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Our College respectfully acknowledge the Traditional Owners of Country throughout Australia and pay our respects to the ongoing living culture of Aboriginal people.

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**Dates for Your Diary**

**NOVEMBER**

24th Year 10/11 Exams  
(see calendar on back page)  
Year 11’s last day

28th—Moggs Creek Camp begins

Lions Youth of the Year

30th Planks Incursion

P-8 cost $2

**DECEMBER**

1st Moggs Creek Camp Returns

KFC

7th–8th Year 10 Driver Education

11th-15th Step Up Week  
All students to participate including Year 11’s

Year 10’s last day

13-15th Year 3/4 Anglesea Camp

18th Activity Day

19th Activity Day Mitiamo Pool

20th Activity Day

21st Presentation Assembly 10am start  
Busses Leave 1pm

22nd Student Free day  
Curriculum Day

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**Loddon Shire CD Released!**

This week we received our copies of the Loddon Shire CD. This album was recorded at Studio 52, Collingwood last term and features our Year 12 band ‘Comfort Zone’ (Tom B, Cyan N and Nick K).

Grab your copy from the College Office for $5. All proceeds will go towards ensuring that we can be part of the project next year with a new group of budding musicians.

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**BOOKLISTS**

**Booklists have been sent home with students today.**

**Please check bags.**

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From the Principal

Valedictory Dinner
I really do not want to steal Miss Byrne’s thunder here, but can I just say that last Friday night’s Valedictory Dinner was a great night! The night was held in Bendigo with more than 80 in attendance and it was such a great way to acknowledge all of our wonderful 2017 Year 12’s. This year saw a range of teachers speak on an individual student, outlining why that student was a champion.

Thanks are extended to Miss Byrne, all past and present staff in attendance and to each of our Year 12’s and their families.

‘Global’ Opportunities for East Loddon P-12 College Students
For a small rural school, our students achieve and are afforded many opportunities on a global scale. Georgia W was in Dubai awaiting a connecting flight to Milan when I last heard from her on Tuesday, and I am sure that by now she is putting the final preparations into her attempts for further ‘world Kettlebell domination!’ Chelsea H and Jessica D attended school this morning for the final time with us in 2017, before they fly out for Germany tonight to take part in their respective overseas exchanges. Sophie H has also been accepted into this same BJR exchange in Germany next year, with her German exchange sister attending East Loddon P-12 College in Term 1 of 2018. Katie B and Emily A will also leave for Canada and America shortly for extended periods of time on Exchange, and in April next year we have our 2 staff and 6 students take part in the 2018 Turkish Trip.

What an impressive level of global opportunities for our students from East Loddon! I wish all of these students the very best in their travels!

2018 College Staffing Update
Our College has recently advertised for 2 primary Generalist teachers and one secondary teacher of English and Humanities for the 2018 school year. We were very impressed with the quality of applicants that applied for these positions and have made 3 offers of employment to our selected applicants. All three applicants have accepted our offers of employment for 2018 and at the completion of our appeals process in a fortnight’s time, I will announce our successful candidates to the wider College community. The recruitment process in an education setting is an exhaustive one with many applications to read, critique and then shortlist, before undertaking the process of interviewing and making offers of employment to successful applicants. Some College Councillors were involved in this process again this year and as a College staff, we really appreciate the time, effort, opinions and honesty of these councillors.
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‘Camp Season!’
It is that time of the year when a great range of classes undertake their camps in what can be a very busy end to the year. Last week it was our Year 5 and 6 students who ventured to Canberra, while next week will see our Year 9 and 10 students spend four days in Moggs Creek. The week after sees our Year 10 students undertake 2 days of Driver Education in Charlton and the following week will see our Year 3 and 4 students spend 3 days in Anglesea. Please ensure that you are aware of camp arrangements if you have students in these year levels. Feel free to call the College Office at any time if further details are required.

Well Done 5/6 Students!
I am extremely pleased to report to the College community that our Year 5/6 staff who attended the recent Canberra Camp reported back to me that staff members from at least 4 venues visited made particular comment about how wonderful our students were! Whilst we know that our students are wonderful, it is always nice to hear this from others who are around school groups regularly.

Well done Year 5 and 6!

Student Mobile Phones At The College
AAAARRRGHHHHH!!! Apologies for that, but it does get a little frustrating when you feel that you constantly go over the same thing. After talking to several students and some parents on a regular basis, it is probably a good time to extend a reminder to all about mobile phones at the College.

We acknowledge that a lot of our secondary (and the occasional primary) students have a mobile phone and that in the right circumstances they can be very useful devices. This however does not extend to school in almost all cases. If a staff member requires students to have a mobile phone as part of a class task (generally in the senior school, if at all) then they will ensure that you know about this.

When your child says to you ‘I am meant to take my phone today because….’ They are almost certainly ‘stretching the truth’!

Student mobile phones generally lead to negative outcomes during actual school hours. In our recent past we have had (as have most schools) students who take photos of other students on their phone without that students consent, parents and students who make contact with each other during school hours about ‘important’ things, phones that ring during classtime and cause great disruption, students who endeavour to change bus arrangements without parent or College consent, students who make comments and/or posts to social media…… and the list goes on!

Can I make it as clear as possible that we all have a role to play in helping here. All staff are asked to ensure that they question a student if they see their mobile phone. Staff are doing their job as instructed by me when they do this. This should not result in an argument or anger/frustration shown to that staff member. It sometimes does and would you believe that sometimes these students will hand over their phone if I or a different staff member make the same request. Weird isn’t it?

Parents and guardians, I would really appreciate it if you could help us out here in a really easy and straight forward way. Can you please call the College Office if there is a message that your child needs? This way, we are aware of arrangements and do not need to hold up buses at the end of the day to sort out the whereabouts of student X, who is meant to be somewhere that they are clearly not. Please understand that phones beeping, buzzing and ringing are a real distraction in class and this distraction takes away from valuable learning time.

If your child must have a mobile phone at the College, then this is acceptable so long as it is either handed into the College Office first thing in the morning or kept in your child’s bag or locker for the day. I would think that the Office is the safest and most reliable option.

The following points are from the College’s current mobile phone policy-

The College does not accept responsibility for lost or damaged student mobile phones.
Students misusing personal mobile phones at College or causing a nuisance will be brought to the attention of the principal who will confiscate the mobile phone and return it to the student at the end of the day or at an appropriate time in the event of students who repeatedly breach guidelines.
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**End of Year Timeline**
College Council along with College staff have finalised the last week of the 2018 College year, which will take place from Monday 18th December to Friday 22nd December. The following dates and events are slightly different to those of previous years. Please take the time to note these on your calendar.

- **Monday 18th December** – Activity Day at the College
- **Tuesday 19th December** – Community Pool day at Mitiamo Swimming Pool
- **Wednesday 20th December** – Activity Day at the College
- **Thursday 21st December** – End of Year Presentation Assembly
- **Friday 22nd December** – Curriculum Day. Student Free.

Further details on these days will be forwarded closer to the end of the school year.

**Private Speech Sessions**
Availability will shortly open up for another 2 students of kinder or school age to undertake private speech sessions with Laura-Jane of Talk It Up Speech Pathology. These sessions take place at the College on a fortnightly basis, assisting families in accessing this much sought after service, and preventing the need to take a full day off school to attend an appointment in Bendigo or Echuca. Laura-Jane has established a tremendous rapport with all students who currently attend sessions, and the positive results gains that have been noted with current students have been most positive.

If this service is something that you would like to know more about, please do not hesitate to make contact with our College office, or alternatively you may wish to talk directly with Laura-Jane on 0438 006 445.

Feel free to also take a look at Talk It Up’s website - [http://www.talkitupbendigo.com/](http://www.talkitupbendigo.com/)

Hope you have a great week!

*Steven Leed*
College Principal

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**Planks Incursion**
On Thursday 30th November, we will be visited by the Green Hat team, who will be running a ‘Planks’ workshop with Prep-Year 8 students. This workshop will have a STEM focus and involve open ended tasks building a variety of constructions using only identical ‘planks’ and will run with 3 separate groups in the gym. Year 6, 7 & 8 classes will attend the workshop in P1&2, Grade 3, 4 and 5 classes will attend P3&4 and Prep – Grade 2 students will attend P5&6. Parents and interested kinder kids are welcome to attend the afternoon session as well. Students are asked to bring in $2 each to contribute towards the cost of this incursion. Please contact Mrs Johns for more information.

**Presentation Assembly 21st December 10am start**
Booklists 2018.
Booklists were distributed to students today – please look for them in your child’s bag. Once again, this year booklists are to be completed online via the code on the front of each booklist. This year we have put together a package with all forms that need to be returned for the beginning of the year – please use the tick list and return appropriate forms in the plastic pocket by Monday 11th December 2017.
For families experiencing financial hardship and would like to pay via a payment plan in 2018 please contact Sue Cail at the general Office before completing booklist.

Sue Cail
Business Manager


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P-4 Update

Building Strong Foundations

**Student of The Week**

Prep—Travis for showing consistent improvement in reading and writing.

Year 1—Oscar for his readiness to learn and enthusiasm to engage in group activities.

Year 2—Allira for being a respectful class member who always helps and tries hard.

Year 3—Logan for his growing work ethic and his happy attitude.

Year 4—Molly a fantastic student who is responsible, tries her best and is organised and ready to learn.

**You Can Do It!**

Prep—Lucy

Year 1—Sienna

Year 2—Andrew

Year 3—William

Year 4—Mia

**Assembly News**

At our assembly, students who participated in the ‘Walk to School’ (Laps of Central lawn) were presented with a certificate. Marley and Ava were presented with their ‘Pen Licences’ in recognition of a consistent high standard of handwriting.

**Reading Clubs** - Congratulations to our students and their families.

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Prep Sounds in Focus
This week the focus is on the ‘eer/ ear’ sound as in ‘Dear little deer’, and the ‘air/ere’ sound as in ‘There is a chair’.

Prep Words To Fluency
The words to fluency are two very high frequency words, common in many texts:
‘there’ and ‘their’.

Literacy Hints - The importance of punctuation.
Punctuation is an essential component of our written communication, helping us to gain meaning from what we read.
The following are examples from the Internet (have fun locating some of your own):
“Let’s eat, Grandpa” versus “Let’s eat Grandpa”. The first is an invitation to Grandpa whereas the second infers Grandpa is on the menu. Punctuation can potentially save lives!
The point is, ignoring punctuation when reading can certainly change meaning. When reading with your child, please ensure that your child uses punctuation. This is sometimes hard to achieve with beginning readers, on their first read, as they tend to focus on decoding words and sentences. There is a real advantage in children reading a text a number of times, with an opportunity to shift the focus during subsequent reads. As your child becomes more confident with the language, they should be encouraged to recognise and use punctuation, and a reader’s voice. One of the best ways to promote this is to model these skills by reading a few sentences to your child.

Peter Vernon
P-4 Teaching and Learning Team Co-ordinator

Year 2/3 Integrated Studies - Science - Night and Day
During this week’s Science lesson, Allira J presented her extra Science homework about Space. Allira asked if she could find out some extra information about Space. Allira J found out some interesting facts about Space. Well done, Allira. The Year 2/3 Science class also had special guests from the 3/4 class who gave a talk about Space and weather—some interesting facts were presented.

Annette Burgstett
Year 2/3 Integrated teacher-Science
Middle Years Parents, please join Bloomz to get regular updates from your child’s classroom.

Bloomz Weekly Snapshot
- Year 5 and 6 enjoying their week on the Canberra camp
- Year 8 Zaishu Stools
- 100% on latest Year 7 Spelling Test

Middle Years Captains Report
This week our Year 5/6 returned after an exciting Canberra Camp. Thank you to Mr Kidman, Mrs Muller and Mrs Phillips for going. We still have our calves at school. Year 7’s are starting to prepare for Sub School elections and prepare speeches. Thank you to all parents for their feedback about Bloomz. Have a great weekend.

Oscar and Zoe

Important Dates:
Thursday 7th December—2:30pm—Year 4/8 Graduation
December 11—15th—Step Up Week

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Senior School News

Year 12 Valedictory Dinner

Last Friday we celebrated 13 years of schooling for our Year Class of 2017. It was a special night with several staff speaking about the Year 12 students and selecting the theme of ‘Year 12 Champions’. We had 20 students in our Year 12 group this year, the largest group to graduate from our College in recent history. I am extremely proud of this. We already have some students who have gained early entrance into university. This will be confirmed once results are released on December 15th. We have other students who have started working in apprenticeships already. Meanwhile other students are busy applying for jobs, TAFE or other adventures.

Year 12 Interviews

Information was distributed to students, parents/families on Friday evening regarding Year 12 pathway interviews. I intend to meet with Year 12 VCAL students on Tuesday 5th of December and Year 12 VCE students on Friday 15th of December.

The interviews are an opportunity for students to seek support regarding VTAC applications, TAFE applications, assistance with job applications, cover letters or resumes, or other.

If students are unable to attend the allocated time I ask that they contact the College and arrange an alternate time.

Year 10 & 11 Exams

Year 10 & 11 students have been working productively to complete their Semester 2 exams across a range of subjects. I would like to congratulate the students on their mature and serious approach to these exams. I acknowledge the experience is stressful, but it is a great practice for the real thing (exams in Year 12).

Tomorrow has been allocated as a day for students to catch up on any exams missed during the week. Students are asked to report to the College Office where students will sit catch up exams in the meeting room.

Upcoming camps for SB

I wanted to let families know that I will be involved in a few camps over the following weeks and during these camps will not have access to my emails. I will attend the Year 9 & 10 Moggs Creek Camp 28th November to 1st December, the Year 10 Driver Ed Camp 7th-8th December and I am likely to attend the Year 3 & 4 Camp Wed December 13th-14th. If parents/guardians have specific questions about subjects I would encourage you to direct this contact to the teacher. If matters are in regards to Sub-School stuff I would encourage you to contact Scott Wilkinson or Steve Leed.

Thanks for your time,
Sarah Byrne
Senior Sub-school Leader

Deutsche Nachrichten

Thursday evening Jessica D and Chelsea H will be flying out of Melbourne to Germany as part of the BJR Exchange. All the best, experience a white Christmas with all the trimmings and enjoy yourself as well as learn many new things and importantly let mum and dad know how you are going. Klasse 8 have finished their Oktoberfest tasks the Posters are very informative as well as well presented. On Thursday they will be having a ‘tasting’ lesson. Photos next week. Klasse 2/3 have been learning about the Advent Kranz. Klasse 3/4 have been putting the final touches to their props for their Wetterbericht(weather forecast). Klasse Preps have been shown how Felix und Franzi celebrate St Nikolaus.

Annette Burgstett
German Co-ordinator
Library Overdue Books
As the school year is only a few weeks away we would appreciate all overdue books be returned before Friday 8th December. According to our Library records the students listed below have overdue book/books. As we lose a great many books every year from lost books, we would appreciate your assistance by returning the items as soon as possible.

Thank you for your assistance.

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KFC – Kids Friday Club Term 4 2017

KFC continues tomorrow - November 24th and December 1st.

On our final KFC on December 1st we will aim to finish at 5pm and follow with a sausage sizzle. Families are welcome. At this session we weigh in our loose change, focus on the Christmas story and give all the children a gift.

We then have our Community carols evening which doubles as a KFC breakup on Sunday December 3rd at the Dingee Hall commencing with a free BBQ tea at 6.30pm.

Our transition to the signing out of KFC seems to be going well. Thanks to parents/guardians for your part in this.

THIS WEEK - REMEMBER TO BRING...

- Loose change for our Loose Change Challenge
- A snack to share (no nuts)

All children in Prep-Yr 6 welcome.

Contacts for enquiries: Robyn Falls 0429368242, Wendy Twigg 54368264 or Judy Mountjoy 04288379222

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