



## Upcoming Dates

19th Start of Term 2

23rd Year 9/10 Netball &

Badminton Sports Day

Year 5-7 Arts Centre Melbourne  
excursion

26th P-12 Cross Country

SSV Primary Cross Country

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Respect

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Relationships

## From the Principal

### SRC GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL FUNDRAISER

The SRC have done a tremendous job with their fundraising for the Royal Children's Hospital today and if you would like to get on-board with the fundraising efforts, then please feel free to share this link with your social networks to help to spread the word.

<https://www.virtualinshake.com.au/fundraisers/eastloddonp12college>

### All The Best Miss Kennedy and Tim!

I would like to wish our year 1 classroom teacher Miss Kennedy all the very best for her wedding which takes place in the holidays. Miss Kennedy will return in week 2 of term 2 as Mrs Milroy. Good luck with remembering this year 1's!

### School For Student Leadership Visit

I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to the school for student leadership 'Don Valley' campus last Friday and was so proud and impressed with the way in which our students (Alex, Mark, Jackson, Charlize, Brodie and Amy) conducted themselves. They all displayed a wonderful level of confidence when presenting their Community Learning Project and gave me tremendous confidence in the youth of our college. I was treated to a tour of the campus, a tasty lunch and a wide array of group presentations from all schools that have participated in this program. Our students have certainly done our college proud with their efforts and demeanour and have had a very positive impact on their school for student leadership staff and peers. Well done to you all!

### Respectful Relationships (RR) —Term 2

Beginning in term 2, all year levels across the college will have a weekly RR focus. Students in years 5—12 will spend the first part of Monday morning focussing on their weekly topic, with students in years P-4 spending part of their Friday afternoon focussing on this same topic. We will actively encourage students to further focus on RR topics throughout the course of each school week, endeavouring to develop students' social, emotional and positive relationship skills.

### RR Topic 1 - Emotional Literacy—What is it?

Emotional literacy can be defined as the ability to understand ourselves and other people. It includes the

ability to understand, express and manage our own emotions, build empathy, and to respond appropriately to the emotions of others. Building a large vocabulary for emotions helps to increase emotional literacy and build self-awareness and empathy for others.

### Student Feedback Surveys

Student feedback surveys have recently been completed in all classes across the college, with staff now going through the survey data with their classes. The process of sourcing data, collating data and then feeding back to classes/students is quite powerful in ensuring that we are all on the same page with teaching and learning.

It is important that students and staff take this process seriously and that they see meaning in it. Much research has shown that students are so much more likely to engage in their learning if they have genuine student voice and agency. Our feedback surveys do not focus on individuals as such, but on the teaching of subjects across all subjects and year levels.

### Victorian High Ability Program and Tutor Learning Initiative

The college has employed Mrs Kate Ellis and Miss Dana Bish as part of the Tutor Learning Initiative. Both staff will work in a range of classrooms from years 1—10 throughout the remainder of the year and will assist in the delivery of curriculum. The college will also have 9 students from years 5—7 take part in the Victorian High Ability Program throughout Term 2, with these students participating in a 55 minute online session each week with Virtual School Victoria. We are very excited by these opportunities that have been afforded to our students.

### This Week's Photo

This week's photo is of our tremendous group of 6, who attended the school for student leadership (SSL) this term. They are pictured with myself and one of their SSL teachers. These students will re-join ELP-12 at the start of term 2.

I hope that all college families have a terrific Easter and that students have a lovely 2 week break! See you all on Monday April 19th!

Steve Leed—College Principal

**Term 2 begins Monday April 19th**

## Assistant Principal's news

### Literacy & Numeracy

Holidays are here and an important time to relax and enjoy our families. As an English teacher and a parent, I know that I would love my children to think of holidays as extra time to enjoy extra reading.....but I also know that is not the reality for my sons and for a lot of our young people.

We want our young people to read because it immerses them in language and ideas. We want them to read so that they can have new feeling and experiences from around the world and across time.

Children can still get many of the benefits of reading even if they are resistant to opening a book. They can use audio books to improve their vocabulary, hear sophisticated sentence structures and feel the thrill and suspense of a good story. Audio books are great for long car trips or to help relax before bed time.

You can borrow audio books from the Bendigo library and there are many web sites like Audible and Google Audiobooks that have some free options. LibriVox are all free older stories like 'Dracula' and 'Black Beauty'.

Not all reading has to be fiction. Many of our year levels will be studying media issues in Term 2 as part of their persuasive writing and speaking units of work. It would be great if families could encourage their children to read a newspaper article or watch a news source with them. Talking to your child about your opinions and other people's opinions is really valuable. There are also online news sources for young people like BTN and Kidsnews.com.au.

Congratulations to Abi J and Chloe H for qualifying as State Finalists in the 2021 Prime Minister's Spelling Bee. All of our East Loddon students from grades 3 to 8 competed in this competition over the last week.



Just had the last three days sitting on a canoe on the Murray river. It was so nice to think of nothing other than row row row your boat. As a family holiday I'd highly recommend it. You don't need much and it costs next to nothing. Here is how our trip unfolded.

Eight brave students from year 9 and 10 set off from Barham, hitting the water at roughly lunchtime. After a slow first hour or so whilst students got their 'river legs', we picked up the pace a little. Our first day saw us through to

Murrabit a distance of 40 km.

This let us set up on dark and wake at dark to move out just on dawn for the big day. 65km to our next stop of Pental Island caravan park. To think the kids did this in one day is amazing really. We move along at about 7 km an hour if things go well so that's over 9.5 hours of paddling. Add a few stops to that and it was almost 11.5 hours from stop to stop.

The next day was a garden party. 10 km of talking and laughing, knowing that our bottoms would soon be rewarded with the padded seat of a mini bus.

So the question some kids asked along the way was 'why do we go so far?' and the answer was given as we pulled in to Swan Hill

and we overheard a student saying 'I'm really proud of myself'.

That's all a bit gooey right, but this really is a big part of what these camps are about. Don't choose Outdoor Ed if you think it will be leisurely. But don't choose outdoor ed and you maybe miss the opportunity for this feeling of achievement.

Well done to all who attended and to Byrnsie, the canoeing machine.

Have a great break. Good luck for your wedding Miss Kennedy!

### SOLAR POWERED OVENS WITH YEAR 8 MAKERSPACE!

Makerspace is all about using design skills to develop solutions to challenges, reusing and repurposing materials in sustainable ways. Recently, the Year 8 Makerspace class have been using recycled materials to make solar powered ovens, cooking Nachos in them using the energy from the sun!

Students modified cardboard laptop boxes that the school had received, making adjustable lids and frameworks for reflective and heat absorbing materials. They used rolled up newspapers as an insulator for the walls to help retain the heat that built up as the sun's rays were reflected into the cooking area. Placing the solar oven outside and adjusting the angle of the foil covered lid, the Nachos cooked over a 2-hour period. While the outside temperature was 20 degrees, the internal cooking temperature was measured at 47 C! As this was a day with some cloud cover, students believe that much higher temperatures can be achieved on a cloudless day. Mr Smith stopped by with Ellie the dog to enjoy some of the tasty Nachos at lunchtime as well!

Making solar ovens was fun and used easily found materials, students and families can find out more about making them at home from the

many 'how to' tutorials on the internet!

Well done to all students for their creative problem solving and enthusiasm!

Mr Aurisch





# Sub-School Updates

## Junior

### Reading, Writing and Maths

With the holidays upon us, it is a good time to remind parents and guardians that students should continue to practise reading, writing and maths over their two week break. This will help them to hit the ground running when they return to school next term. Students have been given books from school to read over the holidays today. Please note that these books may be independent books or challenging books that children may require some help to read.

### Sub School Captains' Report

Some of our Grade 4, 5 and 6 students went to an athletics day in Bendigo yesterday and we did a really good job competing against other Bendigo schools. On Thursday the Prep- Grade 6 classes got to do a parade wearing their Easter hats that they made at home with their families. Happy holidays!



## AROUND ELP SPORTS

### Primary Cluster Athletics

Yesterday we had 36 students in Year 4-6 compete in the Fortuna Cluster Athletics. We had some great results across the board.

Students who placed first in their event will go through and compete in the Sandhurst Division Athletics in Week 10 of Term 3.



## Middle

What a busy term we have had in the Middle Years! I hope everyone has a wonderful easter and enjoys the break.

Yesterday during Big Picture we had two groups of Year 7/8's outside the school. One group visited the Dingee Pre-School to run some activities including face-painting, reading stories, tug-of-war, and three-legged races. Another group visited the Terrick Terrick National Park to learn about the flora and fauna in the

local area. Students hiked to the top of Mitiamo Rock to observe the local environment .



## Senior

### Did you know it's 114km from Koondrook to Swan Hill along the Murray River?



Our Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Education students certainly do. They managed to paddle 114kms in 3 days, including

65km in one day. An impressive effort which I'm yet again extremely proud to be a part of but even more so proud of our students who have risen to the challenge and managed to finish with smiles on their faces. We enjoyed spotting the wildlife along the way from turtles to snakes to

wallabies and pelicans. A few rounds of eye spy were had and even some joyous singing to pass the kms on the river. Well done to the whole class and a big thank you to Mr Wilkinson for paddling with us too. Thanks to my folks for helping transport the bus to Swan Hill.

**Congrats Zoe:** finalist in the Regional Lions Youth of the Year. Zoe travelled to Numerkah on Sunday to represent our College and district at the final. She spoke beautifully and was complimented by the judges, placing 3rd.



**Year 11 Fit2Drive program:** Tuesday 20th of April 9am-12:45pm

**Happy Easter, have fun and be safe.**

### Term 2 Sports Dates:

#### Week 1:

Thurs 22nd April SSV Swimming

Friday 23rd April—Year 9/10 Badminton and Netball

#### Week 2:

Mon 26th April—Loddon Mallee Tennis, SSV Swimming (Primary), East Loddon Cross Country

Tues 27th April—Year 7/8 Badminton, Netball and Soccer

**Week 3:** Wed 5th May—Primary Division Cross Country



The Good Friday Appeal raises much needed funds to provide children with world class medical care at the Royal Children's Hospital. Today, students and staff came to school in casual clothes or their footy colours in exchange for a \$2+ donation for the Good Friday Appeal.

SRC Representatives collected donations in Reading Time.

You can still make a tax-deductible donation via our link below and leave a message to share how the RCH has helped someone special to you.

Feel free to share this link with your social networks to help to spread the word.

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## Canteen

Fri 2nd		Good Friday Holidays begin	2021 APRIL	
Mon 19th		Belinda Clymo	Mon 26th	Bree Hocking
Tues 20th		Sue Pickles	Tues 27th	Sue Pickles
Wed 21st		Kylie Addlem Carly Noble	Wed 28th	Karen Pascoe
Thurs 22nd		Sue Pickles	Thurs 29th	Sue Pickles
Fri 23rd		Kristie Cullinan Wendy Murphy	Fri 30th	Mel Primrose Natalie Rose

## Sports photo from this week. Primary Cluster Athletics

