



Upcoming Dates

MARCH

29—30th

Year 9/10 ODE Canoe Camp

Martin Vale Dentistry

30th Year 11 Fit2Drive

APRIL

1st Last Day Term 1

Early finish Buses leave

2.30pm

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Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

From the Principal

Remembering two Fantastic Community Members and Avid Supporters Of Our College

On behalf of all college staff, I wish to acknowledge the recent passing of two wonderful men within our college community. Mr John Forbes OAM and Mr Ron Vinnicombe were both tremendous supporters of our local communities and were avid supporters of the East Loddon P-12 College.

Our thoughts are firmly with all members of their families, as well as their friends. We feel privileged to have known two such community-minded men who so often put others ahead of themselves.

Rest in peace John and Ron.

Breakfast Program Tuesday and Thursday

Our college wellbeing team currently run a breakfast program every Tuesday and Thursday, with the help of a wonderful band of volunteers. This year the breakfast program is running from the college canteen, with **milo and food available for all students** from Prep to Year 12.

Student Feedback Surveys

Students have been busily completing our Student Feedback surveys this week. These surveys are given to all students across the college each term and focus on the way in which we as staff are individually teaching our lessons. We really value the voice of our students and appreciate the honest, open and respectful feedback that is given.

Tutor Learning Initiative

Beginning next Friday, our college will have 2 tutors working within classrooms to assist in the education of our students across numerous year levels. This is part of the departments Tutor Learning Initiative which came about as a result of the interrupted year that we had in 2020 due to Covid-19 and associated periods of remote learning.

The college has employed Mrs Kate Ellis and Miss Dana Bish as part of this initiative, and we look forward to welcoming them both onto our college staff through until the end of the year.

Victorian High Achievers Program

9 students from years 5—7 have been identified as 'high

-achievers' in the areas of either English or Mathematics, based on results of previous testing, and have now been invited into the Victorian High Achievers Program for Term 2. This program sees students join a virtual classroom for one session per week for 10 weeks in Term 2, with other students from across the state. We have previously had students participate in and speak highly of this extension program and look forward to having students participate in this initiative once again.

East Loddon Men's 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

Please return college photo forms by the end of the day tomorrow. 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

Building works have continued this week with storm water piping being extended from the college art room to the reservoir at the back of the college. We will shortly see the further clearing of the building site beside the college admin building so that the new 'block b' building can be started. Works are scheduled to be completed in readiness for the start of the 2022 school year.

This Week's Photo

My photo this week is of an artwork completed by Tahlia B (yr 10) which is inspired by the 'photojoiner' work of artist David Hockney.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable weekend!

Steve Leed—College Principal

Assistant Principal's news

Literacy & Numeracy

George Bernard Shaw, author of 'My Fair Lady', once claimed that English was so strange that we could spell the word 'fish' as 'ghoti'. We can use the spelling at the end of 'cough' for the 'f' sound. We can use the 'o' in 'women' for the 'i' sound. We can use the 'ti' in 'nation' for the 'sh' sound.

English is infinitely creative and does have some fun quirks but we all know that 'fish' would never be spelled that way. The spelling of English is not as regular as some languages but it still follows rules that can be taught. Rules that map sounds to letters and rules that connect meaning to word parts (morphemes).

In fact, about 50% of English words follow a regular sound to letter pattern. Another 36% of words are mostly regular with only one sound (usually a vowel) that is irregular. (That irregular vowel probably reflects changes in accents over time.) Only about 4% of English words are truly irregular.

It is important that students master increasingly complex codes over their school years.

In the early years, students learn to map the sounds they hear to letters of the alphabet. As they get older, they need to understand how long sophisticated words can be broken down into smaller meaningful parts and be connected to other words with the same parts and spelling.

Sally Fleming

Literacy Learning Specialist



Jasper's Lego
Awesome job mate!



Quality controllers– Piper, Jonty, Ruby Sue and Ilish, give it the thumbs up.

Today, also known as the best day of the year, is my birthday! You won't hear me sooking about it either. For those interested I'm 51, it's the new 21. 18 of those years have been spent teaching at East Loddon and in that time have seen some pretty big changes. Most recently in the drive by our entire student body. It really is an exciting time to teach here. You know you're getting old when kids that you can remember in prep, get their license! Well done Bridget and drive safely. It's also Byrnsies birthday, clearly and lucky for her, we are not identical twins. Happy birthday Sarah.

In other exciting news one of my favourite students from the year 4 class, Jasper L, came to show me a lego model that he had built yesterday. It was fantastic. He was so proud and so he deserved to be. Piper, Jonty, Ruby Sue and Eilish all joined the celebrations of this engineering masterpiece. They were so excited that

Jasper's hat caught fire.

Photo day– Next Wednesday. It's risky, but get your hair cut or styled this weekend. It would seem mullets are back, some of the senior boys are sporting them, so that will be good to look back on in 20 years time. My only advice for photos is, play it as it is. It's a snapshot in time, sometimes of how youthful you were, other times at how much of a dork you were at school before becoming a multi millionaire. Remember, when you become famous someone always finds your school photo, they're never the best in hindsight. Some class shots (9 and 12) will be held off as large groups of students are missing due to a leadership camp. Individual shots will be taken for these classes though.

In other news, actually pretty important stuff, Carlton return to the winning list tonight against the much talked about Richmond side who have finished 9th every

year that I can remember....oh wait that was 6 + years ago, so we may get flogged. For Jake W's sake, I hope we don't.

Sadly over the past week, much of the community has mourned the passing of two people Firstly- John Forbes. A lot has been said about his connection to the community and he certainly was a great man who cared for so many and will leave massive shoes to fill particularly in the Mitiamo district.

In similar stature as a community member, yet more connected to Calivil and our College, Ron Vinnicombe will also be sadly missed. To the Vinnicombe family, know that Ron was such an important person around East Loddon P12 and always such a gentleman. He worked tirelessly and selflessly for others and will be dearly missed.



Sub-School Updates

Junior

Tissue Boxes Please

We are running low on tissue boxes in some classes and would greatly appreciate any donations. If possible, please have your children bring in 1 or 2 boxes to share with the class. Thank you.

Sub School Captains' Report

Today I saw four grade 3 students ask Mr. Clayton for a rubbish bag to pick up rubbish during lunch. Not because they were in trouble, just because they wanted to help. Well done to Lylah, Ruby, Char and Joseph.

Upcoming Events:

- **Shekere Beats**—Thursday, March 25
- **Easter Bonnet Parade**—Thursday, April 1
- **Melbourne Zoo Excursion**—Wednesday, May 26

Loddon Mallee Region Swimming

Good luck to our two Grade 4 girls, Zali and Lucy, who are competing in the Loddon Mallee Region Swimming in Swan Hill today.



Middle

The year 7 and 8's spent yesterday in Bendigo competing in tennis and volleyball competitions. At the tennis day, the girls ended up 3rd in the competition and the boys ended up 5th. At the volleyball day, the girls and boys both won games. Both groups had a wonderful day representing the college. Thank you to Mrs Hocking, Mrs Drury and Mrs Johns for attending with students.

Well done to the following students who achieved a growth rate of 200% or higher on the last Math Pathways Test: Hayden R (200%), Gracie H (233%), Ava M (200%), Oliver G (300%), Sienna R (267%), Alex L (233%), Ewan R (433%), Sarah D (433%), Miles G (300%), Kyen M (300%), Ava R (233%) and Ethan C (200%). This is an awesome achievement and demonstrates the hard work and effort from these students.

Senior

VCE Biology live webinar: our dedicated Y11 & 12 students gave up their lunch time yesterday. Mrs Maxted and Mrs Warren organised a VCE Biology incursion. The presenter of the webinar was from the GTAC Gene Technology Center in Melbourne. The focus of the session was Covid Bioinformatics. Students were able to interact with the presenter and ask questions. Great work Biology students and staff.



VCE Ag & Hort participated in a local excursion to learn about describing soil characteristics within the depths of a soil pit. Students also learnt about management to improve the soil in a poor performing paddock, using tools to leave the land in better condition, improving profitability and reducing stress. Mrs Maxted and Mrs Hocking would also like to thank Penny Wall from the Raywood regeneration agricultural group for inviting the students along.



Happy Birthday Mr Wilkinson and Go Tigers!!!!
Thanks for all my birthday wishes and singing, so sweet.

AROUND ELP SPORTS

Bar-Rook Field and Game Shoot

On Monday we had Ned C, Connor C and Mason H travel over to Barham to compete in the Bar-rook Field and game shoot. The boys enjoyed the day and represented the school well. Thanks to Mr. Ken Cullinan for taking the boys for the day.

Yr 7/8 Sport—Tennis/Volleyball

We had our Year 7/8's represent the school in Tennis and Volleyball on Wednesday.

The girls tennis placed 3rd and the boys placed 5th.

The volleyballers played well and were competitive and they enjoyed the day. Thanks to Mrs Johns, Mrs Drury and Mrs Hocking for attending.

Loddon Mallee Swimming

Today we have the following students competing at the LMR Swimming in Swan Hill

- Jaxon A—50m Breaststroke
- Angus A—50m Freestyle
- Zali C— 50m Breaststroke
- Lucy P—50m Butterfly
- Marley A—50m Freestyle, 50m Breaststroke, 4x50m Individual Medley

Wednesday 31st March

Primary Cluster Athletics (Year 4, 5 and 6) - Students have nominated and tried out for this team. Information will come home to those selected students soon.

SRC News

The SRC met today to discuss our Term 1 fundraiser. On 01/04, students are permitted to come to school in casual clothes in exchange for a \$2+ donation to our fundraiser (cause to be announced next week).

Please note that if you have a practical class where particular clothing or shoes are necessary, you will need to bring a change of clothes for those classes.

Sports Photos from this week's Volleyball and Region swimming



Canteen

		2021 MARCH/ APRIL	
Fri 19th	Cheryl Green Lisa Twigg		
Mon 22nd	Kia Hooke	Mon 29th	Karolyn Campbell Jessica Penny
Tues 23rd	Sue Pickles	Tues 30th	Rachel Hay Louise Hocking
Wed 24thth	Bree Hocking	Wed 31st	Sue Pickles
Thurs 25th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 1st	Sue Pickles
Fri 26th	Lisa Twigg Bec Cullen	Fri 2nd	Good Friday

Get on the ball with the Australian Open

MELBOURNE

If you're aged between 12 to 15 years and want to get up close with the world's best, become a ballkid at Australian Open 2022.

Applications close 31st March 2021.

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