



Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

Upcoming Dates

AUGUST

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Student Free Day

8th
Yr 6/7 Excursion to The
Melbourne Arts Center

15-19th
Yr 5/6 Cave Hill Camp

24th
P-12 Athletics Carnival

25th
Yr 9/10 Basketball Table
Tennis

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From the Principal

We Have Student's Vaping...

Vaping appears to have hit the general population in a very big way and East Loddon P-12 College is not immune to this. Staff have recently been made aware of a 'number' of student's that have become 'hooked/addicted' to vapes and this is a really worrying for us.

In Victoria it is illegal for any person aged 18 or under to obtain, possess or use nicotine e-cigarettes, or e-cigarette cartridges containing nicotine, or nicotine liquids for use in a vaporiser, without a prescription.

Being illegal is one thing, however an even bigger issue for me in my current role is the impact that vaping may have on students in a variety of ways. The actual health risks associated with vaping are not yet fully understood. There is no-doubt that it is addictive, and also no doubt that it is very likely unhealthy for the person vaping and likely those around them. I am really concerned when it comes to those under 18 vaping in general, but I am extremely concerned about this taking place at school. We currently have students that are hesitant to go into the student toilets due to them being worried about coming across someone vaping. This concerns me! It also concerns me that we are a P-12 college and have young and impressionable students who do not and should not be exposed to this sort of thing. We have always prided ourselves on our older students being terrific role-models for our younger students and unfortunately at the moment, this is not always the case. I do not want those who are not partaking in vaping to be tarred with the same negative brush as those who are choosing to vape. We want to know names of those who are vaping at school and we want to help these students before they become addicted to this unhealthy habit, like those in large tobacco companies would like them to.

Any feedback from students and families in regards to those who are vaping at school will be treated anonymously. Let's all do our bit to help our students.

Curriculum Day

The next student-free curriculum day will be held on Thursday 4th August. Students will not attend school on this day, with staff attending further training on the SOLAR (Science of Language and Reading) program that we have been implementing across the college.

Program of Student Feedback

The college has begun it's program of student feedback this week with all staff surveying all classes throughout the next fortnight. Surveys have previously been in regards to our teaching and learning model, but are focussed on 'relationships' this semester. The importance of positive relationships between staff and students was highlighted even more so during remote and flexible learning times, and we as a college want to do all that we can to work with students to achieve positive educational outcomes for all, with a very healthy level of respect across the board.

SRC—Upcoming Community Event

Our terrific Student Representative Council are looking to run a community event at the college on the last Thursday of term. The event will take place after school with specific details to be shared as they are finalised.

This Weeks Photo

This week's photo is of our awesome year 9/10 Outdoor Education students on their 6 day hiking expedition. What an amazing view!

Steve Leed—College Principal

Literacy & Numeracy

All classes from grade 5 to year 9 are currently studying novels using work developed by Doug Lemov based on his work for 'Reading Reconsidered'.

These units of work put into practice effective teaching strategies and embed the language comprehension skills needed for skilled reading that we have been learning about as part of our SOLAR journey.

Relevant background knowledge, vocabulary and writing about thinking is embedded into the lessons. Students are encouraged to annotate their novels.

The texts have been chosen to develop understanding of deep knowledge and themes that are recurring in the Canon of Literature that has cultural power in our society –so students will see these ideas repeated in popular culture as well future study.

I love the practice of beginning the unit with a Knowledge Organiser. This document contains the essential ideas and information that we want to embed in long-term memory.

You can quiz your child with their Knowledge organiser or their glossary. You can ask them what is happening in the novel or reread parts of the novel with them.

Assistant Principal's news



HAPPY 21 ST—LITTLE GIRL

Enjoy your kids, they grow up really quickly.

I arrived at East Loddon in the year 2000, which sometimes surprises me, although when staff and students bring me in pictures from the Oasis from these years, they are usually laughing. It doesn't feel like I have been here all century, though it probably looks like it.

In that year, I travelled during the September holidays to the Sydney Olympics and on return, Juddy showed me this 'website' called ebay, where they were selling memorabilia. I was blown away. At that stage we only had one stand alone computer in the staff work area, (which was positioned where the current com-

puter tech room is). Other computers were on desk tops in classrooms. There were no laptops, no 'google it', no wifi and I had no kids!

Anyway, what's the point of this story? Well, I am reminiscing. On Saturday night we celebrated my little girl's 21st birthday. It struck me that some of my colleagues have known my daughter for as long as I have. I can remember that feeling of complete pride and joy. You really do feel like the only people that have ever had a new baby.

I think my message is, time goes quickly. In 60 seconds another minute will have passed by. Enjoy your children, play

with them, have a laugh, read to them, cuddle them, ride bikes together, go to the footy, go fishing, because soon they will move away and start their independent lives. This is awesome and exciting too, but don't miss the bits when your kids want you to spend time with them.

I have included above a photo from Prue's 'P' party which includes three of our staff members. Potato head Heaslip, Photo board Leed and I. You know you've been at a school a long time, when your daughter invites staff to her party.

Sentimentally yours

Wilko

Sub-School Updates

Junior

Aquarium Excursion

What a day! Yesterday our whole sub-school hopped on a couple of buses to Melbourne and explored the wonders of the Aquarium. I was blown away with the how well our students behaved—a number of the Aquarium staff went out of their way to tell me how impressed they were!



A huge thank you to everyone at home for helping to prepare the students for the trip and to our amazing staff who made sure the day ran smoothly. Well done to all involved.

100 Days of Learning

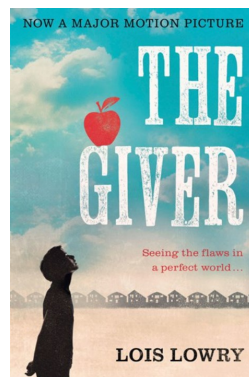
On Friday our prep students will celebrate their first 100 days of learning. I can't wait to see your dress-ups tomorrow morning!

Middle

Thank you to all parents who came in for parent-teacher interviews last week! It was great to share some student successes with parents.

The Year 7 and 8's have recently been reading *The Giver* in their English classes. *The Giver* is a morally driven and interesting story about a young boy called Jonas who lives in a society free of crime and sadness. At the age of 12, children are assigned jobs which they train for and do for the rest of their lives. Everything is chosen; from your parents to your partner. Students have been

working on tier 2 vocabulary and themes throughout the book. They have been looking into the differences between our world and *The Giver's* world.



Senior

VCAL class: This week the VCAL kids have been working hard at the coffee machine. They've been making lots of coffees for the teachers.



Units 3/4 Biology: This week the year 12 Biology class has been learning about the immune system and ways that our body's can help to prevent us from becoming sick. They have also been learning about bacteria and different viruses such as COVID-19.

Parent teacher student interviews: On Tuesday we had parent teacher student interviews. It was great to see so many parents attending and it was awesome to have some of the interviews happening in the new building!!

Year 9 & 10 hiking camp:

Last Sunday, Mr Smith and Mrs Krahe took a group of year 9 & 10's on hiking camp. We are sure they are having a great time!



Have a good weekend :)

AROUND ELP SPORTS

Term 3 Dates:

Wednesday 24th August

East Loddon College Athletics

Thursday 25th August—Year 9/10 Basketball and Table Tennis Day

Wednesday 7th September—Year 7 Table Tennis, Year 7 Basketball

Friday 9th September—Sandhurst Division Athletics

Monday 12th September—Year 5/6 Basketball Day

Year 9+10 Advance

Moggs Creek Camp—First Payment/Deposit is due this week.

All Year 9 and year 10 students have been provided with information about Moggs Creek (this has also been sent home via Compass as well).

Moggs Creek is a fantastic camp and often a highlight for our Senior secondary students. The focus is on fun and participating in a range of activities based around the coast.

The first Payment (deposit) of \$100 is due this Friday 29th July.

This secures the students place on camp and enables us to pay deposits for our accommodation, bus hire and activity bookings.

Please contact Mr. Young or Mr Smith for more information regarding the camp or Mr. Twigg at the office for information about payments.

A four step payment plan is set up and can be paid in full or in instalments via Compass.

Thanks to those who have already paid.

Next/second payment of \$70 will be due Friday 16th September (last week of this term).

Wellbeing News

Young Carer Bursary Program Open Now

Applications open today Tuesday 19th Jul - 13 Sep 22

[Start an application](#)



Applications are open now!

The Young Carer Bursary Program supports young carers to continue with their education. The program offers 1000 bursaries of \$3000 each year to assist with education needs and resources.

Applications for the 2023 Young Carers Bursary are now open and will close at 5pm Tuesday 19th September (AEST).

To apply you must [login](#) to your account and complete your application on line.

There are many ways to access the internet:

- at your place of study (school, TAFE, University)
- public libraries
- free wi-fi spots at shopping centres and other major outlets

Need support to assist you with the application:

- approach a teacher
- support worker
- counsellor
- young carer coordinator
- friend or family member

For more information about young carers and eligibility for the bursary please visit the [Young Carers Network](#) website.

The Carer Gateway also offers assistance to young carers and their families by way of advice, services, support and respite. Please contact them on 1800 422 737 to register.

Young Carers Team | Carers Australia

Canteen

2022 JULY/AUGUST	
Fri 29th	Cheryl Green Kristie Cullinan
AUGUST	Kia Hooke
Mon 1st	Mon 8th Karolyn Campbell Somara Lever
Tues 2nd	Tues 9th Sue Pickles Mel Primrose
Wed 3rd	Wed 10th Karen Pascoe Anna Osborne Sam Ellis Brian Duffy
Thurs 4th	Thurs 11th Sue Pickles Mel Primrose
Fri 5th	Fri 12th Bec Cullen Deb Smith Miranda Smith Wendy Murphy