

Principal's Message



Welcome back. We have had a great start to the term. I hope that students are looking forward to their learning for semester 2. Our Year 12 students are particularly focused as their classes end in week 3 of Term 4, then their examinations begin. As parents and teachers our goal should be to ensure that the students are focused on their work and completing work to a good standard in a timely manner. We would encourage all parents to revisit the Semester One reports with a view to assisting their child to act on areas for improvement.

There have been some changes to the staffing since the end of the term. Ms Angela Field has moved to a position at Truganina P-9 College. We wish Ms Field well in her new posting, and are confident that the experience she has had in the College will hold her in good stead for her new position. We would like to welcome Mr. Grimes to our College and community. Mr Grimes is an experienced teacher and coordinator who has enthusiastically taken on a variety of classes, including English, Humanities and VCAL. We look forward to Mr Grimes contribution to the College. We would also like to congratulate and thank Ms Christina Lloyd, our new acting Leading Teacher of the Student Engagement and Wellbeing team. Ms Lloyd carried out the role during Term One and has stepped into the position once again to work with coordinators and the wellbeing team. In addition to this, Ms Lloyd will be sharing the coordination of the senior school with Ms Lesley Falk.

Again this term we are encouraging students to do the right thing at school. Their positive behaviour will continue to be acknowledged by Compass posts, postcards home and, at the end of the term, the 20 best behaved students will go on the positive rewards day. Last term Ms Falk & Ms Lloyd took these students to a movie, a fish 'n' chip lunch and mini golf, all provided by the College. I would personally like to congratulate the students on their positive attitudes and behaviour, which supports their learning and the learning of others.

Until next time,
Kind regards,

Craig Sutherland
Principal

Upcoming Events

- 27th July**
Australian
Mathematics
Competition
- Gippsland
Badminton
Championships
- 31st July**
School Council
Meeting
- 2nd August**
Inspiring Young Men
- 3rd August**
Athletics Day
- 8th August**
Whole School
Assembly
Session 3
(all welcome)
- 15th August**
Pupil Free Day



Office Notices:

Meningococcal W Vaccinations

For those students in Year 10, 11 & 12 there will be a vaccination catch up day held at the College on a date to be advised.



Parent Opinion Survey 2017

We're conducting a survey to find out what you think of our school.

The Parent Opinion Survey is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year, about 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate. All responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies.

The survey will be conducted online by ORIMA Research Pty Ltd and only takes 15 minutes to complete. It can be accessed from Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August.

Results will be sent back to our school at the end of September.

PE Department News...

State Cross Country

On Thursday the 20th of July, Sophie Bills represented the College at the State Cross Country Championships held at Bundoora, Melbourne. The weather was far from perfect with high winds, cold temperatures and muddy conditions. Sophie raced against many competitors in her age group and finished well in tough conditions. Well done Sophie, a great achievement!

Athletics Carnival

Our school athletics carnival is being held next Thursday, the 3rd of August. Staff and students are encouraged to dress in house colours to support their house on the day. Students will be performing in many events on. Results will be used to select the team for the East Gippsland Athletics Carnival.

Interschool Competition

Last term, on the 27th of June, approximately 60 students represented the College at netball, soccer and badminton. The intermediate girls won two soccer games, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Mr Bonacci for coaching the team. We had three badminton teams represent the College, Year 7 boys, Year 8 boys and Year 12 girls. The Year 8 girls have made it through to the next round, having no competition to play against this round. Netball saw 5 teams from Lakes Entrance: Year 7 boys, senior boys, intermediate girls, intermediate boys and senior girls. Both our Year 7 boys and senior boys won all their games and have made it through to the next round. Thanks to Mr Jenes and Alex Falk who assisted with the netball teams. Well done to all competitors.

Outdoor Ed Mountain Biking

Throughout Term 2, the Year 10 Outdoor Education class had been preparing for their final camp, mountain biking at Blores Hill. Students spent many lessons cycling the roads of Lakes Entrance, building fitness and confidence on the bikes. Students tested themselves by riding up Kalimna Hill and mountain biking on the downhill tracks at Nowa Nowa mountain bike park. On the last two days of term, students travelled to Blores Hill to apply their newly developed skills and enthusiasm for bikes. The weather was perfect for riding and students enjoyed the change in terrain and added challenge of obstacles. Thanks to Mr Fisher and Mr Jenes for assisting and their continued support for Outdoor Education.

Shaun Baker, Laura Bramley, Jemma Lowther
PE team.

VCAL Boardies Day Fundraiser

Earlier this year Lakes Entrance Secondary College held a Boardies Day event to raise money for the Lakes Entrance Surf Lifesaving Club. We were fortunate enough to have Lewis Henderson, deputy president of the club visit us to accept the cheque for \$259.70 from funds raised. On Boardies Day students were encouraged to attend wearing board shorts (out of school uniform) for a gold coin donation. In addition, at lunchtime the VCAL students put on a barbeque, selling drinks and sausages. Students who donated a gold coin could also participate in lunchtime mini golf and frisbee games created by the VCAL students.



VCAL Class with Lewis Henderson, Deputy President of Lakes Entrance Surf Lifesaving Club



Josh Cormack presenting the funds raised to Lewis Henderson, Deputy President of Lakes Entrance Surf Lifesaving Club

East Gippsland Music Festival 2017

On the last week of term, Lakes Entrance Secondary College students attended the East Gippsland State Schools Music Festival. With almost 300 music students participating over four days, this annual event featured fun and exciting music-making in huge bands and orchestras.

There were approximately 90 musicians from Lakes Entrance, Orbost, Swifts Creek and Bairnsdale Secondary Colleges as well as many students from local primary schools. Students prepared four pieces during workshops and rehearsals on their allocated day and chose two of these to perform at the Gala Concert on the evening of Thursday 29th June. Students received tuition from our region's excellent music teachers and we received a high standard of performance at the end of each day and for the Gala Concert.

Music students from the East Gippsland Region who are in the first year of learning an instrument will participate in the Junior Band, all music students who learn a string instrument will play in the String Ensemble and Senior Strings and students who have been playing for a while and have more established skills on their concert band instruments will participate in either the Intermediate or Senior Bands. Jazz students will also perform in a combined Jazz Ensemble which had extra rehearsals before the Music Festival to ensure an excellent performance.

The East Gippsland Music Festival gave our music students the opportunity to rehearse and perform together in large ensembles. This was a fantastic experience for students of all ages and abilities as they had access to some of our leading performers, conductors and teachers as well as experiencing the social interaction between students from other schools in the region.

Year 8 Excursion National Gallery of Victoria

Dallas Kunig, English and Humanities Teacher

Last Monday, 26 Year 8 students attended the Hokusai exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to be face to face with art works nearly 200 years old, directly linked to concepts and characters covered in Humanities this term.

A successful trip requires students willing to commit to the experience; in this our Year 8 students should feel extremely proud of themselves. We had an early start at 6.30am amid a very fresh Monday morning (a big thank you to the parents and guardians for being so prompt at such an early time), and were well on our way to Melbourne in time for the 12pm start.

Everyone knows parking in Melbourne can be horrifying, but luckily we were in the safe hands of Mr. Fisher and Kaz. A big thanks to them both for getting us all there and back safely and on time.



Amid the sound of bustling trams, street erhus (a Chinese violin) and pan flutes, lunch was eaten in the middle of the Arts Precinct next to the State Theatre. We were very lucky with the bright Melbourne sunshine and relatively small crowds.

Inside the gallery, after looking at the famous ceiling designed by Leonard French, students were split into groups and given an hour to explore the different works. Highlights included Hokusai's most famous work, 'The Wave'. Staff of the NGV noted how well the students held themselves and there were often exchanges with other patrons discussing particular works or making general conversation.

Leaving the gallery, having made the most of the experience, there was the loudest karaoke session on the way home, and 26 sugar-filled teenagers and three tired staff arrived back at Lakes Entrance by 6.30pm.



Students are to be congratulated on the fun day out, not only for making the most of the experience with a clear learning purpose, but also for how they challenged themselves with a new or unfamiliar experience, which can often do more than teaching in a classroom.

As a new staff member of the College, let me say it was a privilege to take this group of kids on this trip. I was proud to say we were from Lakes Entrance Secondary College.