From the Principal

**Lions Club Youth Of The Year**

As has been the case for as long as I can remember, the Lions Youth of the Year competition was a terrific night with a high standard of presentation from all involved. This night really is a great showcasing of the skills and talents on offer from our senior school students, with five 2018 Year 12 students presenting thought-provoking speeches and also answering 2 impromptu questions. Students firstly responded to the impromptu question ‘What are the skills and qualities of an effective leader?’ before answering the second impromptu question, ‘Suppose you have no social media for one whole week, how would you communicate with your friends?’ For the presentation of prepared speeches, James V and Sarah J both spoke on the same-sex marriage debate, whilst Ethan L spoke on Sunday penalty rates, Jo C spoke on ‘Trump’ and Ella H spoke on university fees. All speeches were tremendous and all students should be very proud of their efforts on the night!

Jo C was the eventual winner of the Public Speaking Award and also took home the overall competition win. A terrific effort by Jo, and as I mentioned earlier, all students should be really proud of their efforts!

**Emily A and Kate B**

Emily and Kate were also recognised by our East Loddon Lions Club on Tuesday night, as both girls depart this Monday for Lions Club International Exchanges to Canada and America respectively. This is a wonderful opportunity for these girls to take part in and the support of their families as well as our local Lions Club has been tremendous!

Newly elected Loddon Shire Mayor, Cheryl McKinnon was on hand to farewell the girls and the East Loddon Lions Club sent our students off with some terrific Lions items to share with their host families.
Congratulations are extended to year 8 World Record holder and East Loddon P-12 College student Georgia W, who ‘smashed it’ in Italy at her Kettle Bell competition where she was competing as part of the Australian team. Georgia came 1st in the Junior Women’s category for the ‘30min one arm long cycle’ event, lifting a 16kg kettle bell an incredible 300 times in 30 minutes! What a mammoth effort!!! Georgia is currently on a short sightseeing trip around parts of Europe and we look forward to hearing her stories upon her return.

Damien Drum Visits The College
We were excited at the College yesterday to receive a visit from Damien Drum of the National Party, who came to the College with some very pleasing news. Mr Drum ran a Christmas card design competition across his electorate for schools to participate in, and we were impressed to hear that our College had the winning entry! P-4 student Oliver L achieved first place in this event, having his Christmas design chosen to feature on Mr Drum’s Christmas cards across his electorate. Oliver received a wonderful prize as well as a pack of his very own professionally made Christmas cards featuring his terrific design. Fellow P-4 student Emma H was also awarded 2nd prize in this competition, which was further exciting news for our College and particularly our P-4 sub-school and Arts Learning Area.

Step-Up Week – 11th to 15th December
A reminder is extended to all College families of our Step-Up Week which takes place from Monday 11th December to Friday 15th December. All classes within the College ‘Step-Up’ to their 2018 classes for the week, with our 2018 preps also joining us on Tuesday 12th December. This week serves as a great chance for students and staff to get a head start on expectations and class work for next year.

I mentioned last week that we had recently appointed 3 new staff members and I am happy to report that all 3 new staff will also be in the College for at least one day during Step-Up week.

End of Year Timeline
College Council along with College staff have finalised the last week of the 2018 school 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 busses leave 1pm
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 – Get In Quick As There Is Only One Position Left!
We currently have 1 place left for a kinder or school aged student 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
Assistant Principal’s Report

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Assistant Principal’s News

At the risk of restating what Mr Leed has possibly already said earlier, I want to discuss some things that have made me proud of our College over the last week or so.

Georgia W. You can’t say enough good things about her. She is just such a wonderful kid and as it turns out a fine public speaker to boot! I spoke with an old friend last week, who had heard Georgia speak to a group that included the Bendigo Sports ‘Hall of Famers’. My friend couldn’t wait to tell me how impressed they all were with the way Georgia presented. He commented on her clarity and confidence. We are all so proud of you and so happy for you Georgia.

Ollie L and Emma H. How awesome it is to be recognised for your hard work and creativity. You could not have got two bigger smiles out the front of the Assembly yesterday. When Damian Drum spoke, he was genuinely impressed with your work. What a great reward for Ollie also. Not only does he get some fancy pencils and his design on all of Mr Drum’s cards, but he got a full on set of his own Christmas cards to send to his mates.

James V, Sarah J, Ethan L, Ella H and Jo C. What greater fear did you all have when at school, knowing you had to speak in front of a crowd. I used to hate it, love it now, hated it then. This is similar for a lot of kids. How about these 5 though, competing in the Lions Youth of the Year. All students had to deliver a prepared speech and answer impromptu questions, as well as be interviewed by a panel about their personal interests. As a 16 year old I could not have ran faster from this optional challenge. Society often slams teenagers as lazy, work avoiding, screen time hogging do nothings. (too harsh?). If you share any of these views, you need to get out to events such as the Youth of the Year and see how awesome our future looks. Well done to all five of you, completely impressed!

Scott Wilkinson
Assistant Principal

IMPORTANT UPDATE - Lease agreement for Year 8 and Year 4 students

Unfortunately, a number of errors were made on the initial lease agreement sent out to parents with the booklists last week for students who are moving into Grade 5 or Year 9 in 2018. Please be advised that a new lease agreement has been handed out to Grade 4 and Year 8 students at the College today. If choosing to lease a laptop from the College, please ensure you sign and return the new agreement to the College, and discard the original agreement you received. We sincerely apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Donations for the Middle East

A reminder to anyone who would like to contribute donations to add to the boxes we are preparing to send to our Australian troops for Christmas. These will be packed tomorrow. We will be grateful for any donations. (No alcohol, chocolate, pork or perishables) Send to Office. Thanks from the Wellbeing Team!

Presentation Assembly 21st December 10am start
2017 Loddon Healthy Minds Network Art Competition
The network was very pleased to have East Loddon P-12 College participating in this year’s competition. The event would not be possible without the support of students and their teachers who have guided them through production of their artworks, and the network would like to extend its appreciation for their hard work and support of the event.

38 entries were received this year, and the quality of the work presented shows that there is exceptional talent within our Shire. This year’s judges were very impressed with the way entrants produced their artwork to the theme of:

Mental Health – Share Your Journey
The network would like to congratulate all participants in the competition, and announce the following winners from East Loddon P-12 College:

1st Prize East Loddon P-12 College – Lydia Melgin-Hill
2nd Prize East Loddon P-12 College – Tameka Bickford

Hospitality Package for East Loddon Yr 11 & 12 students

Over the last two weeks, a group of committed, motivated (smart and opportunistic) students from East Loddon P-12 College participated in a training program organised by VCAL Teacher, Daryl Bunton and funded by the “Youth Building Places and Spaces” project, coordinated by Barb Bear from the North Central LLEN. The training took place over two full days at Access Skills Training, Bendigo. Students will have three certificates to add to their resumes:

- Use hygienic practices for Food Safety
- Provide Responsible Serving of Alcohol
- Prepare and serve espresso coffee

It is hoped that other opportunities like this will be available to young people from the East Loddon community in 2018.

Photos of students taking it all in and role playing refusal of service at a licensed venue. Well done to all who participated
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P-4 Update

Building Strong Foundations

Student of The Week

Prep—Caitlin for listening and joining in discussions in Science.
Year 1—Lily for improvements with her handwriting.
Year 2—Jayde for her helpful, positive attitude and her persistence.
Year 3—Riley for working hard in all areas.
Year 4—Kathleen always ready to learn and puts in a great effort in all that she does.

You Can Do It! CONFIDENCE

Prep—Logan
Year 1—Ethan
Year 2—Logan
Year 3—Keira
Year 4—Ava

Reading Clubs

Coming up at our next assembly—What an incredible achievement!

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Prep Sounds in Focus
Continuing with our Sound Waves program, our Preps this week have been learning about the vowel sound ‘er’ (Mother and father on a ladder) which, in some words is a schwa. An example in English is the vowel sound of the ‘a’ (pronounced ‘u’) in the word ‘about’ or on the end of a word as in ‘mother’ or ‘father’. The schwa in English is mainly found in unstressed positions.

Prep Words To Fluency
road and rode, pair and pear

Pen Licences
Congratulations to the following Year 4s on receiving their pen licences last week:
Tyler, Lachlan, Molly, Chloe and Mia. Your neat work has been noticed and your effort recognised.

Literacy Hints  SPELLING CAN BE FUN!
Learning about letter symbols, sounds and spelling can be fun. As a family, have you thought about playing games such as Scrabble (the scoring is also great maths.) and Boggle. If you don’t already have these, they could make a wonderful Christmas present, and great for learning as well. There are also interactive spelling games, you can locate these using a search engine. Topmarks is a great resource for both English and Maths games but there are others.

Tongue Twister for the Week
Which witch switched the Swiss wristwatches?

Numeracy Hints
Financial Literacy- It is important that parents talk to their children about money, how it is earnt and how it is used. Some young children only see a plastic card being swiped and really don’t have a concept about money and exchange. They think money comes from a machine in the wall or that all you need to do is ask the person at the register and they will give you whatever you want. Teach your child the value of money by asking them to earn it through regular jobs. Talk to your children about saving to purchase an item they are really keen on having, encourage them to put their money in a money box and count the money regularly. The latter is a great way of developing counting skills, with changes in patterns.

Peter Vernon
Co-ordinator P-4 Teaching and Learning Team
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Middle Years Sub-School

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Middle Years Parents, please join Bloomz to get regular updates from your child’s classroom.

Bloomz Weekly Snapshot

Clockwise from top: Yr 7 Girls Leadership day, Yr 5 saying farewell to the Cows Create Careers calves, Yr 8 Metalwork tower challenge, Yr 6 famous women cubes and Bridget & Gemma (Yr 6) making corn

Middle Years Captains Report

This week on Thursday all of the middle years students did a planks program in the gym, some Year 7 girls went to Melbourne for a leadership program and we are all getting ready for step up week. Just a reminder to all parents that black shorts are not part of the school uniform. We hope you all have a great weekend.

Oscar and Zoe

Important Dates:

- Tues 5th Dec—2018 Middle Years Captain elections
- Thurs 7th Dec—2:30pm—Year 4/8 Graduation
- Mon 11th—15th Dec —Step Up Week

School Uniform

In preparation for Step-Up week, please make sure your child is coming to school in the required uniform, especially wearing short that are grey, not black. If you require new uniform, please call our Office.

Deutsche Nachrichten

Last Thursday Chelsea H and Jessica D set off to Germany on their BJR Exchange. As you can see they are all smiles and their suitcases are truly well packed. Klasse 8 had their ‘tasting’ lesson last Thursday. Rebeka G had baked a German Cheesecake and as you can see Will S and Nicholas V are ready to eat. They tried Lebkuchen, Pfeffernüsse, Kekse and Stollen. There was nothing left on the plates.

Klasse Preps have already decorated their St Nikolaus bags. On December the 6th it is St Nikolaus Day. Children put out their polished shoes next to their bedroom door and hopefully, if they have been good during the year, some treats may be found in their shoes when they wake up on the morning of December the 6th. Klasse 1/2 have made an Adventkalender which they took home yesterday. Klasse 2/3 are learning an Advent poem and song. Klasse 3/4 have been have been finding out information about German Christmas Traditions and presenting this as a PowerPoint.

Annette Burgstett
German Co-ordinator

Presentation Assembly 21st December 10am start
KFC – Kids Friday Club Term 4 2017

Tomorrow December 1st is our final KFC for 2017.
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 Dec 3rd at the Dingee Hall commencing with a free BBQ tea at 6.30pm.

THIS WEEK - REMEMEBER 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

GET YOUR KIDS INTO THE FUN OF

Upper Loddon Cricket Association T20 Blast Program
The next two sessions of the program will be held at the:
1st of Dec - Serpentine Recreation Reserve @6pm
8th of Dec - Inglewood Recreation Reserve @6pm
***There will be more information provided soon regarding the player packs upon registration***

PRESENTATION ASSEMBLY 21ST DECEMBER 10AM START
GOOD FAMILY FUN

Come join us for a fundraiser for little Edi Thomas. 50% of funds raised will be given to the Thomas family to help with Edi’s treatment for Leukemia. Remaining 50% donated to Kids Cancer Council

- Fun for the whole family
  - Horse Rides
  - Face Painting
  - Live Music
  - Raffle
  - Lollie Grab
  - Sausage sizzle

- Vintage/Classic Cars
  - Harley Davidson Rides
  - Car Boot Sale
  - Sack Races
  - Egg and Spoon Races
  - Lucky Dip
  - Roast Dinner

AND SO MUCH MORE

Thanks to the following organizations
East Loddon Lions Club
East Loddon CWA
CFA
East Loddon P-12 College

Sat 9th December 2017
1pm to Late
Dingee Railway Hotel
2 Mack Street
Dingee VIC 3571
Moggs Creek Update
The students have been blessed with absolutely pristine weather. Well at least for the first two days. We here a rain storm is on it’s way.

Our first day consisted of fun on the beach at Point Roadknight. Then we headed off to learn about ocean kayaking. I’m not sure we mastered the turning whilst riding a wave but despite our best and worst efforts, a few bingles we made it through all smiles. We dined at Moggs Creek, with many defrosting their meals and bringing back a traditional home cooked meal. Spag Bol was the most popular choice.

Then we travelled to Queenscliff for some adventures with seals and underwater marine life. The instructors were kind and let us play on the ropes and jump off the top of the boot. It was sooooo much fun!

We also participated in a stand up paddle board session along the Anglesea River.

All the students have done a great job. Keep up the awesome work.

Important VCE booklist information
Parents of current Year 10 and 11 students, please note that the Senior English Writing Handbook (Ticking Mind) can be carried over to Year 11 and 12 next year. If you have any further questions, please contact Sarah Clare by phoning the College or by e-mail: clare.sarah.j@edumail.vic.gov.au
Talking to kids about drugs - Part 1

All children are eventually exposed to drugs – prescription medication, alcohol and tobacco, and sometimes illegal drugs too – or to messages about drugs. They need adults to explain what drugs are, how drugs can help or harm us, and what drug use is illegal. Children who aren’t properly informed are at greater risk of engaging in unsafe behaviours and experimenting with drugs.

You can start talking to your children about drugs from when they are in primary school (the ADF suggests any time from 8 years old, but respond to your child’s cues – they may need to talk sooner than this).

By talking with your children about drugs, you can equip them with information and skills that they will need when they are first faced with alcohol and other drug use.

Another benefit of starting the conversation early is that you create an environment of sharing information. You are showing your child that you are happy to talk about drugs and peer pressure – no topic is ‘off limits’. And you are also showing that you have useful information to help your child understand the risks of drug use.

If you feel you don’t know the answers, or don’t know enough, you are not alone. Many parents feel lost in knowing where to start the drug conversation and what to cover.

Getting ready to talk about drugs with kids

To feel more confident about starting the conversation with your child, find out more about drugs. The following websites are great resources:
ReachOut clearly describes the different types of drugs (stimulants, depressants, hallucinogens). 
The Other Talk provides facts and evidence for you to explain drugs to your child. The Australian Government’s National Drug Campaign has useful responses to teenager’s reasons for using drugs.

Then prepare what you will say. Think about what you think your child will ask. Have answers for those questions. In particular, your child is likely to ask whether you have used drugs. You do not need to tell your child details about your experiences with alcohol and drugs.

Explain what you think is a responsible use of legal drugs such as tobacco and alcohol and prescription and over the counter medicines. Prepare what you will say to your child about when it’s okay to drink. The Australian alcohol guidelines state that the safest approach is to avoid alcohol until a person is 18 years old.

Make sure your behaviour matches what you say. Your child will learn from your example – so teach them responsible behaviour by:
Think about what is age appropriate information for your child.

Where to get help – parents

The Other Talk
National Drug Campaign Tel. 1800 250 015 – for information for parents
Australian Drug Foundation Tel. 1300 85 85 84 – for general information and help and support services by state
health.vic Tel. 1800 888 236 – for treatment pathways and telephone support services

Family Drug Support – for help with a family member with a drug problem

Family Drug Help Tel. 1300 660 068 – for support services for family and friends of someone with alcohol or other drug problems

Ted Noffs Foundation – for services for young people and their families who are experiencing drug and alcohol problems

ReachOut – for general information about drugs and binge drinking

Raising Children Network – for warning signs of drug and alcohol use and for a video on family rules on using alcohol and other drugs.

Where to get help – kids

Kids Helpline
Victoria's Youth Drug and Alcohol Advice service (YoDAA)

ReachOut

Next week’s newsletter will have Part 2, Tips for talking to your kids about drugs. For details regarding the above information, check out the Better Health Channel, www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au
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**2018**

January 29th Teachers Return
January 30th All Students return for the start of Term 1

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