



Respect

Resilience

Responsibility

Upcoming Dates

18th Year 9/10 Higher Education Day Excursion
Turkey Trip Trivia night
see inside for details.

21st State Athletics

24th P-12 Athletics

Year 12 last day

25th Middle Years Social 6pm

NOVEMBER

5th Melbourne Cup Holiday

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From the Principal

Time to stop, reflect and celebrate!

This week I will be writing about only one thing, and that is 'us'.

School performance reports were recently released and the news for East Loddon was extremely positive. This is something that deserves reflection and something that we all deserve to be proud of.

Throughout the past 4 years, our school has had a specific focus on strategic direction which stemmed from our last Priority Review in which 'consistency' was raised and questioned in many areas of the college. Staff worked hard to ensure that well-researched changes were made to many aspects of the college, and 'collective efficacy' has been a large focus at a staff level. (Collective efficacy is basically 'all staff doing what we actually say we will do') A couple of examples of changes made were the strong focus on teaching to a new ILEARN Teaching and Learning Model with specific ways in which to structure all lessons, or the development of an authentic student feedback program in which teachers seek feedback from their students (regarding teaching practice) and use this to reflect upon and inform future teaching practice.

After a relentless focus on improvement and 'putting the student front and centre' in all decision making, the strong feeling around the college was that things were improving and data was heading in the right direction. We had achieved some

really pleasing academic results and the general 'feel' of the college was really positive.

It was terrific to then to open our most recent School Performance Report and see that our differentiated school performance group is 'INFLUENCE'. An influence school is defined as a school where **'performance is high or very high. This level of performance is maintained consistently over three years or is on a positive improvement trajectory with the school acting as an influencer and system leader'**.

Whilst there is always room for improvement, it has been nice to stop for a minute and reflect on the position that the college finds itself in. This is not due to luck or good fortune, but largely due to the hard work and dedication of a very talented team of staff who display a strong commitment to positive educational outcomes for all. It is also due to the wonderful application and effort of our students and the support and dedication shown by our parents, families and wider college community.

At a time when we are quick to hear about what is not going well, I hope that everyone is able to pause and reflect on the great work that has taken place in order to get our college into the position it is in. You have all played a part in this! Well done!!!

Hope to see you at the P-12 Athletics Sports next week.

Regards, Steve Leed

P-12 Athletics Carnival 24th October 2019

Literacy & Numeracy

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Making Connections

In 2019, we've been working as a whole school to improve reading comprehension. In our reader's notebooks, we've been making connections to think deeper and more personally about the texts.

When we read a book or watch the TV, we can connect in three ways:

- Text to text– What does this text have in common with others? How does it differ?
- Text to world– How does the text relate to current events or history?
- Text to self– How can we relate the experiences and feelings of characters to our own lives? What lessons can we learn?

Why not have a chat over the next episode of Home and Away, Bluey or the Bachelor?

Numeracy Guide Videos

The Department of Education has recently updated their Numeracy Guide to include videos for parents



Take a look to see how you can support your child, both through homework or in everyday activities. <http://bit.ly/numguide>

Sarah Clare
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So, thanks to the hard work of a group of students from the senior school, Victoria, Georgia, Emma, Abbey, Trista and a bunch of yr 9s and 10s, our ArchiBull prize entry has been completed. Judging is taking place as we speak and we already know that our animated part of this event has been shortlisted as a finalist. Whoop Whoop! Thanks so much to Rory C for putting the majority of this together. Thanks also to Micheal Lawry who has given much inspiration and insight in to the dairy industry so that our entry had real connection to our community.

<https://art4agriculture.chat/2019/10/13/pick-the-winner-of-2019-archibull-prize/>



To be honest, I think people's choice votes are garbage. They are biased towards schools with the largest populations. A school our size will be unlikely to win such a prize due to sheer lack of numbers. HOWEVER. This is when we come out to shine right? Lets show the fancy big schools that we can match it with them with some good old fashioned 'please help us' campaigning. Firstly every computer or phone or device in each of our houses needs to vote. Then grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends etc need to vote for us also. Put out the sob story. Let's win this thing. At this point in time we only have .27% of votes. Lets fix that. Oh yeah and its clever— one vote per device. Our Archie is trying to highlight the need for city and country people to work together to ensure that we can sustain a viable dairy industry.

Assistant Principal's news

GET ONLINE AND VOTE FOR OUR ARCHIE THE PEOPLE'S CHOICE WINNER IS BY POPULAR VOTE. LET'S DO IT.

Today was a special dress up day to support the World Wildlife Fund. Students were encouraged to dress as a sea creature. Some honourable mentions went to Penny B, she is the funniest girl in the school right. She hung streamers from a box that she'd painted with a big smiley face on the front. When I asked what she was, she says 'BOX JELLYFISH'. One of the Wagner boys got around waving, no guesses, they were a wave. Fynn C was 'spongebob' (also in a box) but the overall best costume I saw was Lylah R. Someone in that house has an artistic flare and a lot of imagination. Now that is a jellyfish. Hoping to see you all at Serp tomorrow night for the Trivia night which supports the Turkish exchange. Tickets available from the office tomorrow.

Notices

Bring gold coins on the night.
Lots of games too.play as well.

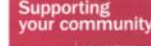


'Living in the Loddon' art competition

Congratulations to the following students on their winning contributions to the 'Living in the Loddon' art competition. The Turkey trip group were the judges and they had a very difficult time as there was lots of amazing artwork submitted. They ended up awarding two prizes to Year 6 students, with Ava M and Fynn C also highly commended. All winning artwork is being used in our fundraising calendar which we think is going to look awesome – watch this space for future updates!

- Prep – Layla H
Year 1 – Jack H
Year 2 – Travis S
Year 3 – Sarah D
Year 4 – Alex L
Year 5 – Aidan R
Year 6 – Drew D and Marley A
Year 7 – Amy T
Year 8 – Tahlia B
Year 9 – Molly M
Year 10 – Victoria B

Thanks to the following **GOLD** sponsors of our 'Anzacs Overseas' trip to Vietnam and Turkey





Junior

Athletics

A reminder that the whole school athletics is scheduled for next Thursday. Grade 3 and 4 students will join in rotations with the rest of the school, while P-2 students will participate in their own activities nearby. Parents and family members are very welcome.

Anton und die Blätter

On Friday, the Year 4 students treated the rest of the sub-school to a fantastic performance of a German language play.

The story told of Anton (played by Kyen Maxted) who had piled up all of his leaves except one. He chased it as the wind took it further and further from his home. Some children who saw him chasing the leaf tried to help and began following Anton and the leaf. Unfortunately, they crash into the pile of leaves, which go everywhere! The students did a great job of acting out this story and narrating entirely in German.



Middle

Tomorrow on the 18th, the Year



5/6's will be going on a German excursion in Bendigo. Next week on the 25th, there will be a Disney themed middle years social, with a sausage sizzle starting at 6 o'clock. Make sure everyone is wearing their hats and if you don't have one you need to stay under the bus shelter. They can be purchased for ONLY \$11 from the school office.

Regional Athletics

Well done to Mason H for reaching the STATE FINALS for high jump. Last week he jumped 1.50m at the Regional Finals to qualify, and will compete tomorrow. Best of luck, Mason!

Year 7 Rubicon Camp 2020

The Year 7 Adventure Camp to Rubicon will be on 3rd to 7th Feb in 2020. This is the first full week of school for next year.

More information to come soon for current Year 6 students.

Senior

Year 10 & 11 Subject Selections

I have been meeting with students to finalise their subject selections since the start of term. This process is almost complete, we are just waiting on some subjects to be finalised by Video Conferencing. Students will now have a list of their subjects for 2020.

Year 10 & 11 Practice Exams coming soon

Will take place between Monday 11th of Nov to Friday 22nd of Nov. Subject teachers are setting the dates for these individually in their classes.

Year 9 & 10 Elective Booklet coming soon

The elective blockings are now finalised, the elective booklet will be distributed to students tomorrow.

Students at the Alpine School

I am incredibly proud of Trista, Montana and Ciaran. I know they received some recognition last week in the newsletter. But I just want to say how brave they are. Often students have reservations about attending a 4 day camp let alone a term long camp. Well done, to the students, Mrs Clare for enabling this opportunity and their parents for supporting this program.

AROUND ELP

Camp Reminders

Year 9/10 Moggs Creek and Year 3/4 Anglesea Camps.

Could forms and payments please be sent into the office for the above camps

Any queries please contact Nathan Twigg or Eamon Smith

SPORTS

Loddon Mallee Region Athletics Carnival:

Well done to Logan W for finishing 4th in the Triple Jump at the LMR Athletics on Monday.

Good luck to

Oscar H—Triple Jump
Mason H—High Jump

who are competing at the State Finals this Friday 18th October

Athletics Carnival

House Athletics—next Thursday 24th October

Program and timing of events is attached to the email out of this newsletter and will also be sent out on Compass today to all parents and students.

Any questions, please contact Mr. Young



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STAFF

Mr Bunton has been an EL Technology teacher for 12 years. He has also had a trade, his own engineering business and driven buses for 19 years including tours to central Australia.

Mr. B's father and both grandfathers were in trades and he loved the hands on subjects when he was at school. So he was keen to get an apprenticeship out from school and earn \$35 a week. This jumped to \$120 once qualified which he celebrated by buying a V8 Holden Premier. But then he wanted to get engaged and had to choose between the car and a ring. He doesn't regret choosing the ring but does remember that car fondly.

His perfect day is coming very soon. The day he can drive his 1927 mini minor orange Hot Rod around. It will be a sunny day with family in the car and he will know that he built 100% of it and there is not another one like it in the world. Over the last ten years, he has brought some of the technical work for his car in to share with students and thinks that they will be able to appreciate the attention to detail and precision that has gone into the finished product.

He hopes his students learn to look at a problem and see opportunities. If it doesn't work then rely on your ingenuity and persistence to work it out and get the job done. Mr Bunton hopes all of his students can leave school finding the learning opportunities in everything they do.

Canteen Roster

Fri 18th	Olivia McVey Narelle Neiwand	2019 OCT/ NOV	
Mon 21st	Karen Pascoe	Mon 28th	Karolyn Campbell
Tues 22nd	Sue Pickles	Tues 29th	Michelle Diss
Wed 23rd	Bree-anna Hocking	Wed 30th	Sue Pickles
Thurs 24th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 31st	Sue Pickles
Fri 25th	Miranda Smith Kristie Cullinan	Fri 1st	Natalie Rose Cheryl Green

Calendar OCTOBER / NOVEMBER

Mon 21st	Tues 22nd	Wed 23rd	Thurs 24th	Fri 25th
State Athletics			P-12 Athletics Last day for Year 12	Middle Years Social 6pm
Mon 28th	Tues 29th	Wed 30th	Thurs 31st	Fri 1st
Mon 4th	Tues 5th	Wed 6th	Thurs 7th	Fri 8th
	Melbourne Cup Holiday			
Mon 11th	Tues 12th	Wed 13th	Thurs 14th	Fri 15th