From the Principal

Teeth on Wheels Dental Program permission forms for the P-6 Students are due back tomorrow, Friday 1st March. If you wish for your child to access this service, please send the completed form to the office first thing tomorrow morning.

Progress Reports will be made available (electronically) to families today. These reports provide a brief snapshot of student progress and will form the basis for further conversation at Parent Teacher Student Interviews on March 13th. A Compass App alert will notify you of their availability.

Debutante Ball Tickets will go on sale from tomorrow morning via the college office, with Adult tickets costing $20, Secondary aged students $15 and Primary aged students $5. If you wish to pre-order these tickets, please make contact with office staff during school hours. Payment can be made via cash or card.

We are seeking parent expressions of interest for College Council by 3:30pm next Wednesday 6/3. We currently have one vacant position and if more than one parent expresses an interest in nominating for council, a ballot will take place shortly after next Wednesday.

Thanks are extended to the 13 parents who were able to attend the Online Gaming and Math Pathways information sessions on Tuesday evening. Our Maths Learning Area staff are looking into the possibility of running another Pathways session for parents who were unable to attend on Tuesday and I have copies of resource sheets from the Online Gaming session that I will forward to parents in the coming days via a Compass News Feed.

Congratulations are extended to our Calivil ‘Mini’ netballers who were the real stars last week, playing against Boort in the half-time match of the Collingwood Magpies Vs Queensland Firebirds game at Bendigo Stadium. What a great experience for these young girls!

I was fortunate enough to take Miss Byrne’s Outdoor Education class last Friday and absolutely loved getting out of the office and onto the college ‘res’ to practice some canoeing skills. These students were terrific and are preparing beautifully for their upcoming 80km+ canoe camp in 3 weeks time.

Please ensure that you read Mr Wilkinson’s Assistant Principal report carefully this week for information on our Photo Day, Investiture and Parent Teacher Student Interviews.

Envelopes for student photos must be returned by next Friday 8th March. Please also ensure that all envelopes are returned individually.

Regards, Steve Leed
Homework can seem as daunting for parents and students alike. At East Loddon, we aim to set homework that allows students the chance to apply the skills they have learnt in class. Having said that, there will still be times you wish you had the teacher on speed dial!

Here are some ideas for how to help:

- **Be a motivator and monitor.** Ask about what is due, check over their work and make sure you’re available for questions.
- **Praise their efforts.** Trying really hard and improving is just as important as achieving a high score.
- **Make sure students do their own work.** This may not feel like helping in the short term but it is the only way for them to learn in the long run.
- **Have them explain the concepts to you.**
- **If they are having continuing problems, let the teacher know.**

You can read more tips here: [https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/homework.html](https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/homework.html)

Sarah Clare
Curriculum Learning Specialist

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**Assistant Principal’s news**

Hugh and Sophie built a parabolic bridge in Maths Methods. They didn’t get over it.

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**STOP PRESS STOP PRESS**

The Investiture assembly has been moved already to avoid leaders missing out due to excursions, now we have shifted it to its final resting place. **Wednesday 13th March at 11:50.**

You might be thinking, “hmm that date is familiar”

You’d be correct. Its also photo day and Parent Teacher Student Interview day.

We thought we’d interrupt one day a lot and not a lot of days once.

Photos will be taken from 9am, with each class taking about 10 minutes from class time. Family photos will occur after recess. This will be followed by the Investiture of student leaders and Swim sports winners announcement. After that we will have a quick lunch break and then start interviews at 1pm. These will run from 1-5:30 with a break at 3:30 for 30 minutes. Bookings will be available through Compass, more details to follow. Bus es will leave at normal time. If you have an interview before 4pm we can supervise your child upon request. Otherwise they will be placed on a bus home.

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**Notices**

My name is Sam Boyer and I am a current Year 12 VCAL student at East Loddon P-12 College. I am interested in continuing the Young Mothers Program.

With the help of the Dingee Community House, I am running a program for young parents or parents of babies and toddlers who are experiencing need. The program will supply a support box to the families filled with essentials such as nappies, dummies, formula... Etc.

If interested or you know someone that would be, please fill in the form attached and send it back to the school (East Loddon P-12 College) as it would be amazing to get this program running for the community and the people in it.

Name_______________ Surname __________________ age_______
Contact (email) ______________________ (phone) _____________
Age of group of child [ ] 0-2 months [ ] 2-4 months [ ] 4-8 months [ ] 8months-1year [ ] 1year+
Tick the boxes of the items that are important for you

- [ ] Nappies
- [ ] Dummies
- [ ] Wash cloths
- [ ] Formula
- [ ] Bibs
- [ ] Blanket
- [ ] Wipe
- [ ] Baby food
- [ ] Teething rings

Others (please write) ______________________

And I will contact you for more info

(all information like names will be kept confidential)
**Junior**

**Great Success with Home Based Reading**

Staff have been very impressed with parent commitment to supporting the development of their child’s reading skills by ensuring that they have additional opportunities to practice reading at home. Students will come home tomorrow with a poster showing the huge difference that 20 minutes of reading per night can make over the course of a child’s schooling. Also keep an eye out on Compass for some additional home reading hints and prompts to help you and your child get the most from home reading time.

**Grade One Update**

Grade One students have been working on their new Readers Notebook during our reading block. Students write and draw about their books after reading time each morning to aid their comprehension.

**Middle**

**Captain’s Report**

The Student Investiture assembly will be held on the same day as parent teacher interviews at 11.50am. Inter school swimming sports is on tomorrow, so good luck to everyone representing our school.

It’s been a pretty quiet week for all of us, which is good as we’ve been able to focus on our classes. Gemma and Josh

**Around the sub-school**

Yr 6 video conference with JMSS.

Yr 5 & 8 Science Experiments

**Senior**

**Y9 & 10 Outdoor Ed: Canoe Camp**

Information was distributed to students on Tuesday. Payment and consent forms are due back by Friday 8th of March. Some families may have already paid for this camp within the booklist payments.

**Willkommen beim Dingee Leon**

Leon has arrived in Australia and is settling in well into our community and school. He has already started practicing for the debutante ball. Special thanks to Mrs McNamara for encouraging our students with such programs.

**Study Skills Session**

Tuesday 12th of March 1:45-3:20pm

Year 10 students studying a VCE subject, Year 11s and Year 12s to attend. Parents/guardians welcome.

**VCE Study Scores**

VCAA information about how study scores are calculated. Try this link below;


**AROUND ELP**

**SRC Report**

This week, the SRC reviewed expectations for reading time and suggested ways that teachers could give feedback to students following the completion of student feedback surveys. The executives will present these suggestions to staff next week. We also chose to support the Good Friday Appeal this term.

**WELLBEING**

**PANCAKE TUESDAY**

The Wellbeing Team and Breakfast Program Volunteers will be making and serving lots of yummy pancakes next Tuesday 4th March. This is the start of our breakfast program for 2019. As a one off and as part of the East Loddon P-12 College’s Mutual Exchange program, students are encouraged to make a gold coin donation in support of student wellbeing and identified needs within the college.
GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STAFF

Wilko is the Assistant Principal at EL. He became a teacher because he likes kids and he learnt this helping out his mum, also a teacher, by hanging out with the little kids after school. He has enjoyed the big changes in his life like going to BSSC and then to La Trobe University in Bundoora because they also gave him the opportunity to meet lots of new and different people.

He really enjoyed his childhood in Cal. Gully. There seemed to be hundreds of kids that lived nearby and they would all meet at the street’s empty block each afternoon for cricket, footy, climbing and the usual adventures. He learnt his strong work ethic from his parents and hopes to hand this down to his own children along with a sense of humour.

Wilko is very lucky because he lives his perfect day every year. Each summer on holidays with friends and family, He plays a parents against kids cricket match. The parents agreed to never hold back and to make sure they win each year but the scores are getting a lot closer now as the ‘kids’ keep growing – as they do.

He helped begin the Turkey exchange program which seemed right with the ANZAC Centenary approaching. This program has been amazing for our community to learn that there are more similarities than differences with the Turkish children and community that we have met. It also shows that even though we are a little school it does not mean that we can’t do what the giant schools do but with our own touch on it.