



Respect
Resilience
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Relationships

Upcoming Dates

4-5th P-6 Swimming

4-8th Year 7 Rubicon Camp

6th Prep day off

Yr 7/8 & 9/10 Swimming

7-8th P-6 Swimming

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From the Principal

What an exciting start to the school year we have had with 31 new students joining the College in 2019, to give us a student population of approx. 221. It is always brilliant to see the joy on the faces of a new class of prep students and this year was no different! We welcomed 17 of the greatest young students you could hope for and the way in which they went about their first full day of school was both positive and a joy to see. We also have 3 staff return after periods of leave, as well as a new addition in Nathan Twigg as College Business Manager.

Our current building works have continued throughout the holiday period and will be completed by Friday Feb 15th. This should see our operations return to normal by the beginning of week 4. Our College canteen will continue to operate from the multi-purpose room until then.

A big thankyou is extended to all P-6 parents who have volunteered to assist with our 2019 swimming program which begins on Monday. This program runs so much better when we have sufficient volunteer numbers, as our adult:student ratios are vital in ensuring that students get direct instruction. If you are a parent/guardian of a P-6 student who is prepared to assist, then please make contact with Jenny in the College office.

You will have noticed our new Newsletter for-

mat! Feedback from College families was consistently along the lines of our newsletter being far too long and too repetitive. Members of College leadership had discussed a new format at length and consulted with College council president Richard Hicks. Everyone else had been kept in the dark until now!

Please let us know what you think of the new A3 folded-format. Our aim is to have people actually read the newsletter and we hope that you find it to be a good brief snapshot of what is happening across the College. With staff moving to COMPASS ongoing reporting this year, further more-detailed information will be sent from time-to-time via the COMPASS news-feed, which is accessed via the COMPASS website or APP. Let us know your thoughts on this new format via the College office.

On behalf of the East Loddon Food Share Program Inc, each family will receive a box of goodies via our school buses tomorrow. Bus drivers will assist the eldest child in each family, as required, to access their hamper from the luggage compartment under the bus. If you are collecting your children from the school this Friday, please see your bus captain at the school to collect your box and mark off your name.

Please contact Leanne W on 0447 689 309 if you have any questions.

Regards, Steve Leed

Literacy & Numeracy

One of the best things you can do to help your child improve their literacy skills is to engage them in conversations about their learning. This is just as important in Year 12 as it is in Prep. It can be as simple as asking what their favourite class is and why. Students can explain the big ideas from the story they read or have a debate on a topic from the news. After watching a movie together, can your child explain what the lesson is?

Improving oral language skills will also improve a child's reading, writing and vocabulary.

The same can be said for Numeracy. There are key terms that a child must understand if they are to succeed in Maths. Regularly talking with your child will help them gain a deeper understanding of the key concepts.

You can refer to cups or millilitres when cooking dinner. Discuss the footy ladder— who is on top and how is this calculated? Get the weather and see if your child can explain the minimum and maximum temperature. Do they notice a pattern or trend as the weather changes? Can they predict what the weather might be tomorrow?

You can have these chats anytime and anywhere. Try speaking to your child about their learning in the car or over dinner.

Sarah Clare
Curriculum Learning Specialist



Assistant Principal's news

Damage to our shade area following Wednesday night's mini tornado. Some areas saw 50mm of rain in 2 hours.

Welcome back! This term will fly past as we motor toward another debutante ball. Can't wait, in fact I've already been discussing (and offering valuable advice on) dress selections, with the girls.

In other entertainment news, long time ELP12 parent Jamie Columbus and Chappo Sue Allen are organising a music event for the

5th of May to raise some much needed funds for chaplaincy. They are after a catchy name to help promote the event. Any ideas can be directed to the College.

The start of the year is always exciting as we get to welcome new staff to the school. This year we have Nathan Twigg on board,

replacing Mrs Cail as College Bursar. That has given us opportunity to spend a ton of money before he realises we have none. We also welcome back Mr Bunton, Mrs Phillips and Mrs Heaslip who were all away for various stages last year. Its like a school reunion.

Bus captain elections tomorrow. Stay safe.

Notices

Secondary School vaccinations in 2019

The Secondary School Vaccine Program offers free vaccines to Year 7 and 10 students. These vaccines provide protection against:

Diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough) – one dose for year 7 students

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) – two doses for year 7 students

Meningococcal A,C,W,Y – one dose for year 10 students

Parents/guardians of year 7 and 10 students should look out for the vaccine consent card booklet coming home from school with your child. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school. The Loddon Shire Council immunisation service may contact you about the Secondary School Vaccine Program. Schools are authorised to provide basic parent/guardian contact details to local councils for this purpose. Contact the school by 28 February 2019 if you do not want your contact details given to the Loddon Shire Council immunisation service.

To learn more about the Secondary School Vaccine Program, the vaccines, the diseases they protect against, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination, go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au

Additionally, the Commonwealth government is funding vaccinations for all children under 20 years of age who missed any scheduled vaccines, including a catch up program for Meningococcal ACWY vaccine for adolescents aged 15-19 years of age who have not already received the vaccine in school. If students have missed vaccines, either in childhood or adolescence, and require catch-up vaccines, they should speak with their immunisation provider. (ie. local council or GP).



Sub-School Updates

Junior

I would like to welcome back our returning students and offer a very special welcome to our brand new Prep students! It has been fantastic to see students catching up with their friends and settling into school routines very quickly — well done.

Swimming Program

Next week is the beginning of our swimming program. Please note the following for swimming days over the next 2 weeks:

- Students in **Grades 3 and 6** should have their lunch divided in half, to eat one half

before swimming, and one half after.

- Students should bring sunscreen and must wear a t-shirt or swim-vest whilst in the pool

For more information please contact the school, or refer to the letter you received at the end of last year.

Prep Timetable

A reminder to Prep parents that Wednesday is a designated rest day until the 13th of March. Keep an eye out for a letter from Sandy Lister outlining a date and time for your child's Prep entry level testing which was sent home on Wednesday.

Middle

Welcome back to everyone, particularly our new Year 5's. Everyone seemed to be really enjoying their new class and Mr Ferguson couldn't speak more highly of their attitude and attention so far.



Next week the Year 7's are off on their camp

to Rubicon. They are super excited!

Congratulations to Gemma and Josh as our 2019 Middle Years Captains. They will begin completing this section of the newsletter next week.



Congratulations to our SRC representatives for Year 5-8 classes. These are listed in the SRC section of next weeks newsletter.

Senior

Senior Sub-School: Welcome Back for 2019

Congratulations to our **College Captains** of 2019; Jess and Stephen. I am really looking forward to seeing the positive impact these two leaders will have on our school. Congratulations to our SRC executive Macey as President, Rylee as Treasurer and Jas as Secretary. More leadership roles coming soon eg Bus Captains and House Captains.

Year 10, 11 & 12 students will receive a hand-book on Friday outlining information about studying a VCE, VCAL or VET subject. This booklet is also available on our school

website.

For a change of subjects / electives please see me asap.

Y9/10 Outdoor Ed Canoe Camp: 20-22nd March



AROUND ELP SRC Report

Congratulations to our newly appointed SRC representatives for 2019. It has been fantastic to see so much interest from our students this year.

Representatives will be finalised by the end of the week and will be formally recognised at our Investiture Assembly later this term.

Ms Harrington

SPORTS

Swimming Program

Commences next week:
P-6 Program = Mon, Tues, Thur and Fri week 2 and 3

7-10 Swimming Program = Wed Period 3-6 Week 2/3 and Tuesday Week 4

Check the session times on the newsletter calendar.

Students to bring bathers, swim top/rash vest, sunscreen, towel etc (and goggles if required)

Swimming Carnival:

Friday 15th February
Bus runs to take students straight to the pool—more details to come.
Program of events will be available early next week.

Dean Young
Sports Teacher



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STAFF...

ELP-12 College Leadership Team

Principal—

Steve Leed

Assistant Principal—

Scott Wilkinson

Senior School Leader—

Sarah Byrne

Middle Years Leader—

Andrew Cameron

Junior School Leader—

Jackson Clayton

Curriculum Learning Specialist—

Sarah Clare

Business Manager—

Nathan Twigg

*We look forward to working with
you throughout 2019*

Canteen Roster

| | | FEBRUARY 2019 | |
|------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Fri 1st | Michelle Balic Yoli Humphries | | |
| Mon 4th | Margaret Hocking | Mon 11th | Karen Pascoe |
| Tues 5th | Sue Pickles | Tues 12th | Sue Pickles |
| Wed 6th | Miranda Smith Kia Hooke | Wed 13th | Bec Cullen |
| Thurs 7th | Sue Pickles | Thurs 14th | Sue Pickles |
| Fri 8th | Toyah Ketterer Leanne Welsh | Fri 15th | Swimming Sports |

Calendar February

| Mon 4th | Tues 5th | Wednes 6th | Thurs 7th | Fri 8th |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--|--------------|------------------------------|
| P-6 Swimming | P-6 Swimming | Prep Day Off | P-6 Swimming | P-6 Swimming |
| Yr 7 Rubicon Camp begins | | 7/8 & 9/10 Swimming | | Yr 7 Rubicon Camp returns |
| Mon 11th | Tues 12th | Wednes 13th | Thurs 14th | Fri 15th |
| P-6 Swimming | P-6 Swimming | Prep Day Off | P-6 Swimming | P-12 Swimming Carnival |
| | | 7/8 & 9/10 Swimming | | |
| Mon 18th | Tues 19th | Wednes 20th | Thurs 21th | Fri 22th |
| | 7/8 & 9/10 Swimming | Prep Day Off Curriculum day *Student Free day * | | |
| Mon 25th | Tues 26th | Wednes 27th | Thurs 28th | Fri 1st MARCH |
| | Year 7 & 10 Immunisation | Prep Day Off SH Division Tennis Primary | | |