



Upcoming Dates

AUGUST

25th

9/10 Basketball and Table Tennis Tournaments

26th

P-4 Book week dress up day

29th-31st

Yr 11 Ag Study Tour

31st

Yr 8 Basketball/ Table tennis

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Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

From the Principal

Athletics Sports Postponed

The college athletics sports that were due to be held next Wednesday have had to be postponed until a later date, which will be determined asap. With the expectation of further rain between now and Wednesday, there is no way in which our oval will be dry enough to carry out line-marking and set-up.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and we look forward to this exciting day taking place in the not-too-distant future.

All The Best Mrs Heaslip

Mrs Heaslip begins family leave after today and we wish her and husband Zach all the very best for the upcoming birth of their second child and little brother or sister for Emmie. Mrs Heaslip will be sorely missed by students and staff and we look forward to her returning to the school at some stage in the future.

Do You Know What Your Child Is Doing Online?

At East Loddon P-12 College we do not want to hide away from things that we believe are taking place, hence my last two newsletter articles mentioning 'vaping'. This week, I would like to pose the question, 'Do you know what your child is doing online?' A main reason for me asking this question is that I do not believe that a number of us would accurately know, and it is a really tricky thing to keep on top of.

I am aware of a number of online 'activities' that have taken place within our student population that would make your hair curl. Activities such as online 'bullying' or threats, requests for inappropriate pictures, sending of inappropriate pictures etc etc take place at our school. These sorts of

behaviours and activities take place worldwide and it is no different here at East Loddon. The trouble or issue sometimes is that students know that they shouldn't do this sort of thing, but they still do! We as a school want to help your child/ren to understand the consequences and potential dangers of partaking in such online activity, and we need your help with this. Sometimes children, young adults and even adults themselves do not know how to approach someone they trust about online issues, and what we may need to do, is simply raise the issue/topic with our loved ones. It is hard to talk about, hard to police and hard to know at times how to help or react, but talking about it is a must.

An example of the seriousness of this type of behaviour (regarding the law itself) is as follows— *A 14 year old boy who takes a photo of his genitals and posts the image on Snapchat or sends it by way of text is committing a criminal offence. If a 15 year old girl knows he is sending an image of his genitals and opens the Snapchat she is also committing an offence.*

I understand that this is a confronting topic to discuss, but please endeavour to have a chat with your children. Let them know that you care about them, that you want to keep them safe and that you are there to help and support them. As confronting as it is, statistics show that 1 in 4 young people send the type of image mentioned above, despite knowing the law and knowing that they shouldn't. This is potentially a little like vaping, where our 'young ones' know it is illegal and bad for their health, but some still do it...

Steve Leed—College Principal

Assistant Principal's news

Science Week

This week is National Science Week, celebrating science and technology across Australia. The theme this year is 'Glass: More than meets the eye' and the Year 3 and 4 classes made kaleidoscopes to investigate this topic. The Year 3 class also joined the Year 11 Biology class and made elephant toothpaste and lava lamps, while the Year 4 class also made 'fireworks in a jar'. The Year 2 class will join the Year 11 Chemistry students tomorrow for similar activities.

The Year 7 class had an excursion to Ecolinc to learn more about food webs and debate which animals were more important to save in the event of a theoretical catastrophe.

We also welcome back Alexandra Fletcher and Sienna Ward who have recently returned from three weeks at the John Monash Science School, located near the Monash University Clayton Campus. As well as regular classes, they had special science electives such as astrophysics and pharmaceutical biology.

Happy Sciencing!!



There doesn't seem to be many weeks when I finish without saying 'it's been a pretty big week' and this one is the same.

I started the week at the year 5/6 camp at Cave Hill Creek over near Beaufort. What a beautiful part of the world that is. They could afford to purchase a heater though. It was freezing cold. Our kids didn't seem to notice though and we were regularly telling them to put shoes on! What is wrong with these kids??? It couldn't have topped 10 degrees the whole time I was there.

The camp teased students to push their boundaries with teamwork and trust activities. These sorts of things never cease to amaze me. The students really step up and move

from their comfort zones with encouragement from their peers. Noteworthy mentions from the group I worked with;

Teagan Vinnicombe. On our first activity we climbed a giants ladder in the pouring rain. It was made of treated pine posts strung between wires and reaching maybe 10 m from the ground. Pretty scary and slippery stuff in the pouring rain. Teagan was not the perfect height for this, but she is a pretty determined sort of kid and with the encouragement of her peers, made it all the way to the top.

Jasper Lilley. This boy was a machine on the crate stack. We were challenged with stacking crates as high as possible and climbing them at the same time. Jasper, after finding the giants ladder tricky to

navigate summonsed all his courage and made a stack of crates 13 high whilst climbing on top. Not the highest of our group, but maybe the bravest.

In other news, I was sent a pic of Steph Demeo from Instagram which if you are on social media you may have seen. (I'm not). Steph is one of our year 11 students and like many of our seniors, takes the same grit and determination in to all of her classes. I love also that she plays for G Square! I'd encourage all senior students to keep pushing as we enter the final stanza of the year. Holidays are only 4 weeks away!

Have a great weekend

Wilko

Sub-School Updates

Junior

Book Week—Next Week

A reminder to parents that next Friday is a dress-up day for our P-4 students. They are encouraged to come to school dressed as a favourite book character. There is also a book week activity card attached to this weeks newsletter post with some fun activities to try at home.

Athletics Day—Postponed

Our P-12 Athletics Day has been postponed -stay tuned for more information.

Science Week—This Week

To celebrate Science Week, students in P-4 have participated in a number of fun science activities and experiments. With some help from the year 11 Biology class, students have made kaleidoscopes, elephant's toothpaste, lava lamps and 'fireworks in a jar'. We look forward to having the grade 2's joining the year 11 Chemistry class tomorrow for more fun experiments!



Middle



Senior

VM & VPC professional development day:

Yesterday I was fortunate to spend the day attending sessions relating to the new Vocational Major course and Victorian Pathways Certificate. It was great to hear from other schools what sort of ideas and projects they have planned for 2023 and also share the work of current (awesome) VCAL students and Mr Smith.

Trade Training Centre VET subjects: Students that are interested in studying a VET subject at Charlton in 2023 are asked to let SK know by August 30th which subject you would like to study.



Food Handlers Certificate complete: Our VCAL students spent Tuesday completing their Food Handlers certificate in preparation for serving yummy treats alongside their coffee van in the near future. Students learnt about best practice and hygiene regarding food storage, safety, preparation and cooking. Thanks to Mr Smith for enabling the students to participate in this useful program.

Central Victorian Indigenous

Careers Expo: was held last Friday in Bendigo. Students had the privilege of seeing Scott Darlow and Emcee Racquel Kerr plus speaking to a range of providers and organisations willing to help our young people gain experience and find their dream jobs. Thanks to Bryan J who transported the students to the event.



Good luck for finals everyone,

Go RAMS & BEARS!!!

Staffing Update

As a result of Mrs Heaslip taking family leave, the college has advertised for a replacement staff member and are excited to announce that we have appointed Ms Danida Ferres to this position. Ms Ferres impressed the interview panel with her amazing visual arts portfolios and we are sure that our students will love having another practicing artist on our staff. Ms Ferres will start with the college on Monday 29th August and we look forward to welcoming her onto our team.

SCIENCE WEEK SHENANEGANS



Canteen

2022 AUGUST	
Fri 19th	Michelle Balic Wendy Murphy
Mon 22nd	Kia Hooke Michaela Shrimpton
Tues 23rd	Mel Primrose
Wed 24th	Nicky Lawry
Thurs 25th	Mel Primrose
Fri 25th	Cheryl Green Shan Ralphs
Mon 29th	Sam Ellis Brian Duffy
Tues 30th	Mel Primrose
Wed 31st	Jess Penny Narelle Neiwand
SEPT Thurs 1st	Mel Primrose
Fri 2nd	Kristie Cullinan Bec Cullen