



Upcoming Dates

AUGUST

Fri 25th

Athletics Carnival

SEPTEMBER

Friday 1st

Book Week

Monday 4th-6th

9/10 Outdoor Ed Camp

Thursday 7th

College Production

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Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

From the Principal

*** PARENT OPINION SURVEY ***

All families are encouraged to fill in the Department of Education's 2023 Parent and Caregiver Opinion Survey. These surveys help to inform the college of future strategic direction and we ask that the surveys are taken seriously and that feedback is open, honest and respectful.

To complete the survey, simply:

1. Click on the link below, or copy and paste the text into your browser. This link will take you directly to the survey.

<https://www.orima.com.au/parent>

2. Select the School and Campus name below.

School Name: **East Loddon P-12 College**

Campus Name: **East Loddon P-12 College**

3. Enter the School PIN below.

PIN: **429453**

Cyber-Safety Sessions

On Tuesday of this week, the college was fortunate to have Allie from Mallee Family Care Community Legal Centre come to the college to deliver cybersafety sessions to students from Prep to year 10. I sat in on all sessions in order to ensure that I was up to date with the messages that our students were being delivered and I found the sessions to be very relevant. The key messages of all sessions revolved around 'safety' and 'speaking up to a trusted adult' if a student comes across concerning content online.

Key messages I took from the sessions were based around the importance of setting up rules for technology use in the home, the potential dangers in 'online worlds' with regards to websites and apps that have age restrictions and/or offers of 'free' gifts and game credits, as well as the key point once again that THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS AN ONLINE FRIEND. Students in the middle and

senior schools were also briefed on the importance of seeking permission and consent before posting any images of others online, and were made aware of the dangers and potential ramifications around spreading online rumours and sharing images of themselves and/or others.

I encourage all parents and carers of Prep to year 10 students to have a chat with their child about online safety and see what some of the key messages were that they took from these cybersafety sessions.

I do not write this next comment to alarm parents or carers, but I think it would be quite concerning for many of you to understand just what can and does happen online. Our children have access to so many wonderful and not so wonderful things online and in many instances, our children will know more than us when it comes to online technologies. I believe that it is really important for us to have open lines of communication with our children with regards to technology. I also believe that it is important for us as adults and parents/carers to have a greater and more up-to-date understanding of the online world. The college is currently looking to get an expert in this field to come and present to staff and parents/carers before the end of the year.

Victorian Principal's Conference

I am currently at a 2-day Principal conference in Melbourne and will miss tomorrow's aths sports due to this. This year's conference is titled 'Future Schools, Future Leaders' and has many impressive presenters such as Louka Parry (The Learning Future), Dr Catriona Wallace (AI and the Metaverse), Pasi Sahlberg, Dan Haesler, Angela Falkenberg and Dale Sidebottom.

This Week's Photo

This week's photo is of our current student teacher Mr Tim Blackmore who is with the college until the end of the term, working predominantly with Ms Harrington and Miss Mitchell. Be sure to say hello to Tim if you see him at tomorrow's sports day.

Steve Leed—College Principal

Science Week

Last week was National Science Week with the theme of Innovation: Powering Future Industries. We celebrated the week with a variety of activities including:

- Year 11 students making jelly lenses with the Prep class



- Year 10 students planting trees with Grade 3 & 4, making marsh'molecules'

- Year 9 students also making jelly lenses with the Year 3 class

- Year 8 class learning about gut biomes and dark matter on an excursion to GTAC & Science Gallery



- Year 7 class debating which animal to save on an excursion to Ecolinc
- P-4 students investigating a range of topics on an excursion to the Discovery Centre.



Assistant Principal's news

It would be unfair to all Carlton supporters if I didn't mention we had another win! So I will say it now: 'We had another win!' Is that 9? I dunno, it's heaps... Bring on the finals Blueflaggers.

In other less interesting news, our students have decided that peaked caps are the go at the moment. This is not supported by the college and to be honest is probably got a bit out of hand. Yesterday I was challenged by a student, when I asked them to take off their non uniform cap. Not only was

the cap non-uniform but it contained script that was pretty offensive. This pressed my buttons a little. Know this; If your child wears non uniform items that can be removed, then they will be asked to remove them. If they refuse, then there will be a consequence. If your child is one that leaves for school in a peaked cap, please take it from them and give it to them when they get home. Thanks for your assistance with this.

If you desperately want to be out of uniform, please

go crazy tomorrow. Wear the colours of your house with pride. I have been working on a little red number that is sure to size on the catwalk. Parents should dress up too. It will be a fun day and promises to be nice weather. It all kicks off at 9:15 am

More dress up opportunities exist the next Friday for book week. Fav book or book character. Google some ideas and bring it on.

On all other days, wear uniform please.

Mr Wilko

Wellbeing News

We know technology can be positively amazing!!

But, sometimes NOT, perhaps unknowingly drawn into 'dark' and unsafe places?

How can we help keep our young people safe online?

Do we know what our kids can view online at any time?

Our P-10 students received important CYBER-Safety reminders this week following sessions presented to each year level by Allie from Mallee Family Care/Community Legal Centre.

Topics ranged from being kind & safe online (for our younger students), to legalities around sharing intimate images and laws around sexual consent, (for our older students).

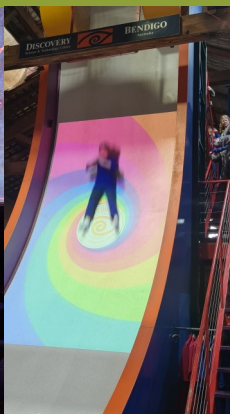
Key message/recommendations for all families-

1. **Be kind and share online**
2. **No screens in the bedroom**
3. **No devices at the dinner table**
4. **Use devices in shared spaces**
5. **Ask a trusted adult first to go online**
6. **Don't share private information eg- your name, address, where you go to school etc**
7. **There is no such thing as an 'online friend' (need to know them in person)**
8. **Online bullying – mean or abusive text messages, spreading rumours, making up fake profiles are all bullying and this can be illegal**
9. **Legalities around intimate image sharing and sexual consent. Eg- It is illegal to share nude pics with others.**

Excellent Help Resources with facts/info for families to help their kids navigate changing apps, games, social media platforms. **See attached Cybersafety Reference Guide-** eg- eSafety Commissioner, Think U Know, Common Sense Media, Susan McLean

Sub-School Updates

Junior



The P4 students had a great time at the Discovery Centre! The vertical slide was the terrifying!

Middle

In the classrooms, fantastic work is being completed across the Middle Years. This week we can celebrate the skill building of our Grade 5 students in the workshop. They have been busy throughout the term designing and developing pull along wooden toys. Many of the students have decided to add additions or animal trains to their initial designs and we are looking forward to seeing the final products over the next couple of weeks



Grade 5

Senior

Wednesday 23rd of August 100% attendance from our Y9 group: worth celebrating I think. I was so impressed when the students explained they were all in attendance. Angela (MIPS and Careers Co) had kindly organised an awesome excursion for us. Students travelled to Bendigo TAFE (City and Charleston Road campus) to participate in two TAFE taster classes. The staff were fantastic. Students were able to select from classes such as, hair & beauty, animal and ag, building and bricklaying, plumbing and electrical, auto and engineering and hospitality. Students made key rings, wooden chopping boards, scones, painted nails and styled hair and more. After a brief stop for lunch students then split into three groups to visit Hoffmans Engineering, Bendigo Art Gallery and Bendigo War Museum. All were terrific, at each location the staff took a genuine interest and care in our students. Thanks very much Angela for organising this excursion.

Pictured are some students in the TAFE classes.



Y9&10 Outdoor Ed Ski

Camp payment: is due Friday 1st of September.

Please can the payment and consent forms be provided to the College office or paid/completed on compass.

Y10 & 11 pathway subject selections interviews: interviews started on Tuesday and will continue into next week. I love this part of my job. It's great hearing about students dreams, and career aspirations or helping to them to see what their strengths are and aligning this with a career pathway. If parents/carers would like to be part of these interviews please contact me or speak to myself or your child about what we discussed.

Y12 VTAC applications: trying not to put too much pressure on our Y12s but gradually catching up with students and their helping them to submit their VTAC preferences.

Best wishes Miss Pay and Hayden: just wanted to acknowledge and thank Miss Pay for all her hardwork, time and effort in her time at the College. Wishing her all the best with a new and exciting chapter as a mum.

See you all at the AHS sports tomorrow...

GO SHAW!!!

AROUND ELP SPORTS

Athletics Carnival

Tomorrow

Tomorrow is the school athletics carnival! Go Shaw!

Activities will start at 9:15am, parents and carers are welcome to attend the day.

The canteen will **NOT** be open.

The parents association will be running a barbeque selling sausages and drinks.

The VM students will be running a stall selling lollies which is raising money to pay for barista and food handling courses.

Students are encouraged to get in their team spirit and wear their house colours. A reminder that students outfits should SunSmart be appropriate for competing in. the events for the day.

We will have timetables available in the day.

Leanne Welsh and crew will be running a coffee van prior to the evening performance, with hot drinks and Leanne's famous lamb and veggie soup available to purchase. Our Senior VM students will also be running a stall before the show and during the interval, selling cold drinks and theatre snacks.



Please Return this Form

East Loddon Food Share Program Inc. are offering College families the opportunity to receive a Food Hamper box every term with the option to opt out at anytime.

Please fill out the following details below:

NAME of CHILD: _____

SURNAME: _____

BUS NO. _____

ALTERNATIVE REQUEST: _____

Contact: Nadine Ray 0419 508 567 or Heather Atkinson 0419 518 974

Please Return by Thursday, 7th September 2023

Production – Tickets now on sale!

It's hard to believe that our college production of Matilda the Musical is only two weeks away! Despite a range of challenges, our leading cast have been working incredibly hard, along with each year level as they work on their class act or other contributions.

Please note that all students are required for both the matinee performance (during the school day) and evening performance. Families are asked to also take note of the below information please regarding costumes.

- **Prep:** casual clothing (no pictures or logos please!)
 - **Year 1-2:** Grey leggings/shorts/tracksuit pants and a white or grey plain T-shirt (no logos or pictures)
 - **Year 3-11:** White shirt, grey shorts/skirt/pants (no logos or pictures on clothing)
 - **Year 12:** casual clothing (themselves as parents)
- All:** usual school shoes, ankle socks (if wearing longer socks, they must be white or grey)

Costumes are required no later than Thu 31st August and will be left at school for dress rehearsals. On the day of the production, students will come to school as usual and will get changed into their costumes prior to the performance. They will board the bus to go home as usual at the end of the day.

Leading cast members and some other senior school students may be asked to stay behind at school that afternoon (a note will go home shortly for these students).

All students are required back at school by 5:40pm to get ready for a 6pm show.

Please direct any questions related to the college production to Chelsea Harrington via email or phone through the college office.

Chelsea Harrington
Chelsea.harrington@education.vic.gov.au



Celebrate Book Week 2023 with your favourite book and matching costume!!!

East Loddon P-12 Parade is being held on Friday morning 1st of September

Students should come dressed as their favourite book character. It would be great if they could bring the book as well.

This event requires a gold coin donation.

At P-12 assembly during reading time held in the gym, parents and guardians / East Loddon community members are welcome to come and view the parade

PRIZES FOR

- Best dressed from each year level
- Best coordinated group costume
- Best Costume overall

Bring the book your character is from.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to come ask Lilly and Drew from Year 10 or Mrs Fleming.



Canteen

2023 Aug/Sept	
Fri 25th	Athletics Carnival NO CANTEEN
Mon 28th	Belinda Clymo
Tues 29th	Mel Primrose
Wed 30th	Kylie Addlem
Thurs 31st	Mel Primrose
September Fri 1st	Wendy Murphy Kristie Noonan
Mon 4th	Heidi Ferguson Brian Duffy
Tues 5th	Mel Primrose
Wed 6th	Sharon Hughes
Thurs 7th	Mel Primrose
Fri 8th	Deb Smith Shan Ralphs