



Upcoming Dates

October
Fri 27th

Yr3 Bendigo Show
Excursion

November
Fri 3rd

P-4 Special Persons
Day

Tues 7th

Melbourne Cup Student
Free Day

Thurs 9th

Yr7/10 Immunisation
Catch up

Nov 15th

Valedictory Dinner

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ron Lister, Steph Demeo and
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“When nobody else celebrates you, learn to celebrate yourself. When nobody else compliments you, then compliment yourself. It’s not up to other people to keep you encouraged. It’s up to you.

Encouragement should come from the inside.”

Jay Shetty

From the Principal

World Teachers Day Tomorrow

Tomorrow is nationally recognised as being ‘World Teachers Day’. The theme this year is ‘hats off to teachers’ and although we love the idea, we would far prefer for the day to be tagged as ‘hats on for teachers’.

The college does not generally celebrate these occasions with us not formally recognising World Support Staff day in May or National Principal’s Day in August, but we will be having a small morning tea for staff tomorrow, in recognition of all who work within the college.

It would be a lovely touch tomorrow if students were to thank the staff members that work with them. This is definitely not something that everyone has to do, but a little bit of kindness and gratitude is infectious and always appreciated.

Hats—Great Start Everyone!

I wish to express a big thankyou to all families who have assisted in encouraging students to wear their uniform hats. There has been a much greater number of hats being worn this week and we very much appreciate this. Staff will continue to monitor this daily and we thank all students who are doing the right thing on a daily basis.

Student Numbers in 2024

The large number of our college families would likely be unaware that the college has recently had a student -cap implemented by the Department of Education, meaning that our student numbers can not increase past 275 unless a student is within our identified catchment area. The college is currently at capacity with regards to this new student cap, and for this reason it

is more important than usual that we know of any students who may be leaving the college at the end of the current school year. I respectfully ask that families make contact with the college office if they are intending on finishing with East Loddon for any reason at the completion of the current school year.

Immunisation ‘Catch-ups’ For Yr 7 & 9

A number of year 7 and 9 students missed their Immunisations earlier in the year and these will be made available once again on November 9th. Parents/carers of any year 7 or 9 students that require their immunisations are to make contact with the college office regarding this.

Yr. 8 Community Mobile Phone Collection

As a part of Mr Smith’s Year 8 Community class, some of our wonderful year 8 students are going to run a mobile phone collection process from the 31st of October to the 15th of November. If you have any old tablets, laptops or mobile phones that you won’t use anymore, then these students would love to have them! The students will have boxes in each section of the school, as well as one in the office.

By assisting with this, you can be a part of stopping the deforestation and killing of Eastern lowland gorillas.

3000 gorillas die each year due to poaching and deforestation and by donating your old/broken phones you can help make a difference.

Please bring your phones and other devices and put them in the sub-school phone collection boxes!

Thankyou for your support, make sure you ask your family and friends for some old phones too!

Steve Leed—College Principal

Literacy and Numeracy

Years 7 to 9 are studying media texts at the moment. They have been really surprised and, in some cases, *disgusted* to learn that the word 'ugly' has been removed from some editions of Roald Dahl novels. They were also shocked to learn that some of the novels we study at East Loddon have been banned in some US states because of their content.

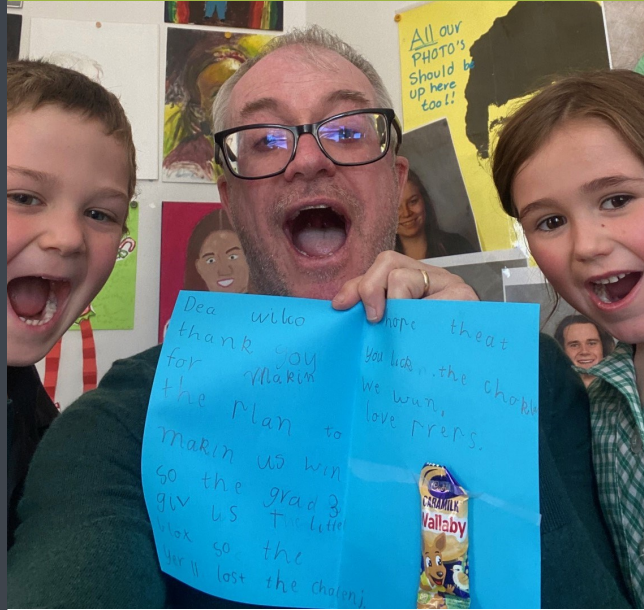
Within children's literature, the issue of censorship is a delicate matter. Striking the right balance between shielding young readers from potentially problematic content and preserving the essence of storytelling is complex.

In Dahl's case, modifying his text may affect the complexity of his characters and their development.

This debate prompts us to consider the consequences of censorship. While it's important to protect children, it's equally vital to promote critical thinking and open discussions about the themes and language in children's literature. Finding a balance that respects both childhood innocence and the integrity of classic works is an ongoing challenge.

Moreover, stories play a vital role in shaping a child's moral compass. Engaging in conversations about these changes with your child is incredibly valuable. Discussing the choices authors make in storytelling can help them understand the subtleties and power of language and how it has changed but also how society has changed.

Assistant Principal's news



Sonny and Etta from prep, brought me in the most beautiful thankyou note after maths week.

Following maths week I was visited by two of our awesome prep group. Etta and Sunny. We had a bit of a scam going during the week. The kids from all year levels were all searching for tiny blocks around the yard. This was supposed to last all week. The year 11s got off to a flyer and ruined everyone's fun by finding nearly every block before the end of reading time on Monday. In a clever fight back the year 3s and others decided to give all their blocks to the preps. The preps ended up winning and now have all contracted sugar diabetes after guzzling a jar of lollies on their own. It was a classic move. Anyway, the preps thought I was the mastermind of this cunning plan and so they

sent me a beautiful letter and a chocolate. This is why we all love the preps! You may be able to zoom in on the writing to see what it says. It made me smile a lot.

Its silly season in the senior school. Our year 12s and a fair percentage of year 11s have begun their external exams. This is the best medicine for getting students to complete study. We are always proud of the efforts that our students show toward their study in year 12. Our results for a long time now have proven the envy of schools across Victoria. The reason this is the case is due to hard work by kids and staff and support from parents and the community. If you have a year 12 or if you know one, or a year 11



**Its that time of the year right
Noah??**

studying year 12, let them know how proud you are of them and keep gently encouraging them along. If they are feeling pressure, this is not always a bad thing. Life is like that sometimes. I'm sure most kids have helped with harvest or cutting hay with looming storms. Manage the pressure by being as well prepared as you can. Focus on what you can change and don't lose sleep over things that have already occurred. Go for it—jam as much in your head in the next week or so.

Presentation assembly is the 15th of December. Lock it in. Its usually the most stinking hot day of the year. Kicks off at 10am.

Wilko

Sub-School Updates

Junior

SNAKE SAFETY

There have been a few snakes seen around the school as of late, and some students in the P4 area are tempting to go look for them at recess and lunch. Each classroom has spoken about how to be safe around snakes, and what to do if you see one. Please have conversations at home about the seriousness of seeing snakes, and what to do.

*300 NIGHTS OF READING**

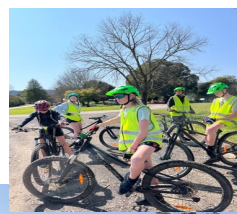
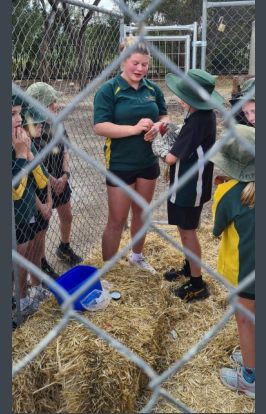
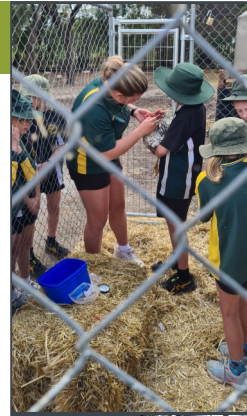
Here is a quick reminder to families about our 300 nights of reading challenge. Please remember to bring in diaries regularly, so they can get recorded.

SPECIAL PERSONS DAY

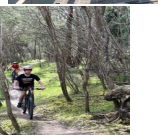
The big day is coming closer! On Friday the 3rd of November we will be inviting all our special people into the school. Special people are invited from 8.45am. We will have activities in the morning, followed up with a morning tea at 11.00am. Please bring a small plate to share for our morning tea. Thank you to the families who have bought in forms already. These are due on the 27th October.

CHICKEN GROOMING

Thank you Holly Vinnicombe for giving the Grade 3 class a demonstration on how to prepare the chickens for judging. She showed the students how to clean feet and beaks, and even gave them some other secrets tips she knows! The Grade 3 class will get to see the judging of the chickens at the Bendigo Show.



YEAR 8 RUBICON LEADERSHIP CAMP



Senior

GO Y12s: so great to see our dedicated Y12s and Y11s studying a VCE Units 3 & 4 subject meeting at school, continuing to attend classes, supporting each other, continuing to complete practice exams and seek feedback. Keep up the awesome work, we are so proud of you all. Not long to go!!!

Thanks Loddon Shire Flood Recovery efforts: on their last day of official classes our Y12s received a nice little show bag of treats, tips for exams and resources for life after school courtesy of the Loddon Shire. Thank you.



Y11 Fit 2 Drive program: is happening at school Friday 10th of November in the morning. We are extremely fortunate to receive funding for this event from Northern District Community Health and LLEN.

Y10 Driver Ed: is happening Nov 30th to Dec 1st in Charlton. If you would like to attend **please provide consent and complete the payment by Nov 1st.** If you have any questions or need to organise a payment plan please let myself or Nath Twigg know.

Y12 Valedictory Dinner: The event will take place Wednesday 15th of November from 6pm onwards at the East Loddon Woolshed. Cost is \$40 for a two course meal. **Please pay to the College office by Nov 1st** and please let me know if any dietary requirements.

Y10 & Y11 Work Experience 2024: Angela is starting to organising expression of interests for work experience next year. She is eager to find out what industries students would like to work in so that we can find potential placements through referrals of school and community contacts.

Pictured is Hayden who is completing work experience this week at Haeuslers Echuca.

What are 3 things that you are looking forward to?





Canteen

Fri 27th	Karen Pascoe Nicky Lawry	2023 Oct	
Mon 30th	Sam Ellis	Mon 6th	Sue Pickles
Tues 31st	Sue Pickles	Tues 7th	Student Free Day
NOV Wed 1st	Karen Pascoe	Wed 8th	Jess Penny
Thurs 2nd	Sue Pickles	Thurs 9th	Sue Pickles
Fri 3rd	Kristie Cullinan Miranda Smith	Fri 10th	Shan Ralphs