Student Attitudes to School Survey
Throughout the past 3 weeks I have been in and out of Year 4 – 12 classrooms conducting the Students Attitudes to School Survey, as has been mentioned in previous editions of this newsletter. I will conduct my last class survey tomorrow and wish to acknowledge the manner in which all students have conducted themselves during this process. Students have been extremely respectful of their peers and have also appeared to be taking the surveys in a serious and sensible manner. It is important for the College to ensure that we engage as teachers, with the students that we teach and I very much look forward to receiving our survey feedback in coming weeks. I intend to share survey data with staff and the students themselves, in an effort to further look into how we make our College the best that it can be in the eyes of our students.

PLC Visit
Our College is involved in an initiative known as a Professional Learning Community, in which myself, Mr Wilkinson and Mr Vernon will lead small teams of staff in a series of classroom observations known as learning walks. We will receive expert coaching in this field and will endeavour to ensure that there is a high level of consistency across the College in the way in which staff are teaching lessons. In 2016, staff split into Professional Learning Teams to work on a series of key priorities of the College, with one of these being the development of a new East Loddon Learning and Teaching Model. The model established last year is known as the ILEARN model. This learning and teaching model has been agreed upon by all staff and was implemented at the beginning of Step-Up Week last year. The aim of PLC initiative is to ensure that this model is being embedded across the College by all staff. Myself, Mr Wilkinson and Mr Vernon will meet with the PLC coaching team at our College this coming Tuesday, which we are very excited about!

Have a chat to your child/ren to see what they are able to tell you about the model, and/or feel free to have a chat to myself, Mr Wilkinson or another staff member about this model when you are next in the College.

Middle Years Working Bee
Next Tuesday will see the running of the Middle Years Working Bee. Please see further details in this newsletter, but know that we would love to see you at the College if at all possible for this working bee, which will see a great deal of small tasks carried out.

Year 10, 11 and 12 Exams
Many thanks are extended to all staff (particularly Miss Byrne) both within and external to the College, who have assisted with this week’s Year 10, 11 and 12 exams. This is a very busy and often stressful week for our students, and we very much appreciate the efforts of all other students across the College who have ensured that they have moved around the College quietly during this exam period.

Year 10 and 11 Work Experience
All of my very best wishes are extended to our Year 10 and 11 students who will see themselves in the ‘real world’ next week, when they undertake a week of Work Experience in Bendigo or Melbourne. This will be a great learning opportunity for all involved and I am sure that our students will thoroughly impress with their efforts, initiative and ability to carry out the task at hand.

Special thanks are also extended to our Careers Co-ordinator, Miss Sarah Pilkington for the tireless efforts that have been put into getting placements organised for the week.
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 planned for Thursday 27th and Friday 28th of July, with hours of course tuition to be finalised shortly. 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

I hope you have a great weekend.

Steven Leed
College Principal

Assistant Principal’s News

It’s hard to believe, but the end of the term is drawing to a close. The Year 10, 11 and 12 students have almost finished exams and reports are at the proofreading stage. HOOOOray. Semester 2 timetable starts next week. This effects mainly the senior students timetable, but some classes for P-4 in the afternoon, may be shifted from period to period or day to day. The idea is that VCE units are spread over equal time for Semesters 1 and 2. Next week also, our Year 10s and 11’s will all trek off to Work Experience, where they will complete exciting duties like ‘looking awkward’, ‘cleaning’, ‘filing’ and any other jobs that our generous host employers find them capable of doing. It really is all about having a go and putting yourself in to a position that may be a little outside your usual level of comfort.

Speaking of yoga, a big thanks to Sharon Lister who has been running yoga sessions at the College on Wednesday evenings. Last week instead of our usual Leadership meeting, we attended a yoga session. For those who have never given it a go, it is everything you’d imagine. Lots of stretching, balance and relaxation. The names of the stretches and poses were almost as entertaining as the session, though I find most things amusing. If you’re thinking about it, do it. Thoroughly enjoyable.

School Council met last night and one point of discussion was ‘student drivers’. We are in the process of writing a policy in regard to this. At present students who are licensed to drive, are not to bring passengers (even siblings) to school in their vehicles. The department rules on this have recently changed and we would like to write a policy that better informs parents of their requirements if driving to and from school. Paramount to this policy will be the safety of all road users, particularly our young drivers who statistically are more likely to find themselves in danger on the road. We want to make a policy that is informative to parents and drivers alike and has rules guidelines that can be followed that help to keep everyone safe.

Scott Wilkinson
Assistant Principal

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Respect - Resilience - Responsibility - Relationships

P-4 Update

Building Strong Foundations

* Please note that as we did not have an assembly on Friday, last week’s awards will be presented at our Assembly tomorrow.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep Tom for his great improvement in his reading and writing.
Year 1 Ruby C for outstanding effort and amazing accomplishments.
Year 2 Emma for being an enthusiastic, respectful and responsible student every day.
Year 3 Colin for trying to further his organisation skills.
Year 4 Nathan for being ready to learn and working well.

You Can Do It! Organisation

Prep—Lucy
Year 1—Archer
Year 2—Allira
Year 3—Aidan
Year 4—Mia

Reading Clubs

Well done on a great effort

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Prep Letter in Focus

This week our Preps are learning about the letters: ‘h’ as in ‘Happy horse’ and the ‘k’ as in ‘Crazy kites’.

Prep Words To Fluency

The words in focus for this week are ‘get’ and ‘going’.

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Practising high frequency words helps to imprint them as part of long term memory and helps readers to develop greater fluency, which in turn supports predictions and monitoring. Place the words on the fridge, the wardrobe door or anywhere else and refer to them often. Reinforce them in context by encouraging early readers to re-read favourite books (but not to the stage that they are actually memorising the text). The transition between short and long term memory is essential and can, for some children, take well in excess of one hundred views before it is retained permanently.

**Years 3 and 4 Science**

In Science we are learning about the properties of materials and how this influences their use in our modern society. We have been looking at structures around the College and why the materials they were made of were chosen. Next we explored different types of gloves and design features of each. This week we started looking at how materials degrade or decompose and how this impacts on usage and disposal. Our latest experiment involved burying small samples of different materials in containers of moist soil and observing what happens. We discussed the importance of using plastic gloves and handling soil outside, two important safety features in Science classes. The students then wrote up the first part of their Science report and will follow this through as change is observed.

**Literacy Hints**

Tongue twisters are fun and a great way of helping students to become more aware of articulation. There are plenty of Tongue Twisters on the Web that are suitable for young people. Start with an easy Twister and as the family become more engaged, increase the challenge.

Try some of the following as starters:

‘Fuzzy wuzzy was a bear. Fuzzy wuzzy had no hair. Fuzzy wuzzy wasn’t very fuzzy, was he?’

‘I scream, you scream, we all scream for ice cream.’

‘Which wristwatches are Swiss wristwatches?’

‘One-One was a racehorse.
Two-Two was one, too.
When One-One won one race,
Two-Two won one, too.’

‘A proper copper coffee pot.’

**Peter Vernon**

P-4 Co-ordinator

**Year 2/3 Humanities-Weather forecasts**

During the last three weeks the Year 2/3 have been working on Changes (environment and weather) as part of their Integrated Studies lessons. They were given a Homework sheet, where they had to fill in the weather forecasts over four days of the week. Students who already have returned the work, have done a very good job. A BIG thank you to the brothers, sisters and parents who helped them. They really appreciate it.

**Annette Burgstett**

Year 2/3 Integrated Studies teacher

**Deutsche Nachrichten**

This week all classes from Klasse 4 to Klasse 9 have been working on their AGTV Poetry Poem. Some students have already learnt their poem by heart, now we will work on the expression. Selection will take place for the 3 participants from each year level in the last week of this term. Regional Final is being held at Bendigo South East College on Friday July 21st. Klasse Preps were filmed singing ‘Regen, Regen’. All sang very well and with full voice. Klasse Preps will see themselves on film next week. Klasse 1/2 have continued to work on Transport. Klasse 2/3 have been trying on various clothes items and other students have been saying what they were wearing. Klasse 9/10 had a special surprise, when Frau Mac bought a Bienenstich to class for the students. Mind there was a catch—they had to write their report in German and then read it to Frau Mac and myself. Gut gemacht, Klasse 9/10.

**Annette Burgstett**

German Co-ordinator

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Middle Years Captain’s Report

This week we have been finalising the working bee, we have also been working on our production.

Zoe and Oscar

Working Bee

Thank you to those parents who have let us know they’re coming to next Tuesday’s Middle Years Working Bee. It is not too late to jump on board. Students can stick around after school, you can come for an hour, help out, have a BBQ and be done by 5:30. Please let Mr Cameron know if you’re planning on attending via email or phone.

Year 7 Science

This week in Science, the students have been learning about how to classify animals. To demonstrate their understanding of this concept, the students were asked to complete a ‘Phylum Challenge’, which saw them group like animals together by their phyla, class and sub-class as quickly as they could. The winning group was Roscoe, Levi, Alicia and Montana. Well done

Miss Harrington

Bloomz – Year 6

The Year 6 class have been achieving great results in Maths Pathway recently. Year 6 parents, please join Bloomz (www.bloomz.net) to see how well they’ve all been doing.

Year 8 Maths Pathway Progress

A very big well-done to the Year 8 class who have completed 334 Maths Pathway modules as a class this term, and we still have one test left! This equates to an average growth rate of 140% for all students. Our class goal was 300 for the term, and we’ve smashed it!

Schools Water Efficiency Program (SWEP) Report

This week we have used 30,520L of water at East Loddon P-12 College. The year fives have been working on ways to save water and have been working on Sustainability in Humanities and Science and will keep looking at ways to save water at school.

Isaac and Casey

Year 8 Geologists

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Senior School News

Year 10, 11 and 12 Practice Exams over (almost)

Congratulations to the Year 10, 11 and 12 students who have been busy this week completing exams, in particular the students that sat the General Achievement Test (GAT) yesterday. Well done, that is a marathon exam of 3 hours and 15mins. I have been generally impressed with the commitment and level of effort applied by staff and students to make this a learning opportunity to practice the exam process. However, I must admit I’m glad it is almost over. The stress of marking exams, writing reports and proof reading reports has been intense or more so tense this week.

Thankfully, tomorrow at lunch time Year 12 students and staff can relax with a nice lunch to celebrate the half way mark! In fact Year 12 students have approx. 75 days of school left.

La Trobe Uni Information Session

On Wednesday 28th of June our Year 11 & 12 VCE students will work with guest speakers from La Trobe University. There will be general information about La Trobe University, tertiary study and also study skills or tips for success. Parents/guardians, VCAL students and Year 10 students will also have the opportunity to attend. Information notices will be distributed to students tomorrow. If parents/guardians are interested in attending please let me know prior to the date.

VCE Plus 2017: La Trobe University

La Trobe University’s extension studies program VCE Plus is designed to offer high achieving Year 11 VCE students the opportunity to commence their University studies while completing Year 12. There is an information session on Sunday 27th of August at the Bendigo Campus. If students are interested please come and see me directly. There are a variety of potential subjects on offer. Please be aware that transport to and from the University would be the responsibility of the parent/guardian.

Year 10 & 11 Work Experience

BIG good luck to all the Year 10 & 11 students who are about to complete their Work Experience placement. I will be looking forward to visiting students next week. Special thank you to families, businesses and friends of friends who have kindly volunteered their time to host a Work Experience student. Eg. my cousin at Darebin Gas in Melbourne. Thanks to Miss Pilkington for co-ordinating the week.

Lions Celebration

Well done to anyone that helped to co-ordinate or create last Wednesday’s Lions anniversary. It was a really special day. I love the permanent art work now a feature of the Lions Den. To know that it was our students and staff (Mr Aurisch and Mrs Heaslip) that enabled this to happen is awesome. Pictured are our gorgeous Preps and Year 12’s escorting each other to the event.

Thanks
Sarah Byrne
Senior Sub School Leader

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Check your skin this winter

Cold weather doesn't prevent skin cancer from developing, therefore it still important to check your skin for changes, rather than relying on an annual skin check. It's important to get to know your skin and what is normal for you, so that any changes are picked up early. Examine all of areas of skin, not just sun-exposed areas. If you notice anything unusual, including a spot that has changed in shape, colour or size or the development of a new spot, visit your doctor as soon as possible. For skin self-examination tips, follow this step-by-step video. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCx_OGgQE38](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCx_OGgQE38)

Shadow Wifi (interesting)

A free wifi network that only works in the shade was designed to keep Brazilian beach goers out of the sun. Allowing up to 250 users to connect to Shadow Wifi at any given time, engineers used rotation to move the device with the sun. Shadow Wifi changed sun-worshippers' behaviour and educated them about the dangers of being out in the sun too long. Check it out on this link. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvrH0bsU_Fo](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rvrH0bsU_Fo)

WOW! What an amazing year it has been for Bunnings Warehouse Echuca with our Community Involvement Program. We have valued every moment in supporting our local Non-Profit Community Groups in the form of goods and services.

We would love to say thanks; and invite you to our annual:

**Community Recognition Night**

**Thursday 22nd June, 2017**

**Bunnings Warehouse Epsom**

**Crn Midland Highway & Toma Court, Epsom**

**6.00pm-7.00pm**

**RSVP: Monday 20th June, 2017**

This event is about recognising contributions and the impact that they have in our community whilst also showcasing how Bunnings Warehouse has supported you & how we can further assist in the future.

On behalf of our Complex Manager Clinton Gahan, our store and myself, we thank you for your continued support to better the community we live in.

- Light Refreshments, Tea & Coffee.
- Kids Welcome.
- Giveaways, guest speakers & much more.
- Psst wear your Craziest Scarf & Beanie to win an extra prize for your community Group.

Kind Regards

Janelle Purtill

Activities Organiser

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Parents Association FRUIT & ORNAMENTAL TREE FUNDRAISER

Thanks so much to everyone who ordered trees.

It's been great to see so many parents visiting the Parents Association Facebook page and sharing information. Minutes from our last Parents Association Meeting will be available to view on-line shortly.

Leanne Welsh  President  03 5436 6281 or 0447 689 309  welsh600@gmail.com
Kaeler Grigg  Secretary  0448 632 780  kaelergrigg@hotmail.com

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