As mentioned at the end of last term, Mr Rudkins will take leave for the large majority of the remainder of this year, returning to the college in December. I hope that Mr Rudkins finds the time during his break to work on his golf swing and other things that he thoroughly enjoys doing. In Mr Rudkins absence, Mrs Heaslip and Mrs Clare have both begun teaching other subjects to fill this void. Enjoy your leave Mr Rudkins!

This coming Tuesday will see our year 7 and 8 Big Picture students present projects that they have been working on recently, which all revolve around our local area. Between 11:15am and 12:45pm, community members are welcome to come into the college to hear what our students have to deliver. If you would like to come along, please do, but ensure that you sign in at the college office upon your arrival.

Congratulations are extended to both Marley and Angus A for their recent efforts at the Victorian State Swimming Championships in Melbourne. Both Marley and Angus came 7th in the state in their respective events, with both also managing to swim personal best times. What a tremendous effort!

Thanks are extended to all who attended today’s running of our annual cross-country.
This week, all classes have been introduced to a new reading time strategy: the Reader’s Notebook. The notebook is a place for students to record their thoughts and ideas about what they read. The books will connect with English classes and the Fountas and Pinnell program.

Have a chat to your child about the notebooks and see if they can tell you what they are and why we are using them. More to come in future newsletters.

Car games

Many of our students spend a fair bit of time in the car throughout the week. This is a good time to play some literacy or numeracy related games (and avoid ‘Are we there yet?’ for the 100th time!)

Car Cricket is a game where each passenger takes turns to ‘bat’. The cars you pass on the road are all given a ‘runs’ value based on their colour. E.g. A white car gets one run but a red car means you’re out. More info: http://bit.ly/carcricket

For literacy, you might like to look at car number plates and try to make the funniest or most logical phrase from the three letters. FVJ might become ‘fruit, vegetables and juice’.

Sarah Clare
Curriculum Learning Specialist

In scenes completely unrelated to the picture above, our ANZAC ceremony was held at school last Wednesday. Our guest speaker was ‘the last coastwatcher’, Mr James Burrowes, who shared some stories of his time in WWII where he served in the 5th Pacific. I spoke to Mr Burrowes and his wife Beryl following the assembly and they were truly moved. They both commented on how beautiful it was to see the faces of our p4 students as they turned to them and sang ‘I am Australian’. They were also really impressed with the conduct of students at the service. Mr and Mrs Burrowes are the sort of people that you could speak to for hours and we are very honoured that they made the time to visit us. Thanks to Mr Anderson at the RSL for organising this.

In other ANZAC news, Macey Martin was guest speaker at Inglewood on the 25th and we were all busting with pride to hear her address the large crowd with such aplomb. Is it possible our kids know more about ANZAC Day and acceptance and inclusion than any other school students?

Check out more about Mr Burrowes at tinyurl.com/coastwatchers-war

Assistant Principal’s news

Players watch in awe (disbelief) as Beast Loddon goal sneak Scott ‘Pippen’ Wilko sails one through to get the team off to their first points for the winter season.

Notices

Kids Friday Club – Term 2 2019
(Supported by Bears Lagoon Anglican and Dingee Uniting Churches)

KFC for Term 2 is set to begin on Friday May 10th. This term at KFC through fun songs, activities, stories and more we’ll be encouraging the children to appreciate the nature/creation around them that God has generously provided for us.

When – Beginning Friday May 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st straight after school til 5pm.
Where – Multipurpose room at the College
Who – Prep – Year 6 children all welcome
Cost – A gold coin donation per week. A one off donation for the term can be sent in an envelope to the office for the KFC team to collect.
What to bring – Shared afternoon tea (no nuts please) - eg. packet of savoury or sweet biscuits
Notes - A KFC registration form will be distributed this week and available at the office.

Contacts for enquiries - Robyn Falls 0429368242, Leanne Welsh 0447689309, Judy Mountjoy 0488379222, Wendy Twigg 0427807124, Anne Baker 0429368453

Bus and sign out note...

My child/children will be attending KFC on Friday May 10th, 17th, 24th and 31st 2019. Can you please take his/her name off the bus roll. I will arrange private transport for him/her to be taken home at 5.00pm following KFC.

Names of child/children ...............................................................

Nominated person to sign out ..................................................

Parent name ..........................................................................

Parent signature .................................................................
Sub-School Updates

Junior

ANZAC Day Ceremony

P-4 students are congratulated for their outstanding behaviour during our whole school ANZAC Day assembly. A highlight of the ceremony was the P-4 sub-school rendition of “We are Australian”. Well done to all students who were involved.

Thank you for reading

Thank you to all parents and guardians who supported regular reading over the break. Your support from home is greatly appreciated.

Prep Update

After listening to some great Easter and holiday stories, the Preps, have been focusing on ANZAC. We have shared the story of ‘Simpson and Duffy’ and other related picture storybooks. Students have been very engaged and have had some great questions. In Maths, we compared squares and rectangles and have continued to practice the correct formation of numbers to 10.

Middle

Great job to all those who participated in the cross country today. Unfortunately the year 7/8 girls footy day got cancelled and postponed. We have also put some of our middle years Respectful Relationships stickers up. By Josh and Gemma.

Lions Health Eye Screen

The vast majority of P-6 students participated in an eye screen provided by the Lions Club. Parents should have received a short report from this screen potentially recommending an optometrist visit.

Senior

Year 9 Advance Camp to Kooyoora

In the last 3 days of Term 1 our Year 9 students were fortunate to escape the classroom and hike (with all their gear) across Kooyoora State Park, even do a spot of abseiling and camp out under the stars for 2 nights.

The students were led by trainee Outdoor Education leaders from La Trobe University with the support of Mr Young and Mr Smith.

ANZAC day services: Congratulations to East Loddon student and staff (Hugh C, Will S, Jas L, Macey M, Jack F, Mr Leed and Miss Pilkington) who were invited to speak at the Bridgewater Dawn service. A very special honour and something your ancestors who fought in such world wars would be so proud of. Macey was also the guest speaker at the Inglewood Service. She did a beautiful job!

VCHE HD Yarrayne cemetery excursion

Students visited the cemetery to investigate how life expectancy has changed over time.

SPORTS NEWS

On Wednesday 8th May we have students attending SH Primary Cross Country. This will be the students from P-6 who came 1st for their age groups at our House Cross Country today.

Also on the 8th May is Year 7/8 Girls football

13th May will be Year 9/10 Sports day.

AROUND ELP
SRC Report

Thank you for supporting our Good Friday Appeal fundraiser for the Royal Children’s Hospital. Our casual clothes day raised over $235 towards the GFA’s grand total of $18 million this year – a new record. Well done!
GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STAFF

Sue Allen is the Chaplain at EL and feels blessed in her work. She believes her job here was one of those moments when all the planets aligned.

She is passionate about helping young people find their own gifts. She believes that school has a special responsibility to empower young people and give them the range of skills they will need in life. Oh…and she is passionate about her motorbike!

Mrs Allen got a pleasant shock to realise that she had been married for 37 years. She met Mr Allen when she was the President of the Young Farmers chapter in Rochester and he was a founding member of the local branch. Her children were the fifth generation of Allens raised on the farm and they seem equally driven by compassion in their work as a biomedical researcher, zoologist and social worker.

Jesus is her role model and it is through his writings that she is inspired to live well each day. Her role at school, however, is not to teach students about Jesus but to add a layer of spirituality to their school journey. While students are learning to develop their unique world views, she hopes to promote a sense that there is something greater than ourselves. We can all benefit from looking up at the stars and wondering.

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