From the Principal

Education Week
Lunchtimes this week have been a hive of activity with a special art focus for Education Week. ‘Celebrating the arts’ has seen students participate in drawing/sketching, colouring and dance activities at lunchtimes. There have been huge numbers of students participating in each session and the results that students have produced, have been quite amazing! The first session this week was that of a portrait sitting with myself as the subject. There were some terrific portraits sketched by our students, with some interesting and amusing sketches as well. Turn to page 3 of this newsletter to see the results....

Student Teachers
Our College has been fortunate enough to have 5 student teachers from La Trobe University Bendigo throughout the past week. Most of our student teachers will attend the College for between 3 and 4 weeks, and all have made a great impression on students and staff. It is always wonderful for existing staff to be able to support the next wave of teaching students, with us learning just as much from these students as they do from us. I will endeavour to include a picture of our 5 student teachers next week.

Lions Club Dinner With Emily and Kate
I thoroughly enjoyed attending the Lions Club Dinner Meeting at Raywood Hotel on Tuesday evening. There was a great sense of community and enjoyment at the dinner meeting, and the presentations by College students Emily and Kate were terrific! Emily and Kate spoke of their Lions exchanges to America and Canada. Their adventures sounded terrific and both girls spoke wonderfully!

Cardboard Pressing With Our Advance Students And Local Lions
Four of our Year 9 Advance students joined Phil and David of our local Lions Club this week, for a couple of hours of cardboard pressing. This was a terrific session in which we were really happy to assist in recycling with a fellow community organisation. Phil and David were wonderful mentors for our students and the chance to give back to our community was something that our students thoroughly enjoyed. This cardboard pressing will be a regular feature throughout the year and we wish to thank our local Lions Club for their support and guidance with this.

**Expressions of interest in Hospitality Training 2nd July (See Page 8 for further details)**
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Country Education Partnership – P-12 College Network
I am in Melbourne all day today attending a Country Education Partnership conference on rural education in P-12 College’s. The day will serve as a great chance to network with other P-12 College Principals from across the state, working towards the possibility of re-establishing a state-wide forum for education leaders in P-12 settings. The day also has an element of professional development with Steve Munby presenting a high quality leadership workshop as part of the day.

Student Attitudes To School Surveys – We want our students to tell us what they think!
We value student voice as a means of improving student engagement, wellbeing and quality instruction and are conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training to assist schools in gaining an understanding of students’ perceptions and experience of school. Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child’s schooling experience.
Students from Year 4 to 12 at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool. It is important to note that we are not in any way “testing” your child. Your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion of the survey.
Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used to link data for statistical and research purposes only. All responses to the survey are kept anonymous in the response file. Personal identification data will not be recorded in the survey response file. This ensures that the confidentiality of your child’s responses is protected at all times.
This year the Attitudes to School survey will conclude on Friday 1st of June. The survey only takes 20 minutes to complete and occurs during your child’s class time.
The survey results will be reported back to the school before the end of term 2. All survey data that is made available in reports are for groups of students only so that no individual student can be identified. Data suppression rules are used for schools with low student numbers per year level.
If you would like more information, please speak to myself or visit: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx

Loddon Shire – Assistance With Volunteering Feedback
Loddon Shire Council is currently asking the community to provide feedback on volunteering, via a short online survey.
Although this survey is available in hard copy, Council would like to ensure that all community members have an opportunity to provide feedback by following the link at the bottom of this email, and completing the survey.
The council would be grateful if you could please complete the survey by 12 June 2018.
For more information on this survey or the Volunteer Strategy, please visit their website www.loddon.vic.gov.au , contact them on 54 94 1200 or email loddon@loddon.vic.gov.au
Survey Link - https://www.research.net/r/?sm=cfAY_2Bw1_2FC_2FbJGwGmm19Tig_3D_3D

Have a great weekend!
Steven Leed
College Principal

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East Loddon Remembers Project - Student Researchers Wanted!
The East Loddon Remembers website (www.eastloddonanzacs.com) was started in 2016. It documents the lives and service of World War One service men and women from the East Loddon district. Any students from Year 7-12 who are interested in assisting with the next stage of this project -creating a memorial site- are asked to attend a meeting next Tuesday at lunchtime. This will involve researching online and working with a design team to decide on the layout and presentation of this information. See Mrs Clare if you’re interested.
If any community members have information or memorabilia that may help with this research, please contact Sarah Clare (e-mail at clare.sarah.j@edumail.vic.gov.au or phone at the College).
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Assistant Principal’s Report

A great night was had by all on Tuesday night as Emily and Katie presented reports to the Lions Club about their trips to Canada and the USA. It was interesting to hear all of the stories about life on the other side of the world and I was particularly jealous of the white Christmas photos. If interested in your child going on exchange, please contact the College and we will put you in contact with the right people.

Education week has been a big hit this week, focussing on the Arts. Special thanks to Mr Aurisch, Mr Rippingale and Miss Harrington for providing lunchtime activities all week. My favourite day was Monday, when we had a portraiture comp in the library. We had to draw Mr Leed. Voting is still in progress however I don’t care who wins, the real winner in my eyes was Archer’s pic. It looked like Mr Leed needed to check in to a detox clinic, but funny, yes it was. I am seriously considering getting a T shirt printed.

On Tuesday we had a staff morning tea. Best morning tea, since the time years ago, when we conned all of the student teachers to bring tons more food than required. I’ve still got a sore tummy. Speaking of student teacher, we have 5 in the school at the moment. Mr Lee, Ms Walsh, Ms Hamley, Mr Mitchell and Mr Cooke. We haven’t had a big group of student teachers for a couple of years so this is exciting for us. It will be even more exciting when they finish their rounds and treat us to an oversized morning tea to thank us. Get cooking, and no uni style food. Last thing I want is pasta and sauce or 2 minute noodles.

It’s good to see the world is back to normal, Carlton got thumped last week.

Mr Wilkinson
Assistant Principal
P-4 Update

Building Strong Foundations

Student of The Week

Prep—Jimmy for fantastic contributions to class discussion.
Year 1—Logan for the gains made with reading and for attempting challenging spelling words.
Year 2—Lily for growing confidence in speaking in front of the class and participating in discussions.
Year 3—Angus for always being ready to help others.
Year 4—William for always working well with his classmates.

You Can Do It!

Prep—Shania for listening and getting started straight away.
Year 1—Zali for balancing class and guitar lessons without ‘missing a beat’.
Year 2—Paige for always being ready to learn.
Year 3—Jayde for a very tidy work area.
Year 4—Sianna for being well organised in class.

Assembly News

A focus at our assembly was on healthy eating. Habits developed during childhood have a direct bearing on later life and it is essential to establish good habits while they are young. Please remember, that while the foods you provide are your prerogative, we would prefer items such as chips to be provided as an occasional treat rather than a daily item. These foods do not sustain energy which is important to maintaining concentration while learning.

Reading Clubs

| 100 Nights of Reading | Y4-Riley and Emily  
|  | Y3 Chloe, Logan, Alex, Allira, Jake and Paige  
|  | Y2-Sienna and Paige  
|  | Y1- Lucy and Caitlin  
|  | Prep- Talia, Jake, Charlotte and Matilda  
| 75 Nights of Reading | Y4-Darcy and Aidan  
|  | Y3Andrew, Jayde and Billy  
|  | Y2-Lily  
| 50 Nights of Reading | Prep- Deisel and Lucas S.  

Prep Sounds in Focus
This week our Preps are revisiting and consolidating the ‘d’ sound and practising correct formation. They are also learning about the unvoiced schwa sound ‘er’ as in mother/ father.

Prep Words To Fluency
The words to fluency are ‘is’ and ‘was’

Reading Reminder
How are you going with trialling the comprehension ideas we sent home earlier this year? Comprehension is a key component of reading and good questions help your child to develop essential skills.

Literacy Hints
A great way to encourage writing at home is to provide some interesting pens/ pencils or textas and paper. Put the supplies in a special box and place them in a spot where they are easily accessible. Alternatively/ additionally, help your child to publish their writing on the computer.

Here are some ideas:
Write letters to friends and relatives
Make wish lists
Write a diary entry
Write a fictional piece
Create and publish a book about a special interest.

Reading Hour
This week some of our classes explored the text ‘Hickory Dickory Dash’ as part of their Australia wide Reading Hour celebration. It was a great text which promoted bot a love of reading and rhyme.

Lions Club Public Speaking Competition
Once again, the East Loddon Lions Club are sponsoring the Junior Public Speaking with final to be held in the clubroom on Tuesday July 17th. In preparation for this, all Years 3-6 students are expected to write and deliver a short speech on the following topics:

Year 3 & 4
My Favourite Place - Where is your favourite place to go in your Community/Local Area?
How did you find it? Describe it to us. Why do you like it? What makes it special to you?
What do you do when you are there?

Year 5 & 6
You are a Travel Guide. Your job is to explore your local area – as if you’ve never seen it before! Document what you find. Tell us all about your discoveries and why we should visit.

NOTE: While some of the details may be fiction, speeches must be based on real facts.
Speeches will initially be judged in the class groups 3/4 and 5/6 with six students being selected from these competitions. The next stage will result in three students being selected from these sections to present at the Lions Den.
A special thanks to Mrs Jo Guthrie for keeping this tremendous educational initiative and opportunity going over a number of years, and to the Lions Club for their ongoing support.

Peter Vernon
On behalf of the P-4 Teaching and Learning Team
Deutsche Nachrichten
During the German lessons in the last week, Klasse Preps have finished their work on Hopp, hopp, hopf Pferdchen lauf galopp and are learning the German version of Humpty Bumpty (Humpstg Bumpstg). Klasse 2/3 are learning the names of Bauernhof Tiere (farm animals) by playing the stealing game. Klasse 3/4 and Klasse 6 have been learning their poem for the AGTV Poetry completion. Klasse 5 are learning the names of Lebensmittel (food items) for them to answer the questions in the Klasse questionnaire next week. Klasse 7 und 8 have started participating in the Languages Education Perfect Championship. This competition will run between May 21st to May 31st. Then Klasse 7 und Klasse 8 will start learning their poem for the AGTV Poetry competition. This year’s Regional Final will be held on Wednesday June 27st at Crusoe College.

Annette Burgstett
German Co-ordinator

KFC – Kids Friday Club  -  Term 2 2018

We’re having a great time at KFC and it continues tomorrow May 25th and June 1st.
All Prep – Yr 6 children are welcome. Meet in the Multipurpose Room straight after school – finishing at 5pm. Preps will be escorted from their room. KFC newsletters and KFC Enrolment forms are available from the College Office or by contacting Wendy Twigg or Robyn Falls (below).

On Sunday June 3rd our Family Celebration Service for Term 2 (breakup) will be held at Raywood AOG Church in the Raywood Hall at 10am. This will be a family orientated service and the children will have opportunity to participate. Morning Tea (bring and share) will follow. Notes will be distributed at KFC this week.

So…Kids – remember to bring a gold coin and some afternoon tea to share (eg pkt biscuits – no nuts please) and we’ll see you tomorrow.

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

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Middle Years Parents, please join Bloomz to get regular updates from your child’s classroom.

Bloomz Weekly Snapshot

Yr 7/8 Netball and Badminton

Year 5 Art—painting

Yr 6 Education Week Art display—a homage to John Brack.

Middle Years Captains Report

This week we have had Education Week—Celebrating the arts. We will pick one winner out of the Middle Years, who drew Mr Leed to help us design our Middle Years ideas box. Yesterday there was a dancing competition and tomorrow there will be singing competition. The Year 7/8’s had their netball and badminton sport day and they went well and some Year 5/6 students participated in the interschool cross country. The Year 5’s and 6’s have also recently been preparing their Lions Clubs speeches, being a tour guide. Have a great weekend.

Alicia and Levi

Lions Club Junior Public Speaking

Our Year 3-6 students are currently preparing their speeches for the Lions Public Speaking. Yr 3/4 are speaking on their favourite place and Yr 5/6 on being a travel guide.

School Finals—Last week of Term 2

Lions Club finals—Tuesday, 17th July

Academic Competition—Science

Good luck to the following students who will be participating in the Science Competition Tuesday 29th May, Period 1:

Kyen and Angus (Yr 3)

Ava and Marley (Yr 5)

Holly and Gemma (Yr 7)

Victoria (Yr 9)

Year 5-8 Homework Weekly Timetables

Today you will receive a sheet outlining weekly homework your child has for their classes. This may be something you stick on your fridge to remind students of what homework they need to complete and when it’s due, and also to assist you with monitoring what work your child should be working on. Please use this as you see fit.

We have also taken this opportunity to reiterate that independent reading is part of our homework program for all Year 5 to 8 classes, and each year level has a suggested time that a student should be reading for each weeknight. We also support students independent reading through our morning reading time and reading conferences.

Later in the year we will also hold a Homework Parent Workshop to invite you to share your homework tips with others and be increasingly equipped with strategies to assist your child with homework and find time for it in busy schedules.
Senior School News

Emily A and Katie B
Congrats to these two lovely ladies who on Tuesday evening at the Lions Club meeting at the Raywood Hotel provided an engaging and interesting presentation about their travels to America and Canada. It was really nice to hear about their time in L.A. together and then for Katie who headed to her first host family in Washington State and then onto Seattle. Where as Emily stayed with a host family in Atlanta, Georgia and then to Newfoundland in Canada. I think my favourite part was the questions from the audience. It was very revealing and entertaining. Emily and Katie wowed the audience with their stories and photos. Well done, ladies.

Thanks to the East Loddon Lions Club for facilitating this and encouraging the students to travel internationally. Yet another priceless, lifelong lesson for our students.

Thanks also to the East Loddon Lions Club for inviting us along, I was quite pleased with my two raffle prizes.

Hospitality Training
East Loddon P-12 College will host a Hospitality Training course on Monday 2nd of July. The course is for all hospitality workers and incorporates ‘use hygienic practices for food safety’. It is more commonly known as the food safety or food handlers’ course.

At this stage we are seeking expressions of interest for this course on Monday 2nd of July. We require a minimum of 10 students and/or community members to attend. The cost of the course is $100.

Please contact the College Office to express an interest.

Year 10 & 11 Work Experience
Dear parents & guardians, please ask your son or daughter if they are ready for Work Experience, do they know what they are planning on wearing, what time to arrive and so forth. Miss Pilkington has prepared a checklist for students to complete during reading time over the next two weeks. Please let myself or Miss Pilkington know if you have any questions.

Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Ed Bike Camp
Last week 10 students, Mr Smith and myself travelled to Mansfield only to ride our push bikes 120km back to Tallarook. It was an impressive, breath taking track along some nice country side. There were plenty of hills, or some students referred to these as mountains and even a tunnels too. Whilst many of the students were challenged mentally or physically, the final 15km was a collaborative effort with all students riding to the finish line together. After parking the bus Mr Smith was also able to ride the last part with us.

On day two one of the students reported morals was low on the final day when as we packed up from camp it was raining heavily. However, I noticed our morale was lifted when the sun came out as we climbed the first hill. Congrats to Hugh C and Jas C who rode all the way. Top effort from Courtney R, Hayley R and Blake P who set up the tents while we rode (or walked) the final 4km in the dark (with some phone/torch light) on day one. Dakota B and Jack W were a great support for Connor C when his tyre was flat, so too was the bike pump. Sharnie A overcame stomach pains to finish the ride. Zander L’s resilience in the dark was admirable, he said he imagined me saying keep going, I laughed, as that is just what I was thinking and saying when we met up. Mr Smith’s positive encouragement, bike repair expertise, first aid advice and sense of humour was just what we needed during the camp.

Thanks Mr Smith and well done to the Semester 1 Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Ed class. You rock!
Available exclusive from www.accesseducation.com.au The Access Ed Daily Challenge App releases one subject specific multiple choice question to your device at 4pm everyday, seven days a week until the end of term three. Once you agree to answer the daily question you are on the clock and will be assessed on how quickly and accurately you answer the question, this will determine your place on the leader board. Badges are awarded for those that excel. The new and exciting app gamifies education and makes VCE revision fun! Compete with your friends and earn rewards while revising from wherever you are on your iPhone, iPad or Android device. The best part is the cost is only $4.50 per subject! The questions commenced rolling out at the beginning of term 2 so there is a healthy amount of fun revision waiting for you already.

CVGT Jobs Available in Bendigo
CVGT have multiple career opportunities for the right candidate willing to complete a traineeship or apprenticeship. For example, Diesel Mechanic Apprenticeship, Parts Interpreter Apprenticeship, Concreting Traineeship, Vehicle Glazing Technician Apprenticeship, Recreational Vehicle Service and Repair Traineeship, Chef Apprenticeship, Hospitality Traineeship x2, Mechanical Plumber Apprenticeship, Business Traineeship, Roof Plumbing Apprenticeship x2 and a Painter Apprenticeship

Please head to https://www.cvgt.com.au/ to view job descriptions or contact Craig Smith Ph 5449 2032

Special thanks to Jas G and Taylor D who helped out umpiring in fine style at the Year 7 & 8 Sports Day at the Golden City Netball courts. You both did a wonderful job, well done.

Sarah Byrne
Senior Sub-School Leader
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Wellbeing Report

The Prime Minister’s One million steps

Take part in the Prime Minister’s One million steps and join walkers all over the country to build up your step count.

Walking for the first time? Pushing yourself to new levels? Either way, you’ll be rewarded with app badges and prize draw entries. Reach 1 million steps and you could win a walking holiday!

Start today and walk towards 11 August.

NAVIGATING YOUR TEEN’S MENTAL HEALTH

WEBINAR

Black Dog Institute will be holding a Navigating your teen’s mental health webinar on Monday 28th of May at 7pm AEST.

This webinar will benefit any parent or carer of a young person. Attendees will learn:

- What is anxiety, depression and bipolar disorder?
- How to spot early warning signs in young people
- When and where to seek help
- How to support a young person you care about

To register go to: https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/navigating-your-teens-mental-health-webinar-registration-46002326196
Pies, Pasties, School Pies, Potato Pies, Sausage rolls are available Term 2 and Term 3.

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