



Upcoming Dates

26th Parent's Association AGM
2pm Meeting room

29th—31st Year 9/10 ODE

Canoe Camp

MartinVale Dentistry

APRIL

1st End 1st Term Early finish

Buses leave 2.30pm

19th TERM 2 Begins

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Choices – Option A or B

A



B

Which will you choose? What steps will you take to get there?

Respect Responsibility Resilience Relationships

Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

From the Principal

School For Student Leadership Visit

I am very excited to be heading down to Don Valley tomorrow to see our students who are participating in the School for Student Leadership at the Haining Farm Campus. Students will be presenting their Community Learning Projects, as well as providing us Principals with a tour of the campus and a tasty lunch. I can't wait to see the terrific work that has been completed by Alex, Mark, Jackson, Charlize, Brodie and Amy.

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 and I have been very pleased with the level of feedback that student's have provided to our staff. Before the end of term, staff will present data back to classes so that students and staff are able to go through the feedback together.

We as a staff ask our students to provide feedback to us each term in relation to the way in which we deliver curriculum and teach to our agreed ILEARN model. We expect respectful, open and honest feedback on all occasions and we use this data to help inform our future teaching. We know as a staff that we can continue to learn and improve each day and we are keen to do this **with** our students as we believe that student voice plays a large part in the learning journey of each child.

Student feedback data can also be used as a terrific reflection-tool for staff members.

IGA Community Rewards Program

A huge thankyou is extended to all in the community who have been shopping at the Eaglehawk IGA and donating their community rewards points to our college. This week we were fortunate enough to receive a cheque for \$3640 that can now go back into the teaching and learning programs for our students. What a tremendous effort by everyone!

Tutor Learning Initiative

The college has employed Mrs Kate Ellis and Miss Dana Bish as part of the Tutor Learning Initiative and we look forward to welcoming them both onto our college staff through until the end of the year. Most classes across the college will have some tutor time within the week and we are excited by the learning opportunities that will be afforded to our students.

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.

This Week's Photo

This weeks 'photo' is of one of our 4 posters that we have displayed in every classroom at the college. 'Choices' refers to the fact that we all have choices in life that we can make. All of these choices also have associated consequences and it is important that we realise that the positive and negative consequences that we deal with in life, most often occur because of the choices we have made. We sometimes fall into the habit of blaming others, but it is important to note that we are the ones in charge of the choices we choose to make. Food for thought...

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable weekend!

Steve Leed—College Principal

Thursday 1st April Term 1 Ends Early Finish Buses leave 2.30pm

Assistant Principal's News

Literacy & Numeracy

How much maths do you use in your daily life?

For many of us, our initial response is 'not much', yet when we think about it, maths is something that we all use every day, although we may not realise it.

The problem is that the maths we do every day has become so familiar to us that we may not even see it as maths anymore. One of the biggest areas of maths we take for granted is estimation. We use estimation in almost everything we do from cooking food to travelling.

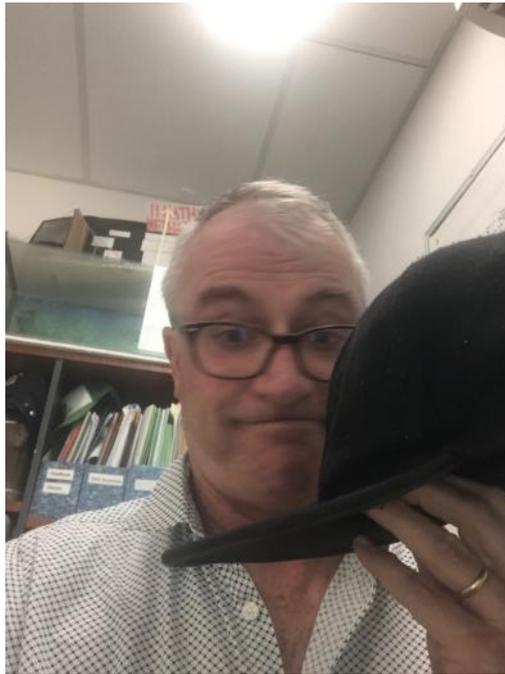
As adults, many of us do not see ourselves as mathematicians. This may be partly because the maths we remember is complicated formulas and pages of calculations from senior secondary years.

As parents, we need to help our children explore the maths in our everyday lives. Any time we count, measure, use directions, look for patterns, sort objects, build, play card and board games, we are using elements of mathematics.

With the holidays approaching, the challenge for parents is to highlight the maths skills we take for granted doing those everyday tasks!

(Adapted from 'Finding the maths' by Cassandra Lowry, Australian Maths Science Institute)

Rebecca Johns
Acting Curriculum
Learning Specialist



In this picture, you will notice a bad haircut and a non uniform hat. Caps will be confiscated from Monday. If your child has one, please tell them to keep it at home, or they won't see it until the holidays.

This week has been super busy, which I may as well type in to my newsletter for next week as well. Its pretty common for everyone right??

Monday, Tuesday and even a bit of Wednesday, highlighted the fact that just below the surface of the earth is a layer of thick mud. Given that we've had a bit of earth removed due to the building works, we have mud everywhere. That awesome rain that we had, uncovered a fair bit of it. Please tell your kids to stay out of it where possible. We know how attractive the lure of walking in mud and puddles is, but we will soon have a very dirty school if we cant get this under control.

Photo day went off well and thanks to the rain holding off we actually still had the ability to do group photos on the central lawn. Yay. For those kids who were crook on the day, the pho-

tographer will return to take individual photos on the Tuesday 27th April, in term 2. So all is not lost.

Our senior kids had some lectures yesterday about study habits which were really helpful and today our prep to year 6 students participated in 'Shekere Beats' a drumming class/ exhibition/performance. I didn't see it but I certainly heard it.

Next week we are off on a canoe camp with the year 9/10 Outdoor Ed kids. Really looking forward to that.

Here's a grumble.....

We have a great school. It's no secret. We have awesome kids and supportive parents. We have caring staff. We don't need to be overly pushy with discipline as most of our students do as they are required. Our uniform is worn

in some extent or another by every student. Occasionally foot-ware is the wrong colour and we understand this and accept that most are doing their best to ensure their kids are in full uniform every day. (so here's the grumble) HATS. Can you tell your kids not to wear caps. Please. It's a game, played mainly by older boys, but it is boring and tedious. Teachers are constantly telling the same students to take off their black caps, which are not uniform and offer little sun protection, to put on a uniform hat. It can't wear any thinner than it has worn. From Monday caps will be confiscated. If your child needs a uniform hat, they are available for sale at the office.

Grumble over.

Have a great weekend. Carlton v's Collingwood tonight. Remember when that meant something??



Sub-School Updates

Junior

Easter Bonnet Parade

A reminder that our Easter Bonnet Parade is next Thursday at school. Students and families can make and decorate your bonnets (hats) at home and wear them in on the day. This will also be an out of uniform day. Families are invited to come in at 1:30pm on this day to view the parade.

Sub School Captains' Report

We hope lots of people enjoyed the drums and Shekeres today and learning all of the new words. Thanks to Jonas for travelling all this way to put on a really cool show for us.



Middle

During the Sub-School Captain Leadership opportunity this year we are planning on doing some things for the middle years. We want to run the Middle Years Social again this year. We want to get some chickens in the chicken coop that the years 7's built last year.

We are also wanting to organise some lunchtime activities like gar-

dening, board games and games in the gym.

We are also running a colouring competition at the moment for the Middle years, which will be due on Wednesday 31st March in the morning with prizes for winners. Stay safe .

Middle Years Leaders Ava and Fynn

Senior

Elevate Education: yesterday our Year 10-12 students attended various Elevate Education sessions in order to help them achieve their best throughout their senior years of schooling. At each year level there was a different focus. For example, Y10 Time Management and Study Sensai, Y11 Student Elevation and Memory Mnemonics and Y12 Ace Your Exams. The feedback from students was extremely positive. Gemma said the most important thing she learned was, "How to manage time better and tips on doing practice questions". Ash, commented that there



was, "Lots of useful information". Jaxon felt the most valuable tip he learned was, "Using a traffic light system". Brodie commented that he learned, "It's sometimes easier to learn a new term by linking it to something you already know". Britney felt that, "Setting a specific goal" was the most important tip she learned for the day.

Thanks to our students for giving up their valuable lunch time, class time and study periods



AROUND ELP SPORTS

LMR Swimming Results:

- Jaxon A—5th in 50m Breaststroke
- Angus A— 2nd in 50m Freestyle
- Zali C— 1st in 50m Breaststroke
- Lucy P— 2nd in 50m Butterfly
- Marley A—2nd in 50m Freestyle, 1st in 50m Breaststroke, 2nd in Individual Medley
- Zali and Marley will compete at State Finals early next term.

Wednesday 31st March

Primary Cluster Athletics

This is our cluster athletics against Kangaroo Flat, Violet St and Golden Square Primary schools.

(Year 4,5 and 6) - Students have nominated and tried out for this team.

Information will come home to those selected students soon.

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.

See photos on the back page.

SPORTS PHOTOS

Ned, Connor and Mason at the Barook Field and Game Shoot
The East Loddon LMR Swim Team
Zali C – qualified for states
Marley A – qualified for states



Canteen

		2021 MARCH/ APRIL	
Fri 26th	Lisa Twigg Bec Cullen		
Mon 29th	Karolyn Campbell Jessica Penny	Mon 19th	Belinda Clymo
Tues 30th	Rachel Hay Louise Hocking	Tues 20th	Sue Pickles
Wed 31st	Sue Pickles	Wed 21st	Kylie Addlem Carly Noble
Thurs 1st	Sue Pickles	Thurs 22nd	Sue Pickles
Fri 2nd	Holidays begin Good Friday	Fri 23rd	Kristie Cullinan Wendy Murphy

SRC Fundraiser Thursday 1st April, Footy Colours Day \$2+ donation.

The SRC are fundraising for the Good Friday Appeal. The Good Friday Appeal raises much needed funds to provide children with world class medical care at the Royal Children's Hospital.

On Thursday next week (last day of term), students are welcome to come to school in casual clothes or their footy colours in exchange for a \$2+ donation to the Good Friday Appeal.

SRC Representatives will collect donations in Reading Time that morning, however, you can also 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.

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

