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Upcoming Dates

26th Year 7 Immunization

27th SH Division Tennis Primary

MARCH

1st SH Division Swimming

8th Student Investiture

13th

P-12 College Photos

Parent Teacher Student Interviews 1.30– 5.30pm

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From the Principal

An informative evening will be held at the college next Tuesday with a **Maths Pathways** session taking place from 6pm sharp, followed by a **snag-sizzle** and an online gaming info session titled **'Gaming: Keep calm and continue parenting'** delivered by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation in partnership with the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation. This evening is for parents and guardians and is free of charge! The evening will conclude at approx. 8pm and it would be appreciated if names/numbers of attendees could be given to the college office. Please consider attending this session to learn more about this year 5—10 maths program, as well as our kids' use of popular games such as Fortnite. This is sure to be an up-to-date and informative evening for our parents.

Staff attended the college yesterday to up-skill themselves on the Compass online reporting system that is used across the entire college as of this year. The day was run by a 'lead-user group' of college staff and was most productive. Next Thursday afternoon, families should receive the first instalment of **'progress reports'** via the Compass program. These reports will be made available electronically, with parents able to request a hard-copy if required. Parents will receive a notification when these reports become available. The progress reports will be sent approx. every 5 weeks and provide families with a brief snapshot of student progress.

College photo's will take place on Wednesday March 13th, as will Parent Teacher Student Interviews. More information will be forwarded on both events, with

students bringing home photo envelopes this coming Monday.

As mentioned last week, College Council will be looking for at least one parent representative to join this year. If being on college council interests you, then please speak to president Richard Hicks or myself at the college. College Council meet at the college on the second Wednesday of each month.

Day-to-day college operations have pretty much returned to normal now after the completion of our recent building works. The canteen is once again operational as of today and our year 12's have moved into their newly refurbished room. The wellbeing office and food rooms will be operational again very shortly.

Make sure that you check-out the new-look Getting To Know Your Staff section on the back of this newsletter. Our VCAL students will work with College Councillor Micheal Lawry and their literacy teacher Sally Fleming to complete this section of the newsletter each week.

My chosen photo this week comes courtesy of Jamie Columbus' drone on swimming sports day last Friday. Thanks are extended to Jamie once again for another terrific pic. What a view!

A special mention this week goes to our college computer technician Nick Marlow, for his outstanding 5pt haul in the staff basketball team on Tuesday evening. Impressive effort!

Regards, Steve Leed

Literacy & Numeracy

Using language to empower

As I mentioned last week, children are always listening and taking their cues from us. Try to avoid comments like these:

- Our family aren't good at Maths/ English
- You never use Maths in real life
- Girls can't do Maths/ English is a girl's subject
- You don't have to like it; just try to pass

If we can keep students focused on improving, if we can have them share the belief that they can improve, we will see greater growth.

Free books from Big W

Big W are giving away free children's books— a different one each week for twelve weeks.

This week the book is Hush Little Possum. To get it, all you need to do is visit the store and speak with the greeter at the door.

Find out more here: <https://bit.ly/2tuj0vL>

Sarah Clare

Curriculum Learning Specialist



Assistant Principal's news

Oscar, William and Archer enjoying the fun and fine weather at the 2019 swimming carnival.

The swimming program has come and gone again for another year, culminating with our P12 Sports last Friday. A big thanks to the many parents that helped during the 2 weeks leading up and to those who attended the carnival. I think the buses to and from the pool was a winner as far as ideas go. Any suggestions about further improvements should be forwarded to the office. I reckon — more sausages.

Swimming program helpers, thanks to these people—Hannah T, Sharon L, Belinda C, Karolyn C, Bec C, Michelle B, Katie C, Margaret H, Sarah V, Bree G, Kate D, Bree W, Hayley F, Michelle D, Karen P and to the two or three others that I have no doubt missed. You are special too! Coming up on the 8th of March we will have the Investiture Assembly. This is a fancy pants name for the assembly

where we hand out badges to student leaders. This will be held in the gymnasium at 2:50pm. If you have a child that has been elected as bus, house or subschool captain or SRC rep, then dust off the camera and get along to school on that day. Bring nan and pop if you like.

Scott Wilkinson
Assistant Principal

Notices

**** Free Parent Evening and Sausage Sizzle 6pm - 8pm Tuesday 26th Feb ****

'Maths Pathway' followed by 'Online Gaming'

Maths Pathways—If your child is in Year 5—10 and you have heard about Maths Pathway but are not really sure how it works, then come along and find out more about the program, your child's learning and get some answers to questions you might have.

Online Gaming—This information session for parents is delivered by the Alannah and Madeline Foundation in partnership with the Victorian Responsible Gambling Foundation. The actual session is called 'Gaming: Keep calm and continue parenting', with a focus on games such as 'Fortnite', which is quite popular amongst students and adults.

Please contact Mrs Johns for more information regarding the Maths Pathway session, or Mr Leed for more information on the Online Gaming session.



Sub-School Updates

Junior

Swimming Program and Carnival

We would like to thank all parents who volunteered over the past two weeks to help out with our school swimming program. Students did a fantastic job last Friday at the Swimming Carnival, both in our P-4 novelties as well as swimming entire lengths of the pool. Well done to all students involved.

Tissues

We would like to ask every student to please bring in a box of tissues to their classroom for use throughout the year.

Prep Update

The prep students have been enjoying reading about Mrs Wishy Washy and all of her animals during big book time.



AROUND ELP SRC Report

At the swimming sports, the SRC implemented their sun smart action plan. It was great to see everyone wearing their hats and applying sunscreen regularly! The SRC also ran a barbeque and through kind donations we were able to raise \$104

Middle

Captain's Report



Thanks to all the parents for coming to the swimming sports, it was great to see everyone having a go in all the races. The awards and age champions will be handed out next Friday and parents are welcome to come and watch. We are also going to start running year 7/8 room cleaning next week.

Year 5 Art

Year 5 students have been drawing Picaso-style portraits of their classmates.



Today they finished sketching and started painting the final copy.

SPORTS

Swimming sport results

Swimming Carnival:

A huge thank-you to all staff, students, parents, friends and family for a great day at the Mitiamo Pool on Friday. Any feedback on the day is welcome to try and make it even better.

Inter-school swimming:

Friday 1st March (Yr. 7-12)
Friday 8th March (Yr. 3-6)

Details will be sent home to eligible students next week.

Results of the swimming sports and the individual champions will now take place during the Investiture Assembly on Friday 8th March

Mr. Young

Senior

Study Skills Assistance

Often during Term 1 we offer a study skills session for parents and Year 10-12 students. If you are interested in attending such a session please let me know your preference for a date / time. Eg Parent Teacher Interviews day?

Or, after the investiture assembly?

Or, during class time for students?

Swim Sports

Thanks to the Senior School parents that came along to support their children at the swimming sports last Friday, it was a great day.

Home again

I am currently enjoying having my desk back and some space YAY! The new building works look terrific and will hopefully compliment the upcoming building works for the future at ELP-12 College.





GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STAFF

Mrs Arthur

Mrs A. began her connection with East Loddon 31 years ago when the first of her three children began their schooling here. She wasn't a parent helper for long before her passion to work with children and help people drove her to become a brilliant Education Support teacher who has helped many children at EL over the years.

She grew up on a farm in Yapeet and as a little tacker she rode her bike ten kms to school and home again each day.

While Mrs A loves all of her family, her new and first grandchild, Daisy, who is nearly a year old now holds a very special place in her heart.

Mrs A believes that hard work always pays off and we can always learn to improve ourselves.

Canteen Roster

Fri 22nd		2019 FEBRUARY/MARCH	
Natalie Rose Cheryl Green			
Mon 25th	Lynda Cartwright	Mon 4th	Margaret Hocking
Tues 26th	Sue Pickles	Tues 5th	Sue Pickles
Wed 27th	Penny Cockerell	Wed 6th	Kylie Addlem Kia Hooke
Thurs 28th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 7th	Sue Pickles
Fri 1st	Kate Duncan Breeanna Hocking	Fri 8th	Mel Primrose Lisa Twigg

Calendar FEBRUARY / MARCH

Mon 25th	Tues 26th	Wed 27th	Thurs 28th	Fri 1st MARCH
	Year 7 Immunisation	Prep Day Off SH Division Tennis Primary		SH Division Swimming
Mon 4th	Tues 5th	Wed 6th	Thurs 7th	Fri 8th
				SH Division Swimming Primary Student Investiture
Mon 11th	Tues 12th	Wed 13th	Thurs 14th	Fri 15th
	Year 7/8 Sports Day	P-12 College Photos		
Mon 18th	Tues 19th	Wed 20th	Thurs 21st	Fri 22nd
	Year 9/10 Sports Day	Outdoor Ed- Canoe Camp	Outdoor Ed- Canoe Camp Loddon Mallee Swimming	Outdoor Ed- Canoe Camp