



Upcoming Dates

December

Mon 4th
9/10 Moggs Creek
Camp

Thurs 7th
Year 4/8 Graduation

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From the Principal

Displaying Flu-Like Symptoms?

The college has had a small number of confirmed covid-19 cases this week and I would like to remind families of the need to keep students at home if they are displaying flu-like symptoms such as a runny nose, cough or aches and pains. Although we are not mandated to report specific cases, I wanted to be upfront with families as we move towards a busy festive season.

Stage 2 Building Works

AW Nicholson will begin preliminary works for the stage 2 building program this coming Tuesday, with temp fencing being erected at the college and representatives of their building firm being present onsite from then onwards. Demolition work will begin asap after the completion of the school year, with the Art, Tech and associated spaces being demolished before the beginning of the 2024 school year.

Welcome Aboard Mr Gregg

The college is very excited to announce that we have appointed a new Senior Maths teacher. Mr Paul Gregg will begin with us at the start of 2024, bringing with him a wealth of knowledge and expertise in the Maths field. He is an experienced Specialist Maths and Math Methods teacher, as well as an experienced VCAA Specialist Maths and Math Methods marker of exams. We are extremely fortunate to have another staff member with such expertise come onboard!

Student Numbers in 2024

The large number of our college families would likely be unaware that the college has recently had a student-cap implemented by the Department of Education, meaning that our student numbers can not increase past 275 unless a student is within our identified catchment area. The college is currently at capacity with regards to this new student cap, and for this reason it is more important than usual that we know of any students who may be leaving the college at the end of the current school year. I respectfully ask that families make contact with the college office if they are intending on finishing with East Loddon for any reason at the completion

of the current school year.

Tik Tok Pages—Not College Authorised

I was made aware of some Tik Tok pages that have been started under the East Loddon name. Please know that these pages are in no way endorsed by the college. I have reported the pages that I have found to Tik Tok today and have listed a number of reasons as to why these are inappropriate. There are almost 100 followers between the 3 pages that have been reported today, with a great number of these followers being students of our college.

Please have a chat to your child tonight regarding these pages and kindly ask them to 'un-follow' the pages. Whilst most of the content could be deemed as 'harmless fun', there are a few videos and comments which clearly are offensive. I doubt very much that students have sought consent to name and discuss peers online, and I worry that this online behaviour could lead to frustration, bullying and blame.

End of Year Dates For The Calendar

- Step Up Week—Mon 11th to Thurs 14th Dec (This sees all year levels step-up to their 2024 year level)
- Presentation Assembly—Friday 15th Dec
- Student's Last Day—Friday 15th Dec
- Student Free Curriculum Day—Mon 18th Dec
- Student Free Curriculum Day—Tues 19th Dec
- Student Free Staff Professional Practice Day—Wed 20th Dec

This Week's Photo

This weeks photo comes courtesy of Mr Lee. It was taken at our recent junior sleepover. The students all appeared to have a wonderful time!

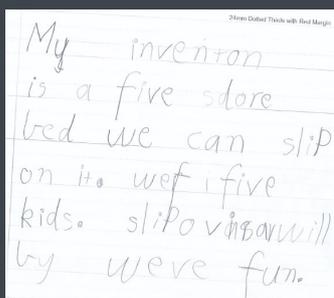
Steve Leed—College Principal

Junior School News

Literacy and Numeracy

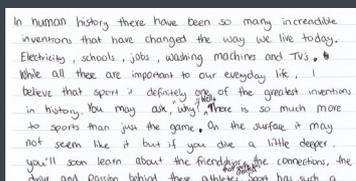
In October we had our whole school paragraph writing task. Preps to grade 4 were asked to write about something that they think would be a good invention. Grades 5 to 10 were asked to write about the greatest invention ever. Teachers then used comparative judgement give each piece a scaled score. This process allows teachers to measure individual writing growth and class growth. It allows teachers to consider how their students are going in comparison to the whole school and not just within the walls of their own. We can see where kids come from and all the work they do to improve their writing each year.

Here is a prep piece of writing.



"My invention is a five story bed we can sleep on it with five kids. Sleep overs will be very fun."

Here is part of a year ten piece of writing.



Learning to be writer's is so important and so difficult. From mastering handwriting and spelling and full stops to crafting long sentences with sophisticated vocabulary.

Junior

2024 CLASSROOM STRUCTURES

The class structures for 2024 have been finalised thanks to the P4 team, leadership and School Council. This was not a decision that was made lightly, and many factors came to play. We believe in what is best for the students, and have considered the options we have. Our class structures for 2024 will be as follows:

Prep/One Three/Four
One/Two Three/Four

Each classroom will consist of approximately the same amount of students. Each individual Grade will still receive their daily portion of Literacy as a separate grade (eg: grade 1 will be together for instruction).

Literacy intervention will continue to be offered to students across P4 who are at need based on assessments, teacher judgement and progress. Classroom teachers and student allocations to classes will be finalised before Step Up Week. We understand some students are feeling nervous about next year, and encourage you to talk to your child/

ren about this. We are all excited for this new change, and can't wait to see what 2024 has in store!

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Adelle and Jared Smith for coming into our Grade 4 classroom this week to talk to our Agriculture students about the sustainable practises used on their pig farm. Students were learning about the process of converting waste into electricity and the uses of that electricity. We are so lucky to have experts in our community to come in to teach our students. Thank you!



UPCOMING DATES

Sub-School Captain Speeches—4th December
Middle Years Information Session—4th December
Grade 4 Graduation—7th December
300 Nights of Reading Lunch—8th December
Classroom KK—15th December (last day)

FREE ENTRY

Kids movie from 5pm. Movie for all ages from 7pm. We hope that all community members will come down and enjoy the evening.
—ELP 12 SRC

5pm–9pm
14 December, 2023
East Loddon P-12 College

A range of local food and drink vendors will be selling on the night, including:

- Coffee to Di for
- Little Sangria
- Mincha Munchies
- Sweets and Treats Icecream
- The Donut man

Sub-School Updates

Middle

Grade 6 Students— If you have a child commencing **year 7 in 2024** please complete the Rubicon Camp forms asap. These can be found on compass.

Our year 7 class for 2024 have been accepted to attend Rubicon adventure camp at the start of the school year. This camp will be a central part of our year 7 transition program for 2024, with a focus on teamwork, resilience, and integration of new students to our college. Over the week, students will be bushwalking, river paddling, caving, abseiling and working on developing their independent and group work skills. This year the camp will be held at the Thornton campus.

Canberra Camp—All reports from the Grade 5/6 Canberra camp indicate they are having a blast of a time! Our travellers are due back Friday approx. 4pm. Arrival times will be updated closer to the time.

Middle Years Information Session- 2.30pm Monday 4th December at the college. This session will provide information regarding the transition from Grade 4 (Junior school) into Grade 5 (Middle school) and beyond. All 2024 Middle Years parents/guardians are welcome.

Year 8 Graduation- Thursday 7th November. East Loddon P-12 would like to extend an invitation to parents and guardians of our Year 8 students to attend graduation. Please arrive at **1.45pm for a 2pm sharp start.**

Year 8 Celebration- Thursday 7th November, from 3.30pm-5.30pm. Parental consent is required for this celebration. Please refer to compass.



Senior

Congrats to Y10s: both panels confirmed our students were all hired after their efforts during mock interviews. It was pleasing to see students looking professional in their smart casual and taking the practice interview process seriously. Well done!

Congrats to Y10s and Y11s: exams are over YAY!!! Y11 students can now take a break from classes until Step Up Week Monday 11th of December. Meanwhile, our Y10s are currently on a mini 2 or 3 day break and will hit the beach next week for our annual Advance (Moggs Creek) camp.

Y10 Driver Ed new date: Apologies as we were short staffed and as it turns out so was the Driver Ed centre. The **new date** for the current cohort of Y10 students will be in 2024. **Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd of Feb.** It is the first week back for students, so I am hoping it will cause minimal disruption for these students (as they will be in Y11 in 2024). If due to the date change you are not able to attend the camp **please could you let me know, as I need to confirm numbers shortly.** Thank you.

Y9&10 Electives 2024: If students would like a printed copy of the booklet please ask Mrs Lawry. If students have questions about specific subjects please speak to the subject teacher assigned to the class. **Elective preferences are due Friday 1st of December.** Thank you.

Y9 & 10 Vocational Major Fosterville mine visit:

We arrived to security and an induction where I had to be breathalised, the students found this most amusing. I passed with 0.00 and we were in, only to be told I may then have to complete a ran-

dom drug test also. This is all part of the high security but high emphasis on safety also. We were met by Leigh and Les who escorted us around the mine, providing opportunities for us to meet and talk to a whole range of Fosterville employees. Initially we were taken through an induction and then provided with some general information about the mine, they employ 623 staff plus contractors. The mine encourages people who have a positive attitude, good work ethic and tend to rate this above qualifications and experience. Amber from HR explained to the students that there were a range of entry level jobs, apprenticeships and jobs that required certificates or degrees. However, in many instances Fosterville mine encourages people to complete on the job training.

Students met with staff from drilling, light and heavy vehicle automotive, truck drivers, geologists, geo-techs, environmental officers health, human resource management, safety officers and more. We were so lucky, at each stop we met experienced and apprentice staff who were all willing to share their story, their positives of the industry and working at Fosterville mine. The staff were so impressed with our students, they've invited them back for work experience plus.



AROUND ELP SPORTS

Swimming Program 2024

Forms for both P-6 and 7-10 swimming program have now been sent out.

An event for each swimming program has now been created and parents or guardians can **now provide consent online through the compass portal.**

Please note that the P-6 students will still need to return the swimming ability form to the office. This will help group students more efficiently on day one of the swimming program.

“If something stands between you and your success, move it. Never be denied.”

Self Esteem Activities
Wednesday 6/12/2023

Our wellbeing team look forward to sharing some self-esteem activities with our junior and middle sub-schools next week.

P-4 focus will be on 'I am....' Affirmations and being kind to others by giving and receiving 'warm fuzzies'

Years 5-8 students will watch a documentary called EMBRACE Kids and also focus on their strengths and abilities and find them in others.

We look forward to encouraging worthy compliments for each other on this day, and indeed any day!

Self-esteem is made up primarily of two things: feeling lovable and feeling capable.
 Jack Canfield

"You yourself, as much as anybody in the entire universe, deserve your love and affection."
 SHARON SALZBERG

"Self confidence is a super power. Once you start to believe in yourself, magic starts happening."
 -UNKNOWN

VCE VM excursion to Melbourne

Our VCE VM class planned, organised and travelled to the Melbourne Zoo yesterday. We took the early train from Bendigo and then caught the train from Southern Cross Station to the Zoo.

After leaving sunny Bendigo we arrived in raining Melbourne and had to purchase ponchos before touring the zoo and view our favourite animals. The day was great and was totally funded by our own VCE VM small business Snake and Hare Café. We even had enough time to deliver some mobile phone for recycling the the Yr 8 Community students had collected.

We would love to thanks all the staff and community members who have supported us students and our business throughout the semester this has allowed us to improve our skills and confidence in a wide range of areas.



ST Nikolaus Day 6th December

In German the Prep class have been learning about St Nikolaus. Children leave their shoes outside their bedroom door, and if they have been good during the year, St Nikolaus may leave some treats in the shoes for them.

Fräulein Burgstett



Canteen

Fri 1st Dec	Wendy Murphy	2023 Dec	
Mon 4th	Prue Milgate	Mon 11th	Anna Osborne
Tues 5th	Sue Pickles	Tues 12th	Sue Pickles
Wed 6th	Jess Penny	Wed 13th	Karen Pascoe
Thurs 7th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 14th	Sue Pickles
Fri 8th	Chevron Heath Kristie Cullinan	Fri 15th	Lisa Twigg Sharon Hughes