



## Upcoming Dates

8th March Labour  
Day Holiday

10th Parent Teacher  
Student Interviews  
Busses will run at  
normal time

Year 11 & 12 Physics Luna Park  
Excursion"

Sandhurst Swimming Secondary

11th Primary Division Volleyball

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Respect

Responsibility

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Relationships

## From the Principal

### Baseball Caps Are Not Uniform....

I feel like I may be about to state the obvious, but here I go... 'Baseball caps are not a part of our college uniform'. I really hope that this information does not come as a surprise to anyone, as baseball have never been part of the East Loddon P-12 College uniform.

Students have been told this numerous times and some are currently told this on a daily basis. If baseball hats continue to be worn at school then I will start to confiscate them and keep them at the college office until a parent/carer is able to come and collect them from the school.

The college has a beautiful green bucket hat as part of it's summer uniform, which is to be worn in terms 1 and 4, and these are currently available for purchase at the college office.

### Parent Teacher Student Interviews

As mentioned previously, our Parent Teacher Student Interviews will be conducted next Wednesday 10th March. This year our interviews will be conducted online via the Microsoft Teams platform. Interviews will take place from 1:00pm to 5:30pm with a break between 3:00pm and 3:30pm. Busses will run at normal time.

A Compass News Feed will be forwarded to families today, outlining the process of booking and attending online interviews.

I also encourage parents and carers to make regular contact with their child/ren's teachers as open lines of communication between home and the college are extremely important.

### Progress Reports

Staff are currently filling in progress reports for each class, with these being published to parents via Compass first thing on Tuesday. Progress reports provide a brief snapshot of student progress in the areas of -

- Progress on class activities
- Use of class-time
- Behaviour
- Homework
- Detentions or exits from class

Students are rated on a 5-point scale from 'Needs Attention' through to 'Excellent'.

### Love Of Learning—SOLAR

At East Loddon P-12 College it is not only our students that have a love for learning college staff are exactly the same! After taking part in a whole-staff professional development day around the Science of Literacy and Reading, 14 staff have also signed up for a short-course with La Trobe University, which started last night.

### College Photo's

A reminder is extended to all families of the need to return college photo forms asap and before March 19th. Envelopes must be returned for each and every student, rather than one envelope per family.

### Thankyou Richard!

Our much loved Bus 6 driver Richard Evans had his last day as owner/driver of his bus run last Friday after 23 years in the job! Students who travel on bus 6 presented Richard with a beautiful card and gift as the bus arrived at school and it was such a lovely moment to be part of. Richard will continue to drive for the new owners of bus 6 until further notice.

### MartinVale Dentistry Visit

Martin Vale Dentistry will be visiting East Loddon on March 29th and 30th. If families are interested in their child/ren having their teeth checked by MartinVale staff, then the appropriate paperwork must be completed and returned to the college office asap. Please call the college office if you require copies of the relevant paperwork.

### Building Works Update

The college had an electrical upgrade on Sunday with all power being transferred across to a new main switch board. This coming Wednesday will see a team of workers back on site to complete the upgrade to our storm water drainage. This work will be carried out between the art room and the college reservoir.

### This Week's Photo

This week's photo is of Richard Evans and the students who travel on Bus 6.

I hope that you have a terrific long weekend and I look forward to seeing all students on Tuesday!

Stay safe,  
Steve Leed—College Principal

## Assistant Principal's news

### Literacy & Numeracy

This week we had our second **Wednesday Writer's Workshop**. All students are welcome to drop in at lunch time and work on a story, poem or essay. Ms McDiven and Mrs Fleming will be there ready to conference and get excited with the kids about their writing.

There are always competitions that students can choose to enter. At the moment, students from grades 3 to 11 can be working on an animal themed piece which could get chosen for the Young Writers Anthology which will be published as part of the Bendigo Writers Festival. A range of competitions will always be displayed on the Middle Year's notice board.

### CATS

In the world, there are 500 million different cats.

They sleep for 13 to 14 hours a day on mats.

They love to eat rats and cat food.

For 12 or 15 years, they live in a bossy mood.

They are all different colours like gold.

A cheetah is a big cat, I was told.

When they close their eyes slowly it means they kiss you. - Ruby Grade 3

Sally Fleming

Literacy Learning Specialist



3 East Loddon P12 cricket champs in one team!



Welcome,  
Zoe Anne Falls

8b health  
channels  
Ed Sheeran



Another big week at East Loddon. How good is a school that cooks pancakes at recess and they cook too many and so then you get to eat pancakes at lunch and later on during period 6 as well?? I'll tell you how good—burp. The best. Thanks to our band of helpers led by our wellbeing team who came in to help with this monster exercise. All of the kids (and some principals and assistant principals) appreciate it!

Yesterday I was treated to the dulcet tones of our year 8b health class as they sung along to an Ed Sheeran classic, karaoke style at the start of their lesson. Thanks for the invite Mrs Phelan. I am deadly serious when I say, 'it is awesome listening to groups of kids sing'. They really belted it out too. So

glad it's a production year and we might get to hear these and other kids sing on the big stage.

Possibly the best news of the year so far, comes with the arrival of Zoe Anne Falls, daughter of our lab tech Laura and past student Jacko. Grand daughter to our wellbeing leader Wendy and Kids Friday Club leader Robyn and niece to our bur-sar Nathan. If this kid doesn't come to East Loddon it will be a kick in the guts! The entire school community is so happy for you all and we can't wait to meet little Zoe.

In sports news Will, Daisy and Ned played off for Bridgie against Boort in the junior cricket GF last weekend. Good to see kids ranging in age from yr 12 to year 2 playing together. Its

not all about winning right? Yeah sure.

Tomorrow our year 4-6 swim champs head to Bendigo for the interschool carnival and a big bunch of our staff are off to Echuca for an important PD session. A busy end to another busy week.

Finally, our senior Art students headed off with Mr Aurisch to Bendigo yesterday to the Art Gallery. To be honest that makes me a bit jealous, I love that place.

Good luck to Miss Baker who gets married on Sunday and may return as Mrs T. Hmm Mrs T in the art room? Interesting to see if that happens.



## Sub-School Updates

### Junior

#### A Great Start

The excitement of returning to “normal” school has not worn off in the P-4 sub-school with a certain buzz in the air. Students are doing a fantastic job at engaging with their learning across all subjects and have impressed teachers with their awesome effort. Our teachers are also putting in a power of work to ensure all of our students are feeling safe, motivated and challenged.

We are very happy to have received some fantastic feedback from students, parents and colleagues about our start to 2021.

I would also like to acknowledge the efforts made by our college families. Your support at home with establishing routines, helping with homework, listening to nightly readers, and so many other tasks enables our students to have the best school experience. Thank you for all you do for your children.

#### SOLAR Program

We are always striving to get even better at East Loddon and, as such, next Friday we will welcome Professor Pamela Snow to observe each of our P-4 literacy classes in action as part of our roll out of the SOLAR program. P-4 literacy staff will then have a discussion about next steps with the professor.

### Middle

Students in the middle years have been busy working this week!

Year 7 and 8's have been studying the play Frankenstein in their English classes so far this term. Students have now read the play, summarised the plot and analysed main characters. They are working on developing a creative writing piece.

Well done to the following students who achieved a growth rate of 200% or high-

er on the last Math Pathways Test: Oscar B (200%), Alex L (233%), Darcie S (200%), Mackenzie C (200%), Ava M (200%) and Max G (200%). This is an awesome achievement and demonstrates the hard work and effort from these students.

Good luck to those students who have qualified for the Sandhurst Primary Swimming tomorrow!

### Senior



**VCAL Blast Off Day:** Mr Smith, Miss Mitchell and the VCAL class organised an excursion to Miti Rock on

Tuesday. As part of their studies students were required to plan the excursion, including budgeting, contacting transport providers, organising food and activities for the day. Great work Mr Smith & VCAL crew.

**Best wishes to Miss Baker,** whose getting married. Miss B will make a beautiful bride and wife.

**P Plates:** students who are turning 18 (exciting) and getting their licence (scary) need to complete departmental forms regarding driving to school and driving siblings. See me for the forms.

**VCE Arts students** attended an excursion to Bendigo to see exhibits from former students and participate in presentations regarding their folio work. Thanks Mr Aurisch for organising this.

**Congratulations Y9/10 Girls Tennis Team** who won the Inter-school tournament. Nice work to the boys also who were runners up. Well done, Mr Rudkins on your coaching.



## AROUND ELP SPORTS

### 9/10 Sporting Results

Monday 1st March we had Year 9/10's compete in the Volleyball and Tennis Days in Bendigo.



9/10 Girls tennis won the Mollie Sandner Cup—placing 1st over 9 other schools.

9/10 Boys tennis placed 2nd out of 10 Bendigo schools.

The girls will now compete at Loddon Mallee Region on Monday 26th April—Well Done!

9/10 Girls Volleyball won their Bronze Pool competition

9/10 Boys Volleyball were competitive and placed 3rd in their Bronze Pool.

### Friday 5th March

Primary Swimming Day

### Wednesday 10th March

Secondary Division Swimming

### Thursday 11th March

Year 5/6 Volleyball Day

## SRC NEWS

This week, the SRC met to discuss changes to the Student Feedback Survey for this term.

We also brainstormed potential charities to support this year. Over the next fortnight, students will also think about how we can improve our Student Learning Goals.



East Loddon Auskick Centre Registrations are now open for NAB AFL Auskick, please register at [play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)

Every Monday 3.45-4.45 at East Loddon P-12 College. Ages 5-12. Starting Monday 26th April.



**IGNITE A PASSION FOR THE GAME!**

East Loddon Auskick Centre

East Loddon P-12 College, Monday's 3:45pm - 4:45pm

Starts Mon April 26th. Registrations now open!

[play.afl/auskick](http://play.afl/auskick)

## Pancake Day



## Canteen

<b>Fri 5th</b>	Miranda Smith Wendy Murphy	<b>2021 MARCH</b>	
<b>Mon 8th</b>	Labour Day Holiday	<b>Mon 15th</b>	Margaret Hocking
<b>Tues 9th</b>	Michelle Diss	<b>Tues 16th</b>	Sue Pickles
<b>Wed 10th</b>	Nicky Lawry Shannon Ralphs	<b>Wed 17th</b>	Penny Cockerell Narelle Niewandt
<b>Thurs 11th</b>	Sue Pickles	<b>Thurs 18th</b>	Sue Pickles
<b>Fri 12th</b>	Mel Primrose Brian Duffy	<b>Fri 19th</b>	Cheryl Green Karen Pascoe

## School for Student Leadership

This week, our students at the Don Valley- Haining Farm Campus have been team building with Boort District School. The two schools have been paired together for when they go on 'expo'. This involves camping out, hiking and sharing leader roles throughout the journey.

Students have e-mailed this week to say they are having a great time. They have a busy schedule and are meeting lots of new people. Soon, they will go on their first expo.

Sarah Clare  
Curriculum Learning Specialist

