Welcome Simone and Veronika!
A big East Loddon welcome is extended to our two new German exchange students, Simone and Veronika. Simone and Veronika landed in the country early Saturday morning and attended East Loddon P-12 College for the first time on Monday morning. Both girls have settled into school life very smoothly, impressing with their efforts in the classroom and with their lovely demeanour.
I would like to sincerely thank Frau McNamara for her work in making this exchange a reality, along with Tim and Jodie Demeo and Richard and Jacinta Hicks (and families) for hosting our two exchange students. This is bound to be a wonderfully rewarding experience for all involved!
We hope that both Simone and Veronika have a great experience with our college and thoroughly enjoy their time in Australia.

Year 6 Kitchen Garden Project….. WOW!!!
This project will be mentioned in the Middle Years section of today’s newsletter, so I will keep this reasonably brief. Mrs Muller has established a kitchen garden program with our year 6 class this year and yesterday saw the first ‘cook-up’ of meals using produce grown in the College garden. Zucchini was the main ingredient in what I can honestly say was an impressive array of food. To see the joy on all students faces was fantastic and to hear of the ‘hidden’ literacy, numeracy and scientific concepts each student undertook, was equally impressive. Thanks are extended to Mrs Jodie Demeo, Mrs Kylie Addlem and Mrs Rosalie Thompson for assisting College staff with this great initiative!

Collecting Students From The College
A reminder is extended to all families of the requirement to first visit the College Office if intending to collect students before the end of the day or dropping off students later in the morning. The College Office has a student sign in/out book for late arrivals to school and early departures and it is extremely important that this is used as intended. On the occasion of a school emergency, we rely heavily upon our class roles and sign in/out book to establish exactly who is in the college at any particular time. It is also important for the College to know which parents and community members are in the college at any particular time. If you are visiting the College for any period of time, please make the College Office your first port of call. We have a visitor sign in/out book that is equally as important for the reasons mentioned above.
Interested In Becoming A College Councillor?
College Council is a great way to get to know more about the College your child/ren attend. We meet once per month on a Wednesday evening and discuss a range of reports, events and programs that are directly associated with the school, in an effort to continually improve best practice and program delivery at all levels.
This year we are calling on any interested parents to join our team of dedicated staff and parents as we progress through 2017. There are 2 parent positions that we require to be filled and 1 co-opted community member position. Parent positions have a term of 2 years attached to them, with our co-opted position being for a term of 12 months.
If this sounds like something that you might be interested in, please make contact with the College Office to discuss this further, and to obtain a copy of our nomination form.

A Little Slice Of College History
The aerial College photo featured in the previous two editions of this newsletter has been identified as being taken on January 25th 1974. A College Community member happened to have discovered the same photograph in their possession and upon removing it from the frame, discovered that the photographic details had been recorded on the back. Thanks to all who helped provide information for the College about the photo.
Upon going through an archive of staff photos, we came across our oldest known staff photo. This little beauty is from 1963 and features a very formal looking staff. Any info on this photo would also be appreciated. Please forward details to the College Office.

Hope you have a great week!

Steven Leed
College Principal
Assistant Principals News

It is with some sadness that I have to say the following. It would seem that a computer has been taken from the locker of one of our senior students. This has seemingly happened during class time last week. We have given students ample opportunity to return the computer, thinking that maybe someone had taken it by mistake or that students were playing ‘funny games’ but alas, we still have not sighted the computer. The saddest bit about this is that I feel that I am suspecting students, especially those who are noticed out of class without diaries or for no apparent reason. This is clearly unfair, however, someone must know of it’s whereabouts.

If you have students in the senior school, could you please take the time to talk to them about this incident. Any information brought to us will be treated sensitively, but we need a lead as to who to talk to or where the computer may be. Please also check your son/daughter’s bag and room just in case the computer has mistakenly gone home with them. At this stage the person who has had the computer taken is also missing important texts that were in the bag. I appreciate your help with this matter. It would really sadden me if anyone has deliberately stolen this and I keep saying to the student involved that it will turn up.

On a lighter and happier note; SWIMMING CARNIVAL is next Friday YAY. We hope to see all kids and as many parents and grandparents and community members there as possible. Students have 2 options for uniform

Full school uniform with a change of bather/sunscreen etc  **OR**
House colours with bathers etc.

**This is not an out of uniform day**, so please don’t turn up in casual clothes unless they are predominantly your house colours. We trust that parents and students can enforce and follow these rules. If the privilege of arriving in house colours is abused, then we will return to the days of full uniform for all and get changed at the sports.

See you there
Mr Wilkinson
P-4 Update

Building Strong Foundations

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Prep Billy for a great start and remembering routine.
Year 1 Oscar for his great effort and enthusiasm.
Year 2 Kyen for putting 100% into every activity.
Year 3 Emily for a wonderful start to school and being so organised.
Year 4 Lachlan for working really hard on his times tables. Awesome job!

You Can Do It!
Prep—Caitlin
Year 1—Sarah
Year 2—Allira
Year 3—William
Year 4—Lucas

Prep Letter in Focus

Gg—Girls giggle
Hh—Happy House
Jj—Jumping jellygish
Ll—Lizards like lollipops

Prep Words To Fluency

‘am’ and ‘the’
Deutsche Nachrichten
The Preps Klasse were presented with their Schultüten at Friday’s P-4 Assembly. From all who were there the Preps were happy to receive their Schultüten. Big Thank you to Frau Westwood for giving Klasse 8 the chance to present the Schultüten. We also welcome Simone Weber and Veronika Pfeifer to East Loddon P-12 College. They have settled into school nicely from all accounts.
Annette Burgstett
German Co-ordinator

ADVANCE NOTICE
On Tuesday March 14th 2017 School Performance Tours will be presenting a puppet theatre ‘The Little Bad Wolf’ which runs for approximately one hour. The performance has an anti-bullying message and promotes positive strategies for dealing with bullying. This is an extra curricula activity and the performers have a fee for each performance. P-6 students have an opportunity to attend but will be required to return a Parent Permission form and $6 for each participating child.
A permission slip will be sent home this coming week.

SWIMMING PROGRAM
Thanks to the parents who are volunteering to help our children to learn to swim. Don’t forget to mark Friday 24th February on your calendar so that you are able to join us for the Swimming Sports at the Mitiamo Pool. It is a great community event and an opportunity to see how much your child has progressed with their swimming.

LITERACY HINTS
Punctuation is an important key to unlocking meaning. Students who pause appropriately have better understanding of what they read. In some classes, students have the opportunity to practise pausing through easier and familiar texts. Older students should also be encouraged to practise reading a familiar text to an adult, focusing on pausing. It is important that parents demonstrate or model good pausing to their children, discussing the significance of each type of punctuation. Reading to your child is a very powerful way to improve your child’s literacy skills.

Peter Vernon
P-4 Co-ordinator

P-6 Science

I love Science because…
You can get a room of Grade 3/4 students excited and engaged with their learning, with the use of a magnet!

I also love Science because on a 40 degree day you can study the movement of toys in the water with Frau Mac and the Grade one and two’s (and cool down at the same time!)

Stay tuned for more Science updates and please feel free to contact me if you would like more information on our P-6 Science program!

Miss Pilkington
Middle Years

Middle Years Leaders report
This week we all had our first swimming practices for the week with the swimming sports coming up next Friday we did some laps practice and some fun games. We are also working on doing a middle years survey this week.

Somers Camp (Year 5/6)
Year 5 and 6 students will today receive an Expression of Interest form for Somers Camp. Please read and return asap if you would like your child to be nominated.

Rubicon Report
The BEST thing about camp was…
My favourite thing on camp was going rock climbing. I loved it because I had never done it before or anything like it. I reached the top of the easier side and on the harder side. When we did this we had to use our best teamwork skills to be able to pull each other up the wall. (Alicia)

Rafting was really great because it used teamwork and boats, as well as the rapids were really fun. (Ciaran)

Hanging out with mates, you get to know your mates after a whole week staying with them. I loved going to the ping pong table and having a hit with them. (Levi)

We showed creativity when Colby, Alicia, Trista and I led the rest of us out of the forest at night. They controlled the group while I looked for a way back to the road. (Roscoe)

After we got back from the activities we did that day and would just hang out with our friends in the dorm the same thing applies at night just to be able to have silly and pointless conversations with my friends. Also the night when we all slept in the lounge. (Molly)

Year 6 Kitchen Garden
We had our first kitchen class this week cooking with the tomatoes, zucchinis, parsley and rosemary from our garden. We made zucchini slice, zucchini fritters, zucchini pasta with freshly made passata sauce, Indian flat bread, and some wonderful chocolate zucchini cakes for dessert.

Middle Years Homework
Below are the regular days that homework is due for Year’s 5-8. Students should expect to receive homework from other classes on a regular basis.

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Year 7 Science
This week we began our new topic – astronomy. The students will begin researching a topic of interest relating to our solar system on Friday and over the next few lessons they will be teaching each other about what they have learnt. Feel free to talk to your junior scientist about their topic and the questions they have chosen to answer about their area of expertise. You might hear a lot of ‘I don’t know much about this yet’ now, but ask them again next week and see what they can tell you.

Year 8 English
Students should be reading their ‘Dougy’ book regularly at home. This is the current text being studied.
Prep-Year 12 Reading Buddies
The Year 12 students visited the Prep classroom on Tuesday morning to begin the Reading Buddy program. Each week, the Year 12s will listen to the Preps read. This is such a valuable and rewarding program; the Preps feel more comfortable knowing some of the ‘big kids’ and are supported in their learning too. The Year 12s are also able to develop their leadership skills.
This week, students spent time meeting and getting to know the Prep students ahead of the Swimming Sports next week. It was wonderful to see them getting along so well already.

Study Skills
We have continued the Study Skills sessions this week by learning about exam terminology. These key terms often have subtle differences and can trip up students on exams. In 9-12 home groups, we have learned what many of these terms actually ask us to do. VCE students also have a copy of ‘How to Write What You Want To Say’, a book which supports students to respond appropriately to these instructional key terms.

Please speak to your students about what they have learned in the program so far. They should all be trialling a study skill from last week, so ask them to explain this to you. By the time exam season is here, our students are going to be so prepared!
Sarah Clare

Year 10 English:
Students are reminded that they will need to have their text ‘The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time’ completely read (for the second time) by the end of this week. Parents please support your child in achieving this goal. If your child requires an audio version of this, they can access this at school. Students also need to have their weekly homework sheets in every Tuesday and their issues oral plan by the end of week 6 (on the Thursday). Presentations for this are due on week 9.
Mrs Lethlean

Year 10 and 11 Work Experience:
Work Experience is well underway. A big thank you to all year 10 and 11 students who have taken the time to have a think about what they might like to do for work experience. I am pleased to see most students have an idea of where they would like to go, or at least the area of work.
Work Experience will be held from the 19th - 23rd of June this year, with year 10 students completing a weeks work experience in Bendigo whilst our year 11 students will head to Melbourne for a week in the big smoke.
More details on this will be sent home next week. In the mean time, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at any stage.

Miss Pilkington - Careers Co-Ordinator.
Respect - Resilience - Responsibility - Relationships

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

School Swimming Sports next Friday 24.02.17

There will be a display of school uniform to help parents with their choices when ordering from
the uniform lists – Winder Uniform Order Form will come out next Thursday, the day before, in
the Weekly Newsletter. Please ask if you need any help with ordering.

Parents Association Uniform Coordinator is Tania Twigg 0428 379 258
taniatwigg@activ8.net.au

Please note: there is a good supply of secondhand uniform available for sale at the office.

PA Catering for lunch for monthly Loddon Shire Council Meetings at Serpentine
next one on Tuesday 28th February 2017

Any savoury finger food (quiches, sausage rolls etc.), slices or small cakes would be appreciated
with any excess to be frozen for Deb Ball Supper. This is a great opportunity to support PA’s fund-
raising efforts with 100% of the money received for catering going back into the school. Please ring
or text Leanne on 0447 689 309 if you can help. Thanks so much for your support.

Forward Planning - Deb Ball – Friday 31st March 2017 – PA will be supporting the school by providing and
organising the supper on the night. There will be a note come home in the next couple of weeks,
asking for your help with this. Please consider making a cake, a slice, a monetary donation or donat-
ing a slab of water/drinks for the PA Drinks Stall on the night. If you are available on the day, we will
be making sandwiches and preparing platters at the school. We do have the capacity to freeze any
cooking beforehand – please ring or text Leanne of your donation 0447 689 309
Every Tuesday will be pick-up day from the School Office.

We really appreciate all parents participation in this event as it is a major fundraiser for the school
and a very exciting night for everyone involved. Thanks so much for your support.

Please note: PA Facebook: Our PA Facebook page has been a valuable tool for relaying information to parents
at short notice. While we all do our best to alert others to situations that are current, please share important
messages with all your parent contacts and encourage them to join our PA Facebook page. If you have a
question, we will do our best to assist you. Please also remember you are welcome to contact the school di-
rectly for answers to queries.

We are all working to help each other.

Thanks again.

PA COMMITTEE FOR 2017 is:

Leanne Welsh  President  03 5436 6281 or 0447 689 309  welsh600@gmail.com
Natalie Rose  Vice President & School Council Representative
              0407 848 236  malabar5242@bigpond.com
Kathy Lewis  Treasurer  via school 03 5436 8300
Kaeler Grigg  Secretary  0448 632 780  kaelergrigg@hotmail.com
Tania Twigg  Uniform  0428 379 258  taniatwigg@activ8.net.au
# Canteen News

Canteen Roster

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## Bendigo Senjuns Hockey Club

**Registration Day**

- **Sunday 5th March 2017**
- **11.30am – 1.30pm**
- **At the Bendigo Hockey Grounds (Ashley St Ironbark)**

*This is for all Men’s, Women’s and Junior teams*

*Existing members, transferring players and new players to the club are all welcome!*

## Eaglehawk Soccer Club

**Junior Registration Day**

- **Friday 17th February**
- **5pm – 8pm**
- **Truscott Reserve**
- **Murdoch Street - Cal Gully**

*Suitable for Ages 5+ Boys & Girls*

*Club fee payments can be made via EFTPOS/CASH*

*Junior Co-ordinators:*
- **Shane Eleved: 0419 338 757**
- **Bekki Probert: 0419 504 516**
CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS

Our School Canteen is open 5 days a week and this is made possible by the help of volunteers. Canteen is a great opportunity to meet other Mums (and some Dads) and kids always love seeing a familiar face behind the counter. We ask our volunteers to do **TWO** turns in the canteen each term, but of course you can always do more.

In preparation for 2017 we ask that you fill in this form and return it to the school with your enrolment forms.

At the end of the year we send out a contact list of canteen volunteers, Term 1 Roster and a current Menu, along with the canteen volunteer guidelines. At the end of each term we will send out the roster for the following term. The canteen roster also appears in the weekly newsletter and we notify volunteers in the newsletter of any changes to the roster, etc. If you cannot do your turn, we ask that you find your own swap or replacement.

If you have any questions regarding canteen, please contact Sue Pickles on 0428 366 280 or via email gs_pickles@bigpond.com. If you are unsure if you can do canteen next year, please return the form anyway to show that you may be available, and you will be contacted towards the end of this year or early next year to check availability.

Thanks for volunteering,
Parents Association

Please fill in and return this section to School

Canteen Volunteer Information

Name:__________________________________________________________

I am available to volunteer in the school canteen on: (please circle days)

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Q Yes I can do more than two turns per term, I can do up to ________ turns. *(Even if you are available for more turns, we may not need to roster you on more than twice, but some terms we may need the extra help!)*

Q I am able to help out in the canteen but am unsure of my availability at this stage.

I am unable to be on the roster but will pay a donation of $30

I am happy to be an emergency contact person when someone is unavailable for their turn on canteen. **Yes** **No**

*(this means that if someone rings our Canteen Co-ordinator at the last minute and cannot do their turn, they ring the emergency contacts first to find a replacement for canteen duty – this is usually at very short notice, but emergency volunteers are greatly appreciated and essential to keep the canteen open some days! We ask all volunteers to find their own swap if they are unavailable to do their rostered turn on canteen.)*

My email address is__________________________________________________________

My phone number is__________________________________________________________

I allow my information to be **ADDED** to the contact list that other volunteers will receive. **Yes** **No**

I am willing to volunteer at the canteen on my own (only on quiet day) **Yes** **No**

Have you volunteered in the canteen before **Yes** **No**