



Upcoming Dates

August

Thursday 3rd
Yr 9/10 Basketball and
Table Tennis

Thursday 17th
Yr 8 GTAC Excursion

Monday 21st
P-4 Discovery Centre
Excursion

Friday 25th
Athletics Carnival

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Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

From the Principal

*** Naplan Tests Will Be Sent Home Today ***

Students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will bring home their Naplan test results this afternoon. Along with actual Student Reports, students will also bring home a document titled 'NAPLAN Individual Student Report—Information for parents and carers 2023'.

Please take the time to read through this document and discuss your child's results with them, remembering that these tests are a snapshot of how your child performed on the day of testing.

Parents and carers who have received student test results in previous years will notice that this year's results are presented in a different format.

Parent Teacher Student Interviews—Thankyou!

Thanks are extended to all parents and carers who were able to make it in for Parent Teacher Student Interviews on Wednesday. Whilst these interviews are a great opportunity to come and speak in person to staff, we also wish to extend the invitation to parents and carers, with regards to email contact, phone contact or pre-arranged meetings at all other times of the school year. Should you wish to speak to a staff member about your child/ren, then please make contact with us at the college, or email a staff member directly via their work email address.

Stephanie Demeo—Quick Update

I mentioned last week that college captain Steph Demeo had made the squad for the Vic Country U18 AFLW side, and I am equally as pleased to report this week that Steph has flown out with the team to Brisbane today to take part in the national carnival starting this weekend. We wish Steph all the very best for her football carnival and look forward to hearing how she and the team go.

Building Works Update

I know that I have mentioned a delivery date on approx. 4 occasions already, and this time around I am even

more optimistic and believe that the following information will be accurate...

Next week, the college will see a large amount of temp fencing installed to the north of the canteen, with plumbing and electrical works taking place in readiness for the delivery of our large relocatable building that will house some senior classes during our stage 2 building works program. This will cause minimal disruption to college operations and the actual delivery of the building, involving 5 large trucks and cranes will no-doubt keep many students enthralled on 'delivery day'.

Community Project At The College

Our four year 9 students (Emily S, Keira T, Will H and Riley W) who attended the School For Student Leadership earlier this year, will be running a community project on October 13th. This community project will be known as the 'Awareness Walk' and it will be open to all within the college community. The aim of this project is to raise awareness of mental health in our community and to provide further information and strategies to encourage people to speak-up when they are feeling down.

The students have done a wonderful job with their planning of this event, with guest hosts/speakers to also be present on the day.

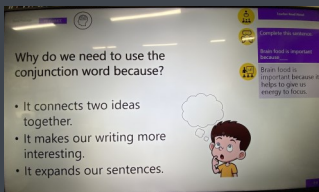
Please place this tentative date of October 13th on your calendar and stay tuned for further details from our students who are leading this exciting event!

This Week's Photo...

This week's photo was taken at last night's volleyball match between staff and a local Bendigo team. I would like to say that our staff team won, but that would be a lie...

Steve Leed—College Principal

Spotlight on Grade 1 and 2



From the teachers:

In literacy, students are learning about the conjunction 'because' and improving their handwriting. The year 1s are learning the /e/ sound like in 'bread' and the grade 2s are focusing on the /ay/ sound.

In numeracy, students are working on multiplication and multiplication sentences, and also how to tell clock time and the days of the week in sequence.

In humanities, how has technology changed over time? And the change in toys from the past to today.

In PE, students are using wheel-chairs to participate in adapted sports activities.

In German, students are learning about land transport and singing songs like 'Hans Nasens Fahrrad' and 'Wir Fahren heut fort mit'm Omnibus'.

In Health, they are studying being active and what that looks like indoors and outdoors.

In Art, students are finishing their colour wheel lions.

In Performing Arts, they are working on learning the lyrics and actions for their production song "When I grow up" and acting terrified of Trunchbull.

From the students. I like....

-playing with my friends outside **because** I don't get to see them much. Piper

-PE **because** we get to go on wheel-chairs. Leon

-Ag **because** it is fun and we learn about cattle. Zayne

-reading **because** there are cool things like presents, cars and puppies. Ruby

-going on the big playground **because** we can jump on the big piles of soft fill. Cooper.

-going to the library **because** they have 'Bad Guys' books. Alex

-Multiplication **because** it has easy answers like $10 \times 10 = 100$. Sophie

Assistant Principal's news

In what seems on the surface like a pretty quiet week, I think the following things have all occurred, and more.

- Last Friday our year 7, 8 and 9 students visited La Trobe Uni
- Some of our year 11s and 12s went all the way to Wagga Wagga for a look at Charles Sturt Uni
- We held parent teacher interviews
- Our year 8s went to Kerang for the Ag Olympics
- We had part of the roof replaced on our new build (don't ask)
- Our staff team, despite trying really hard, last night had their second straight loss at volleyball. I know right!

So, that's a pretty quiet week.

We are zipping through the term and have already ticked off three weeks since the holidays. The buzz around at the moment is all about the

production. This is scheduled to take place in the second last week of term. I have not seen final details but I'd imagine there will be a matinee performance during the afternoon and an evening performance. This way we can cater for the people who cannot attend due to other commitments. A handy hint: the matinee is a little like the dress rehearsal usually, so it might be ummmmm a bit less polished. Either way it will be fun. MATILDA will be performed by our wonderful students on the 7th of September in the school Gymnasium.

A big shout out to Addie Humphries who has gained a SBAT (School Based Apprenticeship and Traineeship) with Shine Bright. Shine Bright is an early years educational centre.

SBAT positions are highly sought after and often difficult to secure, so we congratulate you and other senior students who have taken up similar opportunities, Addie. Parents of younger students may not know that your VCE can be supple-

mented by up to three days work as an apprentice or a trainee. Numerous kids choose or have chosen this option at East Loddon. It is particularly effective in keeping students connected and interested in school, whilst allowing them to complete their VCE and gain valuable work experience and trade skills that will be recognised as prior learning if they continue in the field chosen. At East Loddon we encourage our senior students interested in SBATs to work for two days a week and attend school for three.

It would seem that footy is back. I can't believe all the talk for the weekend is about Carlton v Collingwood. Even though I am not confident at all of the Blues winning, it is great to be being considered a team again. I will be barracking for them, but not tipping them. I am old but I still have my marbles.

Have a great weekend
Mr Wilko

Sub-School Updates

Junior

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Thank you to all those families who participated in our parent teacher interviews on Wednesday. If you were unable to make it, or would like to arrange a time or phone call, please email your child's classroom teacher.

LION'S EYE HEALTH PROGRAM

Students across P-6 have had their eye test conducted today. Result forms will be sent home with students who participated.

COMPASS UPDATES

Compass incursions and excursions have been popping up a lot this week for P4 families! Our

Bendigo excursions, our Way Too Cool incursion and Anglesea Camp are all up and available to access. Please sign and pay by the due dates. Without consent/payment we are unable to take your child out of the school.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

After our interviews, a few families expressed interest in learning more about what happens in our P4 reading and writing block at school. If you are interested in coming into your child's classroom to observe our literacy block and get some tips for home, please email Tami-ka.colville@education.vic.gov.au. We would be more than happy to organise a day for this to be possible!

Middle

Enjoy the photos from last weeks excursion to La Trobe. These students were the winners of the race around La Trobe!

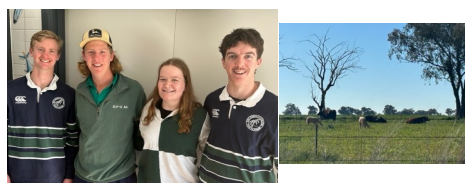
Year 8 students attended an Ag expo in Kerang yesterday and came home as winners of the Ag Olympics! Stay tuned for photos next week.

Math Pathways update: Congratulations to the following students on their latest test results—Elly M (367%), Penny B (333%), Eliza G (300%), Campbell H (200%), Jack H (333%), Neko S (300%), Emily B (267%), Georgia H (200%), and Alex L (200%).



Senior

Charles Sturt is AWESOME: Pictured is Tom, Ned, Zoe (former student) and Josh at CSU in Wagga Wagga NSW. Students travelled there to tour the campus and find out more about their Bachelor of Agriculture, Ag Science and Agri Business. We were really fortunate to be shown around by a second year student. Who was very generous with her time showing us lectures and tutorials in action, the library, various accommodation options, sporting and social facilities and most importantly the FARM. Yes, CSU has their own farm. If you look really closely (in the second pic) you can see cattle with holes in them where students can explore the process of food and nutrients being consumed and passing through the intestines of the cow. We were also very fortunate to meet up with former student Zoe Lister. She kindly met us at the food bowl and answered all our questions, then proceeded to add more info from her experiences (such valuable snippets of info). Zoe then introduced us to some of her friends and took us for a tour of her accommodation also.



Welcome Marley from Italy:

Marley arrived from Italy just over 2 weeks ago. She's lovely and is keen to find out and explore as much our region as she can. Marley enjoys cooking, horse riding and is into Science. She is staying with a local family near Calivil.



Y9 students visit La Trobe: After a couple of years of covid our Y9s had missed out on their chance to check out La Trobe Uni in their younger years. Last Friday they were able to spend the day checking out what La Trobe University Bendigo is all about, in small groups they completed a race around La Trobe and then attended some tutorials where they learnt about specific subjects and courses eg Psychology, Law, Paramedicine.

Thanks for coming along to our Student Parent Teacher Interviews: If you were unable to attend please let me know and I can arrange for staff to contact you via phone or email with an update.



AROUND ELP SPORTS

Thursday August 3rd

On Thursday August the 3rd we have some of our year 9/10 participating in the Sandhurst Division sports day.

The students will be participating in basketball and table tennis. Some forms have been sent with the rest going home in the next day—see Compass for more details.

Wheelchairs in PE

In PE this term we have been lucky enough to borrow some wheelchairs from Maiden Gully PS. The students have been participating in mazes, minor games, battleball and wheelchair basketball. It has great to see the students persisting when learning a new skill.

Beast Loddon

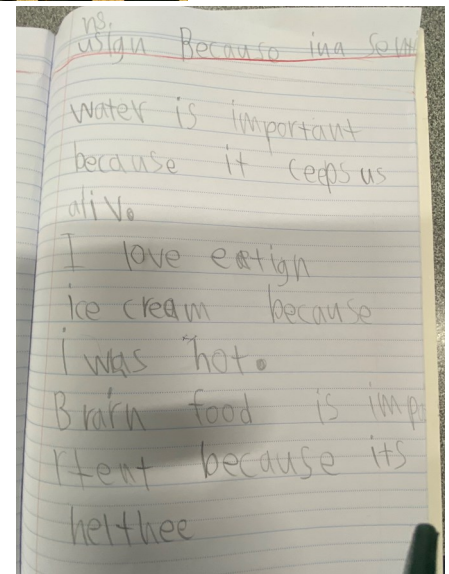
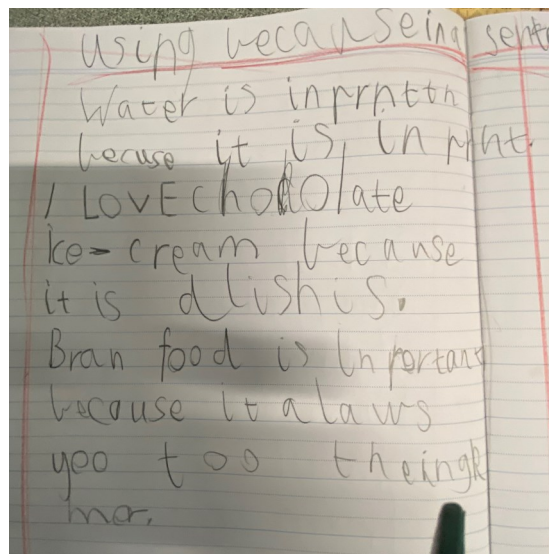
Greetings, sports fans! Our staff volleyball team had their debut match, and it was a riot of fun! Despite the close loss, they gave it their all and had us in stitches with their unique moves. Laughter and team spirit filled the gymnasium as they played their hearts out. We're proud of our team and can't wait for their next match! Go East Loddon Diggers go

*Its hard to beat a person
who never gives up*

SRC NEWS

This week, the SRC confirmed our Term 3 calendar and decided to prioritise RUOK? Day as our main focus this term. As we have in the past, we will use this day to focus on upskilling students on how to support a friend when you suspect they aren't okay, rather than it being one day of the year to ask someone if they're okay. There will be more details on this later in the term. The SRC will also be looking to support the college production towards the end of the term.

Snippets From Year 1/2 Classroom



Canteen

2023 JULY	
Fri 28th	Miranda Smith Chevron Heath
Mon 31st	Prue Milgate
Tues 1st	Mel Primrose
Wed 2nd	Nicky Lawry
Thurs 3rd	Mel Primrose
Fri 4th	Wendy Murphy Deb Smith
Mon 7th	Anna Osborne Brian Duffy
Tues 8th	Mel Primrose
Wed 9th	Sam Ellis Heidi Ferguson
Thurs 10th	Mel Primrose
Fri 11th	Bec Cullen Natalie Rose