

Upcoming Dates

- 16th 7-10 Swimming Program
17th Prep Rest Day
19th P-12 Swimming Carnival

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Respect
Responsibility
Resilience
Relationships

From the Principal

Swimming Sports

Please refer to Mr Wilkinson's section of the newsletter this week for all Swimming Sports related notes.

*****Wearing of Masks at School*****

All staff and students who are 12 yrs and older must continue to wear face masks whilst indoors at the college. Disposable face masks are available at the college office, however students are asked to please bring in their own masks from home if possible as the college has a limited supply.

Visitors to the college who are 12 years or older must also wear face masks whilst indoors.

Curriculum Day

All staff attended a curriculum day at La Trobe University in Bendigo yesterday, where we revisited elements of our iLEARN Teaching and Learning Model and Compass management system. We also spent the afternoon being introduced to the SOLAR (Science of Language and Reading) program by Professor Pamela Snow. There was a great deal of information delivered to staff and many learnings to be had. I really look forward to the journey we are embarking on with a 'whole-school approach to the teaching of literacy' at East Loddon and am so impressed with our staff's continued desire to learn!

Excess Furniture—Free To Good Home

Just inside the entrance to the college we have placed a large amount of unwanted furniture that is free to a good home. The furniture is sturdy, but is older and no longer required by the college.

If any college community members would like to take items of furniture, then please do so respectfully after school tonight or tomorrow.

Please note that the only items available to be taken are at the front gate between the cannon and entrance to the college.

Uniform Orders

A uniform order has been sent home with today's newsletter. Could all families who are requiring new uniform please ensure that this form is filled in and returned to the college promptly.

Congratulations Will!!

Congratulations are extended to Year 11 student Will S for an incredible athletics effort last Saturday. Will competed in the 120m gift at Parkdale and managed to take out first place! Rumour has it that his mother cheered so loudly during the event that Will could clearly hear her as he stormed down towards the finish line...

**Staff Email Addresses**

Attached to the newsletter news feed on Compass today, you should find a list of staff email addresses. This list is generally put out at the beginning of the year so that parents/carers can make contact with college staff throughout the year as required.

Staff receive a great deal of work related emails to these addresses on a daily basis, but will endeavour to reply to your emails asap during work hours.

Building Works Update

The college building works continue to be 'on-track' with soil removal currently taking place. The works at the college are due to finish around November this year and we are looking forward to seeing the final product.

I hope that you have a fantastic weekend!
Stay safe,
Steve Leed—College Principal

Literacy & Numeracy

Literacy is the key to academic success across the curriculum and unlocks many opportunities in other aspects of life. Parental involvement is one of the most important influences on kids developing strong literacy skills and a positive learning attitude. While the teachers at East Loddon are enhancing their skills at teaching literacy in all subjects, parents can also support their children with a range of strategies at home.

1. Model a positive reading experience—whether it's a novel or a newspaper or operating instructions, let your kids see you reading too!

2. Read aloud to your child—keep this positive and something you both look forward to. Reading aloud is a great way to discuss the story and read to several children at once.

3. Have your child read aloud to you—even in the higher grades! This improves their fluency and practices what they are learning at school. Encourage them to read to siblings, pets or even stuffed toys as well!

4. Make reading part of daily life—reading is everywhere, not just something we do at school. Read the back of cereal boxes together or ask your child to read out road signs to you.

Assistant Principal's news

Welcome back

Another busy week at the College. Yesterday all staff attended a professional development activity at Latrobe Uni. We are working on making our students stronger at the skills of reading writing and spelling. There is room for improvement in these areas across all sub schools and we are always searching for ways to help students. One way is to better equip staff with the skills to do so. It may seem contradictory that as a year 12 Maths teacher I am really keen for my students to improve the skills of spelling, reading and writing. You might think I'd be more keen on improving their numeracy skills, however, the majority of the final exam requires students to decipher what is actually being asked. Fix literacy to improve a wide range of skills in all subject areas.

The P12 Swimming carnival is next Friday. Numbers at such events are capped at 300 and we must be physically distanced. With our numbers as is, minus a number of students who are unable to attend, we feel that we will have enough scope to allow parents to attend, if they wish. We ask that parents physically distance at the pool and bring and wear masks. On the day buses will run directly to and from the pool. The carnival will begin at approximately 9:30 am with buses arriving at 9ish to the pool. A free sausage sizzle will be held, run by the SRC. There will be enough sausages for 'one each' so maybe don't rely on this for lunch. We ask that donations, where you can afford, be made to the SRC to cover costs for this food. The pool canteen will also be open for snacks and icy poles etc. It may

come as a surprise, it always does to me, but the pool has no drinking water. Please pack ample drinker bottles for your children. The capacity for us to refill is limited.

Some staff including Mr Leed cannot be in attendance BUT new staff members from the bookends of the college will be at the swimming. Ms Kennedy our year 1 teacher and Mrs McDivin our senior English teacher. Also Mr Coghill and Miss Mitchell. Please introduce yourself to them if you get the chance. They all love a yack. I cant wait for the swimming. Dress your kids in their house colours and lets have some fun. GO LONG.

PANCAKE DAY & Breakfast Program

We're back!!!!

The Wellbeing Team and Breakfast Program volunteers will be making and serving lots of yummy pancakes next

Tuesday 16th Feb, before school.

This will kick off our breakfast program for 2021. As a one off and as part of the East Loddon P-12 College's Mutual Exchange program, students are encouraged to make a

Gold coin donation on Pancake Day in support of our Breakfast Program, which is offered at no charge each Tuesday and Wednesday mornings during term.

Looking forward to sharing this favourite meal together!





Sub-School Updates

Junior

Swimming Program

This week we saw the end of our 2021 swimming program. Well done to all of our students who participated and braved the water on some cooler days. Thank you to all of our P-6 families for organising bathers and towels for students over the past two weeks. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Students are now getting excited about our whole school swimming carnival will

be held next Friday.



Middle

All students in the Middle Years have been busy this week getting into the school routine and preparing for the upcoming swimming sports next week. Grade 5/6 have completed their swimming program but the last day of swimming for the 7/8s will be Tuesday 16th February. Today the Year 7's will share about their camp at the sub-school assembly.



Senior Meet our College Captains

Bridget Baker

Favourite team/s: Richmond Tigers and Calivil FNC.

Favourite meal: Grill'd

Favourite animal: is anything that's cute but probably dogs.

Best study tip: is do heaps of practice questions but have a balance between school and other interests.

Best quote: "Success is the sum of small efforts repeated day in and day out".

Ben Collins

Favourite sport: Basketball and Tennis

Favourite meal: Homemade sweet and sour sausages.

Favourite animal: Sheep.

Best study tip: To work with people who have the same mindset and share a common goal as you.

Best quote: "You can't win at everything, but you can laugh at everything".

Best wishes to Charlize, Alex, Amy, Mark, Brodie and Jackson who will be attending the School for Student Leadership for the remainder of this term.

AROUND ELP SPORTS

7-10 Swimming Program

Concludes next week:

7-10 Swimming Program

Tuesday 16th Feb
Year 9/10—p. 3+4
Year 7/8A/8B—p.
5+6

College Inter-House Swimming Carnival:

Friday 19th February—Mitiamo Pool.

Buses will transport students straight to the pool from normal bus run (one bus will collect staff and students from school if needed also).

Swimming Carnival Program is attached to this Newsletter and will also be available via the Compass Newsfeed.

Having fun learning



Canteen

Fri 12th	Lisa Twigg Miranda Smith	2021 February	
Mon 15th	Margaret Hocking	Mon 22nd	Karolyn Campbell Somara Lever
Tues 16th	Sue Pickles	Tues 23rd	Rachel Hay
Wed 17th	Karen Pascoe Carly Noble	Wed 24th	Ebony Lawry Amanda Moroni
Thurs 18th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 25th	Sue Pickles
Fri 19th	P-12 Swimming Carnival	Fri 26th	Sue Pickles

Instrumental Music Program (IMP) Enrolment for 2021

Students will once again have access to small group guitar and vocal lessons in 2021, however, places are extremely limited.

Students who were offered a place in the program in 2020 will be given preference to continue their instrumental learning in 2021. These students will not be charged a fee for their lessons again due to the limited number of lessons they were able to receive in 2020.

Students who are new to the instrumental program are able to submit their interest in commencing guitar lessons and/or vocal lessons in 2021. These families should include a payment of \$25 per student per instrument which will be refunded if there is no available place for your child.

Students may submit an enrolment request for both guitar and vocals if they prefer, however, they should also indicate a first and second preference if only one place is available. It is likely that one lesson each week will take place during a break time (recess or lunch) for students learning two instruments so that they do not miss an hour of learning each week.

Students who were learning an instrument in 2020 may swap to another instrument (i.e., swap from guitar to vocals), however, they will only be given preference over new enrolments if continuing to learn their current instrument.

Please feel free to contact Ms Chelsea Harrington (chelsea.harrington@education.vic.gov.au) if you have any other questions.

East Loddon P-12 College Instrumental Music Program Enrolment 2021

Please return the following slip to the college office (and \$25 per student per instrument for students not continuing an instrument from 2020) by Friday 12th February. This fee will be returned if a place is not confirmed.

Name: _____ Yr Level: _____ Instrument: Guitar Vocals

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