



Upcoming Dates

October

Friday 6th
Student Badge Presentation

Friday 13th
Walk for Mental Health Awareness

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Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

From the Principal

Walk For Mental Health—Next Friday!

I mentioned a little while back that four year 9 students (Emily S, Keira T, Will H and Riley W) who attended the School For Student Leadership earlier this year, would be running a community project on October 13th. This community project is known as the 'Walk For Mental Health' and it is open to all within the college community.

The students have organised for a guest speaker to assist in running a special assembly at 10:30am and they would like as many parents and carers there as possible. There will also be a morning tea provided to all visitors who attend and participate on the day!

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 and we hope to see a number of college community members supporting this worthwhile cause next Friday.

Principal 'Grumble'

I hate to start the new term with a 'grumble' in the newsletter but I feel that I need to. There have been a few instances this week in which students have behaved in a manner that we would not associate with 'East Loddon behaviour'. On two occasions, the behaviours have been quite high-level and extremely disappointing. Please know that we will continue to call such incidents out and we will continue to follow-up on these incidents, making calls to home as we deem them to be required. Please also know that we as a college want to keep clear lines of communication with families and always endeavour to work towards positive and respectful outcomes when dealing with any incidents.

Key Term 4 Dates

College council also approved the following term 4 dates at last night's meeting. Please mark the following dates on your calendar -

- **Step Up Week**—Mon 11th to Thurs 14th Dec

- **Presentation Assembly**—Friday 15th Dec

- **Student's Last Day**—Friday 15th Dec

- **Student Free Curriculum Day**—Mon 18th Dec

- **Student Free Curriculum Day**—Tues 19th Dec

- **Student Free Staff Professional Practice Day**—Wed 20th Dec

Please understand that all students are expected to attend step-up week and classes up until the end of Friday 15th December.

Collecting Children From School

College parents and carers are asked to please ensure that they collect their children from the college office if children are to be collected before 3:20pm on any given day.

We also ask that any students who are to be collected after the end of the school day, remain in the college grounds until a parent or carer is able to collect them. Please know that we will not allow students to exit the school grounds at the end of the day, especially whilst school buses are still on college grounds.

Thankyou for your understanding.

This Week's Photo

This weeks photo is of the 4 year 9 students who are running next Friday's Walk For Mental Health event.

Steve Leed—College Principal

Respectful Relationships

In Term 4, our focus will be on 'Positive Gender Relations' for our Respectful Relationships sessions.

Our aim is to help students understand the impact of gender-based violence, whether it be within the family, peer groups, the community or online relationships, and equip them with the knowledge and tools for healthy relationships. Through various activities, students will learn about respect, problem-solving, setting boundaries, and prevention of gender-based violence. We will also teach them the importance of seeking help and being a supportive peer. Our goal is to instil these qualities early on, so our students grow up to value and respect one another. Together, let's create a nurturing environment where all students feel safe, respected, and valued. If you have experienced violence or sexual assault and require immediate or ongoing assistance, contact 1800 RESPECT ([1800 737 732](tel:1800737732)) to talk to a counsellor from the National Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence hotline.

Assistant Principal's news



It's so good to report to everyone that our year 5/6 students are great at growing silver beet.

Mmmmmmm yum the children chorused. So the students have been weeding and harvesting the silver beet which to me is the same thing. See the photo

above. Good luck eating that tonight. Well done young farmers.

We are working through the VCE selections and will soon be discussing with students which subjects will be staffed at East London in 2024. This will then lead to discussions about

year 9/10 electives and the subjects that our year 10s will be able to access from the VCE blocks. This is not a quick process and we can't please everyone, but it usually ends up with the best results for our school.

Mr Wilko

Assembly Tomorrow

8:55 am—9:20 am

Multi Purpose Room

Student Leaders for 2023 will be presented with their badges recognising their service. School Captains, SRC, Sports Captains, Bus Captains.

Winners of the Aths sports and Age champions will also be announced.

All Welcome.



Sub-School Updates

Junior

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back to Term 4! We hope you enjoyed your holidays and go to get away for a little while. The weather is getting warmer, which means we must be wearing hats to school. Students should be wearing school bucket or wide brimmed hats. If you need a hat, please see the office. They are for sale for \$10. We love to see our P4 students being sun safe!



EVENTS THIS TERM

This term, we have a few things to put in the diary for all year levels!

Anglesea Camp— 11th-13th December. More information can be found on Compass. Behaviour/medical forms are due back to school on the 27th October. Please contact the school if you would like another copy of this form.

P-2 Sleepover— 23rd November—This is our annual sleepover for our Grade 1-2 students at school. Prep students are welcome to stay at school for fun afternoon activities.

Special persons day— 27th October. Students in P4 classes are encouraged to invite someone special to school on this date. More information to come.

Incursion—24th October. The Playground Crave Incursion. A musical performance exploring the power of emotions. More information can be found on Compass.

Middle

During last week of Term 3, our year 8 students, Mr Aurisch, Ms Coville, Ms Arthur and Mr Britton, had a blast on the Rubicon Camp participating in a variety of activities, such as hiking, bike riding and rafting.

One of the groups was fortunate enough to have a day in the snow!

All reports back from the Rubicon Staff are glowing! The Year 8s left an incredible impression, giving their all, supporting each other and striving to make the camp a safe and fun experience for everybody!

Such an amazing way to represent East Loddon!

Well done Year 8!



Senior

Welcome back to Term 4.... Almost there Y12's

Revision lectures: courtesy of the State Gov our students have been able to participate in VCE Units 3 & 4 revision lectures for FREE. Keep up the great work Y12s, you're almost there.

Practice exams: Congrats to our hardworking Y12 and some Y11 students who have been completing practice exams at the Lions Den/Club. It is a great dress rehearsal for the real thing. Thanks to the Lions Club for allowing us to use this space.

Congratulations Jade: Through an early entrance offer that we submitted Jade has been offered a place to study a Bachelor of Law at RMIT in Melbourne.

Subject selections: I will start to meet with students next Tuesday to follow up regarding their subject selections. If parents/carers have any questions about this please let me know.

Valedictory Dinner: arrangements eg catering is still being organised. Once this is finalised I will share with families the cost and specific details. However, please note it is being held at the **East Loddon Woolshed Wednesday 15th of Nov.**

Y9 classroom layout: We are trialing a new lay out to the tables where they are individually set out eg one student per table with space between each table.

Reasons for; fresh start, new room, new term. Aim to improve student concentration and focus. Students can sit in any seat, but if the desks will remain in the same spot. This will be trialed until Wednesday 18th of October and reviewed.

For homegroup and Advance students may use the extra chairs and sit two at a table as there are the extra students (eg Y9 VM students).

VM school visit: As part of our VM grant I'm visiting Maryborough today with other VM teachers to find out about their programs offered.

Pictured is Sam H reading with his Prep buddy Jordan.



AROUND ELP

LMR Secondary Athletics

Good luck to the following students who are competing in the LMR athletic carnival today.

Marley A—1500m,
Angus A— 1500m, Harrison N— discus, Aidan R— Javelin.

LMR Primary Athletics carnival

Congratulations and good luck to Ava W (high jump) and Harvey W (hurdles) who are competing at the Loddon Mallee region Track and Field finals on Monday.

Swimming in the NT

During the last week Marley A, Gus A and Jack H have been swimming at the 2023 Country Championships in Darwin. The four day swim meet required qualifying times to enter and each swam a range of different strokes and distances over the 4 days. The swimming was amazing (almost as good as the sunsets) with plenty of PBs. Marley finished with 3 Gold and 4 Bronze medals and Age Champion and Gus 1 gold and 1 Bronze. An awesome achievement and amazing experience.

Loddon Valley Junior Tennis Association

If any children aged 6-17 are interested in playing tennis on a Saturday morning please give Michelle a call on 0400 278 570



Canteen

2023 October	
Fri 6th	Miranda Smith Kristie Cullinan
Mon 9th	Prue Milgate
Tues 10th	Sue Pickles
Wed 11th	Kylie Addlem
Thurs 12th	Sue Pickles
Fri 13th	Shannon Ralphs Michelle Balic
Mon 16th	Karolyn Campbell
Tues 17th	Sue Pickles
Wed 18th	Kia Hooke
Thurs 19th	Sue Pickles
Fri 20th	Wendy Murphy Bec Cullen