Back in 2016, our college undertook a priority review of all programs and operations with external reviewers and department representatives. This review led to the development of a 2016—2019 College Strategic Plan, and subsequently an Annual Implementation Plan for each of these years. Amongst other things, staff began significant work around the delivery of curriculum across all year levels of the college and developed a new teaching and learning model known as 'I-Learn'. This model was developed and agreed to by the entire college, with it clearly detailing the structure and delivery method of all lessons at ELP-12 College and providing staff and students with consistency at all levels. Staff were led by our Student Representative Council in 2018, to develop a 'student feedback program' which specifically aligned our teaching and learning model with questions about the delivery of lessons from Prep—year 12.

In 2019, we will again ask for student feedback once per term for all of the subjects that a student undertakes. We have just had classes complete the student feedback program surveys throughout the past fortnight and will shortly begin to share the findings of these surveys with classes. As a result of this program we certainly hope to see a high level of consistency in the way lessons are structured and delivered. We also hope to see authentic student voice and agency lead to greater educational outcomes for all students. If you would like to learn more about this program, please do not hesitate to ask.

**Parent Teacher Student Interview** bookings have been made available to all families via the Compass App, and it was terrific to note that we already had more than 90 interviews booked by 3:30pm yesterday. Instructions for booking via Compass were sent to families via the App yesterday. If you would like to book over the phone, please call the college office.

**Debutante Ball Tickets** are selling like hotcakes and are available via the college office. Adult tickets cost $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.

Expressions of interest for **college council** closed yesterday with successful candidates being announced shortly. College council meet again next Wednesday, with the 2019 college councillors to be announced in next week’s newsletter.

Envelopes for student photos must be returned by tomorrow (Friday 8th March).

My chosen photo this week is of P-12 Mathematics Learning Area Leader Mrs Johns and students who achieved the highest growth rates in Math Pathways for the 2018 school year.

Regards, Steve Leed
Literacy & Numeracy

Who doesn’t love Lego? (aside from when you step on it in the dark... that’s just awful!)

Lego brings out the fun in kids and grown ups alike. Working with objects is an amazing tool for learning. You can combine the fun of Lego with learning in Literacy and Numeracy in these ways:

- Use the blocks to represent equations
- Build something from the story you have been reading. Better yet, build something and then create a story!
- Represent fractions using the different sized blocks. Can you simplify the fractions using other blocks?
- Practise the spelling words by building the letters
- Use the blocks to represent the time (like a digital clock display)

More information is available on these sites:

https://bit.ly/2Tmq5xU
https://bit.ly/2VDXPn1

Sarah Clare
Curriculum Learning Specialist

Assistant Principal’s news

One of our students sharing about his family member who went to World War I

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. Buses 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.

Notices

Our Pancake Breakfast went down well on Tuesday to kick off our Breakfast Program for the year. Special thanks to our volunteers and wellbeing team- (Margaret, Alison, Lynley, Leanne, Denise, Alan and Wendy) for serving to the masses, and to everyone who took part! The donation jar was generously filled, which will go directly back into supporting wellbeing programs at our school. Our normal Breaky Program will resume from tomorrow, and each Tuesday/Wednesday, which provides an amazing array of free breakfast foods for our students. Thanks to our wonderful donors from Foodshare, the Victoria School Breakfast Program, our local Community House and Parents Association. Pictures from Pancake Breakfast and our helpers carting Breaky supplies. Thank YOU!
Thinking deeply about reading

This year we have are rolling out a new Reading Assessment program which places equal importance on accuracy and comprehension. To help your child to develop their comprehension skills, it is important after they have read to you at night to spend a few minutes asking them about the book they just read. I will post a list of questions you could use on Compass in the coming days. Thank you once again to all parents who take the time to read with their child each night—it makes a big difference!

Grade Two Update

Grade Two students have been practising narrative writing this term. They have been learning how to make their stories more interesting through wow words, sizzling

Around the Middle Years

Please make sure you book a time to chat with your children’s teachers on Wednesday. We’d love to see you all!

The Year 6’s would appreciate any donations of old garden tools for work in our veggie patch. Please give them to Ms Pilkington.

Senior

I had the pleasure of attending deb training last Friday night. It is such a wonderful event with so many benefits beyond learning to dance. I am always impressed when I see the event in the making. Richard H, Jacinta H, Chelsea H and Mrs Heaslip are doing a fantastic job at helping our gorgeous debs.

Our College Captain Jess D has been rather modest about her achievements on the weekend. Jess was awarded the Lions Youth of Year Public Speaking zone winner. She will now go on to compete at the regional championships on March 23rd.

Congratulations and best wishes Jess.

La Trobe Study Skills Guest Speakers

Session 1: Goal Setting and Time Management.
Session 2: Effective Learning.

These sessions are happening on Tuesday 12th of March from 1:40-3:20pm. If you are interested in attending please contact me.
GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STAFF

Mr Clayton is the new P-4 Coordinator at our college. It is his third year teaching at EL after it was recommended by Mr Clyne. He was born and bred in Bendigo and grew up with four competitive older brothers. Mr Clayton has recently had his first child and he said it is very tiring but worth it. He would like to pass down to his child the value that it is important to always try your best.

He loves playing his soccer and he plays every weekend and trains twice a week. He started playing soccer at a very young age because of his brothers. He likes playing board games with his friends and his favourite game at the moment is ‘Settlers of Catan’.

He started playing Australian Rules football and that didn’t end up too well. He was teaching in the Northern Territory for 4 years and he played one game of footy when it got called off before half time because some of the local people decided to settle a dispute by throwing spears into the middle of the football game. He has stuck with soccer since then.

Mr Clayton believes that if you love your work then you will never work a day in your life. He hopes all the students are lucky enough to find work that they love as much as he loves teaching. He hopes he is at our school for a lot longer and make a positive contribution to this community.

Canteen Roster

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- Year 7/8 Sports Day
- Year 9/10 Sports Day
- P-12 College Photos
- Outdoor Ed-Canoe Camp
- Primary Inter-school Volleyball
- Outdoor Ed-Canoe Camp
- 11.50am Student Investiture
- Loddon Mallee Swimming
- 1-5.30pm Parent Teacher Student Interviews
- P-6 Teeth on Wheels
- End of 1st Term Early Finish 2.30pm