



Upcoming Dates

19th P-12 Swimming Carnival

24th Prep Rest Day

26th Sandhurst Swimming



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From the Principal

***** No Public Access To Swimming Sports *****

Due to restrictions around Covid-19, there will be no access provided to parents, carers or the general public at tomorrow's college swimming sports. In order for the college to adhere to 1.5m physical distancing rules, numbers need to be kept as low as possible and we will only be allowing East Loddon P-12 College students and staff access to the swimming sports. Please understand that there will not be exceptions to these rules.

Swimming Sports— Further Update

Due to parents, carers and families not being able to attend the swimming sports tomorrow, the college will provide regular progress updates to families via the Parent Association Facebook page.

For all other information regarding tomorrow's P-12 Swimming Sports, please carefully read the information provided by college sports co-ordinator Mr Dean Young this morning. This information was forwarded to all email addresses and Compass news-feeds.

Thanks For Your Understanding

On behalf of all at the college, I would to sincerely thank all families for their co-operation and understanding during the recent snap-lockdown. We are extremely excited to have all students back at the college today!

*****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, and whilst outdoors if they cannot maintain 1.5m physical distancing. Disposable face masks are once again 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.

Staff Email Addresses—Updated List

Due to an error or two on the staff email list that was sent home on last weeks newsletter, an updated copy has been included today. Apologies are extended to all for any inconvenience caused by this.

Building Works Update

The college building works have come to a slight stand-still due to the imposed lockdown, but will be up and running again shortly. A major switch-board upgrade is due to take place this weekend and works are still on-track to be completed by November.

College Wellbeing Team—Making Contact

Our college wellbeing team will put out a document shortly which introduces the wellbeing team and outlines the roles of individual wellbeing staff. As well as the days of the week that each staff member works.

Our wellbeing and mental health is so important and something that we do not pay enough attention to at times. Please know that our college wellbeing team are here to assist where possible and they are more than happy to touch base with students if this is required.

We encourage open communication between home and the college, so please do not hesitate to make contact with our wellbeing team if you would like to discuss how they can assist.

This Week's Photo...

What a wonderful group of preps we have once again this year. This photo will be one to look back on in years to come with the blank canvas behind Mrs Lister and the students being the site of the new Block B building by the end of this year.

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

Literacy & Numeracy

Last Thursday, all East Loddon staff met at La Trobe University to begin our journey as a SOLAR school. SOLAR is an acronym for Science of Language and Reading. We are really excited to be one of five schools in Victoria that are part of the SOLAR pilot year.

As a staff, we hope to learn more about how to help all of our students become better readers, writers and spellers. We know that these skills are vital to our students' success in all their senior studies and all their pathways beyond school.

We were reminded that reading, unlike speaking, is not natural to our brains. Humans have not been using writing systems long enough for our brains to evolve to 'pick up reading' naturally. So we have to teach reading in a really obvious and organised way to make sure we help our students 'train' their brains to build the skills they need to read fast and accurately.

With young children, developing their 'phonological awareness' is an important step in reading. This means being able to recognise and manipulate the sounds in words.

Reading stories and singing songs with lots of rhyme and alliteration (words beginning with the first sound) is a great. It helps children to play with the sounds of words.

As children get older asking them to say a word with the first or last sound missing also develops this skill. Say 'spin' without the 's'. Say your name without the last sound.

If this is easy, then you might ask your child to substitute a vowel. Change the 'a' in 'hat' to an 'o', 'i'.

And if your child finds that really easy then they might try reversing the sounds in a word to say it backwards. So 'make' is the sounds 'm' 'A' and 'k' which, when reversed, makes the word 'came'.

Some of our high school students might still be consolidating these sound awareness skills or have a few gaps that are affecting their spelling and reading.

The training we are all doing this year as a SOLAR school will equip teachers of all subjects to notice these gaps and help us all to work together to fill them in.



College Inter-House Swimming Carnival:

The College Swimming Carnival will be on tomorrow—Friday 19th February—at the Mitiamo Pool.

The normal bus run will pick students up at the usual time and then buses will transport students straight to the pool.

There will be one bus that will stop at the college and collect any staff and students from school if needed also.

The Swimming Carnival Program of events is attached to this Newsletter and has been sent out via Compass News feed. Students/Parents/Guardians are encouraged to look over the program to be aware of what is happening on the day.

Students can dress in house colours for the day—making sure that they are adhering to the Sun Smart Policy for tomorrow.

Students need to bring drink bottles (more than one is a good idea—as there is nowhere to fill up their drink bottles), their lunch and some snacks as well as sunscreen.

Hand sanitiser and sunscreen will also be made available at the pool as well..

The SRC will be running a BBQ for staff and students and this is based on a donation to help cover costs of the BBQ.

The Pool Canteen will be open and available as well for things like icy poles, some drinks and snacks.

The Carnival will finish at approximately 2:45pm. This will allow enough time for pack up and to get all students on the buses to depart in time for a normal drop off at bus stops.

Presentations of Age Champions may be held off until a P-12 assembly where parents of these students can possibly attend.



Sub-School Updates

Junior

Remote Learning

We would like to thank all of our P-4 families who adjusted so quickly to our recent snap lock-down. We are very proud of the way our East Loddon community supports one-another to not only survive, but to thrive. In some positive news, three of the grade 4 students managed to get days off on their birthdays this week. Happy birthday to all who have had a recent birthday.

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival is tomorrow! Please note the following points:

- Students may wear their bathers in the morning, but will need a dry set for later.
- Buses will go straight to the pool in the morning and straight home from the pool.
- Students must wear a t-shirt or a rashy at all times at the pool. Being sun smart is a priority.
- Students will need to bring their lunch/snacks/drinks. The SRC will be running a BBQ but this will not be a 'full' lunch.
- Please label all clothing and belongings.



Middle

I hope everyone was glad to return back to school this morning. Students are reminded to ensure that they have returned their computer, charger and any work they completed back to school. Just a reminder that all students 12 and above should be wearing a mask inside classrooms and outside when they can not social distance.

During Reading Time today, students have signed up for swimming sport events ready for tomorrow. Tomorrow, students should bring swim gear (dress in house colours), food (snacks/lunch), drinks, sun smart gear (hat, sunscreen, long sleeve top, sun glasses), towel and goggles.

I'm sure everyone will have a great day tomorrow—GO LONG!

Senior

Well done and thank you!!!: It's fair to say remote learning is not entirely fun, especially when we are still recovering from our 2020 experiences. However, I just wanted to say well done and thank you to students, parents/guardians and staff for supporting students throughout the recent 5 day lockdown. Your dedication and support has been fantastic.

Study Clix: Our Year 12 staff and students now have access to Study Clix. This is an online program offering students information relating to course content and practice exam questions to complete.

Y10-12 Elevate Education

Our study skills session has been rescheduled to Wednesday March 24th.

YAY school is back: thumbs up!

Pictured is my lovely Year 11 HHD class participating in their class yesterday via teams.



AROUND ELP SRC Representatives 2021

Congratulations to the following students who have been named as our SRC for 2021

Execu-tives	President: Isobelle B Secretary: Zekie J Treasurer: Jasmin G
Year 12	Georgia W Molly H Zoe L
Year 11	Trista W Brodie W Jamieson S
Year 10	Bradley A Sam H
Year 9	Blake D Amy T
Year 8	Mia M Hayden R
Year 7	Keira T Riley W
Year 6	Chloe T Piper L
Year 5	Paige S Oscar B
Junior School	Lucy P Ollie L

Year 2/3 Art work

'Miro' Inspired artworks for the 2/3's painting line, shape and patterns.



Canteen

Fri 19th	P-12 Swimming Carnival	2021 February/ MARCH	
Mon 22nd	Karolyn Campbell Somara Lever	Mon 1st	Belinda Clymo Kirinia Edmunds
Tues 23rd	Rachel Hay	Tues 2nd	Michele Diss Elesha Giudice
Wed 24th	Ebony Lawry Amanda Moroni	Wed 3rd	Sue Pickles
Thurs 25th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 4th	Sue Pickles
Fri 26th	Sue Pickles	Fri 5th	Bec Cullen Wendy Murphy

Don Valley/ Haining Farm School for Student Leadership

On Sunday this week, we will send a team of 6 Year 9 students to the brand new campus of the School for Student Leadership. As part of their program, the students will develop a community leadership project to benefit not just our school, but the wider community. We'd appreciate your input to help us choose the project. Please complete this very quick survey to have your say: <http://bit.ly/CLPsurvey>

