



Upcoming Dates

17th Year 7/8 Volleyball and
Tennis sport day

18th Loddon Mallee Swimming

23rd Year 7 & 10 Immunisation

24th College Photos

26th Parent's Association AGM
2pm at the college

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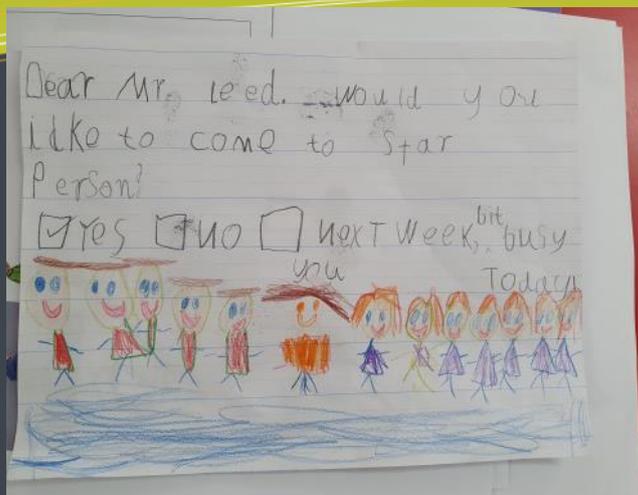
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Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

From the Principal

Student Feedback Surveys

Between today and the end of next week, all students from prep to year 12 will complete feedback surveys for staff. These surveys have been conducted the past 3 or so years and are a fantastic learning and reflective tool for staff.

Each statement on the student feedback surveys relates specifically to our agreed teaching and learning model known as ILEARN. We ask that students complete surveys in an honest and respectful manner and we conclude with open-ended questions about what the teacher does well, and what the teacher could improve upon.

This term, our college captains and all student representative council members have reviewed the survey statements and made some minor changes. New statements this year at a year 5—12 level are -

- I have a positive connection with this teacher.

- My teacher teaches me subject specific vocabulary and concepts.

- Do you feel that our periods of remote and flexible learning are still impacting on your schooling? If so, how?

Parent Teacher Student Interviews

After the running of our first ever online Parent Teacher Student Interviews yesterday, we are chasing some feedback and thoughts from parents and carers. Please email me with any feedback or thoughts at steven.leed@education.vic.gov.au

Love Of Learning—SOLAR

Staff have continued their collective focus on the Science of Language and Reading, with a great number of us taking part in the next short-course session with La-Trobe University last night. Tomorrow we will also see Professor Pam Snow in the college providing coaching to staff throughout the day.

School Sporting Success

I just want to start this section by stating that the most important thing for us as a staff (when it comes to sports days) is that our students show a 'can-do' attitude, and try their very best with all sports and events that they participate in. We are very proud of the fact that our students overwhelmingly 'have a go'!

It is however, also very nice to recognise some of the outstanding achievements of our students in the sporting arena. At yesterday's Sandhurst Division Swimming event in Bendigo, our 13-16 year old girls placed first in division B, with Marley A taking out the 14 year old age group champion!

At another recent yr 9/10 Sports Day our girls tennis team took out first prize for the entire event, which was something that we had not done for many, many years.

It is always quite nice for our small rural school to do so well up against much larger Bendigo based schools. Well done everyone!

East Loddon Mens Shed

Our terrific fellows at the East Loddon Men's Shed are looking for more participants to join them in their activities. If you are interested in finding out more about this then please call Phil Hercus on 0412770807.

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.

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

Our building works have been progressing once again this week with builders onsite to carry out a range of tasks such as the continuation of storm-water drainage and smaller-scale projects within the area behind the temp-fencing.

This Week's Photo

This weeks photo is of a fantastic invitation that I recently received from the year 1 class. I simply couldn't refuse the chance to be the 'Star Person' and answer some terrific questions about myself so that the days writing activity could progress.

Steve Leed—College Principal

Assistant Principal's news

Literacy & Numeracy

Students in Years 5—10 have been working on solving worded problems in Maths this term.

Frequently students can solve the maths involved, but get confused by what the problem is about.

A structured approach to worded problems can help them get started. First, predict what they think the question is asking. Then, look for keywords or useful information before trying to do any calculations. Once they have a solution, use a different strategy to check whether their answer makes sense.

Recognising keywords is particularly important and highlights the role of literacy in numeracy. Maths terms often have different meanings in other situations, such as 'product' or 'capacity.' Checking what the question is asking is also important, such as whether more than one answer is required.

Building these skills will help students approach worded problems more confidently. They will frequently come across them in assessments like NAPLAN and VCE exams.

You can help your child at home by encouraging them to highlight or underline what they think is important information in the problem. They should also note down any unfamiliar words to follow up with their teacher.

Rebecca Johns
Chemistry and Mathematics
Teacher

**Acting Curriculum Learning
Specialist**

So we've had some unexpected dunny problems and we offer our apologies for that. The gym toilets have been running short of water now and again since upgrades were completed during remote learning last year. Please tell your child that if any toilets don't seem to be operational, they should report the fault to the office. On these occasions we have made alternative toilets available for students.

Yesterday was a big test for us all. We had our first run at remote interviews. It seemed to have a lot of pros and presented some cons also. In my view, it was certainly good to be able to talk one on one to parents without students present. It was also easier to keep to allotted times. Supervision of students seemed easier also and all kids were present at school until normal bus time. Many parents also found it

easier in not having to leave work to attend. As with all experiments, we would love some feedback. In short though, I liked it and that's all that really matters!

How about our Year 9/10 girls tennis team, whoop. Beating the best of the best from Bendigo. That makes us all so happy and proud, maybe none more so than Mr Rudkins. We think it was back in the 80's when we last won the Molly Sanders Cup. Well done to all involved.

I love that our senior Physics students went to Luna Park yesterday. What a ripping real life application of science. Acceleration, Forces, Circular Motion. All of this, combined to lead two of our kids in to an experiment on projectile motion as they vomited their way through

the twists and turns of the fairground rides. We don't get out enough right? This is also a good lesson in why you don't choose 'carnie' as a career. Someone gotta clean that.

Finally, this weekend would be a good time to get your kids hair cut. Photos are 24th March. If you leave it until next week there will be no time to fix the potential 'bad do'. Good luck.



School Breaky Program

Every Tuesday and Thursday morning, at the school canteen, straight after buses arrive.

Available **for ALL** students – free of charge

MENU: toast with vegemite or jam, fresh fruit, fruit cups, muesli bars, fruit juice, milk, milo, cereal, yoghurt (when available)

Everyone welcome

Brought to you by our school Wellbeing Team & Victorian State Government.



Parent's Association AGM Friday 26th March @ 2pm at East Loddon P12 College

The current Parent's Association Committee welcomes all interested parents/carers to attend our 2021 AGM.

We will be electing office bearers: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Uniform Coordinator and then planning our fundraising and activities for 2021.

We look forward to seeing some new faces and sharing ideas for 2021.

If you have any queries or questions please call Natalie Rose on 0407 848 236.



Sub-School Updates

Junior

PTSI

It was fantastic to talk to parents yesterday about student progress through our Parent Teacher Student Interviews. Regular communication between the families and the school is critical to your child's educational experience. This could be in the form of a phone call, email, letter or face to face chats (if permitted).

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it on to Teams yesterday. If you were unable to talk with your child's teachers, we would encourage you to reach out in order to organise a time to catch up.

Sub School Captains' Report

Hi everyone. We (Tom and Zali) are the junior sub-school captains for 2021. We help out around the P-4 sub-school by doing things like helping when someone gets hurt, showing the "Four Rs", making sure other kids are playing nicely in the yard and running the weekly assembly. We are excited to be the captains for the year and write to you every week in the newsletter about P-4 activities, events and learning. We hope you tune in every week. Tom and Zali.



Middle

Thank you to all parents and staff for the Parent-Teacher Student Interviews last night! It is always wonderful for staff to share the amazing things our middle school students are doing. Please remember that parents are encouraged to contact their child's subject teacher or myself at anytime if they have any concerns. This week has been filled with sporting excursions in the middle years. We have now had the Sandhurst Prima-

ry and Secondary Swimming Sports. Today the Grade 5/6's are out at Volleyball in Bendigo.

Well done to Marley A for winning the Under 14 girls age champion at Sandhurst Swimming! Also congratulations to Angus A for also qualifying for LMR swimming next week.

Next week we will have the Year 7/8 Tennis and Volleyball!

Senior

Congrats Olivia Y11: last Wednesday evening Olivia was the proud and very deserving recipient of the Zonta Club of Bendigo Gwen Symons Memorial Scholarship. The prize money contributes to school booklist expenses. Olivia received a second place scholarship that was very kindly created for her as a result of the application and interview process.



Congrats Zoe Y12: Zoe has received some pleasing news that she is now through to the

regional finals of the Lions Youth of the Year in Numerkah later in the month. We wish Zoe all the best with her persuasive piece and impromptu presentation.

Thanks to parents/guardians: for supporting our online interviews via teams. It was a new and different experience for us all. If there are staff that you were unable to speak to on the day please contact that staff member directly.

Great to see so many students attending the inter-school swimming also. Thanks to Mr Young and Mrs McNamara for attending and helping the students to compete in these events.

Take care and please try to be nice and positive

AROUND ELP SRC

SRC

The SRC are excited by the rollout of the new Student Feedback Survey to students across the college over the next fortnight or so. Next week, we will be meeting on Thursday at lunchtime.

SPORTS

Sporting Results

Last Friday 5th March we sent 22 students to compete in the Bendigo Primary Division Swimming at the Bendigo East Swimming Pool.

We had some great results with 3 of our students qualifying for the Loddon Mallee Region Swimming in Swan Hill next Thursday 18th March good luck to:

- Angus A—50m Freestyle
- Zali C— 50m Breaststroke
- Lucy P—50m Butterfly

Thanks to Mrs Hocking and Miss Colville for attending the day.

Secondary Division Swimming—Wednesday 10th March.

21 Students travelled into the Sandhurst Division Swimming at the Bendigo Aquatic Centre

We had some fantastic results with a number of ribbon winners.

East Loddon won 13-16 Year Girls Division B and the Boys placed 2nd.

Overall, East Loddon placed 5th out of the 11 schools who competed—a great effort

Marley A won the 14 Year old girls age champion.

Two of our swimmers qualified for the Loddon Mallee Region Swimming in Swan Hill next Thursday 18th March good luck to:

- Marley A—50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 15m 4x50m Individual Medley
- Jaxon A—50m Breaststroke

Thanks to Mrs McNamara and Mr Young for attending the day.

Upcoming Sports Days:

Monday 16th March

Bar-rook Field and Game School Target Shoot

Wednesday 17th March

Year 7/8 Tennis (Boys and Girls)

Year 7/8 Volleyball (Boys & Girls)

Thursday 18th March

Loddon Mallee Swimming

Wellbeing News

Connections

Life is busy. Connecting with our children is so important, and can be so difficult at times.

Research tells us that it take five positive interactions to every negative to keep a relationship healthy. I don't know how everyone else's mornings go but some days that can be really hard, so it is about finding those opportunities.

Driving in the car is so much easier to talk, teenagers especially find it a lot easier to talk when we are not looking at their every facial expression, so on the way to school, after the chaos that is getting out the front door, ask,

What are you looking forward to today?

What are you not looking forward to today?

Share some stories, you remember from school, tell them what you are not looking forward to, this helps to normalise that we all have things we don't look forward to.

You can try this again on the way home, or even around the dinner table, something you might like to try is, best, worth and funniest; where each person shares the ones of each of those moments from their day. Even by doing this a couple of times a week, it helps younger children build conversation skills and older children do more than the teenager response of 'fine' 😊

Canteen

		2021 MARCH	
Fri 12th	Mel Primrose Brian Duffy		
Mon 15th	Margaret Hocking	Mon 22nd	Kia Hooke
Tues 16th	Sue Pickles	Tues 23rd	Sue Pickles
Wed 17th	Penny Cockerell Narelle Niewand	Wed 24thth	Bree Hocking
Thurs 18th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 25th	Sue Pickles
Fri 19th	Cheryl Green Karen Pascoe	Fri 26th	Lisa Twigg Bec Cullen

Swimming Photos from Sandhurst Primary and Secondary Swimming

