



Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

Upcoming Dates

AUGUST

8th

Yr 5-6-7 Arts Centre Melbourne "Into The Music" Workshop

15th

Yr 7Ecolinc AARK Excursion

15-19th

Yr 5/6 Cave Hill Creek Camp

19th

GAT Preparation Meeting

24th

P-12 School Athletics

25th

9/10 Basketball and Table Tennis Tournaments

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From the Principal

We Have Student's Vaping...

As mentioned last week, the college has become aware of a number of students who are allegedly vaping. Myself and Mr Wilkinson have begun discussions with a number of students who have been identified as potential vapers, and we have generally been very impressed with the honesty of those we have spoken to. In short, we do not want any students vaping, full stop! We certainly do not want this taking place at school either!

Rest assured that if your child is suspected of being involved, we will speak to them in a respectful manner. If they are suspected of continuing to be involved then we will speak to you. These conversations are not about getting our students 'into trouble'. These conversations are about helping them.

We firmly believe that all students have a right to feel safe at school and unfortunately, vaping and the associated chatter is leading to some students feeling unsafe at East Loddon. This is not ok!

As mentioned last week, any feedback, suspicions or information re vaping at school should be directed to myself or Mr Wilkinson.

Curriculum Day

Thanks are extended to all families for the arrangements they put in place to cater for yesterday's curriculum day. Staff attended the college to focus further on the Science of Language and Reading, with Pamela Snow presenting a terrific day. Staff consolidated their understanding of things such as 'executive functions', 'cognitive load theory', 'The forgetting curve', 'explicit instruction' and 'TAPPLE'. Time was provided for staff to work in Professional Learning Communities to identify and plan instructional change and further enhance student learning.

The curriculum day once again provided a fantastic opportunity

for staff to come together and further enhance the collective efficacy of our team, which basically means that we are all on the same page when it comes to the level and type of instruction we provide our classes and students.

Program of Student Feedback

Students in all year levels have been completing feedback for their teaching staff throughout the past fortnight. The focus of these surveys at all year levels has been on 'relationships', with a particular focus on the relationship between staff and their classes. Staff will have their data collated and shared, before shortly beginning the process of feeding this information back to classes.

I am really proud of the way in which all East Loddon P-12 College staff reflect on all elements of their teaching, and the commitment of all to continued improvement is terrific.

SRC—Upcoming Community Event

Our wonderful 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.

Visitors This Monday

There will be a number of visitors to the college on Monday with all staff from Boort attending the school to speak with myself and others about our student feedback surveys, and all employees from our newly appointed architectural firm (Tectura) attending the college to get a feel for the school, before they plan stages for future building works. This should make for a busy and exciting day, with very minimal disruption to our students and classes.

Steve Leed—College Principal

P-4 Numeracy

P-4 classes have recently started using 'Essential Assessment' in their numeracy program.

This online program allows teachers to pre-test students in different areas, providing information about the student's current level. It also identifies which specific concepts students understand or where they need more support.

Essential Assessment then provides tailored learning plans, online maths activities, and supporting worksheets for each individual student. The assessment data also enables our teachers to implement targeted explicit teaching lessons, small group sessions and hands-on activities to further develop concepts.

Post-assessment at the end of the unit identifies each student's new achievement level and demonstrates the growth achieved in that timeframe.

We are really excited by the potential of this program to extend high achieving students while also providing extra support to students that are struggling.

Assistant Principal's news

We don't want to bombard you about vaping but we are certainly wary that it could quickly become a major pest at our college and in turn, present serious health risks for your kids and our community. Already we have students we suspect are vaping at school and not unlike when students used to smoke, (can you believe that used to occur), we have a lot of concerned people telling us what is going on. Please if you have students from year 7 and up, have a chat with them about vaping, smoking, addiction etc. I always imagine some overweight rich guy sitting in an office and laughing because he got kids addicted to his stingy little product and now he is becoming richer and richer at someone else's expense. I guess it's more complex than that but how on earth are people allowed to invent such a trashy product that is deliberately aimed at young children and yet painfully addictive. Kids don't do this because it looks cool. They do it because they can't stop. They tried it once and being such a powerful drug, need it again. I hate the people that invent this garbage and I don't trust the officials that allow such a product to be sold at all. I will get off my high horse now (I might need a ladder) and let you know that we will support any of your children who are addicted to this menace, in quitting. Hopefully, it is very few.

Wilko

Knowing the health risks makes it no more attractive, see the video on this link.

Article from Doctors at the Royal Children's Hospital

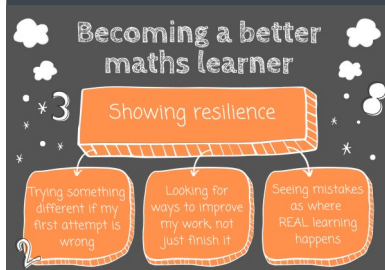
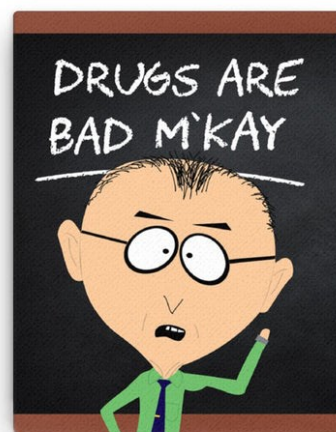
It's time to clear the air!

Vaping is growing in popularity, particularly with young people, but there is still a lot of confusion about e-cigarettes.

What is in a vape? What are the short and long-term health impacts? And is it really better than smoking a cigarette?

Dr Moya Vandeleur is a respiratory specialist at the RCH and she is joined by Dr Anthea Rhodes to provide answers to all these questions, as well as provide advice for parents looking to start the vaping conversation with their children.

<https://fb.watch/eI9LbmMqob/?mibextid=3MxqDH>



Sub-School Updates

Junior

100 Days of Learning

Well done to our Prep students who celebrated their first 100 days of learning last Friday by dressing up for school. You are all stars!

Bendigo German Poetry Competition

Congratulations are extended to Grade 4 students Talia and Charlotte on finishing first and second in the Bendigo Region's German Poetry Competition on Wednesday at Crusoe College. Great effort, girls!

Alien Talk

Our Junior School staff spent yesterday learning about teaching simple sentence structures to young students through a program called '*Alien Talk*'. The program uses visual cues to help students remember the key components of sentences. This program will support our students to develop their vocabulary and use appropriate grammar in their writing. It is also a lot of fun!



Middle

Our Year 5/6 classes are currently reading *Freak the Mighty*. *Freak the Mighty* tells the story of two boys—a slow-learning giant and a genius in a disabled body—who become friends, share adventures, and defend themselves against bullies and social rejection.

Math Pathways Update—Well done to 5/6H, who achieved the highest average growth rate on the last test with 143%, followed by Year 8 125% and Year 7A 107%. Congratulations to the following individuals on some impressive test results! Caitlin R (200%), Georgia H (300%), Deisel T (300%), Oscar B (267%),

Paige S (267%), Darcie S (233%), Alex L (233%), Selena U (200%), Ella G (200%), Oliver (433%), Chester B (333%), Anthony G (233%), Mackenzie C (200%), and Zoe T (200%).

Monday, Year 6 and 7 students will head to Arts Centre Melbourne to join the 'Into The Music' Workshop. The countdown to Year 5/6 Camp is on with students departing on August 15th. Please contact your child's teacher or myself if you have any questions about these events.

Senior

Y12's have registered for VTAC: I've been really impressed with our Year 12 students and their motivation to apply for uni and TAFE courses. On Monday we registered for VTAC. Whilst this is the first step in a 4 month process, it's exciting. If parents would like to make a time to meet with me to discuss this please let me know.

Y10 & 11 Subject selection information session: will take place today (Friday) during period 2 for the Year 10 students. Year 11 students are also invited however, likely will be comfortable with the different pathways.

At lunch time Friday Year 10 & 11 students are invited to the subject expo in Room 23. Staff from each subject area will be in attendance to answer questions and share information about their subjects for 2023.

Positive Start Outward Bound camp: Our amazing Outdoor Ed students hiked through the Snowy River National Park, hiking on roads, creating new trails

and starting to restore trails that were damaged by the 2019-2020 bushfires. Students also had the opportunity to do some white water rafting on the Snowy River and rock climb. Students were challenged in various ways from leading and navigating the group to camping in bibby's (open style tents), to sharing food and using a portable toilet (that looked a little bit like a bucket). I was truly impressed with how the students worked together as a team and also led the group. Thanks to Mr Smith for assisting as a back up staff member and bus driver.

Be kind & take care.



AROUND ELP SPORTS

East Loddon College Athletics:

In week 7 of this term we will have our College Inter-House Athletic Carnival. This will be the first time since 2019 that we will be able to run our full program of events.

High Jump:

The high jump competitions are being conducted in PE classes starting from this week.

800m/1500m events:

The middle distance events are conducted in sport sessions for students in Years 5-10 and at lunch time for Year 11 and 12.

Program of events:

This will be published on Compass and in the Newsletter in the coming weeks.

Term 3 Dates:

Wednesday 24th August

East Loddon College Athletics

Thursday 25th August—

Year 9/10 Hockey, 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



2023 kindergarten enrolments

Enrolments are now open for 3 year old and 4 year old kindergarten. **Enrolments close Wednesday 31 August 2022.**

Do you have a child turning 3 years or 4 years of age by 30 April 2023?

Loddon Shire will be providing funded three and four year old kindergarten programs in 2023

Complete your child's enrolment online at www.loddon.vic.gov.au

For more information please contact Loddon Shire Early Years Department (03) 5494 1201.

Prompt return of your child's enrolment form is recommended to assist in the planning for programs that will run in 2023.

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Preschool**
5455 2292
0498 707 799

**Dingee
Preschool**
5436 8401
0498 606 345

**Inglewood
Kindergarten**
5438 3533
0498 505 277

**Pyramid Hill
Preschool**
5455 7230
0498 606 023

**Wedderburn
Preschool**
0498 707 005

Canteen

Fri 5th	Mel Primrose Miranda Smith	2022 AUGUST	
Mon 8th	Karolyn Campbell	Mon 15th	Belinda Clymo
Tues 9th	Mel Primrose	Tues 16th	Rach Hay
Wed 10th	Sam Ellis Brian Duffy	Wed 17nd	Mel Primrose
Thurs 11th	Mel Primrose	Thurs 18th	Mel Primrose
Fri 12th	Wendy Murphy Bec Cullen	Fri 19th	Michelle Balic Beck Brown