



Upcoming Dates

NOVEMBER

Thurs 23-24th

P-2 Sleepover

Mon 27th

Yr 5/6 Canberra Camp

DECEMBER

Mon 4th

Yr 9/10 Moggs Creek

Fri 8th

Activities Day Colour Run

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Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

From the Principal

Congratulations Year 12 Students!

Our wonderful year 12 students officially completed their schooling yesterday. The day started with the students getting up to some friendly shenanigans across the college, before partaking in a beautiful bacon and egg breakfast and then having some fun on the central lawn area. Students then shared in a morning tea at recess time before heading off to get themselves ready for their Valedictory Dinner. This year's dinner was once again held at the East Loddon Woolshed. What a tremendous venue this is!!!

A fantastic night was had by all who attended the dinner, with the banter, congratulations and interactions between students, their families, current and former staff once again being a highlight of the night.

College staff would like to wish all of our graduating year 12 students the very best of wishes for the future. These students have been a terrific cohort throughout their schooling and we look forward to seeing their future endeavours and pathways.

Stage 2 Building Works—Tender Announced

I am excited to be able to announce to the college community that our stage 2 building works will begin very shortly. The successful building tender for the project was announced yesterday and we look forward to beginning this work with A.W Nicholson Pty Ltd. A start-up meeting is scheduled for early next week and we will be able to share further details regarding this project shortly after that.

New Staff Member For 2024

The college has recently advertised a senior school Specialist Maths position to begin in 2024, and I am really excited to let our college community know that we have appointed a terrific applicant to this position. I will be able to announce our new staff member's name in another week or two, but rest assured that the interview panel were very impressed with the experience, dedication and expertise of the successful applicant. Once again,

the college looks to start a new school year with a wonderful staff and with all teaching positions filled.

Policy Updates—College Council

College council have once again begun the process of ratifying policies, and will continue to do so at each of their monthly meetings. The most recent policies to be reviewed and approved were -

- School Bus Policy
- Administration of Medication Policy
- Attendance Policy, and
- Complaints Policy

These policies will be added to the college website shortly.

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.

This Week's Photo

My photo this week is of our departing college captains Josh Diss and Steph Demeo, when they were our junior sub-school captains in their earlier years at East Loddon. They have hardly changed a bit!

Steve Leed—College Principal

Literacy and Numeracy

We were so lucky last Friday to have Bendigo based author and illustrator Chris Kennett visit our school. He was the lead artist for the television show 'The day my bum went psycho', he has illustrated Star Wars Golden Circle books, 'School of Monsters', 'Cross Bones', and many other books.

Over the day, each class from Prep to 6 attended one of his three workshops which were different for each year level.

He spoke about his own pathway toward becoming an illustrator. He told the kids that he loved drawing from a young age and spent countless hours looking for a quiet spot in his busy house to just draw. He showed pictures of his early drawings that had arms coming out of heads and stick figures to show the kids that we all start at the same place. But he kept practicing. He developed his skills by copying other artists. He loved drawing Mr. Men. As his drawing developed, he also liked giving his characters a goal (like buying some lollies) and then lots of problems while trying to achieve that goal. He attributes his dedication and passion for his work to all of the encouragement and praise he received for all of his drawings right from the beginning.

The students drew a picture with Chris and then drew their own pictures. They looked amazing and the kids were so proud. Some kids got autographs which they were also very excited about.

Middle Years News

Canberra Camp

Only one more week until our grade 5/6 students travel across to Canberra with Pyramid Hill students! The packing list and itinerary was sent home with students. If you have not received a copy, please ask your child to collect one from Ms Ferres.

Students will be undertaking an education tour of the national capital. They will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with the focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage, and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of the Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing \$45- per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

GTAC Incursion (Gene Technology Access Centre)

Friday 8th December, Grade 5/6 and Year 7 students will be given the opportunity to participate in exciting STEM Program incursions, *Adaptations in bees and flowering plants* (Grade 5/6) and *Design thinking for prosthesis* (Year 7). Permission slips will be available online and in hard copy. Please return them asap.

Middle Years Information Session

An information session for Parents/Guardians of students **entering Middle Years in 2024** will be held **2.30pm Monday 4th December** at the college.

This session will provide information regarding the transition from Grade 4 (Junior school) into Grade 5 (Middle school) and beyond.

We would also like to extend an invitation to new families of 2024 middle years students. If your child is entering either Grade 5, 6, 7 or 8, this session may assist in answering questions regarding subjects, camps and day to day routines of middle school students.

If you would like to attend this session, please RSVP by email or phone to the Office.

Year 7 Rubicon Camp 2024

Our Year 7 class for 2024 have been accepted to attend Rubicon Adventure Camp at the start of the 2024 school year. This camp will be a central part of our Year 7 Transition Program, with a focus on teamwork, resilience and integration of new students to our college. Over the week, students will be bushwalking, river paddling, caving, abseiling and working on developing their independent and group work skills. This year the camp will be held at the Thornton campus.

Permission forms will be sent home in the coming weeks with Medical information, Medical Action Plans and Parental Permission required prior to the end of term. Please keep an eye out for this documentation.

COMING SOON- Thank you for your patience while we prepare and organise the events coming up over the next 5 weeks. This includes-

Information regarding Subject selection/booklists for year 8 into year 9 (Middle to Senior school)

Graduation dates and times for Grade 4 entering Middle school and Year 8 entering Senior school

Sub-School Updates

Junior

YEAR 4 GRADUATION

Our lovely Grade 4 students will be leaving our Junior Year Sub-School soon! Families will soon be getting an information letter home. The date of our Graduation will be **Thursday the 7th of December**. Families are most welcome to attend this big day.

LEARNING JOURNALS

We still have a few learning journals that are still not in the classrooms. If these are still at home, please return them back to school as soon as possible.

KK in the P4 Area

Students in Grades 1-4 are welcome to participate in a class KK. Some notes have gone home in classes about this. Students who want to be involved should let their classroom teachers know. Classes will then organise their secret person who they will be buying for. Our budget is \$10. The KK present will be shared on the 15th of December. Please let your child's classroom teacher know if you **do not want to participate**.

SOMETHING DIFFERENT IN THE PREP ROOM

Very shortly (in about a week!), Mrs. Milroy will be leaving East Loddon P-12 to have her baby! We wish her and her family all the best. Mrs Milroy has been a fantastic Prep teacher and everyone will miss her so much! Hopefully she will come and visit with her new baby next year!

Grade 5 Woodwork projects by Tahlia, Jake, Jack, Payton and Braxton.



Tom designing and constructing using recycled materials



Senior



How beautiful are our Y12s? I am going to miss this gorgeous group of young adults. We celebrated last night with the Valedictory Dinner at the East Loddon Woolshed. Each student was awarded champion status from guest speakers (staff members) and of course I couldn't help myself and had to little snippets of just how great I think each of them are. Thanks to Em and Stem for the use of the amazing venue, I love that we can celebrate in an historic 150 year old working woolshed.

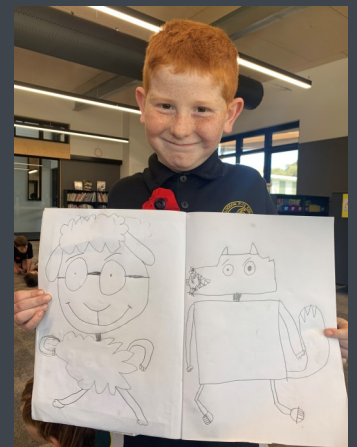
Electives information out soon: Just like the students I have given the elective staff some homework to create a blurb on their elective subjects offered in

2024. This information is due Monday. I will then distribute information to students via compass Tuesday morning and printed copies will be available.

Y11 Fit 2 Drive: Is designed to provide road safety education programs for young people and the wider community. Students were provided with a unique opportunity to explore the complexities of decision-making and assessing risk as a road user. The program also explored road rules relevant to the Graduated Licensing System and local risks, consequences and potential actions. Unfortunately, with our road toll being the highest it's been in 15 years in Victoria, programs like this are crucial in helping our young people to be safe road users. We would like to **thank Molly Meadows and Matt Allan from Northern District Community Health** for providing a significant funding for this program to occur.

Y9&10 Vocational Major class complete mock interviews: As part of their Work Related Skills class these students applied for a range of jobs with Angela (Careers Co) and myself. These students have all done an amazing job and have been hired. Well done!!!

Chris Kennett workshop



Yr 11 Fit To Drive



SRC

The East Loddon SRC in conjunction with Northern District Community Health are hosting a community event to celebrate the end of the year on **Thursday 14th of December** thanks to funding from NDCH's FReeZA initiative. The evening will see the community invited to the college for a Movie on the Lawn event, featuring two family friendly movies. A popular kids movie will be shown from 5pm, followed by a teen-friendly movie from 7pm. Students will be surveyed next week to decide which movies will feature at the event.

The event will be free, with food and drinks available for purchase. The Flavours of Loddon group will assist with catering for the evening, with food vans from the following vendors, all of which are owned by businesses within 30 minutes of the college:

- Coffee to Di For - offering delicious coffee, cold drinks and other treats
- Little Sangria - offering paella, churros, and house made Spanish cheesecake and dessert cakes (GF and DF options available)
- Mincha Munchies - offering baked potatoes
- Sweets and Treats Ice cream Cart - offering ice creams and sorbets (DF options available)

The Donut Man - offering freshly made jam donuts, cinnamon donuts and other delicious varieties

BYO picnic rugs and deck chairs for this fun way to end the year.

What's Happening in Year 3 Agriculture.

Chickens

This term students have continued to learn about chickens. A small chicken coop has been set up with a secure yard near the vegetable garden and we welcomed some feathered visitors.



Students in the class wrote letters to some local businesses – **Bridgewater FarmWare, Ag Warehouse in Rochester, Ag'n VET Wheelhouse, Bridgewater and Elders Bendigo** explaining that they were setting up a chicken pen and planning to incubate eggs. These businesses kindly donated chicken crush food, pellets, some feeders, and an automatic water trough. A great start to our program.

Students have also extended their knowledge into Show chickens. Thanks to Dehne and Hollee Vinnicombe, students have been able to practice caring and preparing chickens as if they were heading to the show. Dehne also gave them some birds to enter into the Bendigo Show. A Pekin duck, an Indian Runner, and a Wheaton bantam rooster. The students attended the show and witnessed the judging of the birds. It was amazing to bring home some ribbons and a bag of chook pellets as a prize.



The class has also been successful in incubating and hatching 25 chickens in the classroom. Although a little distracting the students have been in awe of the process and are now enjoying nursing and caring for them in the brooder before they head out to the coop. Some of these chickens may be chosen to be the school's own show birds for 2024.



The Year 3 students wish to say thank you again to the above-mentioned businesses for their donations and support of our chicken program.

The Year 3 Class and Mrs Lister.

Canteen

Fri 17th	Wendy Murphy Kristie Noonan	2023 Nov	
Mon 20th	Brian Duffy Heidi Ferguson	Mon 27th	Chevron Heath
Tues 21st	Sue P	Tues 28th	Sue P
Wed 22nd	Kylie Addlem	Wed 29th	Penny Cockerell
Thurs 23rd	Mel Primrose	Thurs 30th	Sue P
Fri 24th	Miranda Smith Lisa Twigg	Fri 31st	Chevron Heath Deb Smith