

Upcoming
Dates

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1st

Book Week

Monday 4th-6th

9/10 Outdoor Ed Camp

Yr 8 Basketball

Yr 7/8 Table Tennis

P-4 Way Too Cool Per-
formanceThursday 7th
College Production

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From the Principal

Let's Call It Out! Racism is Racism!

We are ashamed to report that in this day and age, members of the school community try to defend blatant racism as being a 'joke' or just 'casual language'. Enough is enough; it is time to call this out! We talk all of the time about everybody's right to feel safe at school (and within the wider community) and the fact is that many students, staff and community members do not. If you are starting sentences with 'I'm not racist but...' or finishing sentences with 'but I was only joking' then you are part of what we see clearly as a problem.

What may seem something small or insignificant to you, can be a massive thing to others. Comments can have a devastating and long-lasting impact on individuals, their families and friends. This is simply not ok!

Throughout this past week, the college has had 3 very significant things take place that are clearly racist against our indigenous friends. We have also this year had significant language, gestures, comments and the like made in a way which is clearly homophobic, sexist and/or antisemitic. On occasions there is no doubt that these are deliberate and when questioned, comments are often backed up as being 'just a bit of fun'.

We hope that parents, carers and college community members will join us in drawing a line in the sand. Let's be courageous enough to call this type of behaviour out. It is appalling and not the sort of thing that we want associated with our college!

Steve Leed – College Principal

Richard Hicks – College Council President



CHECK THESE OUT

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NATIONAL WATTLE DAY

Friday 1st September is National Wattle Day. Visit wattle in your local area and share a photo on social media tagged with #GetIntoNature, #ConnectingWithNature and/or #ConnectingWithCountry

THREATENED SPECIES BAKE-OFF

Bake a creation that resembles or represents an Australian native threatened species and upload an image of your creation to social media tagged with #TSBakeOff2023.

More details at

<https://www.dcceew.gov.au/environment/biodiversity/threatened-species/bake-off>

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BACKYARD SPECIES DISCOVERY

Explore your backyard and make a contribution to citizen science! Sign up for an iNaturalist account and upload photos of your observations.

More details at <https://bushbilitz.org.au/introducing-an-expedition-for-everyone/>

TAKE PART IN THE PLATY-PROJECT

If you plan to visit a local creek or river over the holidays, keep an eye out for a platypus! It's also a great way to slow down and connect with nature! Even if you don't see one, recording the activity you were doing is still valuable.

Register to take part at: <https://www.acf.org.au/platy-project-signup>

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VICTORIAN CARBON FARMING

Farming families may be interested in the Victorian Carbon Farming project which will support private landholders to plant more trees - more details at <https://agriculture.vic.gov.au/climate-and-weather/policy-programs-action/victorian-carbon-farming-program>

NATIONAL SOILS SURVEY

Farming families may also be interested in the National Soils Survey aimed at identifying gaps and opportunities in managing Australian soils - more details at [National Soils Survey](https://www.nationalsoilsurvey.gov.au/)

(https://melbourneuni.au1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6JSMQY1e7PhF2YK)

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CHICKS IN STICKS

Save the date for 'Chicks in the Sticks' celebrating the achievements of rural women in agriculture and the environment at the East Loddon Woolshed, Saturday 28th October

Assistant Principal's news

After what has been a disappointing in some ways for our college, particularly in terms of the behaviour of a handful of our kids, we really look forward to the book week parade and celebrations tomorrow. All parents and friends are invited to join us tomorrow from 8:55am. This is our usual assembly time and usually goes until about 10 past 9. If we can't fit everything in to that time slot, we may shorten periods 1 and 2 a smidge. The staff and students are all excited about the dress up bit. I know that staff, year 12s and I think year 11's each have a bit of a group theme going. There's been a bit of pressure finding space in the Art room today. If you are one of those parents that goes 'way nuts' over dress ups for your kids, then it's your time to shine!

Do it.

Next week of course is production week. Thursday is the big day but for most of the week things will be a little disruptive as our nervous future actors, put finishing touches on their songs and performances. Please refer to compass news feeds about session times and required costume details and what happens in between school and evening performance. All questions have been answered I think but if you can't find it on Compass, please feel free to ring the College.

A big thanks to Mrs Ellis who ran her first Athletics Carnival for the school last Friday. We were blessed with fantastic weather and the kids seemed to have a great time. Thanks also to Ricky, Mr Jolly, Byrnsie,

Kate Duncan, George, our VM classes and all others who helped to prepare the site and to the PE dept for all their advice to Mrs Ellis. (I've probably missed a bunch of names) A real group effort made things work smoothly. Presentations of the individual year level champs and house winners will be held at next Friday's assembly. On this morning, we will also present badges to all of our student leaders. This has been a long time coming as we usually do this early in term 2. Badges will be presented to all Bus Captains, House captains, SRC reps and sub-school captains. It would be preferable to have this on a day not following the production however our year 8s are all absent in the last week of term due to a camp.

Mr Wilko

*** PARENT OPINION SURVEY ***

All families are encouraged to fill in the Department of Education's 2023 Parent and Caregiver Opinion Survey. These surveys help to inform the college of future strategic direction and we ask that the surveys are taken seriously and that feedback is open, honest and respectful.

To complete the survey, simply:

1. Click on the link below, or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey.

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

2. Select the School and Campus name below.

School Name: **East Loddon P-12 College**

Campus Name: **East Loddon P-12 College**

3. Enter the School PIN below.

PIN: **429453**

Sub-School Updates

Junior

FRIDAY BOOK DRIVE!

Bring in your gold coins this Friday! The P4 students are welcome to our Book Drive this Friday. Students will get the opportunity to buy used books for a very small price. Students will be able to grab a few books for just a gold coin. We have been collecting picture books, chapter books and non-fiction books for students, so there will be plenty of options! All funds will go directly back into supporting our P4 students will supplies for the classroom. Thank you in advance for your support.

PRODUCTION UPDATE

This is a quick reminder that students in P4 are should be bringing in their production costumes to be stored at school. This will save stress on the big day. If you have your clothes

at home ready to go, can you please send them to school in a bag that is clearly labelled.

WAY TOO COOL INCURSION

Next Monday, the 4th of September, students will be attending an interactive musical based on book week. If you have not yet consented or paid, their will forms going home. Please return them promptly.

P4 ASSEMBLIES

Our P4 students are getting more and more creative as the year goes on. This year we have had groups on students sing, recite poetry share events with the sub-school. This week we will even have a bit of a show! If your child is scheduled to perform at one our assemblies, please check your inbox for an invitation! We love celebrating our students and their many talents.

AROUND ELP SPORTS

Athletics Carnival

What a great day we had at the athletics carnival! We couldn't have asked for better weather. It was great to see so many students participate in all events with great sportsmanship. This was our first proper athletics since 2019, we had nearly 30 records broken!



Monday 4th September

On Monday we will see some of our year 8's head to Bendigo for their sports day. Some students will be going to the Bendigo table tennis stadium, whilst another group will be at Red Energy arena for basketball. Please see Compass for more information—consent and payment.

Friday September 8

On Friday September the 8th selected secondary students will head to Bendigo for the Sandhurst Division Athletics Carnival—Please see Compass for more details.

Monday September 11

On Monday September the 11th we will see selected primary school students attend the LMR Primary Track & Field Championships in Bendigo. Please see compass for more details.

Middle



Senior

VCE/VM information session: pictured are some of our students and staff at the info session. It was so lovely to see our students lining up at the door eager and ready to enter. They did a fantastic job asking questions and talking to staff about their potential subjects. It was such a positive vibe amongst the room. One of our Y12 students Sam also came in to spruik the subjects he truly loves. He had the students full attention and spoke with passion about History and other VCE subjects.

Y9&10 Outdoor Ed Ski Camp: departs Monday at 9am and returns Wednesday at 3:20pm. Really looking forward to our

trip to Mt Buller and (hopefully) some snow and sunshine. If students or parents/carers have any questions please let me know.

Y10 & 11 subject selection forms due Monday Sep 11th.

Congrats Marley; who won the 17/U LVFNL Best & Fairest. Big brother Jaxon came third in the 18/U comp. How exciting!

YAY last day of Winter, please wish all those lovely people out their called Dad, or the ones that do the wonderful job of a dad a happy fathers day and thank you for all you do !!!



SRC NEWS

The SRC met with Matt from NDCH this week to discuss a Youth Week event to be held at the end of this term. Matt and his team are looking to support our RUOK? Day event on **Thu 14th September**. Details still to come but we are hoping to put on a free lunch for all students and an activity. Staff and students are asked to wear yellow on this day. The SRC reps will also be putting together resources on how to ask a friend or family member if they're "really okay" and where to turn if the answer is "no".



Please Return Box Form:

East Loddon Food Share Program Inc. are offering College families the opportunity to receive a Food Hamper box every term with the option to opt out at anytime.

Please fill out the following details below:

NAME OF CHILD: _____ SURNAME: _____

BUS NO: _____

ALTERNATIVE REQUEST: _____

Contact: Nadine Ray 0419 508 967 or Heather Atkinson 0419 519 974

Please Return by Thursday, 7th September 2023



Production – Tickets now on sale!

With one week to go until the college production of Matilda, all families are reminded of the information shared in past newsletters regarding times, tickets, costumes, and food and drinks available. A reminder that all students from P-12 have a role (on or off the stage) and are expected to attend both shows.

Show times:

- Matinee to begin at 12.30pm. Audience members may enter the gym from 12.10pm. A strict 12.30pm start time applies to ensure the show concludes with time for students to change and board buses home at the end of the day.
- Leading cast members and some other senior school students will be asked to stay behind at school that afternoon (a note will go home shortly for these students). All other students will board the bus home and cannot be supervised at school.

Evening performance to begin at 6pm. All students are required back at school to get changed and ready no later than 5.40pm. Audience members may enter the gym from 5.45pm.

Tickets:

- Tickets are available through the college office or at the door on the night. Cash and EFTPOS excepted. Adults \$10 each, children 5yo and over \$5 (East Loddon students do not require a ticket).

Costumes:

- Costumes are required to school no later than Thu 31st August and will be left at school for dress rehearsals next week. On the day of the production, students will come to school in uniform and will get changed into their costumes prior to the performance. Prior to the evening performance, students will change into their costumes at school.
- **Prep:** casual clothing (no logos or pictures)
- **Year 1-2:** Grey leggings/shorts/tracksuit pants and a white or grey plain T-shirt (no logos or pictures)
- **Year 3-11:** White shirt, grey shorts/skirt/pants (no logos or pictures)
- **Year 12:** casual clothing (themselves as parents - (no large logos or pictures)
- All:** usual school shoes, ankle socks (if wearing longer socks, they must be white or grey)

Food and drinks available:

- The Matinee performance will NOT feature an intermission. A short 5-minute break may occur (time permitting) but there will be no food or drinks available.
- Leanne Welsh and crew will be running a coffee van prior to the evening performance and during the intermission, with hot drinks and Leanne's famous lamb and veggie soup available to purchase. Our Senior VM students will also be running a stall before the evening show and during the intermission, selling cold drinks and theatre snacks.

Celebrate Book Week 2023 with your favourite book and matching costume!!!

East Loddon P-12 Parade is being held on Friday morning 1st of September

Students should come dressed as their favourite book character. It would be great if they could bring the book as well.

This event requires a gold coin donation.

At P-12 assembly during reading time held in the gym, parents and guardians / East Loddon community members are welcome to come and view the parade

PRIZES FOR

- Best dressed from each year level
- Best coordinated group costume
- Best Costume overall

Bring the book your character is from.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come ask Lilly and Drew from Year 10 or Mrs Fleming.



Canteen

Fri 1st		2023 Sept	
Wendy Murphy Kristy Noonan			
Mon 4th		Mon 11th	
Heidi Ferguson Brian Duffy		Jess Penny	
Tues 5th		Tues 12th	
Mel Primrose		Bree Hocking	
Wed 6th		Wed 13th	
Sharon Hughes		Michaela Shrimpton Chevron Heath	
Thurs 7th		Thurs 14th	
Mel Primrose		Mel Primrose	
Fri 8th		Fri 15th	
Deb Smith Shan Ralphs		Mel Primrose	