I am really excited to announce that our college is planning on heading back to Turkey next April as part of our 3rd exchange to Canakkale. Having been part of the last exchange, I can vouch for the many positive benefits for both participants and also the wider college community! The 2020 college exchange will be lead by Mrs Rebecca Johns and Mr Tom Ferguson, with a great deal of support provided by others. Start considering the possibility of your child taking part in this exchange and look out for communication from Mrs Johns and Mr Ferguson as they begin the process of sourcing student/family interest. Exciting times ahead!!!

Naplan testing begun on Tuesday and will conclude with catch-up tests tomorrow, for any students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 who were absent on test days. Our students have participated superbly once again, with all other students also being respectful of test conditions.

Education Week is held across the state next week, with a focus being on ‘careers’. At East Loddon, this will see us have a P-12 Career’s themed casual dress day next Friday as well as Rural Area Nurse Heather Gale of the Dingee Bush Nursing Centre attending the college at 1pm today to speak with senior school students about her experiences and career. The suspected case of Blue-Green Algae that presented in the college reservoir has now disappeared and the college water is once again fine to be used on gardens and in hand-basins. Hand sanitizer will continue to be available for students who wish to use it but will not be replaced when bottles are fully dispensed. Thanks are extended to all for their patience with this issue over the past month.

A reminder is extended to all in regards to the updated college blog. The address for the blog should be to the left of this Newsletters front page, and once on the site itself you will see the weekly updates that sub-school captains are providing.

A date for everyone’s calendar is Friday 7th June. Mark this in as ‘Special Person’s Day’ and look out for further updates between now and then. The day is being ‘hosted’ by our terrific parent association in conjunction with the college and is sure to be an enjoyable and positive one!

This week’s photo is our all-conquering year 7/8 girls footy team.

Regards, Steve Leed
Helping with Maths homework

Sometimes Maths can seem daunting, even for grown ups. The Department of Education has recently published a website with ideas for how you can help your child to do their Maths homework.

For example, the questions we ask our children can make a big difference when it comes to understanding a task. We can ask, “Can you reword the problem so it sounds simpler?” or “Can you make a prediction?”.

To see more questions and strategies, go to this link: http://bit.ly/Mathsathome

Vocabulary

Our whole staff has been introducing a common approach to teaching vocabulary in our classes. We know that when students have the right words, they can express their knowledge better.

Expect to see more vocabulary focused tasks this year. Examples include:

- Word walls
- Word play games
- Vocabulary journals
- Word puzzles

Sarah Clare
Curriculum Learning Specialist

East Loddon Community, Meet Archie!!!

We are SUPER excited to introduce you to Archie the bull (who’s actually a cow – see the udder – Yep, we’re good at Agriculture, we know this stuff!) I must point out first of all that this Archie had her name well before Harry and Meghan’s Archie, however, we will soon be giving her a new name AND identity. We have been fortunate enough to be selected to participate in the 2019 ‘Archibull prize’ where our Year 10 students will be joining forces with a ‘Young Farming Champion’ and investigate current Agricultural challenges facing our community.

This year, we have been given the Dairy Industry to research (if you’re one of these amazing people – please get in touch with us if you’d like to be more involved). Mrs Maxted will work with our Year 10 Science students to research and inform our wider community on all things dairy, whilst Mrs Heaslip will work with a group of Year 9-12 Art students to turn Archie into an absolute masterpiece!

We are extremely excited about this opportunity, and look forward to giving updates as the project continues. If you have ideas, or would like to offer to contribute in any way, please do not hesitate to get in touch with myself, Mrs Maxted or Mrs Heaslip!

To leave you with a fun fact: In Australia, farmers make up less than 1% of the population, yet they provide 93% of food consumed here.

Please feel free to touch base if you’d like more information.

Sarah Pilkington

Turkish Trip April 2020 - It's on again!

Plans are underway for a trip to Turkey in April next year, with Mr Ferguson and Mrs Johns taking on the leading roles. Any students interested in participating in this amazing experience are asked to attend a preliminary information session next Friday lunch time.

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

KFC got off to a great start last Friday and continues tomorrow Friday May 17th.

When – Beginning Friday May 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st straight after school till 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 - KFC registration forms are available from the College office or from contacts below.

Sunday Celebration: Dingee UC 11am. Children will have opportunity to participate throughout this time. Bring and share lunch to follow. All families welcome.

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

Junior

National Simultaneous Storytime

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is an annual event where a picture book, written and illustrated by an author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. It is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to use a children’s book to promote the value of reading and literacy.

This year the P-4 sub-school will be spending Wednesday making Alpaca puppets in readiness for the ‘main event’. We will be sharing story time reading different versions – digital and paper based – of Alpaca’s with Maracas.

Student results and feedback in Compass

All parents are able to access their child’s results for a range of class activities on Compass, either through the phone app or website. Each task displayed will also provide some specific things your child did well and areas to work on next time.

To access these, select your child within Compass and navigate through the “Tasks” menu item.

Let our office know if you need assistance getting connected to Compass.

Middle

On Friday about 15 Year 7 and 8’s are participating in interschool athletics, the Year 5 and 7’s have also been doing NAPLAN tests this week.

By Josh and Gemma

Local community presentation—Big Picture

Senior

If any Year 10 students are interested in the VET Taster Day at Charlton on Friday 21st of June please come and see me regarding further information.

If any Year 10 students are interested in the Empowerme program later in the year (September) or would like more information please come and see me.

As part of the VCAL Numeracy course students are investigating measurement and estimation and how to apply these skills to real life situations. This week we adapted this task to making a meal (a chicken fettuccini dish...yum).

Year 12 early entrance offers ASPIRE (La Trobe Uni) and other such uni’s have started to promote these programs. I am currently assisting students to draft this information. If parents/guardians have any questions please let me know.

SPORTS

9/10 Sports Day

On Monday 13th May our Netballers and Badminton players competed in Bendigo in the Sandhurst Division.

Our Div 1 Badminton Boys placed 2nd, the Div 2 placed 1st (undefeated) and the girls finished 4th.

The netballers finished 6th overall in a tough competition.

Thanks to Miss Byrne, Miss Pilkington and Mr Cameron for attending on the day.

Interschool Athletics

Tomorrow will see almost 40 of our secondary students compete in the Sandhurst Division Athletics in Bendigo.

Interschool Cross Country

On Tuesday 21st May students in 7-11 will represent the school at the Sandhurst Cross Country in Sebastian. We wish them luck.
GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STAFF

Mr Ferguson is the Grade Five teacher and is in charge of down ball at recess. For his final teaching rounds, the email came placing him at East Loddon P-12. He had to Google it. His first drive to the school was through thick fog. He was about to turn around when the school popped out of the fog in its own oasis of sunshine.

Mr Ferguson grew up on the banks of the Mighty Murray just outside of Yarrawonga. A town that was small enough to know everyone and build the strong community connections that he still values. He spent his time with mates on BMXs going fishing, camping and exploring the bush till dark. Unfortunately, all the fish he caught were too big to carry home...

He was inspired by his teachers who were vibrant, engaging, happy and he uses these qualities to help motivate young people to do their best. When he is not honing his teaching skills, he still explores the bush, drums in a band and plays footy for Serpentine.

When he was in year 12, he had the chance to hike the Kokoda trail. This trip, and its preparation, taught him a lot about leadership and history. Having grown so much from this experience he feels really honoured to be part of the Turkish Exchange next year. He is excited to make next year’s trip just as meaningful for our students. He is confident that this trip will give our students the opportunity to expand their world views and see less differences and more that we are all ‘average joes’ having a go.

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