Upcoming Dates

29th Deb Ball
APRIL
4th Fortuna Cluster Athletics Year 4-6
5th End of Term 1 Early Finish 2.30pm
Kids Friday Club 2.30-4pm
23rd Tuesday Start of Term 2
25th ANZAC Day Holiday

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From the Principal

The ever popular Kids Friday Club known as KFC will be held on the last day of term (April 5th) from 2:30pm to 4:00pm. The details of this Easter Celebration session are contained on the next page of this Newsletter in the Notices section.

A reminder is extended to all college visitors of the requirement to first ‘sign-in’ to the college office when arriving at the college. Please also ensure that you ‘sign-out’ at the college office after your visit. If collecting your child from the college it is important that the office is also your first port of call as it is of extreme importance to us, that we know who is in the college at any particular time of the day. It is also important for the college to accurately know who should and should not be on buses at the end of the day. We appreciate your assistance with this.

Last Friday, students in years Prep—4 were fortunate enough to have an informative Bus Safety session with Jo and Dianna from the East Loddon Lions Club. Jo and Dianna spoke of a great deal of important messages and expectations around safe bus travel, with all students also taking home a bus safety booklet (which I urge parents to go through with their children). Loddon Transit also very generously loaned a bus and driver to the college for the morning so that students could climb aboard and put into practice some of the tips that had been discussed. The college is extremely thankful to the East Loddon Lions and Loddon Transit for their tremendous support of a very worthwhile program. Particular thanks are extended to Jo, Dianna and Brian Duffy who all presented superbly!

In exciting news for our wider college community, I am happy to let everyone know that our former Blog page ‘East Loddon Principal Blog’ is returning as of today. The blog has been laying idle since December 2017, but our 2019 sub-school and college captains are really keen to keep our wider college community up-to-date with what is going on at the college. Stay tuned to the blog for further updates and posts at - http://stevenleed.edublogs.org/

Good luck is extended to year 12 student Jessica D who competes in the regional championship of the Lions Youth of the Year Public Speaking Final on March 23rd.

The North Central Local Learning & Employment Network have their AGM on Tues 2nd April in Wycheproof. Members of the community who would like to attend can get further details from the NCLLEN office on 54911144.

Deb Ball reminder— The Deb Ball is only a little more than a week away. Tickets are available now 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.

Regards, Steve Lead
Maths Anxiety

One way to help conquer Maths Anxiety is to focus on a ‘growth mindset’. Essentially, this means that we focus more on improvement regardless of a student’s starting point. We should encourage students to celebrate their personal gains. This takes the focus away from achieving the highest scores and comparing themselves to others, which can increase their anxiety. A growth mindset brings their attention back to them and their growth. For further tips, visit https://bit.ly/2Vsx7xp

Reading hints

Last week I spoke about asking questions ‘within the text’. This week I was to talk about ‘beyond the text’. This is where you ask students to dig deeper and make connections to the real world. This helps students to make the ideas meaningful to students.

Some questions you might ask are:

- Why did it happen?
- Have you experienced something like that?
- Have you ever felt the way one of the characters felt?
- Does this book remind you of another book/TV show/video?

Sarah Clare
Curriculum Learning Specialist

This week I send the newsletter via my phone from Barmah, our first stop on the 9/10 canoe camp. We are thanking our lucky stars for the amazing weather and picture perfect surroundings. Tomorrow we have about 42 km of paddling ahead of us. I’m just hoping Ms Byrne can carry me that far.

Last Friday whilst our junior school staff worked on maths related planning, we went like cut snakes at school, trying to keep the youngest ones learning regardless. We wouldn’t have been able to do this without the help of Jo Guthrie from the Lions club who ran a bus safety session. Well done Jo, it’s an important message for all of kids but particularly our youngest. Deb ball preparations continue and are moving really well. Our sincere thanks go to all staff and parents who have donated the food and drinks for the night. The only item we are still chasing is bread/ sandwich fillings and helpers. Please contact Mrs Lister if you can help. Tickets for the deb are available at the office. Pre purchase preferred! See you there.

NOTICES

KFC – Kids Friday Club – EASTER Celebration
When – Friday April 5th between 2.30 & 4pm
Where – Multipurpose room at the College
Who – Prep – Year 6 children all welcome
What to bring – Gold coin – KFC will provide hot cross buns, fruit, cordial and water for afternoon tea.
Notes - A KFC registration form will be distributed to the children in P-6 prior to April 5th and made available at the office. Please fill in and return to the office along with the bus note and sign out details below.
KFC is an after school kids club for primary aged children that has been running for more than 15 years at East Loddon P-12 College. KFC is a Christian based club sponsored by the Bears Lagoon, Anglican and Dingee Uniting Churches. In 2018 approx 50 children enjoyed coming along to KFC. At KFC we play games, sing, enjoy afternoon tea, learn memory verses, do craft activities, listen to Bible stories and more.

Contacts for enquiries - Robyn Falls 0429368242, Leanne Welsh 0447689309, Judy Mountjoy 0488379222, Wendy Twigg 0427807124, Anne Baker 0429368453

Bus and sign out note...

My child/children will be attending KFC on Friday April 5th 2019. Can you please take his/her name off the bus roll. I will arrange private transport for him/her to be taken home at 4.00pm following KFC.

Names of child/children ……………………………………………

Nominated person to sign out …………………………………………..

Parent name ………………………………………………………………..

Parent signature ………………………………………………………………

Parent phone no ……………………… Date ……………………………..
**Sub-School Updates**

**Junior**

*CFA Visit*

Students enjoyed a visit from the CFA today who taught them all about fire safety.

**Grade 3 Update - World Record Attempt**

On Wednesday, the Grade 3s were trying to beat a 'world record' by counting the most beans in 1 minute. Some awesome results were achieved during the practice runs, but students had less success when monitored by impartial judges (other Grade 3 students). The activity was designed to build students' counting strategies, comparison of numbers, placing numbers on number lines, as well as the importance of having consistent rules and monitoring for records.

**Middle**

*Captain’s Report*

This week some Year 7 and 8s filled in for the Year 9/10 tennis day, they played well and they came fourth overall. Marley in Yr 6 is competing in the regional swimming carnival today. We have started to write a weekly school blog. Stay tuned.

Gemma and Josh.

**Around the sub-school**

*Year 7 Sci Phases of the moon with Oreo’s Yr 8 Food Delicious sausage rolls!*

**Senior**

*Year 10 Students: Empowerrme*

It is a day in Bendigo (Sep 2nd or 3rd).

The day is about identifying your strengths, challenging your thinking, considering future direction, guest speakers, fun activities, non-religious, non-discriminatory and inclusive as can be.

EL P-12 College can send up to 4 students for the day. Please see SB by April 3rd if you are interested in attending.

*Y9 & 10 Outdoor Ed Canoe Camp*

By the time you read this we should be close to the end of paddling for Day 2. I anticipate some 30km from Echuca on a picturesque sand bar. That may be a little optimistic but hopefully a decent spot to park our canoes.

We expect to return to the College at approximately 4:30pm. If it is earlier or later than this students will contact parents from the school mobile.

**SPORTS**

*9/10 Sports Day - 19th Mar*

Tuesday 19th March saw our Year 9/10 Boys and Girls Volleyball teams compete in Bendigo.

Girls placed 6th overall and the boys finished in 4th place.

The Year 9/10 Girls Tennis team played really well—placing 4th overall.

*5/6 Volleyball*

Well done to our year 5/6 volleyball teams who competed last Thursday 14th March.

Good luck to Marley A and Angus A who are competing in the Loddon Mallee Region Swimming in Swan Hill today.
GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STAFF

Miss Byrne is the Senior Sub-School leader and teaches Health, PE and Outdoor Ed. From a young age, she enjoyed helping people and playing sport and is fortunate that she lives both these loves each day in her work. She has also worked on a carrot farm and can expertly tell you if a carrot is small, medium or big! She grew up on a beef cattle farm in Tyntynder where she went to a primary school with only 30 students. She has a lot of passion for rural schools and communities but, of course, particularly East Loddon. She loves being able to get to know students and their families both in and outside of school.

Her Dad passed down his work ethic to her and her siblings by paying them to do jobs around the farm. She remembers how excited they were when they were offered $5 to fill a trailer with cow manure. About half way through the job they realised that it was really hard and worth a lot more than $5. They went to their dad to renegotiate. He said that they had agreed to a price and they needed to stick to their word and finish the job. They did. Miss Byrne tries to live by the advice her Grandma gave to her when she was 18 “Keep a balance in your life and don’t worry about things that you can’t change.”

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Canteen Roster

| Fri 1st | Michelle Balic
|        | Miranda Smith |
| Mon 25th | Lynda Cartwright |
| Tues 26th | Sue Pickles |
| Wed 27th | Penny Cockerell |
| Thurs 28th | Sue Pickles |
| Fri 29th | Kristie Cullinan
|        | Karolyn Campbell |

2019 MARCH/ APRIL

| Mon 1st | Karen Pascoe
|        | Nessie Wiltshire |
| Tues 2nd | Michelle Diss |
| Wed 3rd | Nicky Lawry |
| Thurs 4th | Sue Pickles |
| Fri 5th | Sue Pickles |

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