Youth Mental Health First Aid Course – Placements Finalised Shortly!

In 2016, the College was fortunate enough to be able to host a Youth Mental Health First Aid Course, which was well attended by the College community and spoken very highly of by participants. Once again this year the College will host a course, with Mr Greg Currie once again presenting. The course is tentatively planned for Thursday 27th and Friday 28th of July, with approx. 6 hours of course tuition on both days. The target audience for this course is parents, community leaders and sporting club leaders, as well as education staff.

Please make contact with the College Office to express an interest. Names are required asap in order to ensure a placement in the course.

For further information on this course please take a look at the following link - https://mhfa.com.au/courses/public/types/youth

Farewell Mrs Egan

The College bids farewell to Mrs Karen Egan tomorrow, after almost 15 years of positive impact and service to the College in the role of Science Lab Technician, Domestic Arts Assistant and various roles within the College canteen. Karen has been an absolute asset to the College with her level of expertise and professionalism, being of tremendous assistance to College teaching and Educational Support Staff.

Although we are sad to see Karen go, we are also really excited for her and the further career opportunity Karen has so deservingely being afforded. Karen will continue working in an education setting with her new role of Science Lab Technician at Marist College Bendigo.

Staff celebrated Karen’s time at East Loddon with a wonderful morning tea this morning, and wish to extend their best wishes to Karen for the future!

Naplan Testing

Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 begin their Naplan testing period next Tuesday, with tests also being conducted on the Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Friday will see catch-up tests conducted for students who were ill or absent on the Tuesday – Thursday tests.

Students in Years 7 and 9 will also sit a Naplan Equating test tomorrow morning with a focus on Language Conventions.

I wish all students involved in Naplan testing all the very best. All that we ask at the College, is that all students give these tests the best effort that they can in order to achieve a result that accurately reflects their level of understanding.
2018 Trip To Turkey – Open to 2017 Secondary Students
Miss Sarah Pilkington, myself and a team of 6 committed families are forging ahead with our planned 2018 trip to Turkey, with all involved feeling a great level of enthusiasm and energy. Attached to the back of today’s newsletter is a brief outline of the itinerary for our trip and I would urge any families that have been considering this opportunity, to register their interest quickly as places on the trip will be finalised shortly. Fundraising for this trip has already begun with the selling of Easter chocolates taking place over the course of the last month, and plans in place for a community mixed-netball competition and Bunnings BBQ also taking place this term.

Staff Professional Learning Teams
All College staff will begin another block of Professional Learning Team meetings as of this afternoon, in a unified effort to address key priorities of the College and its Annual Implementation Plan, as well as School Strategic Plan. In 2016, this format of staff meeting led to some brilliant whole school direction with the creation of a set of roles and responsibilities for College staff, a consistent approach to staff daily, term and year planners, and a new East Loddon P-12 College Instructional Teaching and Learning Model known as ILEARN.
After our initial meeting with Educational Leadership coach, John Sloan tonight, staff will have a further four meetings this term in order to work on specific priorities of the College.

2017 AIP
Our 2017 Annual Implementation Plan was recently endorsed by the Department of Education, and will very shortly be displayed prominently within the College as our School Strategic Plan has been. Throughout 2017, College priorities have been identified in accordance with the Departments FISO (Framework for Improving Student Outcomes) model and will see staff lead the following 8 points -

• Review and redefine the East Loddon Best Practice Model and embed it through a program of coaching and classroom observation
• Develop high level of staff consistency in creating authentic assessment tasks to allow all students to achieve their potential
• Develop a whole school Curriculum Plan which aligns to the Victorian Curriculum
• Improve attendance rates of students with high level absenteeism
• Define and document the roles and responsibilities of professional learning teams
• Review, define and document a distributed leadership model that outlines roles, responsibilities and accountabilities for all teams and staff
• Refine the performance and development process to align with the new SSP and AIP
• Review and document the organisational structure of meetings

Chaplaincy Committee BBQ
Last Saturday, a group of dedicated community members and College staff manned the Chaplaincy Committee BBQ at Epsom Bunnings in an attempt to raise funds for the College’s Chaplaincy program. The day was a great success with just over $1000- raised for this great cause! Many thanks are extended to all who assisted on the day, and particular thanks is extended to Mrs Hilary Thomas for her tremendous organisation of the BBQ.

Piano Lessons at the College
For those who are unaware, the College has a specialist piano teacher who attends on a weekly basis to take individual students for piano lessons. If this is something that you believe your child may be interested in, please make contact with the College Office to discuss this further.

I hope you have a great week.

Steven Leed
College Principal
P-4 Update

Building Strong Foundations

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

Prep Oliver for demonstrating great initiative in Science (I got it right this week, Oliver).

Year 1 Paige for her tremendous writing work and tremendous enthusiasm in Maths.

Year 2 Paige & Matilda for respecting our school environment and encouraging others to do the same.

Year 3 Brayden for working hard and improving his writing.

Year 4 Ava for always putting in her best effort in all that she does.

You Can Do It! ORGANISATION

Prep—Billy

Year 1—Ruby C

Year 2—Angus

Year 3—Emily

Year 4—Chloe H

Reading Clubs

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Prep Letter in Focus

The sounds our Preps are focusing on are the ‘ir’ as in Birds turn’ and the ‘or’ as in ‘I saw a horse’.

Prep Words To Fluency

Our words this week are: ‘see’ and ‘look’.
Literacy Hints
Print is all around us, so let’s not miss any opportunities to promote reading and related skills. Encourage your child to read cereal boxes, road signs, maps, television guides, magazines/comics and anything else that has print. It is also an opportunity to talk about letter combinations and how we put these together to make sounds.

Inter-school Sporting Events
Congratulations to our students who took part in recent sporting events. You represented us well and we are very proud of your efforts. Of particular note was the tremendous participation rate of our Year 4’s in the Inter-school Athletics in Bendigo. Well done!

Lost Property
We are still having problems with lost property. Some items handed in don’t have names, while others have the names of previous owners. Please take a moment and check that names have not worn off clothing after a few washes.

Anglesea Camp Planning
Mr Smith has been busy on the phone, organising an exciting program for the Year 3 and 4 camp later this year. We really appreciate the tremendous effort Mr Smith always puts in to making the camp an outstanding success.

The Department Nursing Service
The School Nurse will be visiting the College on Thursday the 11th May. This is a great opportunity to get some early feedback about your child’s vision and hearing. If you have any questions about the health checks, please feel free to talk with Mrs Lister. If you have not yet returned your child’s forms, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Peter Vernon
P-4 Co-ordinator
Middle Years Captains Report
This week Oscar and I presented our survey results. We talked to the teachers and came up with a few strategies to hopefully improve the Middle Years based on the results.
Today the Year 7’s and 8’s went on a sports day and the Year 5 and 6’s went on Tuesday. We hope you all had a great week.

Middle Years Survey Presentation
On Monday afternoon, our two wonderful Middle Years Captains, Zoe and Oscar, stayed around after school to present the results of our Middle Years survey to teachers. Through the report, our Captains provided many pieces of feedback to staff, including positives and areas for improvement. Oscar and Zoe were professional and engaging in their presentation and teachers appreciated the feedback given. We will be working at improving some of the identified areas in the coming weeks. There are copies of the Survey Report available in the College Office for you to have a look through at any time.

Parent Communication – BLOOMZ Trial
Over the remainder of Term 2, we will be trialling the use of a Parent Communication App called Bloomz with Year 6 parents (www.bloomz.net). The aim of this system is to provide weekly updates of class progress to all parents in an accessible way, while reducing the size of the newsletter. Year 6 parents will receive a letter providing more detail about Bloomz and how to connect with your teachers. If this trial is a success, we will be aiming to roll this system out to all Middle Years classes in Semester 2.

Year 7 Maths
The Year 7’s have recently completed another Maths Pathways test, with Brittney B achieving the highest growth rate in the class with a growth rate of 200% and Brodie W reaching a new level! I was particularly pleased that over half the class achieved a growth rate of 100% or more, with a class average of 91% for this test. We’ve had a couple of disrupted weeks, with two public holidays and Interschool Cross Country, but the Year 7’s have also completed a couple of practice NAPLAN tests in preparation for the real thing next week. These practice sessions were not something for them to be stressed about but just getting them used to the format of the tests and discussing strategies to use.

NAPLAN
Year 5 and 7 students will be sitting NAPLAN tests Tuesday to Thursday next week. Good luck to all students involved.

Primary Interschool Athletics - Tuesday
Very well done to all Middle Years students who participated so well in the Athletics day.

Yr6
This week in Year 6 we began our chemistry unit in science. We revisited states of matter from last year before investigating reversible and irreversible changes in a range of items. All the students are looking forward to more experiments during the unit.

Year 8 English
Students are reminded that their ‘Dougy’ short answer questions assignment is due on Tuesday 16th of May. No exceptions. Please ask your child about their use of metalinguage and ways they can improve the editing of their work and quality of their answers.

Hayley Lethlean
**Senior School News**

**National Youth Science Forum**

Information Session: Discovery Centre Bendigo Monday 8th of May at 5pm

In the past we have been very fortunate to have students such as, Sarah C, Lachy T participate in this program in our nations’ capital, Canberra and also beautiful New Zealand. It is a great program to assist students considering careers in Science and also expose students to a wide range of areas of the Science domain.

Please let Miss Byrne or your Science teacher know if you are interested in applying. Online expression of interests closes at the end of the May.

**Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Ed** students practicing their team work and communication skills whilst riding and a return trip from our College to Dingee. As you can see we are still perfecting our riding formation. We are completing practice rides each Wednesday from 9:15-10:45am parents/guardians are welcome to come along.

**School Production already?**

We are starting to make initial plans for our class performances for the School Production in Term 3. Miss Harrington is helping to get us motivated and organised. If you have any props or ideas that may assist please let me know. Our theme is related to ‘time’.

**Employment opportunities through CVGT Current Vacancies - Bendigo:**

- Apprentice Light Vehicle Mechanic x2 positions available
- Apprentice Parts Interpreter
- Mobile Equipment/Heavy Vehicle Mechanic Apprenticeship
- Hospitality Traineeship
- Apprentice Diesel Mechanic x2 positions
- Fitter and Turner Apprentice
- Recreational Vehicle Service and Repair - To Caravan’s

**Other areas:**

- Apprentice Mechanical Engineer x2 positions (Bridgewater & St Arnaud)
- Hospitality SBAT Traineeship (Heathcote)
- Personal Care Worker Traineeship – Aboriginal Identified (Castlemaine)


Or email a resume and cover letter directly through to payroll@cvgt.com.au

Any questions about the vacancies fell free to contact myself directly by email or on 5449 2000.

**Upcoming dates:**

- Year 9 &10 Sport Day (Netball and Badminton) Friday 12th of May
- Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Ed Camp (Bike Ride) Wed 24th & Thurs 25th of May – more info to be distributed once approved by School Council next week.

**Thanks for your time,**

Sarah Byrne
Senior Sub-School Leader

**Year 10 English**

Students and parents are reminded that their analytical SAC on ‘The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time’ is due on Thursday 11th of May. No exceptions. This is also the due date for the alternate activity on ‘The Blindside’ movie. Please remind your child and ask them to show you their TEEL structured response. This will help reinforce their learning and understanding of essay writing.

Hayley Lethlean
BREAKFAST AT EAST LODDON
Breakfast is considered an important meal because it breaks the overnight fasting period, replenishes your supply of glucose and provides other essential nutrients to keep your energy levels up throughout the day.
Thanks to the Victorian School Breakfast Program, we are now receiving extra supplies to support our Brekky Program, which is held on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the College. This week we had a number of students attending athletic competitions who took the opportunity of including some of these options in hope that it might maximize their performance e.g. baked beans, fruit cups and cereal. Pictured below: Keira, Emily, Jorja and Charlize enjoying some healthy breakfast.

A few facts about skipping breakfast
Extensive research in Australia and overseas has found:
- Many children who skip breakfast are significantly heavier than those who eat breakfast.
- Skipping breakfast may diminish mental performance. Eating breakfast may aid learning, as you are better able to pay attention and are more interested in learning.
- Eating high-fibre breakfast cereals reduces fatigue.
- Children who eat an inadequate breakfast are more likely to make poor food choices for the rest of the day and in the long term.
- People who eat breakfast have more nutritious diets than people who skip breakfast. They also have better eating habits as they are less likely to be hungry for snacks during the day.

**Canteen News**

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**KFC – Kids Friday Club**

KFC for Term 2 will be starting on Friday May 12th and continuing on May 19th, 26th and June 2nd. This year at KFC we are learning about how God wants us to treat each other beginning with The Golden Rule - do to others as you would have them do to you...Matthew 7:12

We’re in for a bit of fun as we form our teams on week 1 and get started. All children in Prep to Yr 6 are welcome to come along and join in. Meet in the Multipurpose room straight after school until 5pm.

For new families to the College - KFC is an after school kids club for primary aged children that has been running for more than 15 years. In 2016 approx 60 children from East Loddon P-12 College enjoyed coming along to KFC. KFC is a Christian based interdenominational club - we play games, sing, enjoy afternoon tea, learn memory verses, do craft activities, listen to Bible stories and more. Normally we run a 4 week block of KFC each term (apart from Term 1) on Friday after school until 5pm. The children are asked to bring a gold coin to help with craft costs and a simple snack to share for afternoon tea (not containing nuts).

A KFC newsletter and consent forms should be out tomorrow and available for all children who would like to attend. The KFC newsletter contains a bus note for children to stay after school.

Contacts for enquiries - Robyn Falls 0429368242, Judy Mountjoy 54379222 or Leanne Welsh 54366281
Celebrating 100 Years of Lions International
And 35 years of Lions in East Loddon

On June 7th, 1917, Melvin Jones, a 38-year-old Chicago business leader and members of the “Business Circle of Chicago” became the “Association of Lions Clubs” - the rest is history. As Lions approaches its 100th anniversary this year, its moment to look back on our long and proud tradition of service and the numerous achievements of our association and Lions around the world. Lions help millions of people around the world each year in 4 main areas—Sharing the Vision, Engaging our Youth, Protecting the Environment & Relieving the Hunger.

The first Australian Lions Club was formed in Lismore on July 1st, 1947, largely through the efforts of William R. Tresise.

The Lions Club of East Loddon was formed in 1982 - this year, in October, we celebrate 35 years of service in the East Loddon Community.

To commemorate this auspicious occasion, the Lions Club has asked for the Students of East Loddon P-12 College and the Dingee Preschool to be involved in some way. The older students are helping paint a mural for our Lions Den and we are asking the students in Kinder to Year 4 to participate in a colouring competition. Entries close on Friday 26th May 2017 and Winners will be announced in June at our 100 year celebration. There are 3 categories—Kinder & Prep, Year 1 & 2, Year 3 & 4. One winner from each group will be selected by Lions members.

We would like to invite parents, family & friends to join us to celebrate this very special achievement for Lions.

**Wednesday 7th June**
At the Lions Den (across the road from the school)

12.30pm for BBQ Lunch *(gold coin donation)*

1pm for unveiling of the Mural & announcement of competition winners

RSVP for catering please to Jo (0428 366 220) OR Ron (5436 6274)

Or email eastloddonlionsclub@gmail.com

**EVERYONE WELCOME** to help us celebrate this incredible milestone

Lion Jo Guthrie
Secretary, Lions Club of East Loddon