



Upcoming Dates

AUGUST

Thurs 17th

Yr 8 GTAC Excursion

Mon 21st

Yr 7 Ecolinc AARK

Excursion

P-4 Discovery Centre
Excursion

Fri 25th

Athletics Carnival

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From the Principal

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ONLINE???

I am not terribly proud to report that we have had some students misusing their computers at school this past week. This is quite often something that presents itself from time to time, however, I was absolutely shocked to see the content that some students had been searching for after I conducted a series of checks on devices.

I do not want to shock, alarm or cause unnecessary concern for families, but we also need to 'get real' about the problem that we (and many, many other schools) have.

Students as young as year 5 have been found at East Loddon with extremely disturbing content. We know of occasions in which this content is being accessed during school hours via things called 'proxy-servers' which bypass our Internet security. If this is happening at school, then I am extremely concerned about what could potentially be happening at home! Please ensure that you have a good talk with your child/ren about the safe use of phones, tablets and computers at home and ensure that you discuss cyber-safety and protocols for the safe use of devices at home. Things such as 'not using technology in the bedroom' would be a very wise idea.

A recent PD that I attended highlighted the very real dangers of the cyber-world and the fact that a great deal of unsavoury types like to 'hang around' on the apps and programs that are targeted towards kids. A list of the current most dangerous apps/sites is as follows -

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| • Discord | • Wink |
| • Tik Tok | • Yubo |
| • BeReal. | • Youtube |
| • Send It | • Instagram |
| • YOLO | • Omeggle |
| • Tellonym | • Facebook |
| • Sarahah | • Kik |
| • Spotafriend | • Snapchat |

I am not for a second suggesting that all sites and apps are 'bad', but it is important to know that TikTok, Snapchat and Discord are currently the most popular apps for online predators, with a great amount of research showing that kids (and likely adults) can put themselves in extremely nasty predicaments within 3 minutes of replying to a predator online. Predators rely on kids responding to their initial friendly compliments and research shows that predators will generally move onto their next target in as little as 60 seconds. It is extremely important that we talk to our children about blocking and reporting those who approach us online. If we do not know the person personally, then they are **not** a friend. THERE ARE NO SUCH THINGS AS ONLINE FRIENDS!!! There are friends that we know personally and then there are people who approach us online. Please be careful and encourage your child to have a good, open chat with you about their online habits. I would also encourage all families to review their guidelines, expectations and boundaries around the use of technology at home.

I have attached a handout on cybersafety to this week's newsletter. Please read it and see what you think.

Monday's Happenings

On Monday, the college had 2 ambulances and a police car near the front office at the end of the school day. Please know that everyone within the college was safe and well at the time and if I had have realised the online rumours that would begin, then I would have sent a Compass News Feed to inform everyone of this. Despite some reports, I **did** not get stabbed and nor did anyone else. Social media hey....

Building Works Update

The college received our new portable building yesterday, after it arrived on 5 separate trucks and was lifted into place by a rather large crane. Students and staff enjoyed watching the works being carried out and we look forward to being able to use these rooms asap.

This Week's Photo

Our new portable being moved into position.

Steve Leed—College Principal

Spotlight on 8B

There are two Year 8 classes running this year and while the spotlight is on 8B, 8A will be doing similar topics in their classes too.

This week 8B have been:

- Reading and writing about 'Crow Country' (a story set in Boort) in English
- Learning about physical and chemical changes in Science, including a prac on evaporating salt water



Preparing for the Athletics Carnival by competing in 800m and 1500m races in Sport, and high jump and long jump in PE



- Learning poems in German, with some students participating in a competition at lunch time
- Learning about the middle ages and feudalism in Humanities
- Researching the negative effects of illegal drugs as part of drug education in Health
- Working hard to get Maths Pathway modules completed before their test next week in Maths

Assistant Principal's news



I've always fancied myself as a bit of a chess player. Why not? I am a bit of a dork, I have thick glasses, I like maths and I am terrible at sport. I even watched the Queens Gambit. So sure, I tick all the chess boxes. I was never that good at it though. I fit the bill, but didn't have the stamina to learn more than the most basic moves. So, today when a young up-start named Tom from year 5, decided he was the chess champion of East Loddon P12, I watched with curiosity. He smashed Ms Colville and absolutely tore through Mr Lee. He didn't play Mr Twigg, but said he didn't need to. 'Look at him' he smirked. 'As if he'd beat me.' So that left me. I actually tried to beat him. With my strategy of *'hoping his luck had ran out'* firmly quashed in the first three moves, I tried to salvage hope with a disguise of letting the kid win. Ah well, congratulations Tom. Anyone interested in taking him on? Lunchtime in the meeting room will be your chance.

Wipe that smug look of 'winner' off his face.

Thanks to Woolworths for providing another opportunity to fill up or landfill and toy boxes with unwanted garbage that encourages people to buy at their stores. This is so handy. At least they're not made of plastic I suppose. The Wonders collectable cards are causing a bit of an issue in the junior school. Trading, which we wholeheartedly encourage as a means of sharing and understanding value, has taken on a new dimension. Trading of these cards has been ruthless and unfair to the younger students, who assign a different value to the cards than others. For this reason, all trading on the ASX/Dow and NASDAQ versions of Disney 100 Wonders cards, has been halted. We know this may cause a run on the banks but this is the risk we take. Cards are welcome at school, but bring them at your own risk. If they are lost or borrowed, no correspondence will be

entered into. Our new double portable arrived yesterday and workers have been busily fixing things off today. Concrete, flashings, ramps electricity and plumbing. These workers are going for it. We weren't expecting this building to look as smart as it does. But it sort of blends in with the new build. The building will help us in the decant program for the new build and will effectively replace the year 9 and 10 rooms, which are used a lot during the week.

I haven't spoken about Carlton for some time and I am reluctant to, as it will no doubt end our run of wins. BUT. SEVEN IN A ROW BABY!!!!!! For years there have been so few Blues supporters at school that it feels like Jake Wiltshire is the only kid following them. That said, it's almost a mandatory report. The pain you've been through mate. I just hope this year we can stay in the top 8 and play finals.

Mr Wilko

Sub-School Updates

Junior

DISCOVERY CENTRE EXCURSION

Our excursion to Bendigo is on Monday the 21st of August. Students can come to school on the bus, and will be able to go home on the bus also. Students need to wear **school uniform**. Please bring water, recess and lunch in separate bags. We will be spending the day at the Discovery Centre, following up with a quick trip to Eaglehawk Playspace.

CYBER SAFETY SESSION

On the 22nd of August, there will be a cyber safety information session for all students across the school. P-4 will have their session in the morning.

ASTHMA & ANAPHYLAXIS

With excursions and camps coming up, our college

needs to have **updated asthma and anaphylaxis** information. The majority of students across P-4 with known plans, have all expired. If you are unsure if your child's information is up to date—please contact the office. Students in 3/4 will be unable to attend the Anglesea camp without updated information from a GP.

WAY TOO COOL

WAY TOO COOL is a new educational musical created to celebrate Children's Book Week® 2023 and celebrate the Children's Book Week® 2023 theme: READ, GROW, INSPIRE. Students will have this incursion on the 4th of September.

WONDER CARDS

Students across P4 have been bringing in their Woolies Wonder cards and books. This has become a bit of a problem at recess and lunch with students trying to trade cards. We ask that you **do not** bring booklets or cards to school. Thank you.

Middle

Well done to the following students on their latest Math Pathways test! Tom R (300%), Penny B (300%), Baxter L (267%), Talia S (267%), Jack H (267%), Neko S (267%), Lucy P (233%), Georgia H (200%), James H (200%), Abby T (200%), and Millie B (200%). Well done to 5/6S who achieved the highest average growth rate with 135%, followed very closely by 5/6H with 132%.

Next Wednesday, Year 8 students will meet with Rubicon staff in preparation for their upcoming camp. This

will be a chance to discuss activities and focus for the camp. Students will be focussing on character strengths that have been covered during their Respectful Relationships sessions this year. Thank you to the parents for completing and returning the medical forms. Next Thursday, Year 8s are heading off to GTAC to explore Dark Matters. They will visit the Science Gallery Melbourne and the GTAC centre. Students will get to use a range of specialised science equipment and try their skills at an escape room where students must solve problems using a combination of research-grade scientific equipment, logic, and critical thinking.

Senior

VCE/VM information session Aug 18th 3:45pm-

4:30pm: Aimed at Y10 parents and carers, students welcome. The session will provide information about subject choices, career pathways, VCE (Victorian Certificate of Education), Vocational Major (VM) and VET (Vocational Education Training). Y10 students are also participating in information sessions presented by myself, senior students, La Trobe University (last Monday) and Bendigo TAFE guest speakers. If you have any questions please let me know.

Kwong Lee Dow:

Student applications for the Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Program are now open. This flagship high school program is open to Year 10 students from all Victorian and select interstate border schools, offering access to exclusive University of Melbourne events and academic enrichment activities for two years. The Program Committee is committed to selecting one eligible student from each participating school. Students will be able to submit their applications between **1 August and 1 September** online. If

you have any questions about the program or need assistance with the application process please young-scholars@unimelb.edu.au or speak to SK.

Slice sales; what's next?

Our Y9&10 VM class were busy last Monday making some delicious slices (Caramel, Rocky Road and Peppermint). Students then sold these treats during recess on Tuesday.

It was fantastic to see the students working together to prepare, promote and selling their delicious treats. Next week we are looking at making frog in a pond and mousse. Items will again be available Tuesday at recess in the old canteen. Frog in a pond \$2 and mousse \$3.

Semester 2 Y9&10 Outdoor Ed Camp:

Just a friendly reminder the payment of \$320 is due September 1st. If you have any questions about our camp please let SK know. Consent forms and information will be distributed to students in class this week.



AROUND ELP SPORTS

Athletics Carnival

On Friday the 25th of August we will be holding our school athletics carnival. Students have been practising for these events during their sport and PE time and are very much looking forward to the day.

Students have completed high jump and 800 meter during school time. It has been great to see students enthusiasm and friendly competitiveness when participating in these events.



"The best motivation always comes from within"

AGTV GERMAN POETRY COMPETITION

A group of Year 7 and 8 students participated in the regional final of the AGTV German poetry competition at lunchtime today, with the top two students from each year level qualifying to participate in the state final in Melbourne later this month. Clancy Bennett and Zane Tyzack qualified for Year 8, with Ava Rudkins as emergency, and Archer Ketterer and Ruby Cullen qualified for Year 7, with Paige Smith as emergency. Congratulations to these students and all participants - Frau Mac and Fraulein were very impressed with the quality of the speakers!

Coming to school Tuesday 22nd August

Cybersafety Education Sessions

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Topics include-

Year P-3: eSafety activities.

Year 4/5/6: General cybersafety, being kind online etc

Year 7/8: Cyberbullying and sharing of intimate images

Year 9/10 Sexual consent and sharing of intimate images

Canteen

2023 August	
Fri 11th	Bec Cullen Wendy Murphy
Mon 14th	Jess Penny
Tues 15th	Mel Primrose
Wed 16th	Karen Pascoe
Thurs 17th	Mel Primrose
Fri 18th	Kristie Cullinan Deb Smith
Mon 21st	Karolyn Campbell
Tues 22nd	Mel Primrose
Wed 23rd	Penny Cockerell
Thurs 24th	Mel Primrose
Fri 25th	Athletics Carnival