From the Principal

Step-Up Week
Step-up week started on a really positive note this Monday when 3 of our new 2018 staff were able to attend the College to take classes. Mr Ferguson, Miss Colville and Mrs Fleming all impressed with the manner in which they integrated into ELP-12 College life from day 1 and we really look forward to their contributions in 2018. Mr Ferguson will predominately teach Year 5, Miss Colville will predominately teach Year 2 and Mrs Fleming will teach our Year 7, 9 and 11 students.

Spreading The Festive Cheer!
Well done to our Wellbeing team on the terrific initiative shown recently with a College-wide competition to decorate classrooms in the lead up to our festive season. This initiative ensured that our students maintained a high level of enthusiasm for school right up until the end of their 2017 classes, and there was a positive feel around the College for the entirety of the competition.

For those who have not yet seen the media coverage of this event, check out the link below which will take you to the Bendigo Advertiser feature –


Our wonderful prep students judged this competition and without their expert assistance, Mrs Lister and I would have found this role even more difficult than it already was.

Well done to all involved in this ‘feel good’ ending to the 2017 school year!

End of Year Timeline - Activities Week
Next week sees the College begin its final week for the 2017 school year, with 3 days of activities, followed by our presentation assembly day and student-free day on Friday 22nd December.

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 – Reports distributed
Thursday 21st December – End of Year Presentation Assembly – 10:00am start. Buses depart at 1:00pm
Friday 22nd December – Curriculum Day - Student Free.

Please refer to further details in the next section of this Newsletter.
**2018 Staffing Allocations**

Staffing for the 2018 school year has now been finalised with the exception of one secondary Technology position which is currently in the recruitment process. Staffing for 2018 core subjects is as follows:

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<td>Frauline Burgstett</td>
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<td>Australian History Mrs Clare</td>
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<td>VCAT Literacy Mrs Fleming</td>
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Staff in other Learning Areas of the College in 2018 are as follows:

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<td>German</td>
<td>Frauline Burgstett and Frau MacNamara</td>
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<td>Technology (Including Digital Technology)</td>
<td>Mr McKinnon, Mr Aurisch, Mrs Tracy, Mr Clayton, Mr Kidman and Mrs Heaslip (One technology position is also yet to be finalised)</td>
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<td>Art</td>
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As well as the Year 11 and 12 subjects mentioned earlier, students in our Senior School for 2018 will also be studying:

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<td>VET Engineering (Yr 11 and Yr 12)</td>
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Piano Lessons Available At The College
Any parents or guardians who have considered private piano sessions are asked to also consider whether or not they would be interested in having their child undertake a piano session per week at the College. We have an expert piano teacher who attends the College one day per week, and she now has availability for additional students.
If you would like further information on these sessions, please make contact with the College office.

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 News

Next week is the Presentation Assembly at the College on Thursday 21st December. This event starts at 10 am sharp. There’s nothing better than having a full gymnasium on this day, but there is always a lack of seating, even when we have every seat in the school in the gym. To address this we have been donated a number of second hand chairs, thanks to the parents association for sourcing these and we would also like to encourage parents and guests to sit as close to the front as possible, in the middle section of seats, leaving no gaps. Often people stand when there are numerous spare seats scattered through the gym.

Parents will be notified tomorrow if their child/children are receiving an award next Thursday. The Assembly will hopefully end at a little after noon and buses are due to depart at 1pm.

Following the Assembly we gather with Year 12 students and their parents and the Official Party in the multi purpose room. Please discourage your children from entering this event as it is intended to be a time for staff and Year 12 students and parents to celebrate and say good byes. Year 12’s parents and staff attending are strongly encouraged to bring a plate of food to share.

See you there
Mr Wilko
**ACTIVITY DAYS PROGRAM**

Outline of Activities week:
Next week, students will participate in range of activities leading up to the end of the year.

**Monday 18th December**

Students will be working in various classrooms and completing fun activities. **Wear sports uniform for the day.**

This culminates in 3 Wellbeing Activities for Lesson 5 and 6
The students will do a rotation of Yoga, A “Colour Run” and some Cultural/Indigenous Activities
Students will need to bring their hats and drink bottles, sunscreen etc. – it is going to be very hot with the forecast being around 42°C.
Students will need a complete change of older clothes to change into that can/will get dirty during the colour run.
There may be water involved in the colour run, so students are encouraged to bring a towel as well.

**Tuesday 19th December – Community Pool Day. Students to wear casual clothing**

Students will be bused to Mitiamo Pool for our annual community pool day. Buses will depart from the College at 10:00am and return to school in time for the normal bus run.

There will be a range of activities happening on the day in and around the swimming pool.
A BBQ will be provided to students and the community as well as some drinks
Students need to bring their bathers/towel/hat/sunscreen/sun smart gear as well as the usual drink bottle and snacks and extra food for lunch (2 sausages will be provided) etc.
There will be activities in the park as well (Soccer/Cricket/Volleyball etc.)

**Wednesday 20th December – Tennis and Lawn Bowls**

**Students to arrive to school in full sports uniform** and will travel in groups to Dingee Recreation Reserve to participate in some Lawn Bowls and Tennis activities.

In Lesson 1 and 2 – P-4 Students will travel by bus to Dingee and be split into two groups and participate in about 45 minutes of Tennis and 45 minutes of Lawn Bowls.
Coaches and teachers will be on hand to run the sessions
Students will need to bring their hat and drink bottle/snacks
P-4 will return to school in time for recess
5-10 students will then bus out at the start of Lesson 3 and do a similar rotation, returning to school in time for lunch.

**Presentation Assembly 21st December 10am start**
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P-4 Update

Building Strong Foundations

Student of The Week
Prep—Zali for her amazing spelling results all year.
Year 1—Ruby C for awesome writing across all text types, excellent punctuation and incredibly neat.
Year 2—Emily for her expression and acting in the group plays.
Year 3—For being polite, friendly and a great class helper.
Year 4—Mia for doing her best in all areas.

You Can Do It! CONFIDENCE
Prep—Lucy
Year 1—Sienna
Year 2—Paige
Year 3—Zach
Year 4—Drew

Reading Clubs

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| 300 Nights of Reading | Y4- Joseph, Chloe and Molly  
|                     | Y3-Tori  
|                     | Y2- Chloe and Ella  
|                     | Year 1- Ruby C.  
|                     | Prep-Zali and Oliver |
| 275 Nights of Reading | Y4-Drew and Fynn  
|                     | Y3-Joe and Hayley  
|                     | Y2-Logan  
|                     | Y1-Sarah |
| 250 Nights of Reading | Y3-Gracie  |
|                     | Y1-Angus |
| 225 Nights of Reading | Y2-Piper |
Year 4 Pen Licences

Congratulations to the following students on earning their pen licences: Drew, Marissa, Lucas, Macey.

SWIMMING PROGRAM 2018 - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Please consider whether you are able to help out with the P-6 swimming program in the second week of Term 1 2018. We have an extremely successful swimming program at East Loddon but underpinning its success is the incredible contribution made by volunteers. The bonus next year is that the pool will be warmer, thanks to our Shire, which should make the program even more enjoyable. Even one hour on one day would make a big difference in group size and program effectiveness.

RETURN OF TAKE HOME BOOKS

We would greatly appreciate all books being returned by Monday 18th December, after which borrowing will cease. Notes will be coming home.

P-4 Sub-school party

As part of our end of year celebrations, and we have much to celebrate, we will be holding a sub school party on the 20th December.

Year 4 Graduation

Last Thursday we took the opportunity to celebrate a milestone in the lives of our Year 4 students as they leave the P-4 to transition into the middle school. We have been very proud of our Year 4 cohort and wish them all the best as they move into a new area of the College, with lots of change and opportunities.

Peter Vernon
(On behalf of the P-4 Teaching and Learning Team)

Deutsche Nachrichten

This week the prizes and certificates for the Kunst und Posie (Art and Poetry Competition) arrived at school and were given out to the students. The theme was Wald (Forest) for the competition. Honourable Mention went to Oscar B (Klasse 1). He received coloured pencils and a fancy sharpener/eraser. Josh D and Libby C (Klasse 6) winners in the Year 6 section. They received earphones and Gummibärchen. Not sure how many of the Gummibärchen are left. Jake S, Reid M (Klasse 2) and Ruby C (Klasse 1) were all awarded State Finalists Certificates for their respective year level sections. Gut gemacht, Kinder. The school also received a picture book about the forest through the year. Jessica D and Chelsea H will be celebrating at a white Christmas this year. On this note, I hope you have enjoyed reading the little snippets of what the students have been doing in their German lessons throughout the year. Wishing everyone a Frohes Weihnachtsfest und Frohes Neu Jahr.

Annette Burgstett
German Co-ordinator
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Year 3 /4 Camp

Presentation Assembly 21st December 10am start
Middle Years Parents, please join Bloomz to get regular updates from your child’s classroom.

Year 4 & 8 Graduation
Thank you to all parents, grandparents and family who have supported our children throughout 2017!

Middle Years Captains Report
This week has been pretty busy with Step Up week, the Year 4’s had 2 days with their new teacher Mr Ferguson and are adjusting well to Year 5. We have had 3 new students come into the Middle Years and are fitting in well. We would like to thank everyone who came to the Year 4 and 8 Graduation last Thursday. Just a reminder that the Presentation Assembly is next Thursday at 10:00am. Thanks everyone for reading our reports and we hope you have a great holiday. Oscar and Zoe

Bloomz 2018
Thank you to all Middle Years parents who gave us feedback about our use of Bloomz this year through our survey. After considering the positive feedback from parents and the consistent, regular posts from staff, we will continue with using Bloomz as our primary parent communication tool in 2018. We will also continue to provide short updates and Middle Years captains reports in the weekly newsletter.

We will update classes and invite new Year 5 parents to join early in 2018.

MILO CRICKET T20 Blast @ SERPENTINE Fri 15th December
Come along and join in the final session for the year. If you are aged 6-12 and love your cricket, then come along and join in a game at the Serpentine Recreation Reserve on Friday night. Starting time 6pm. The T20 team will meet you there and organise everything so that you can have a BLAST!! All welcome.

Presentation Assembly 21st December 10am start
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Senior School News

**ADF Guest Speaker Wednesday 20th Dec 1:40-2:30pm**

Multi Purpose Room

Students from Year 5-12 welcome to attend, parents & guardians are also welcome to attend.

**Year 12 VCE Results released tomorrow**

Tomorrow will be a big day for our Year 12 VCE students and Year 11 VCE students who have studied a Unit 3&4 subject. I will be thinking of you and as we have arranged will conduct interviews throughout the day to offer pathways advice and congratulations. I’m excited to see our results.

**Year 10 Driver Ed**

Last week fresh from Moggs Creek myself and our Year 10 students travelled to Charlton to participate in the Driver Ed program. Unfortunately, I had the Year 4 & 8 Graduation ceremony and some netball try outs to attend in the evening, so I couldn’t arrive until late. Luckily Mr Wilkinson had it all under control. Below are some photos from the students at the camp. Thanks again to Mr Wilkinson for coming along on the camp. We had a great time with you.

Edrolo 2018

Students in Year 12 VCE classes will have the opportunity to utilise Edrolo. It is a study resource that we trialled for free in Term 4 this year. Students and staff provided feedback and we are now looking at using the resource for 2018 for the entire year. The cost of the program for 2018 will be covered by the materials and consumables levy. All Edrolo content is designed and produced by experienced, Australian teachers. All material covers each dot point in the relevant study design. The video lessons contain interactive questions, allow students the opportunity to revise and revisit particular topics. The edrolo resource is a great tool to supplement class work and revision for students.

Year 12 VCE subjects such as, Physical Education, Chemistry, Biology, Physics, Psychology, English, Legal Studies, Accounting and Visual Communication will have access to the program. Unfortunately, some VCE subjects such as History and Informatics are yet to be available with the Edrolo program. The VCE Mathematics subjects will use Maths Space instead, so will not utilise the Edrolo program. This information was also distributed in a parent/guardian note on Monday to students.

**USA update from Emily A**

The USA is amazing!! I’ve loved every minute of it, well for this week we have been travelling round Los Angeles looking at Hollywood, Beverly Hills, Santa Monica, Universal Studios and Disneyland. Yesterday I arrived at my host family in Atlanta and it was snowing so my flight got delayed for 6 hours. It is really cold here between 1 and 5 degrees today. My host family is so amazing and friendly and have welcomed me into their home like I was their own child. I seriously am considering not coming home (I think that is Emily’s way of saying she feels like home in the USA, but I’m sure is missing us a little). More updates from our German or USA travelers in next week’s newsletter.

I am having the best time in USA. Absolutely loved Los Angeles, so beautiful and so different to any city I’ve ever seen. Universal studios was definitely the highlight for me, although I did still really love Disneyland and the sightseeing tours.

Los Angeles had very nice weather compared to where I am now - in Union, in Washington State. It ranges from -4 to about 8 degrees everyday although no snow yet. The food in Los Angeles was mostly takeaway and very large even when I ordered a small hahah! Eating better with my host family and trying a variety of different foods including clam soup, turkey, grapefruit and the famous hershey’s chocolate.

I hope all is well at East Loddon and Step Up Week is going good. I’m reading my english books while I’m over here to keep up :)

Thankyou! Katie

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank students, parents, guardians and families for their ongoing support and encouragement throughout 2017. I really appreciate your kind words as we have travelled through 2017. I am very lucky to live and work in a community where I know my students and their families. Thank you, have a great Christmas and all the best for 2018.

Yours sincerely,
Sarah Byrne
Special Christmas Hamper Delivery tomorrow - Friday 15th December 2017

Each family will receive a beautiful box of goodies, coming home on the school buses tomorrow afternoon. Bus drivers will assist students, where necessary, to access their hamper from the luggage compartment under the bus.

Please contact the school with any queries.

Merry Christmas EVERYONE

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Christmas Program next Monday afternoon

A special surprise visitor is coming to the College next Monday afternoon for all students in Preps to Year 4. There will be lollies for other year levels.

Please note: these gifts are very kindly donated by Igniting Change, the Barry Family of Cardboard Cartons P/L & the East Loddon Community Network Group Inc.

With love and best wishes for Christmas and the holiday season.

A great big THANK YOU

To everyone who has helped with Parent’s Association activities this year, a massive thanks to you. Every time we ask for your help, you respond and we are so grateful. “Many hands make light work” and this is so true when it comes to cooking, volunteering your time, even buying a raffle ticket or a fruit tree.

Warmest wishes for a safe & very happy Christmas & New Year

. Enjoy your holidays

P.A. Committee Positions for 2018

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
Hannah Tweed  Fundraising  0419 468 660  sctweed1@bigpond.com
Rebecca Cullen  Uniform  0400 909 751
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**BREAKFAST PROGRAM THANKS**

**OUR VOLUNTEERS**

Many thanks to our fabulous team of volunteers who have helped run the Breakfast Program throughout year. They have faithfully turned up early every Tuesday and Thursday morning come rain, hail or shine. We appreciate the dedication of Margaret Smith, Alison McKenzie, Rosie Coleman, Lynley Stewart and Leanne Welsh and look forward to recommencing in mid-February.

**BEST CHRISTMAS DECORATED CLASSROOM!**

This activity was initiated by the Wellbeing Team who invited Classes to decorate their classrooms last week. A most impressive amount of creativity was expressed by the students who were involved. Teachers took the opportunity to incorporate it into the curriculum e.g. German, Mathematics etc. Many thanks to the Preps, Mrs Lister and Mr Leed who were the judges. Congratulations to the Year 5 for taking out the award. Below is the link to the report in the Bendigo Advertiser for some more photos. [http://www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/story/5114859/what-happens-if-you-let-students-decorate-a-school-christmas-style/](http://www.bendigoadvertiser.com.au/story/5114859/what-happens-if-you-let-students-decorate-a-school-christmas-style/)

The Wellbeing Team would like to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a safe and relaxing break over the holidays.

*** Wendy Twigg, Sue Allen, Denise Leed and Tom Ferguson.
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We are very excited to let the schools in the local area know that Vicswim, in conjunction with the State Government will be conducting the opportunity for local families to access swimming lessons at the subsidised rate of $30 for the week.

We would love your help in spreading the word of this fantastic opportunity to make children safer in and around the water and would greatly .

Regards
Steve, Pam and the Vicswim team
Canteen News

TERM 4

DECEMBER

Friday 15th Lisa Twigg Cheryl Green
Monday 18th Michelle Diss
Tuesday 19th Activity POOL DAY NO LUNCH ORDERS
Wednesday 20th Sue Pickles
Thursday 21st Sue Pickles NO LUNCH ORDERS
Friday 22nd Curriculum Day STUDENT FREE DAY

2018

TERM 1

JANUARY

Tuesday 30th Sue Pickles
Wednesday 31st Penny Cockerell

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 7th Bec Cullen
Thursday 8th Sue Pickles
Friday 9th Kylie Addlem

TERM 1

JANUARY

Monday 5th Margaret Hocking Ebony Lawry

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 6th Sue Pickles
Wednesday 7th Bec Cullen
Thursday 8th Sue Pickles
Friday 9th Kylie Addlem

KFC – Kids Friday Club Term 4 2017

Friday week ago we enjoyed our final KFC for 2017. Team Gold stars just snuck over the line to win the Loose Change Challenge weigh in. Well done to Team Blueberries who were close in 2nd place. Our total raised to help bring Ben from Fiji to do Year 13 was $419.20.

Heartfelt thanks to the College who generously allow KFC to use the College facilities. Special thanks to Mr Leed, Mrs Cutting, Mr Cameron & Mr Vernon for their support.

DVDs or books borrowed from the KFC library may be returned to the College Office for Robyn to collect.

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

Presentation Assembly 21st December 10am start
### 2018

**January 29th Teachers Return**

**January 30th All Students return for the start of Term 1**