As our **Year 12 students** prepare for their first exam this Wednesday I would like to wish them all the best. This is a challenging and demanding time and both our students and their teachers are to be commended for their dedication to their studies. I am also delighted to acknowledge our 4 senior students who have applied for School Captaincy roles in 2017. Mark, Zoe, Chloe and Ethan have all completed interviews for the roles and presented to our School Assembly this week. Each of our 4 applicants presented a detailed and thoughtful outline of the role they would play in leading our students and working with staff to strengthen our College culture. I look forward to announcing our new Captains once the process has been completed.

**Child Safety Standards**

New standards **Child Safety Standards** have been introduced to ensure that safety of all young people. We already have policies and processes in place at the College to protect the care, safety and welfare of children and these are being strengthened to ensure a zero tolerance approach to child abuse. Importantly, the new child safe standards go further than child protection arrangements did in the past. The child safe standards apply to school staff (including volunteers and contractors), visitors and students’ family members.

It is our view that keeping children safe is everyone’s responsibility. As a College we want to ensure you know how we are keeping your children safe at school, and how we’d like our families and community to support us.

As a College we have developed a new **Code of Conduct** and Policies to support the Child Safety Standards. In my newsletters I will include sections over the coming weeks.

We have reviewed our **Visitors Policy** and as part of this process we remind all visitors to enter through the main College entrance and to report to the Office directly. Parents, community members and other visitors will receive a badge on arrival. As part of this review the Eastern College access will be locked during school hours.

Our staff and senior students work together with Jess to complete their Pool Life Guard Update Course
**Outdoor Learning Update.**

Our partnerships with city and regional schools are developing very well and we are preparing for 3 exciting programs in November and December. Once we have established our Expeditions and Camps program we will continue to explore options for a Residential Facility. We are looking at possibilities for short term and modular accommodation.

![Pod example](image_url)

**This pod is an example of creative possibilities for modular accommodation.**

We have looked at a range of Tipis, Containers, Luxury Tents and Wagons and are looking forward to seeing our research transform into a reality in 2017. If our community has any inspiring suggestions please do be in touch.
It was lovely to see the sun out this week. After we had slip, slop, slapped, we headed outside to draw on the freshly painted blackboard, plant some lettuce seedlings, strawberries and snap dragons. We look forward to watering them and watching our healthy food grow.

National Nutrition week was celebrated with some healthy chocolate, fruit smoothies and donuts. Everyone enjoyed trying the chocolate smoothie which had Avocado, banana, dates, coconut milk and cocoa, it was delicious. What a great way to make a chocolate smoothie good for you, thanks Ellie for the recipe! The children couldn’t get enough of the carrot and pumpkin donuts, which is a fun way of getting more vegetables into snack time. Alexander thought the fruit smoothies were like eating ice cream, yum, yum!

Upcoming Events

School

Transition days
(4 years old kinder only)

Please note the days have changed due to the public holiday on the 4th.

Friday 11th November – 8.40am-12
Parent Information will be held at 12
Friday 18th November – 8.40am-12
Friday 25th November - 8.40am-3.05pm
Friday 2nd December – 8.40am-3.05pm

Reminder

Thank you to everyone for bringing hats and sunscreen. Please make sure they are packed in your child bag each kinder day. We will be checking the sun smart web site www.sunsmart.com, each day to check the UV. A rating of 3 or over will require sunscreen to be placed on the children every 2 hours and 20 minutes before they venture outside. Please make sure you sunscreen your child prior to or once you arrive at kinder, thanks.
Please note—CANTEEN IS STILL CLOSED

At the moment the college canteen is closed as its in the process of refurbishment
We will let you know asap when the canteen will be open for operation!

MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARY

AS THE ANNUAL STOCKTAKE WILL BE STARTING SOON CAN EVERYONE PLEASE CHECK THEIR BOOKSHELVES FOR ANY OVERDUE BOOKS.
GIRLS DAY OUT

Our girls day out was awesome we had so much fun and learnt things about each other that we didn’t know about. We got a day when we could relax and have lottttttts of fun. On the ride to Geelong we pumped up the beats.

Ate from buckets filled with chips mmmmm, went to the mall and then we had a blast playing bubble soccer.

We had a great girls day out cant wait to see what we do next year.

Written by: Bryanna Jade Bridgeman
We are still looking for volunteers to help with our Breakfast Club on Wednesdays and Fridays.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Marni via the School office 52 373 213

College Booklists for 2017 will be sent home with students this week. These wont be due back until the 11th of November and will be ready for collection from 9th of December.
FREE HEARING SCREENINGS

WILL BE CONDUCTED AT
LAVERS HILL COLLEGE FRIDAY OCTOBER 28TH
9 AM – 3PM
NOTE CHANGE OF VENUE Located at SCHOOL

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Contact 0417342850
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