I am excited to announce to the wider college community that we have a new College Chaplain! Mrs Leanne Welsh has been appointed to this position and will likely start with our college as early as next week. Our chaplaincy provider ‘Scripture Union’ have been thoroughly impressed with Leanne, and I have no doubt that we will be too. Welcome to our East Loddon team Leanne!

Speaking of chaplains, former College Chaplain Sue Allen was inducted as Pastor to the Gannawarra Cluster last Friday evening. I attended the evening on behalf of the college and wider community and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. The Gannawarra Cluster were very welcoming of Sue and will no doubt embrace her.

Myself and Mr Wilkinson, along with Regional Office representative Bruce Corrie and Victorian Schools Building Authority representative Kristy Stone, are today meeting with representatives of 3 architectural firms who have submitted tender applications for our upcoming Capital Building Works. This interview process is being conducted at the college and we are very much looking forward to the initial presentations from tenderers. We will provide further updates to the college and community in coming weeks. Students in year 7, 8, 10 and 11 have undertaken the ‘About You’ survey. Within the next month we will also have some classes undertake the MDI (Middle-Years Development Instrument) survey, as we have done in previous years. Parents of students who will participate in this survey will receive a letter home explaining what the survey is all about and will have notice of the survey completion date.

Speaking of surveys… Our staff are currently completing the departments annual staff survey, our randomly selected parents will complete parent opinion surveys shortly, and our Student Attitudes to School survey results have recently been made available to the college. Leadership, along with all staff will go through student survey results shortly.

Our year 10 and 11 students had a terrific day on Tuesday. They listened to an inspiring ‘future work’ presentation at Ulumbarra Theatre and visited TAFE campuses in Bendigo. Yesterday, our junior students had a tremendous time at Scienceworks in Melbourne. Many students arrived at school this morning eager to tell me about their favourite aspects of the day, with the Planetarium being a focal theme.

Best wishes are extended to our year 9 and 10 students who head off on their snow camp next week with Miss Byrne and Mr Wilkinson. These outdoor education camps are always a great experience for our students and I am sure that this experience will be no different. Stay off those black runs Mr Wilkinson!!!

Hope you all have a great week.

Regards, Steve Leed
Speech support

Did you know that our school is regularly visited by a speech pathologist from the Education Department? Grace, our appointed ‘speechie’, visits classrooms and helps teachers to support students.

Recently, Grace has delivered professional learning for our staff too. Part of this was sharing resources and strategies with us. For example, I learned that if you’re trying to find the number of syllables in a word, you can place your hand under your chin. Say the word and count how many times your hand is lowered. This will give you the syllables.

Why not try this strategy when you’re helping your child practise their spelling?

Everyday Maths – from the Victorian Education website

In the outdoors

When walking, talking, looking and listening, families can explore and use mathematics every day. Introduce children to maths in the outdoors by counting steps, finding numbers and shapes and mapping your path.

Around the house

Parents can use a range of household objects to explore and discover numbers, measurement, patterns and shapes. Discover new ways of creating learning opportunities without leaving your home.

Sarah Clare
Curriculum Learning Specialist

Just a few staffing updates to report, that you may or may not be aware of.

Currently on leave for the moment are Mr Aurisch and Mr Bunton, both of whom have approved leave for the next week or so. Mr Aurisch returns on the 12th of August and Mr Bunton the following week. They are being replaced by Mrs Collins who has been with us all of this term. Mr Smith will be away until the end of this term starting early next week. He will be replaced by Mrs Louise Hocking who is a teacher very familiar to East Loddon P12. Later in the term Mrs Phillips will take some leave also. Her replacement is yet to be announced.

Here’s the good news! I’m off on camp with Byrnsie and the 9/10 Outdoor Ed class, next week to the SNOW. Yee hah. I hope there’s heaps of white fluffy stuff because I plan to fall over a lot. Next week I may not get a report in for the newsletter, so just in case I don’t, it would have said something like this, “I miss you all, but I love the snow”.

Falls Creek, here we come. It may live up to its name!

Notices

LODDON SHIRE

2019 kindergarten enrolments

Enrolments are now open for 4 year old and 3 year old kindergarten. Enrolments close Friday 30 August 2019.

If your child will be 3 or 4 years of age by 30 April 2020 please contact Loddon Shire Early Years Department for enrolment advice.

You can now complete your child’s enrolment form online at www.loddon.vic.gov.au

Paper based forms are available from:

• Council’s website
• Loddon Shire Offices: 41 High Street, WEDGERSBURN or 37 Peppercom Way, SERPENTINE
• Your local Preschool or Maternal and Child Health centre
• Call the Loddon Shire Early Years Department on 0419 1201 to get a copy posted to you

Prompt return of your child’s enrolment form is recommended to assist in the planning for programs that will run in 2020.

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ScienceWorks Excursion

Yesterday the P-4 sub-school enjoyed a day out at ScienceWorks in Melbourne. Our students had a lot of fun exploring the various exhibits and attending two shows in the planetarium about our solar system. Well done to all students on their fantastic behaviour and a big thank you to all parents and staff who helped out on the day.

Radio Awareness for Kids—incursion

Last Thursday Year 4 to 6 students participated in visit from John from Radio Awareness. Students all made radio skits and recorded them in front of a live audience. Everyone was extremely creative and confident, with Nathan C (Year 6) accent being a stand out for me. This was also great preparation for the production at the end of term.

Year 7 2020 Parent Information Afternoon

Monday the 19th of August at 4:00-4.45pm

State Cross Country

On Thursday 18th July we had 3 students compete in the State Finals of the Cross Country in Melbourne with some great results:

Bridget V = 9th
Jasmine C = 34th
Marley A = 51st

5/6 Netball

On Wednesday 17th July our 5/6 Netball teams competed in Bendigo. The Girls team went undefeated and the Boys team placed 4th.

Thanks to Mr Ferguson and Miss Pilkington.

Upcoming Sports Days:

Thursday 8th August
Year 7/8 Basketball and Table Tennis

Thursday 29th August
Year 9/10 Basketball and Table Tennis

This week we began reading through the responses to our survey and looking at how to incorporate the suggestions that students had into our focus groups. We have analysed the food and sustainability suggestions for the canteen and have begun looking at the uniform responses.
GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STAFF

Wendy Twigg is East Loddon’s Wellbeing Coordinator. Her commitment and care for our community is always visible; from homemade cookies that seem to magically appear in the staff room, the displays of encouragement and inclusiveness around our school to her always warm and inviting wellbeing space which is all the warmer and more inviting for her presence.

Mrs Twigg grew up in Bridgewater on a farm and made the move to Golden Square Secondary College for high school. She needed to catch the bus for an hour each way and there were lots of big changes which weren’t always easy for a shy student.

She met her husband at a Young Farmers meeting in our current grade 3 room and they were married during her second year of teaching. They raised four children on their farm. All her children attended this school and two are now working here.

Mrs Twigg has always tried to ‘practice what she preaches’. This has allowed her to share the importance of hard work and the need to be thoughtful of the people around you. She has shared this with her own children and continues to share this with our students through example.

If she could change one thing it would be to see people treating each other with more respect.

Canteen Roster

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