From the Principal

Parent Teacher Student Interview Opportunity

I would like to thank all families who were able to attend our Parent Teacher Student Interviews on Tuesday either in person or via telephone. Your attendance at these interviews is very much appreciated. We understand that no matter what format we take with interviews, we are unable to best suit the needs of everybody. If you would like to discuss the progress of your child with any of their teachers, I would encourage you to make contact with the teacher or the College in general. Many of our classes also converse through digital forums such as Class Dojo, Bloomz or Edmodo, of which I would also encourage parents to consider taking part in.

Parent Opinion Survey – We Want Our Parents To Tell Us What They Think

East Loddon P-12 College is conducting a survey to find out what parents think of our school. The Parent Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at each school. This survey is designed to assist our school in gaining an understanding of parents’ perception of school climate, student engagement and relationships with our parent community. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. The survey can be accessed via desktop computer, laptop, tablet or mobile at any convenient time within the fieldwork period from Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August.

A randomly selected group of 75 parents will be invited to participate in this year’s survey via a letter sent home with relevant students this coming Monday, with all responses to the survey remaining anonymous. The survey results will be reported back to our school at the end of September. For further information, please speak to you child’s teacher or visit: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/management/improvement/Pages/performsurveyparent.aspx

Term 3 Curriculum Day

A reminder is extended to the College community of our Term 3 Curriculum Day to be held on Monday August 14th. This day is a student free day, as College staff will be attending a range of other schools to view best practice in a variety of elements that relate to our strategic direction.
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College Canteen – Money Sharing
It was noted on a couple of occasions this week that canteen staff/volunteers observed students sharing money with other students before entering the canteen (some large sums on occasion also). Whilst this ‘care for others’ is admirable, there are also cases where this money sharing can have more sinister intentions or outcomes. On occasions, students share money with others with the best of intentions and care for their friends, however, the student accepting the money can at times know that their own parent/guardian does not wish for them to purchase items from the canteen. At times, the student receiving the money may not be allowed to eat the particular item that is being purchased for family or medical reasons, and on other occasions the student giving the money to others may have actually ‘taken’ this from home without their parent/guardian’s knowledge.

In short, although students are more than likely only wanting to be friendly to others, we do not want to place our students in an unintentionally awkward or negative situation. Canteen money is not to be shared with others, it is to be spent on the intended purpose (which is more often than not, the purchasing of lunch, not icy-poles for a group of mates).

Staff Vs Year 12 Wheelchair Soccer –
(My tail is between my legs!)
I will keep this brief! After my spruiking of the likelihood of the staff beating the Year 12’s in another sporting endeavour last week, we were very soundly beaten by the under-dogs! The staff will now look to the next sporting challenge, so that we can once again return to the winners list. Well done Yr 12!

Hope you have a great week!
Steven Leed
College Principal

Please help us to get this message to all students, by having a chat with your child/ren about this tonight.

Assistant Principals News

Thanks to everyone who attended Parent Teacher Student Interviews this week. Numbers were significantly down on the previous interviews and so we trust that if you have any concerns about your child’s progress or half year report, that you will contact the relevant staff. Staff will also be in contact with you if they have concerns about your child. Please direct any feedback about the interviews to Mr Leed or myself.

Its busy busy busy at school again this week. Yesterday we had a group of our Year 12s go to Melbourne for the Kool Schools program, which I can’t wait to hear more about, as they wrote and performed two song I believe. Next week the Year 8’s head off to Kryal Castle for a day trip. I so want to go, but can not due to other commitments. My Uncle Eddie (rest his soul) was the blacksmith at Kryal Castle for years and each time we went to Ballarat mum and dad refused to take us there. Even when we yelled ‘Kryal castle Kryal castle Kryal castle’. Hence I have castle envy for the Year 8s. Still today, I am the disgruntled bloke that kicks over sandcastles at the beach.

I’ve had a ripper week outside of school this week. My local footy club has been hosting the AFL Indian team. They are in Australia to play in the AFL international cup. This starts on the weekend and comes to Bendigo next Friday 11th when India plays Pakistan at Golden Square. This week I have hosted two of their players at my house. Here are some interesting facts about the men staying with me

One attends a school with 25,000 other students! Google ‘Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences’. It is amazing

One fellow has rarely used a knife and fork and finds them difficult to use. He usually eats with his hands.

Running water does not exist in the village. Water is collected from the well (by the women). Hence one of my guests bathes with water from a bucket.

That said he had awesome wifi service in his village, as we skyped his parents.

6,000 people attended the final of the AFL comp in India, which was used to choose their team.

India is a mystery to me and sounds like a truly amazing place. If you’re after a free night out, join us at Golden Square next Friday at 7:30pm.

Scott Wilkinson
Assistant Principal
Help us celebrate all things Science by igniting your imagination!

What: SCIENCE WEEK 2017 – ‘FUTURE EARTH’
When: Tuesday 15th – Friday 18th August 2017

Prep to Grade 2 students are asked to ignite their imagination and create an invention to solve the following problem: “How can we move those sheep across the Loddon River without using that busy bridge!?"

Grade 3 – 12 students are asked to solve this open-ended challenge: “What does a sustainable East Loddon look like?”

Students from Prep – Year 10 will be allocated two Science lessons to work on this project but are encouraged to work on this at home too!

Designs can be entered into the Science Fair on Friday the 18th of August at 12:45pm in the Multi-purpose room.
EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO ATTEND!

Prizes will be awarded for:
Prep – 2 Challenge:
- Most creative invention
- Most practical invention

Grade Three and above challenge:
- Technology award
- Scientific sustainability award
- Creativity award

Prep – 12 Award:
The albert Einstein, all-rounder award.

What are you waiting for!?
Let’s start inventing!

Got a question about our Science week challenge?
Please get in touch with Miss Pilkington as soon as you can, there’s no time to waste!
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P-4 Update

Building Strong Foundations

**Student of The Week**

**Prep**—Caitlin for improving her writing by using great spelling strategies.

Year 1—Paige for using patterning to create equations and explaining these to the class.

Year 2—Angus for his excellent attitude to challenges.

Year 3—Darcy for working hard on his reading and writing.

Year 4—Matilda for always doing her best.

**You Can Do It!**

**Persistence (Working Tough)**

**Prep**—Tom

Year 1—Noah

Year 2—Paige

Year 3—Riley

Year 4—Macey

**Reading Clubs** Congratulations to:

| Nights of Reading | Y4-Mia, Molly and Ava  
|                   | Y3-Tori, Emily, Keira, Tristyn and Riley  
|                   | Y2-Chloe, Miles, Alex and Ella  
|                   | Y1-Paige and Ruby O. Prep- Caitlyn, Logan and Oliver |
| 175 Nights of Reading | 150 Nights of Reading  
|                   | Y4-Fynn and Drew  
|                   | Y3-Hayley  
|                   | Y2-Jake and Angus  
|                   | Y1 - Sarah and Angus Prep |
| 125 Nights of Reading | 100 Nights of Reading  
|                   | Y3-Aidan  
|                   | Y4-Ebony |

Thank you for your commitment to sharing ‘take home’ books with your child every evening. The support you offer is helping to give your child the best learning opportunities possible. The skills developed in the early years build the foundation for all future learning and will directly impact on career pathways. The more you invest in your child’s learning, the better their chances of realising their dreams in the future. You do make a real difference!
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**Prep Letter in Focus**

Our Preps are currently learning about ‘Ww’ (water on a web) and ‘Zz’ (zebras in a zoo).

**Rochester Excursion Reminder**

If you wish for your child to attend the Rochester Farm and Road Safety Expo, and have not yet returned the permission form and $10 to the office, please do so as soon as possible.

**Professional Development**

Our College and its staff is strongly committed to improving teacher effectiveness, curriculum delivery and student learning outcomes. On Monday 15th August our P-4 staff will be spending time observing classes at Specimen Hill Primary School, talking with staff about strategies and developing a framework for incorporating new teaching ideas. Specimen Hill was chosen because it uses a learning model similar to our own and has consistently achieved ‘high growth’ for all students, including those with special needs. This will also include looking at data collection and analysis.

**Science Happenings**

As part of Biological Science, some of our students explored using microscopes. One of the many advantages of being a P-12 College is the ability to access expensive science equipment and the expertise of staff, in this case Miss Pilkington. Our students looked at commercially produced slides but we are hoping that in the near future our Senior School students will be able to make slides of the different Eucalypt leaves we have been learning about.

**Science Competition**

Congratulations to Marley, Angus and Kyen on participating in the University of NSW Science Competitions, your readiness to ‘have a go’ is highly admirable.

**Special Sports Award - Cross Country**

Thanks to Mr Young for attending our assembly last Friday and presenting Ava with a well-deserved award for her effort and persistence in the State Cross Country Competition.

**On Demand Testing**

Our Years 3 and 4 students have just completed another component of the On Demand Testing (An online software program for student assessment). This time the students undertook the reading comprehension section. The information gathered is used in conjunction with other tests and teacher observations to make judgements about student progress, strengths and areas for improvement, and this in turn informs individual learning goals and future learning.

**Peter Vernon**

P-4 Co-ordination
Our Middle Years Newsletter has changed! All teachers have begun to communicate with parents regularly via a program called Bloomz rather than updates in the school newsletter.

Parents should have received an email earlier this week to join your child’s class page to receive regular updates from all Middle Years’ classes. See Bloomz (www.bloomz.net) for information. If you haven’t received an introductory email, please contact Andrew Cameron at school.

Some general Middle Years information will still appear in the newsletter regularly.

Middle Years Captains Report
This week we have all started our PE/Sport unit on gymnastics, we have also had our Parent, Teacher and Student Interviews. The Year 5’s also had a video conference with an Olympic skier on Wednesday. Next week the Year 7/8’s are going on a table tennis and basketball sports day on Thursday and the Year 8’s are going to Kryal Castle on Tuesday. We hope you all have a great weekend. Zoe and Oscar
Senior School News

Year 10 -12 Guest Speaker
Lunch time event: Friday 11th of August MPR Free BBQ lunch 12:40pm-12:55pm & Presentation by Linden Barry Managing Director & Founder of Cardboard Cartons 12:55pm -1:20pm.

Topics to be presented:
Employability skills
What employers are looking for in an applicant?
Presentation
Resume
Interview advice
And much more relating to the work force & future employment

VTAC Year 12 student and parent information session
Wednesday 9th of August 5:30-6:30pm Staff Tea Room
Year 12 students wishing to or interested in applying for University or TAFE courses in the future are encouraged to attend with their laptops and parents/guardian also. Notices were distributed to students yesterday.

Year 10 into VCE or VCAL subject information expo
Monday 21st of August 2:15pm-3:20pm – information was distributed to students today. Please ask your child for the note. There is a section that is required to be returned to the College Office.

La Trobe Aspire Applications
Reminder to Year 12 students and parents these applications close August 31st. I have spoken to Year 12 students about this on three occasions last term, however, just a friendly reminder that if you need me as a referee or assistance with drafting the application please let me know.

Year 9 students: Information Communication Technology (ICT) Event
Any interested Year 9 students have been invited to attend an ICT event at Rochester P-12 College on August 30th. The day focuses on potential future careers in ICT with a range of guest speakers and ICT related activities. Students who are interested need to let me know by Friday 11th of August. There are limited places available (eg maximum 4 students can attend).

Year 9 - Year 11: New Zealand Ski Trip Sep 2018 (repeated notice)
Planning with our cluster schools for the Sep 2018 New Zealand Ski trip has started. At this stage we require an indication of students that wish to attend as soon as possible (August 7th).

The itinerary will be similar to our previous two trips. For example, approx. 7 days in Queenstown with 4 ski days and an outdoor activity day included. The cost is estimated at $2300, plus extras such food for lunch, snacks, drinks, hiring additional gear eg. goggles, gloves. If students are wishing to attend a payment plan can be organised with the final deposit due July 1st 2018. This allows you time to get your kids working for the cash/holiday.

Further information is available from myself or I encourage you to ask past students that have attended also eg Caity H and Emily A. Students who wish to express an interest need to notify me by Monday 7th of August.

Good luck Jacinta C
This weekend Jacinta in Year 11 is being interviewed for a place at the National Youth Science Forum. She has successfully completed other requirements such as, application forms, responded to online questions and attended an information session. Jacinta has been busily preparing for her anticipated interview questions. Good luck Jacinta.

Thanks for taking the time to read this, lots happening at the moment so please let me know if you have any questions.

Pictured is further progress in a garden areas with our Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Ed class. We are now juggling how to stretch the funds & bark a little further.

Thanks
Sarah Byrne
Senior Sub-School Leader
KFC – Kids Friday Club Term 3

KFC got off to a great start last Friday, and continues for the next 3 Fridays - August 4th, 11th & 18th.

Kids, - get your name marked off the bus list and meet in the Multipurpose Room straight after school until 5pm. Remember to bring a gold coin, some afternoon tea to share (nothing containing nuts) and a smile J

This Term we’re going to continue learning about how God wants us to treat one another.

Our annual Bush Olympics will be held at Bears Lagoon on Sunday August 20th following our Family Celebration Service at 11am. This is always a highlight on the KFC Calendar. The Service is designed for children and families to join in and the Bush Olympics provide a great time of old fashioned races – egg and spoon, book balancing and the lolly man with chocolate medals up for grabs. Bring some lunch to share.

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