**Acting Principal’s News**

Tomorrow is a report writing day for teachers and so they will be busily typing away at their desks, some at home and some at school, trying to meet the deadlines that we have set. We have had more than one query about this, but this is definitely a student free day. Monday is also the Queen’s Birthday public holiday, so most of you will probably be busy collecting Order of Australia Medals and the like. When the students return on Tuesday we will have exam week for the senior students in years 10-12. Please encourage them to study hard over the break. Next week is also the final week for semester one subjects. It may seem odd that we change a timetable two weeks before the end of a semester, however this is primarily to align with VCE dates and also to ensure that time spent in semester one and two subjects, is similar in length.

I had a visit from Drew Cathcart this morning. Drew works hard organising our Active After Schools Program. He has confirmed 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 is currently going really well, we had 12 eager participants last week. This will continue until the 17th of June.

As I mention every week, we still have room for your kids, if they wish to study music. Guitar and piano lessons are available on site, during school time. Please contact the school if you are interested. This can be a great way to lift confidence in your children and let them see that persisting with difficult things, can produce great reward.

Well done to Ms Byrne and the year 9/10 Outdoor Ed students who made the massive ride to Lake Meran yesterday. I’d tire just driving there.
Second instalment for the 2015 Turkish Trip was due last week. Please forward monies to the office asap if you have not already. Soon we will need to pay deposits to secure accommodation. Please call me if you have any queries about this.

Have a great long long weekend. Please encourage your senior students to hit the books.

Scott Wilkinson
Acting Principal

Assistant Principal Report

Herald Sun Mast Head Competition – It has started!

How would you like to help win $10,000 for our school? We have the chance to do this courtesy of the Herald Sun!

From **Sunday 1 June to Saturday 14 June**, the school that collects the most Herald Sun mastheads per enrolled student wins. Scores are calculated on a proportional basis to the number of students who attend our school, so every school has an equal chance of winning.

To have a chance of winning, we will need all of our students, parents and College community members to collect as many Herald Sun mastheads as they can between Sunday 1 June and Saturday 14 June. Maybe source some mastheads from your family and neighbours and even get a little cheeky by asking various businesses to hand over the mastheads of their unsold papers, or see if you can source them from your place of work.

This is seriously a good opportunity to try our luck at winning a large sum of money for the school and I hope that you will all get behind the cause and endeavour to get some mastheads. If you are able to do so, please pop them into an envelope and return them to our College Office.

Thanks for your support!

Good luck Outdoor Ed Students!

Yesterday I waved goodbye to Miss Byrne, Mrs Lethlean and a group of Outdoor Education students who were embarking on a two day bike hike to Lake Meran. Over to the lake yesterday, and then back today. The progress texts last night indicated that all students were doing well despite their long ride, and I am sure that they will be relieved when they return to the College today. Great effort students, and well done to Miss Byrne and Mrs Lethlean for making this great event happen. (I want to make a special note of Mel’s ‘retro racer’ bike also. He has purchased this from the recycling centre in Eaglehawk and done it up himself, and it looks sensational! Great effort Mel!)

CFA Volunteers BBQ

Students from the East Loddon P-12 College Yr 9/10 Youth Crew are holding a volunteers recognition day to say thank you to CFA volunteers for the selfless dedication given by our local crews in the protection of our community assets.

Get together. Join the students and region 2 representatives for bonnie, marshmallows, BBQ lunch and a cuppa. Be challenged by students from your district to some CFA games and races. Dingee kids V’s Dingee CFA. Jarklin kids V’s Jarklin CFA. Calivil Kids V’s Calivil CFA. Serp Kids V’s Serp CFA. Yarrawalla kids V’s Yarrawalla CFA. Raywood Kids V’s Raywood CFA ….You get the idea?
Oh! Bring your Spouses and Partners as well!!!!
Please try to get as many of your local brigade members as possible to come along as possible, and RSVP to the College Office by 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 during the school day, rather than keeping it in their pocket and providing temptation to use the device whilst at school.

Thankyou for your assistance with these matters.

Hope you have a great week!
Steven Leed – Acting Assistant Principal

Senior School News
Year 10 & Year 12 Long Tan Australian Defence Force ADF Scholarship Awards
Are you interested in applying for an ADF Long Tan award with scholarship funds attached?
The selection criteria for the award is based on the following values;
- Leadership
- Teamwork
- Problem solving
- Resourcefulness
- Communicator
- Co-operator
- Community involvement
- It is anticipated that there will be a recipient from Year 10, 11 & 12
  (provided the applicants meet the selection criteria)

Students are being asked to provide a brief summary of how you have demonstrated the above attributes at East Loddon P-12 College and/or within the broader community in which you live. If you have any questions please see Miss Byrne. Applications are due Friday 13th of June

Year 10, 11 & 12 Practice Exam Timetable
General Achievement Test GAT Wednesday 11th June
- 10.00 am – 1:15pm
- East Loddon P-12 College (Room 30)

Year 10, 11 & 12 students will be participating in a practice exam week where students will sit practice exams relevant to their subject areas. These exams will be internally set and assessed by the subject teachers. This exam week will take place between Tuesday 10th of June – Thursday 12th of June. Friday 13th of June will be designated as a catch up day. Students were given timetables on Tuesday during reading time. Teachers and students will be looking at revision techniques and course content required for revising. Students are encouraged to speak directly to their subject teachers about this during class time or lunch time. Hopefully you might see your children at home doing some of this revision too.
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Subjects such as VET Building and Construction, VET Engineering, VCE Food, VCE Units3&4 PE have indicated that students will be completing internal assessments during their class times.

**Keeping our kids safe: East Loddon P-12 College Road Safety Day**
Year 10, 11 & 12 ‘Keeping our kids safe’ Monday 16th of June
Year 10: Keys Please (period 3 & 12:20pm)
Year 11: Fit2Drive (8:55am - period 4)
Year 12: Looking After Your Mates 12:30 – 1:38pm
Students were given notices regarding these events two weeks ago, which require parent or guardian signature before being returned. Please ask your children/child for these. Parents/guardians welcome to attend also. Please let me know prior to the day.

**Goldfields Accommodation Expo**
Where: Bendigo Senior Secondary College James King Hall
When: Tuesday 22nd July 7pm
It is an opportunity to find out about various accommodation options available at universities and private providers along with key note speakers.
Contact: Naomi Flint ph. 4408 6151 or flint.naomi@bssc.edu.au

**4R’s award: Congratulations Julia Twigg**
On Monday during the Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Ed classes training bike ride to Tandarra Julia Twigg kindly offered to host a morning tea for us with lovely homemade scones, biscuits and chocolate milk. It was delicious and certainly a very generous act.

**Missing ‘2’ Waterproof Barrels**
It is with much frustration that I include this within the newsletter, but I am currently missing two our brand new waterproof barrels that we took with us on the recent Canoe Camp. They are black and labelled number 2 & number 12. I would really appreciate these to be returned as soon as possible. They are costly and due to budget restraints I only purchased the exact amount for our students. It upsets me when students borrow equipment from the school and then fail to return it. Please help me to find these. Many thanks.
Thanks for your time. Special mention to Bryan Jolly who is heading to Wollongong this weekend to compete in the National Championships, all the best.

Sarah Byrne byrne.sarah.m@edumail.vic.gov.au
Senior Sub-school Leader

Middle Years Report

Online games/apps - ‘Slenderman’ and ‘Snapchat’

Without going into too much detail, I just wanted to raise awareness of a couple of games/apps that teenagers and even younger children use (and I know for certain are used by students at our College) possibly without the knowledge of their parent or guardian. ‘Slenderman is depicted as resembling a thin, unnaturally tall man with a blank and usually featureless face, wearing a black suit. The Slender Man is commonly said to stalk, abduct, or traumatize people, particularly children.’ Parent opinion on whether this app/game is suitable for children of any age will differ, however I want to raise awareness of the fact that many online feedback sites contain comments from parents about how damaging this app has been for their child. In the previous couple of days there has also been a horrific event amongst 12yr olds occur in America which is supposedly linked directly to this app. Have a chat to your child about this app, and if they are using it, have a game with them and discuss the appropriateness of it as a family.

Snapchat is an app which allows users to take photos and videos and send them to a recipient. These ‘Snaps’ are set to a time limit for how long recipients can view the image before it disappears from the recipient’s device and Snapchat server. These images can obviously be inappropriate and the recipient is always able to ‘screen shot’ the image before it disappears. This can lead to unsavoury outcomes! According to Snapchat, users of this app were sending approx. 700 million photos per day worldwide as of May 2014. A recent ‘event’ in Australian sporting circles highlights again how this type of app can lead to trouble if not used appropriately.

Again, I write the article above purely to raise awareness of what I know is being used by our students and to encourage family members to open the lines of communication with their child regarding what they are accessing online. I am certainly not judging anyone who uses these apps or allows their children to.

Sub-school Captain Reports

Ethan – I would still really like to start something up at a lunchtime for students in the Middle School and although I have not received any student suggestions at the moment, it is still high on my priority list. I would really like some suggestions before the end of next Friday so that I can start a lunchtime activity during Term 3.

Jo – On Tuesday of this week I held my first Social Committee meeting and it was attended by a few eager girls. We discussed possible themes, set up and activities for a social. We will meet again this coming Tuesday to further discuss and make decisions regarding this possible event.

Yr 6 Nesting Boxes – Action shots from last week’s construction session with Mr Poyser and Anthony Gallacher of Loddon Plains Landcare Network
**Good News Story – Haydyn and Jacob**

During the upcoming holidays Haydyn and Jacob will be travelling to the Gold Coast to participate in a training and tournament camp for the martial art of MUDO. This camp will take place from the 2\textsuperscript{nd} to the 7\textsuperscript{th} of July and Haydyn and Jacob will be instructed by a variety of instructors as well as Masters and Grand Masters, including a Grand Master from Korea. Haydyn and Jacob started training in MUDO last year and thoroughly enjoy this martial art. Haydyn and Jacob are currently on their third level belt for ‘Haidum Kumdo’ which is a form of sword craft.

The boys will be the only people from central Victoria attending this camp. Good luck for the camp boys, we hope it all goes well!

**Year 5/6 Camp**

This year our year 5/6 students will be travelling to Ballarat for their camp. A confirmed date for this camp is from the 12\textsuperscript{th} – 14\textsuperscript{th} of November, which is pretty consistent with the timing of our 5/6 camp each year. An itinerary and accommodation has been finalised and students have been given their first notice regarding camp today. All year 5/6 students should bring this home tonight.

**Yr 8 Camp**

The year 8 camp this year will be conducted from the 16\textsuperscript{th} to 18\textsuperscript{th} of September and will take place in Melbourne. ‘Urban’ settings are something that a lot of our students do not experience a great deal of and the camp is sure to be a great experience for all students involved. Ethan and Jo have met with me again today to provide input on the more social side of this camp and there are sure to be many educationally rewarding items also. An initial notice has been given to year 8 students today, which they should bring home with them tonight.

Our camp Itinerary includes the following attractions/activities:

- MCG Tour and visit to National Sports Museum,
- Old Melbourne Gaol tour – including Courtroom Drama activity,
- Melbourne Museum,
- Immigration Museum,
- Shrine of Remembrance,
- Self-Guided City Walk,
- National Gallery of Victoria (Fed Square)
- Eureka Skydeck 88 – both day and night
- CBD Scavenger Hunt
- Galactic Circus – Ten Pin Bowling and Laser Skirmish

More details will be forwarded to year 8 students and parents as they are finalised.

**Contact with the College**

Parents are encouraged to keep in close contact with the College so that we are able to assist students with specific issues as they arise. Please feel free to contact class teachers with specific issues relating to particular learning activities. For general concerns or issues, please contact your child’s Home Group teacher or myself.

**Good News Stories – I would love to hear some more!**

I would love to hear from any students, families or school community members who have good news stories involving any of our Middle Years students. Whether it be a student passing a music exam or swimming level, or someone assisting with a community group, it would be great to have the chance to acknowledge the fantastic things that our students do. Please pass information on to me at leed.steven.a@edumail.vic.gov.au so that it can be published in this Newsletter.

**Have a great week!**

**Steven Leed – Middle Years Leader**

**Northern Zone Cross Country Finals**

Well done to Alia Melgin-Hill who travelled to St Arnaud this week to compete in the Zone finals for Cross Country. As can be seen by the results below, she completed the course in a very respectable time, amongst some very high quality opposition. This is Alia’s first trip to the zones for this school and the time she ran was as good as some of our Colleges much older students who had had several years’ experience at
this level. Alia can be proud of her performance and has seen just how good the best really are. It is always a
great challenge and learning experience, to pit yourself against the highest possible level in any pursuit. Well
done Alia.

Alia ran – 32\textsuperscript{nd} Out of 70 runners. Time 14.59 – for 3 km (Winner 12.28)

Special thank you to Alia’s Parents who made the journey and provided support and transport.

John Clyne
Sports Co-ordinator

\textbf{P-4 Update}

\textbf{Building Strong Foundations}

\textbf{Student of the Week}

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\textbf{You Can Do It!} (Getting Along)

Prep – Riley
Year 1- Ebony
Year 2- Madison
Year 3 – Jaxon
Year 4- Olivia

\textbf{An Act of Kindness Award}

Our sincere thanks were extended to Bryan and Braydon (Year 11) who helped to take the library shelving down to our Book room so the room could be reorganised. It is great to have two such community spirited students who readily helped out; always with a great disposition and a friendly smile. Thanks from the P-4 staff and students!

\textbf{German Language Awards}

Well done to Keira, Alinta (Year3) and Joe (Prep) on receiving the LOTE awards last week.
Reading Clubs

| 100 Nights | Year 4 - Trista, Andrew, Linda  
|           | Year 3 - Josh, Stephanie and Jade  
|           | Year 2 - Brodie, mason, Cade, Harvey  
|           | Year 1 - Kathleen  
|           | Prep - Olivia, Riley, Logan, Keira, Joe, Hayley, Aidan  
| 75 Nights | Year 2 - Jacob  
| 50 Nights | Year 2 - Madison  

Assembly News
Well done to Montana, Alycia and Megan on their tremendous dance routine and thanks to Trista who operated the sound system for the item. A great joint effort. We also congratulate Stephanie, Makayla and Brandon on their tremendous rendition of the Owl and the Pussy cat which they committed to memory. This is a great achievement especially when you consider the length of the poem. Thanks also to Keira in her support role.

P-4 Excursion
There was an omission on the Excursion notice when the cost was left off, for which we apologise. The bus cost is $32 per student. New permission forms have been sent home with your students today. Please fill in the amended copy and return this to the College with your money. Thanks to the generosity of the Cultural Centre donors the tickets to the children’s opera are free to our College. We always try to keep costs to a minimum to support our families, but unfortunately bus transport costs are a factor that is unavoidable for our community.

Welcome
This week we welcomed Casey (Year 2) and Tristyn (Prep) to our College community. Our new students have travelled from the Republic of South Africa and we know they will be valued members of our sub school. ‘Welkom by ons skool’ (Welcome to our school). We look forward to learning more about South Africa, its people, languages, varied customs and the incredible wildlife.

Reading Hints
As you know, reading is more than decoding words, it is about gaining meaning from print. Regardless of age / reading age, comprehension is an imperative. Prior to commencing reading engage your child in talking about the text to build text specific language (beach theme, camping theme etc). Help your child to make connections they can utilize when reading:

- Self to text connections (your child draws upon personal experiences that relates to the text)
- Text to text connections (your child draws upon experiences with other texts)
- World to text connections (third hand experiences: film, someone sharing their experiences).

There are two basic levels of questioning that support the development of comprehension

- Literal- answering questions that are clearly stated in the text
- Inferential- the information is inferred and relies on interpreting rather than being set out in print.
While your child is reading, there will be key times when you can take the opportunity to pause for a moment and share the text through discussion (for example- wonderings. “I wonder why he said ………………….? “I wonder what might happen if ………………………?”).
The time spent nurturing the development of comprehension skills will yield tremendous rewards across all areas of learning.
There are many helpful sites on the Internet and the following is an example-
http://www.readingrockets.org/helping/target/comprehension

Prep Letter in Focus Rr

While we are focusing on ‘r’ as in ‘rain’, it is also important to be aware of ‘rr’ as in ‘cherry’ and ‘wr’ as in ‘wrist’.

Prep Words to Fluency

Our focus words are ‘run’, ‘with’.

Peter Vernon
P-4 Co-ordinator

P.A.R.T.Y. Program & Photos

See below for a little bit of information and photos of our students who attended the PARTY (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-related Trauma in Youth) program in Bendigo last week.
Year 11 students who attended the PARTY Program are invited to take part in the AAMI Skilled Driver’s Course. This course is designed to help young drivers better handle their first few years on the road and gain a greater understanding of what it takes to become a safer driver.
It is usually only free to AAMI customers, but as a major sponsor to the PARTY program AAMI are extending their offer to all students who took part in the PARTY program. For a student to participate in the AAMI Skilled Driver’s Course, they must have a probationary driver’s licence, however, you can register now and AAMI will contact you when your child reaches driving age.
Details for applying for this course can be found in the show bag that was distributed to attendees.

Denise Lead, School Nurse 😊

Canteen News

I am still in need of volunteers on the highlighted days 25th & 27th June – if you can help out, please let me know. Or we may have to close the canteen on these days.

We are trialling some new snack options in the canteen over the coming weeks and Hot Chocolate will be available next week!

MEAL DEALS! We have decided to trial some snack & meal deals. The snack deals will be advertised weekly on the notice board of the canteen. The following lunch deals will be available next week from Tuesday 10th to Friday 13th June.

Meat Pie OR Pastie & a Pepsi Max/Next….$5
School Pie & Juice…..$2.80

If there are any problems or concerns, or you need to update your availability, please contact me. Please Remember - If you cannot do your rostered turn, please arrange your own swap with someone else.

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

**Kids Friday Club**
The children of KFC thoroughly enjoyed watching their Lost Sheep movie last Friday. We hope to have copies available for each family in the next little while.

Books or DVD’s that have been borrowed from the KFC library can be returned to the office for Robyn Falls to collect. Dates for KFC Term 3 will be available soon.

Enquiries contact Robyn Falls 54368242, Leanne Welsh 54366281, Judy Mountjoy 54379222

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

**Dates for Term 2 2014**
- June 15th 5.30 – 7.30pm at Dingee UC
- June 22nd 7upsized for 7ups &families 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.

Contacts: Sue or Neil – 54365386, Robyn or Colin – 54368242

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**Gallipoli trip on offer**

Senior secondary students in Loddon Shire have a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity in front of them. The Victorian government is sending 98 students and their chaperones to Gallipoli to attend the Anzac Day dawn service next year. The group will join descendants of Gallipoli servicemen, World War I widows and the thousands of Australians who were successful in the national ballot to participate in the solemn ceremonies. Council nominated me, as the Mayor, to participate in this ballot, but I was unfortunately unsuccessful. I certainly hope that someone from Loddon is able to represent us on this special occasion. We would appreciate being informed if someone has been successful so that we can congratulate them.

Member for Swan Hill Peter Walsh has encouraged local students who will be enrolled in Years 9-12 next year, along with teachers from schools across the electorate, to apply. Students will need to submit a written application, demonstrating their involvement in community activities and how they plan to share insights gained from their experience with their school and community. Applications close at midnight on Friday 13 June at gallipoli.dawn.service@edumail.vic.gov.au
Active After School Communities – Soccer

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: