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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
OF EAST LODDON P-12
COLLEGE

COLLEGE NEWS

Upcoming Dates

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday 7th Year 12 GAT Year 7 Basketball

Friday 9th

P-4 Special Person's Day

Year 5/6 Sovereign Hill

Sandhurst Division Athletics (secondary students)

Monday 12th

Sandhurst Division Athletics (primary students)

Monday 12th-16th

Yr 9/10 Positive Start Camp

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Respect
Responsibility
Resilience
Relationships

From the Principal

Staffing Changes

Congratulations are extended to current P-4 Leader and year 4 teacher Mr Jackson Clayton, who will take a period of leave after being appointed to a key role at the Bendigo Tech School starting at the beginning of term 4. This is an exciting opportunity for Mr Clayton and we wish him all the very best.

An internal process took place throughout the past fortnight to appoint a new P-4 leader for term 4 and I am very excited to announce that Miss Tamika Colville has been appointed to this position.

The college will continue to work at filling the remaining teaching position and hope to announce the successful appointment before the upcoming holidays.

Another staffing change at a year 5/6 and VCE level is that of Mrs Louise Hocking increasing her time fraction to full-time as of today. This will see Mrs Hocking take over the Thursday year 5/6 classes and VCE Agriculture classes that have been taught by Mrs Sarah Gladman to this point in 2022.

Mrs Fiona Phelan will also extend her leave until the end of the 2022 school year, with the college to clarify asap how this will impact on classes.

'C.O.L.A' Build

The current building works project is almost fully completed with the last stages currently underway. This see's the schools 'Covered Outdoor Learning Area' (C.O.L.A) currently under construction (see photo above). This C.O.L.A will provide an outdoor area consisting of roof, seating and concrete floor that will allow for classes to work in the open air when this is desired.

Perimeter Fencing Project

Our perimeter fencing project is almost ready to be signed off as completed. When this takes place, the college will begin shutting the remote front gates. I will share details of the procedures around this via a Compass news feed beforehand.

The Kindness Factory

At our Victorian Principal's Association State Conference last week, myself and Mr Wilkinson were blown away by a fantastic presentation by a lady named Kath Koschel. Kath's presentation was a story of resilience, optimism, courage and so much more! The journey that Kath has been on in her life is astonishing and the way in which this has lead her to establish a 'Kindness Factory' was such a positive example of the power of the human spirit. Kath set about undertaking random acts of kindness and worked her way up to starting a website to reach 1 million random acts of kindness. The target of 1 million acts has been blown out of the park and is currently sitting at more than 4.15 million registered acts of kindness.

Maybe have a think about the benefits of a random act of kindness (both for the receiver of this act and for yourself) and give it a go for yourself. I recently paid for an elderly strangers tissues at the supermarket as the limit of 2 products would not allow for her to purchase 4 packs. It was only a small thing to do but it made both myself and this elderly lady feel great!

Steve Leed—College Principal

Report feedback

Thanks to all the parents and carers who completed our survey about the change in report format.

We also gathered feedback from staff and Year 7-10 students about the changes.

Some key points to highlight are:

- *less than 50% of reports were viewed
- *on average, parents surveyed were **somewhat satisfied** while students were somewhat to mostly satisfied
- *55% of students surveyed discussed their reports with their parents
- *83% of students surveyed found their reports useful
- *89% of staff surveyed found the new report less time-consuming, saving up to 40 hours of extra work

Overall, the feedback supports continuing with this new format. One of the main reasons for changing was to save teacher time at the end of the semester, so they could maintain their focus on teaching their classes. The expectation was that teachers would contact parents earlier if there were any concerns about a student's progress or behaviour, to provide an opportunity to address these concerns before the semester report. It was also anticipated that Semester 1 reports would be discussed in more detail at the Parent Teacher interviews. However, we are continuing to discuss ways to provide more personal feedback, without unduly increasing teachers' workload.

Assistant Principal's news



Come one come all to the gymnasium at lunch time tomorrow. The mighty, and so far undefeated to all comers, staff netball team (formerly known as Beast Loddon Netball Inc) take on the might (yeah sure) of the year 12s, otherwise known as 'nettypalosers'.

This is a one off demonstration match in which the staff will demonstrate ultimate superiority over the up and coming know alls of the school.

Last time such an event was held, was pre covid and the gym was packed to the rafters. Students were high on the expectation of winning, yet to their disappointment they stumbled across another thing that teachers are awesome at....winning.

So, after eating time tomorrow, get in to the gym, bring your best cheering voices and expectation, so that we can crush it with yet another demoralising defeat for the students.

Note to students, stay away from Jackson (the flash) Clayton. Its his swan song and he will be looking to embarrass you. Dean (not so) Young is in scintillating form. Leedy is fresh from a conference, Twigg is recovering from concussion. Lou Hocking is all fired up after camp, Kelly Paydirt Pay is up and about, Sarah Krahzey Krahe needs no introduction and on the bench we have amongst others Phil (Battle of) Britton and Shane (seal of approval) Rudkins.

Two ten minute halves and it will be all over. I will say this in advance—thanks for trying Roscoe and yes—you are out of play Ciaran.

This should be fun. Winning is the best.

Until next week

Wilko

Sub-School Updates

Junior

Book week dress-up day

Last Friday's dress-up day was an absolute blast. There were some truly impressive costumes on display. Well done, everyone.

More Tissues Please!

Our tissue supply is once again running quite low. Any donations of tissue boxes would be most welcome - in the meantime we'll try to keep student's sleeves away from their noses.

Goodbye For Now

Mr Clayton will be taking leave at the end of this term. If you have any queries regarding this, please make contact with the college or Mr Clayton directly over the next couple of weeks.

Congratulations Ms Colville!

Congratulations are extended to Ms Colville who has been appointed to the Junior Sub-School Leader position for Term 4. We are all confident that Ms Colville will do a fantastic job in her new role.

Middle

How have we gotten to week 8 of Term 3? Yesterday we had a group of Year 7/8s head to Bendigo to compete in the basketball and table tennis competitions. Students tried their best to represent the college in their chosen sport. Thank you to Mrs Fleming, Ms Coleman and Jason for attending with students. Today we have the Year 5/6s off competing in their basketball competition with Mrs Smythe and Mr Young. We hope they have a great day away! Thank you to the sports teachers and Mr Young for their organisation of these events to run.

Next Friday, we will have the 5/6 Sovereign Hill excursion and the Secondary Sandhurst Athletics day.

Senior

Spring is here YAY!!!

General Achievement Test: Wed 7th of Sep

9:30am—11:45am Section A:

Literacy (Reading and Writing) and Numeracy)
1:15pm-3pm Section B: General Knowledge and Skills

This will take place at the Lions Den, students are permitted to wear casual clothes for the day. I suggest dressing for comfort and to the weather. Students/ parents will need to submit the consent form as we are leaving the school grounds (eg walking to the Lions Den). If students are being transported by parents/ guardians please let me know. Between Section A and B students can attend class or rest/relax in Room 31 & 32.

Trade Training Centre VET subjects: Students that are interested in studying a VET subject at Charlton in 2023 are asked to let me know tomorrow at the latest which subject you would like to study.

Y11 & 12 2023

Subject selections

Due Sep 8th

Not attending camp in the last week of Term 3?

Please note students not attending the Y9&10 Positive Start camp will be required to attend school.

Compass News Feeds: This week I put together some compass news feeds regarding information or events for Senior School students. These are activities happening externally such as, a Careers workshop or Maths activities at University of Melbourne. If you would like more information please let me know.

Happy Fathers Day to all the lovely, cool, fun, funny, caring Dads or father figures. I hope your kids spoil you lots

Go Tigers and best wishes to those teams playing on the weekend for a spot in the GF.

AROUND ELP SPORTS

East Loddon College Athletics:

Unfortunately due to the heavy amount of rain again at the start of this week, we have had to postpone the College Athletics again.

At this stage, we will aim to run the Athletics Carnival in early Term 4. The tentative date for this is Friday 21st October.

9/10 Basketball and Table Tennis

Well done to our students who competed in last weeks Year 9/10 Sports Day. Students represented the College and played well throughout the day. Thanks to Mrs Fleming and Mrs McDiven for coming along for the day.

Year 8 Basketball and Year 7/8 Table Tennis.

Wednesday 31st August, we had some of our Year 7/8 students travel into Bendigo to compete in Basketball and Table Tennis competitions. The Year 8 girls placed 3rd overall in the Basketball and the other teams all played well.

Thanks to Mrs Fleming, Mr. Sawyer and Mrs Coleman for attending on the day.

Thursday 1st September

Today we have two teams from Year 5/6 travelling in to play in the Primary Basketball Tournament with Mr. Young and Mrs Smyth.

We wish them luck.

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SRC Report:

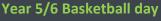
The SRC have been busy planning for a drive in event to be held at the end of this term but unfortunately due to the weather, we are now looking to hold a similar event in late October with details and a date TBC.

The SRC will also be hosting RUOK? Day activities at the college next Thursday 8th September, including a free BBQ lunch on this day.

Year 7/8 Basketball day











Casserole Luncheon

Dingee Bush Nursing Centre **AGM**

Sunday 2nd October 12pm Adults \$5, Kids Free

(includes a ticket in Raffle)

Bookings Essential: 54 368 309 **Dingee Bowling Club**

Canteen

Fri 2nd	Kristie Cullinan Wendy Murphy	2022	SEPTEMBER
Mon 5th	Karolyn Campbell	Mon 12th	Karen Pascoe
Tues 6th	Mel Primrose	Tues 13th	Michelle Diss
Wed 7th	Jess Penny	Wed 14th	Sam Ellis Bree Hocking
Thurs 8th	Mel Primrose	Thurs 15th	Mel Primrose
Fri 9th	Miranda Smith	Fri 16th	Mel Primrose
	Deb Smith		

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