



Upcoming Dates

OCT

19th
Harry Potter
Excursion

21st
Athletics Carnival

24th
Year 7 2023 Information
session

26-28th
Year 8 Positive Start
Camp

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Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

From the Principal

Debutante Ball in 2023

Questions are being asked in regards to plans for the next debutante ball and I would like to clarify that an East Loddon deb ball will be going ahead at the end of term 1 2023. Possible numbers in the deb set are looking to be quite high and the debutante ball will cater for East Loddon P-12 College 2023 year 10 and 11 students. Students are encouraged to provide their names to the college office if they are interested in being part of the deb set and further details will be forwarded as they come to hand. Please make contact with the college office if you have any further questions at this stage.

Upcoming Building Works

Members of college council had a meeting with the team at Tectura Architecture last night, regarding plans for the upcoming building works that will begin in the second half of next year. Councillor's were impressed with the schematic designs that they were provided with and also with the manner and professionalism of the Tectura team. Council have endorsed the schematic designs, allowing Tectura to submit these initial plans and progress to the next level of design. I will be excited to share further information with the college community as soon as I am able to.

Wet Weather

With the wet weather we are currently experiencing, comes a great deal of disruption at times. Students are currently experiencing disrupted recesses and lunchtimes in terms of where they can and cannot play, and sports staff are currently experiencing disruptions to programs as many

outdoor spaces are too wet to use at the moment. Our buses are another 'thing' that will potentially be disrupted due to the weather, as one was this morning. We thank all in the college community for their understanding during these wetter days and hope to see disruptions kept to a minimum.

Parent Opinion Surveys

Thanks are extended to the 28 families who took the time to complete this years Parent Opinion Survey. The results of this survey will be shared with staff tomorrow and leadership will look to further explore some of the questions and responses from the survey. We really appreciate respectful, open and honest feedback at all times. Thanks again!

Naplan 2022

The college has received this years individual Naplan results for students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9. We believe that Naplan data is of great use to school's as it identifies cohort data that can be authentically reviewed and used to inform future teaching, however parents and carers generally have mixed views on whether they want to view their own child's data or not. Parents/carers are encouraged to please let us know if they would like their child's 'student Naplan report' sent home. Requests for these can made via email or telephone to the college office.

I hope that you have a great week!

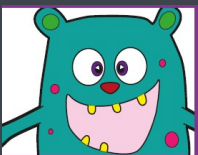
Steve Leed—College Principal

Literacy & Numeracy

You may have read in a newspaper that "Every grade 1 student in the state school system next year will have their reading ability tested through a new phonics screening check that will use a combination of real and fake words. The one-on-one test, which will be mandated in government schools, will aim at identifying children with reading difficulties early in their education, before problems become entrenched."

We find this exciting because we have already been doing this for two years. I guess we are ahead of the curve on this one! (maybe many things) It confirms that the changes we have been making that are backed by SOLAR are now being adopted more generally and will become common practice.

In August of 2021 and 2022, we gave a phonics screen to all of our students in Prep to Grade 4. We used the UK phonics screen which contains real words and pseudo (fake) words. The pseudo words are the most important because they tell us if a student can decode a word they have never seen before (apply their skills). Students at our school are now receiving rigorous phonics instruction in class and if they need more to consolidate this skill then they receive extra instruction in small groups.



Here are some of the pseudo words: yad, uct, joil, blem, fusp, quisk, meast, zome, throstr, spraw.

The words are presented as the name of a monster. Some students carefully sound out each letter and then blend the sounds into a word. Some students can say the word automatically on first sight.

Assistant Principal's news



Being school captain, sometimes comes with the perks of dinner with the admin team. It also means an uncomfortably full stomach during school council meetings and high cholesterol in later life. Can't believe you had two big M's Alicia!

Here we go again! You can smell it. It's that time of the year again. Mrs Krahe has been chatting to nervous senior school students. Staff are beginning to circle. Parents are bravely not trying to show concern. But it's here. Subject selection and class and staffing plans for 2023 have begun! As usual we have a number of big decisions to make. We always start with the year 11 and 12 subjects. Our college can usually run 26(ish) VCE/VCAL units and so it is tricky to balance student needs and staff capabilities, coupled next year with a potential lack of rooms. So far we have had requests from students for 39

different senior subjects to run, so we are a fair way from where we need to be. We will scrutinise these to ensure all students are allowed to complete a course that will assist them to apply for the further education or employment that they dream of. This will mean though, that some subjects can't be staffed at East Loddon. This is an accepted reality.

In junior, senior and middle schools we have the task of deciding how classes will best fit in to our school next year. Factors such as numbers, class dynamics, potential composites, support staff and other considerations are being looked at by all

staff at the moment. It's awesome news for the school that our numbers are so rich, but it throws up some questions about where we will all fit with building works going on. This is never an easy task but it is one that we thrash out to get the best outcomes for our teaching and learning program.

Good news this week. School council was last night so we got to have a Serp burger for dinner. One of our school captains, Alicia, bravely joined us. See above.

Until next week, I will pray for a bit of sunshine, so that your lovely crops don't float away.

Wilko.

Sub-School Updates

Junior

Term 4—Welcome back!

The term has kicked off smoothly with students hitting the ground running this week. With all this wet weather, students are reminded to keep out of the puddles and dress appropriately for the weather.

Welcome to our new Grade 4 teacher, Mr. Donegan. He will be with us for the rest of the year and has already impressed the students with his gymnastics skills!

Hats for Term 4

Now that we are back in Term 4 it is time for hats again. Students need to be wearing hats at recess and lunch. If your child does not yet have a hat, they are available at the office. Don't forget to write a name on them!

Upcoming events

The P-2 sleepover will be later this term with news to come soon! The 3/4 Anglesea camp will have information sent out in the following weeks. We can't wait.

Middle

Welcome back to a very busy Term 4! There are a range of camps and excursions spread throughout the term, which will mean students and staff will be kept very busy.

Interested Year 8 students are currently applying to attend the School of Student Leadership for Term 1 in 2023. This process will see students complete a written application and then an interview to secure a place. We have been lucky enough to be offered two male and two female spots for the camp.

Next year, students will attend **Gnurad-Gundidj** which is adjacent to Mount Noorat near Camperdown in Victoria's Western District for all of Term 1. Rather than completing normal school subjects during this time, students will participate in outdoor activities and develop their personal capabilities and leadership skills. All Year 8 students and families should consider if this opportunity would be of benefit for them. Students are encouraged to speak to staff or students who have attended in the past to understand more about the opportunity.

Senior

Up the Creek Camp: Our Y9 & 10 students managed to leave a lasting (positive) impression on the Up the Creek staff. They just loved their positive attitude, maturity, motivation to have a go and the gratitude shown by our students. They loved that our students were capable of expressing their aims of the camp from being challenged to having time to be.



La Trobe Uni Engineering information day:

Students interested in Engineering as a future careers pathway are encouraged to let me know. Myself and Angela are organising an excursion to Bendigo on Nov 17th to find out more about university options in Engineering.

Expression of interest - regarding an excursion to **ACU and Fed Uni in Ballarat** on Monday 28th of November. Students will find out about potential courses, accommodation and more please let myself or Angela know by Nov 1st.

Keep up the great work Y12s & 11s: Pictured is the lovely HHD class completing their practice exam at the Lions Den (thank you East Loddon Lions) during their holiday break. Staff are encouraging students to keep pushing, asking for help and in the words of Bridget B from 2021, as a Y12 student, 'You're not doing your job if you're not annoying the teacher with questions.'



Sunshine please come back!

AROUND ELP SPORTS

Loddon Mallee Region Athletics

We have had some students qualify for the LMR Athletics. This sees schools from all over the Mallee and Loddon regions meeting to compete. The Secondary schools day is Thursday 6th October with the Primary schools competition on Monday 10th October. Good luck to:

Secondary Competition

Angus A—1500m

Tahlia B—Hurdles

Primary Competition

Teagan V—Shot-put

Penny B—1500m

From the PE Department:

It's gymnastics season. The gym has been transformed into the East Loddon Gymnastics Centre for the first 3 weeks of this term and students from Prep-Year 10 will participate in this program in their PE classes. This program teaches body control, balance, strength and co-ordination—along with a whole lot of fun!





Tahlia has won her Hurdles at Loddon Mallee Region Athletics and has qualified for state finals.



Angus has won his 1500m at Loddon Mallee Region Athletics and has qualified for state finals.



**Don't Forget the Mango Fundraiser
Forms due Back on the 17th of October**

Canteen

2022 OCTOBER	
Fri 7th	Natalie Rose Miranda Smith
Mon 10th	Belinda Clymo
Tues 11th	Sue Pickles
Wed 12th	Bree Hocking
Thurs 13th	Sue Pickles
Fri 14th	Wendy Murphy Shan Ralphs
Mon 17th	Jess Penny
Tues 18th	Sue Pickles
Wed 19th	Penny Cockerell
Thurs 20th	Sue Pickles
Fri 21st	Kristie Cullinan Cheryl Green