pick up times to suit this. Everything is one hour earlier.

Just a reminder that next term on Tuesday nights we will run ‘Dance’ as our Active After Schools activity. This will be held in either the gymnasium or multi purpose room, depending on numbers. Please express your child’s interest in attending by returning the permission sheet to the office. Soccer concluded on the 17th of June.

Third instalment for the 2015 Turkish Trip is due at the end of term. Please forward monies to the office. Please call me if you have any queries about this.

Scott Wilkinson
Acting Principal
School Council Report

In the past you may have noticed that a School Council report used to appear in the newsletter. It has been decided to reinstate the report for the information of parents and students. If all has gone to plan this should be appearing in the new newsletter format.

The last meeting was held at the College on the Wednesday the 11th of June. One of the items we discussed was the ongoing update of school policies. There were two policies that we dealt with on the night being Attendance and also the Complaints and Grievance policy, amendments were made to these policies and will be ratified at the next meeting. As a council we are committed to bringing all school policies up to date and will do on an ongoing basis.

We have the school fete coming up and planning is well underway, if you have any ideas please feel free to contact the college and pass them on or mention them to any of your school councillors. Our names are at the top of the school newsletter if you don’t know us.

We also have a college’s works priority list where we decide on what needs to be upgraded or repaired on the college grounds or building which are discussed at each meeting. If you have any suggestions please let one of us know. Please note that we are paying extra attention to the gym and P 4 toilets to make sure they are clean and up to standard.

The College finances are discussed at every meeting with a comprehensive report presented to us. The regular audits that take place are always complimentary and reflect well on the College. The principal always presents a detailed report to school council detailing what is going on with the college from curriculum to staff movements to environment. This term in has been Scott Wilkinson who has done a great job whilst Brad Madden has been at another school. Brad should be returning for the next term. I would also like to thank Steve Leed for stepping up to Scott’s job.

Remember we represent the parents and guardians of the students and are there to make sure that you all have input, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any ideas or suggestions towards improving the school experience for our children. As the rest of the school year continues I will write regular reports to keep you all updated as to what your School Council is doing.

Regards
Dale Lewis
School Council President.

We’re publishing our own cookbook

Dear Parent / Carer,

We are delighted to announce that as our next fundraising project, we are professionally publishing our very own stylish cookbook.

We chose this project because it can involve all children and their families of East Loddon P-12 College, will produce a professionally published cookbook full of wonderful family favourites, and because it will make a truly beautiful and personalised gift for your family and friends. You also get to see your name included at the bottom of your recipe!

Please help us compile this wonderful cookbook by submitting your favourite family recipes. We hope to receive recipes from ALL families (and staff)!

How to submit your favourite family recipes

Just go to the Published Authors website (www.PublishedAuthors.com.au) and submit your recipe using their simple template. This process is really very easy and takes only minutes to do.

If you don’t have access to the internet, please ring for a Recipe Card and return to Leanne Welsh by 10th July 2014.

If you have any queries/questions, please call: Leanne Welsh on 03 5436 6281, 0447 689 309 or by Email to welsh600@gmail.com

Recipes can be mailed to Leanne at 48 Woods Road, CALIVIL VIC 3573 also.

We hope you enjoy the lovely recipes that will be included in this cookbook, and that wonderful memories of our East Loddon P-12 College remain with you always when you share these meals with your friends and family for years to come.

Our cookbook will be available for sale by advanced ordering or at the College Fete – more details next week.

Many thanks
Leanne Welsh – Parent’s Association President
Assistant Principal Report

Herald Sun Mast Head Competition – Thank you!
A big thank you to all staff, students and College community members who assisted with collecting Herald Sun Mast Heads for the past two weeks. Let’s hope we win some cash for the College!

Bus Behaviour and Driver Procedures
Almost all of our students travel to and from the College each day by bus and we have a huge majority of students who display a great level of behaviour whilst travelling on the six buses that currently service our College. Each of our buses have designated bus captains who act as our eyes and ears on the bus and are responsible for ensuring that students are sitting appropriately, being respectful of noise levels and displaying a high level of sensible behaviour and respect to all. Some of these bus captains have reported of late that there have been recent occasions of students misbehaving and then consequently not respecting or listening to the requests of the bus captains who are endeavouring to address these behaviours.

Today I have spoken with the owners/managers of our two bus companies in regards to the best way to address this type of behaviour and attitude. If a student is misbehaving on the bus, the bus captains will address this behaviour with the student. We expect that this is enough of an intervention for the student to correct their behaviour immediately. If the student chooses not to listen to the bus captain, we have instructed our drivers to avoid distraction and to safely pull over to the side of the road. The driver will simply wait until the appropriate behaviours have been restored before driving off again to continue with their bus route. This should very quickly restore appropriate behaviours on the bus. Whilst this may inconvenience some families who have time commitments on particular nights of the week, it will also very quickly address the behaviours of students who are doing the wrong thing and identify those individuals who are doing this. This then enables us to follow discipline procedures with students who are holding up our buses.

We apologise in advance for any late arrivals in the afternoon, but certainly hope that all parents can see the importance of safe bus travel and appropriate behaviour for all.

Buses will pull over to the side of the road if and when the following types of behaviours occur – Students are out of their seat whilst the bus is moving

Students are not sitting in their designated seats

Students are displaying excessive noise or ‘silliness’

Student refusal to follow reasonable bus captain requests

Throwing, taking, kicking of items on the bus

CFA Volunteers BBQ
A quick reminder to College community members regarding the ‘volunteers recognition day’ that yr 9/10 Youth Crew/Advance students will be holding next Friday to say thank you to CFA volunteers for the selfless dedication given in the protection of our community assets. There will be a BBQ lunch, tea/coffee, bonfire and CFA games/races between local brigades and students. Spouses and Partners are welcome also, and it is hoped that as many volunteers as possible from local brigades can attend. Please RSVP to the College Office by tomorrow (June 20th) to help us with catering purposes.

It should be a great day for all involved!

Please continue to assist us with the following-

The use of a bus pass if wanting to change stops for your child in the afternoon.

Informing the College Office when wanting your child to get on the bus in the morning at a stop other than your own.

Providing a note when your child is out of uniform.

Encouraging your child to hand their mobile phone/I-Pod into the Office for safe-keeping.

Using the visitor’s book when attending the College during school hours.

Demanding respectful bus behaviour of your child.

Thank you for your assistance with these matters.

Hope you have a great week!

Steven Leed – Acting Assistant Principal


**Respect - Resilience - Responsibility - Relationships**

**P-4 Update**

Building Strong Foundations

Student of the Week

**Prep Jorja**—For working hard to get everything finished.

**Year 1 Nathan**—For his good reading and moving on to the next level.

**Year 2 Harvey**—For excellent Narrative writing.

**Year 3 Libby**—For working hard all week on her writing.

**Year 4 Rhys**—For working very hard on his Lion’s Club speech.

**You Can Do It! (Getting Along)**

**Prep**—Olivia

**Year 1**—Kathleen and Marissa

**Year 2**—Madison

**Year 3**—Adam

**Year 4**—Philip

**READING CLUB Awards**

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Our next awards are presented for ‘150 Nights’, which a significant number of students are fast approaching.

**GERMAN LANGUAGE AWARDS**

**Prep**- William

**Year 1**- Ava and Dylan

**Year 4**- Megan and Roscoe
Assembly
At our last assembly we were entertained by the Prep/One class performing the song ‘Tadpoles Blues’. It was great to hear the quality of the singing.

Prep Letter in Focus K, k
Prep Words to Fluency- Please continue to consolidate the ‘key card’ words.

Hand, Foot and Mouth
There have been a couple of confirmed cases of Hand, Foot and Mouth disease in our school and parents need to be alert to this. If you suspect that your child has a case of HFM, please seek medical confirmation and advice.

Speech Opportunity
Last week the Prep and Year 1 classes were very fortunate to have the Regional Speech Pathologist, Madelyn Leyden, working with them during their language classes. Madelyn is a very competent professional with outstanding skills in her field and both the students and teachers gained a lot from the sessions. The major focus was alerting students to which parts (teeth, tongues, lips) they needed to create each of the sounds. Madelyn enjoyed working with the classes, who were very receptive and responsive, and has offered to return for further whole group speech sessions.

P-4 Excursion
Thank you for your support with our excursion. We apologise for the very early start but you may take some comfort in the knowledge that the teachers will have left Bendigo just after 6am. It will be early to bed for all of us tonight. We are fortunate to have dedicated staff and parents who see the importance of providing our students with a broad range of cultural experiences. You might like to sit down with your child and explore the interactive web site- Hansel and Gretel, Learning about Opera- www.classicalkus.org/kids/opera. Some of the students will have visited the site in classes but it is fun and informative and well worth looking at as a family. The Year 2 class recently presented Hansel and Gretel plays to eager audiences in the Prep and One classes as part of their reading program (Traditional plays).

Peter Vernon
P-4 Co-ordinator

LIONS CLUB- Public Speaking Competition
On Thursday the 26th of June some of our students will be presenting their speech in the school based section of the competition. The standard of the presentations has been excellent in the past and parents are welcome to attend.

The finalists of the Years 3 and 4 start at 9:15 in the multipurpose room. The Years 5 and 6 representatives will commence at 11:10.
Middle Years Report

Year 5 - Impressive Initiative!
I mentioned last week in my Assistant Principal section that year 5 had an impressive desire to fundraise for a good cause through the sponsorship of an Orangutan. This week the students have taken their idea one step further in sending two class representatives to our Management Advisory Committee meeting (made up of principal, assistant principal and 5 staff members) to pitch some ideas for fundraising. Ben and Zoe certainly did their classmates proud, by presenting their information in a most professional manner. Well done to the two of you!

MAC committee members were certainly very encouraging of the year 5 ideas, and community members should expect to see a fundraising idea come to fruition early next term.

Year 5/6 World Cup Soccer
Students in the combined year 5/6 Sport lesson have recently been studying soccer and this has culminated in the the students having a World Cup Soccer Tournament. The students have made teams which are aligned to countries participating in the actual World Cup and the competition has been fierce. The four teams (France, Italy, Germany and Brazil) have been playing in a round robin styled competition on the Tennis Courts and in the Gym. The gold medal match to conclude this World Cup will be held next Thursday. Good luck to all involved!

Highlights of the matches so far have been:
- Avril’s impressive ‘header’
- The brisk conditions this morning
- Chloe’s massive kicking
- Haydyn ‘heading’ a goal
- Nikkita charging down the sidelines with dazzling runs
- The fantastic teamwork, court movement and ball control shown by all

Year 7/8 Sports Day
Thanks to Mr Cameron, Miss Byrne and Mrs Thompson for attending our year 7/8 sports day on Tuesday and to Mr Clyne for organising our teams for the day. The students had a great time and a great deal of success! Thanks also to Cooper and Jessica for providing these brief reports:

Badminton
On Tuesday the 17th a group of us year 7/8’s went to the Eaglehawk Badminton stadium to play against other schools. There were a year 8 girls’ and boys’ team and same with the year 7. First off we all versed Girton and they bet every team of ours except for the year 8 girls. Next we went on and played Crusoe College and the year 7 girls bet them. The year 7 boys lost, the year 8 boys lost and the year 8 girls won. We played CCB next and all of our teams lost except for the year 7 boys. We went on and played Eaglehawk and every team except for the year 8 boys won. Next game we played Weeroona and all of us lost except the year 7 boys. We versed BCE last and we all lost except for the year 7 boys. We had a great day away and everyone played really well.

By Cooper M

Yr 7 & 8 Netball Day
On Tuesday a group of 7 & 8 girls went to the Schweppes Centre to play Netball. There were 2 teams – A year 7 team and a year 8 team. The year 7 team won 2 games overall, beating Crusoe and Weeroona. We would like to thank Miss Byrne and Mrs Thompson for coaching us during the day. Also, thank you to Dianne who drove our bus. It was a great day overall even though there were not too many wins. Well done to all the girls who played!

By Jessica D

Timetable and Technology Block Changes
Due to the change of Semester which occurred on Monday of this week, students in the Middle Years have had slight timetable changes and a change over of technology groups. Things appear to have changed over smoothly and students will no doubt be on top of these changes asap. It may be a good time to remind your child to update any timetable of classes they may keep at home.

Good News Story – Ella H
Congratulations to year 8 student, Ella H, who has been accepted into the Bendigo Bank Academy of Sport for Netball. Ella was selected to attend two tryouts for the academy and yesterday found out that she had ‘made the cut’. Ella currently plays in the U15 Mitiamo team and Loddon Valley U13 squad. Super effort Ella!

Year 5/6 and Year 8 Camps
A reminder to parents to please tend to the requirements of initial camp notes. Payment Plans can be arranged for those who require these, and it is important for planning purposes, that all students intending to attend either of these camps, have made this very clear on their return slips.

More details regarding both camps will be forwarded to students soon.

Contact with the College and Good News Stories
Parents are reminded to keep in close contact with the College so that we are able to assist students with specific issues as they arise, and to please make me aware of any good news stories that I can include in this section of the Newsletter.

I can be contacted via the College Office or by email at leed.steven.a@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Have a great week!

Steven Leed – Middle Years Leader
Senior School Newsletter Thursday 19th of June

Ultimate Frisbee Demonstration Game & BBQ
Friday 20th of June near the oval: BBQ Lunch $2 a sausage in bread with sauce & $2 soft drink.
12:45pm – 1:05pm Alyce instructing drills for Grade Prep – Year 5 students. You will learn how to throw forehand & backhand.
1:05 -1:30pm Alyce to explain basic rules / start demo game Year 10 students & guests will play Ultimate Frisbee before allowing participants from the crowd to join in. Alyce is organising this to raise funds for her travel to Italy in July where she will represent Australia.

Netball Clinic
Venue: Flora Hill Indoor Sports Stadium 56 Ellis St Flora Hill
Date: Friday 4th of July 3pm – 5pm (10-15 years)
Cost $40 place your booking online www.nvclinicsandcamps.com.au or Ph 9321 222

Keys Please, Fit2Drive & Looking After Your Mates Road Safety Day
On Monday our Year 10, 11 and 12 students participated in a Road Safety education program about keeping our kids safe on the roads. I was really pleased to see and hear that the students were taking this information seriously and participating in each of the activities with real purpose. Students were provided with information, strategies and skills about how to keep themselves and their mates safe. Important skills, that are essential for life.

Victorian Student Representative Council
Congress 2014 Lord Somers Camp
Friday 15th to Saturday 16th August 2014
Year 7 -12 students are invited to attend
Cost $145 – this ticket price includes accommodation, meals, resources and transportation to and from Federation Square. Book online www.vicsrc.org.au/congress/congress-2014

Special thanks to Tahlia Columbus and Julia Twigg (short notice) who assisted with the Year 7 & 8 Netball umpiring on Tuesday. You were a great help, and definitely needed as they had rostered both our teams on to play at the same time and our two umpires to umpire at the same time, meaning I was sort of meant to be in four places at once. Thanks ladies. Also, thanks to Rosalie Thompson who volunteered and did a fantastic job at coaching getting our Year 7 girls to two wins, well done!

Year 9 &10 elective changes
Last chance to change subjects – forms are due Friday 20th of June. See Miss Byrne asap if you are wanting to change subjects to collect one of these forms.

Work Experience & Structured Work Placements
All inquiries regarding work experience and structured work placements should be directed to Mr Rudkins. He is the co-ordinator for this. Mr Rudkins works part time and is at school on the following days Monday, Tuesday, Wed PM and Friday.

Thanks for your time, I am on a mission to slimline my section of the newsletter to provide more user friendly reading. If you have any questions please let me know,

Sarah Byrne
Senior Sub-School Leader

Mock Interviews
Next Wednesday, 25th June, all YEAR TEN AND VCAL STUDENTS will be involved in our mock interview process. Students have been working on Resumes and Job Applications as a lead up to the big day. Students will be permitted to arrive at school in their interview attire, and then will be required to change back into their uniform once their interview is over.
Active After School Communities – Dance

Dance sessions will be held at the College from 3:30 to 4:30 pm on the following dates.

Dates: Tuesday July 29th through to Tuesday September 2nd.

Permission Form

I give permission for ................................................................................... …to attend the dance sessions from Tuesday July 29th through to Thursday September 2nd.

No equipment is required and there will be no cost.

I will arrange transport for my child/ren at 4:30pm at the conclusion of the session.

Signature: ____________________________ Date: ____________________________

Other relevant information:
Canteen News

Canteen Roster – TERM 3 2014. Thanks for Volunteering in the canteen for Term 3. The days highlighted in grey are days I need volunteers – if you can help out by volunteering on one of these days please let me know. If there are any problems or concerns, or you need to update your availability, please contact me. There may be changes made to this roster before school starts next term and if this happens I will email all contacts that I have, and re post it in the newsletter first week back in Term 3. Please Remember - If you cannot do your rostered turn, please arrange your own swap with someone else.

Next Week’s Special – School Pie (Plain or Potato) and Juice $4

Jo Guthrie, Canteen Coordinator
ajguthries@bigpond.com or 0428 366 220

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Esmart Schools News from the Wellbeing Team.

Tips for Socialising Online
Below is a checklist of important things to do when helping children to navigate social networking sites, search engines or online games safely.

Look after each other online – talk with your family and friends about how to be cybersafe.

Download the Government's Cybersafety Help Button. The Help Button provides internet users, particularly children, with easy online access to cybersafety information and assistance available in Australia.

Think before you post! Posting personal information – including photos – may seem harmless but could put people at risk. Once it's online, it's really hard to take down.

Keep your passwords secret. To make your password really hard to hack make sure it includes numbers and symbols, and change it often. Visit Stay Smart Online for more information.

Smartphones can pinpoint your exact location and publish this online. Think carefully before you check in and tell the world where you are. Learn more at Cybersmart's Geolocaters page.

Check if the site has an age limit or rating. Some have age limits to protect you from inappropriate content.

Parents can check out Cybersmart's infographic for handy tips on pre-teens that want to join social networking sites.

Use the Cybersafety Help Button to report cyberbullying and inappropriate content directly to social media sites, the ACMA or the Australian Federal Police.

Use the privacy settings to control who can see your personal information. You can also use a site’s settings to block users who make you feel uncomfortable. There is no such thing as safe sexting. You could be breaking the law if you send, receive or forward these types of pictures. Learn more at Cybersmart's Sexting page.

Tribute pages dedicated to the memory of a friend or loved one need to be carefully monitored – it can be very upsetting if people make disrespectful or offensive comments on these pages. Carefully manage your page permissions to control who can access and post to the page.

More information can be found on Stay Smart Online, www.staysmartonline.gov.au. Click on the ‘Cybersafety Help Button’. The Cybersafety Help Button is a new Australian Government initiative designed to keep children and families safe online. The help button is an online resource that gives children and young people easy access to cyber safety information and assistance. You can download the button now at the Department of Communications' website. If you would like to discuss this further please feel free to contact Denise Leed or Rosie Coleman at the College.

### 7ups Youth Club
**All year 7 – 12 students welcome**

**Final 7ups for Term 2 this Sunday…..**

**June 22nd** 7upsized for 7ups &families 5.30 - 7.30pm at Dingee UC

**Dates for Term 3 2014**

**July 27th** 7upsized for 7ups &families 5.30 - 7.30pm at Dingee UC

**August 10th** 7ups Formal Dinner (by invitation)

**August 17th** 5.30 - 7.30pm at Dingee UC

**August 24th** 7upsized for 7ups &families 5.30 - 7.30pm at Dingee UC

**August 31st** Movie Night 5.30 – 8.45pm at Dingee UC

**September 7th** Father’s Day – no 7ups

**September 14th** 5.30 - 7.30pm at Dingee UC

A gold coin covers a light tea, cans for sale, wear comfy clothes, bring a Bible if you have one.

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