



Upcoming Dates

October

Fri 13th
Walk For Mental Health Awareness

Tues 24th
P-4 Playground Incur-sion

Wed 18th
9-10 Cultivating Futures Excursion

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From the Principal

Prep 2024

I am excited to announce to the college community that Mrs Louise Hocking will be stepping into the role of Prep classroom teacher in 2024. Mrs Hocking has previously taught Prep and is really looking forward to teaching at this level once again. Our 2024 Prep students met with Mrs Hocking today as part of our transition program, and these students will continue their transitions with Mrs Hocking over the next few weeks.

Further announcements with regards to staffing and subjects in 2024 will be made in due course.

Snake Awareness

Families are encouraged to talk with their children with regards to snake awareness after a couple of brown snakes have been spotted within the school grounds this week. We have also had reports from some community members who have spotted snakes this past week or so.

In very basic terms, we encourage all families to make it clear to their children that they are not to approach or gather around snakes that they see at school. If students see a snake, we would like them to leave it alone, step away from the snake whilst keeping an eye on it, and inform a staff member asap. Our students are typically fantastic with this, but it does not hurt to remind them again.

Walk For Mental Health—Tomorrow!!!

I mentioned a little while back that four year 9 students (Emily S, Keira T, Will H and Riley W) who attended the School For Student Leadership earlier this year, would be running a community project on October 13th. This community project is known as the 'Walk For Mental Health' and it is open to all within the college community.

The students have organised for a guest speaker to assist in running a special assembly at 10:30am and they would like as many parents and carers there as possible. There will also be a morning tea provided to all visitors who attend and participate on the day!

The aim of this project is to raise awareness of mental health in our community and to provide further information and strategies to encourage people to speak-up when they are feeling down.

The students have done a wonderful job with their planning of this event and we hope to see a number of college community members supporting this worthwhile cause next Friday.

Collecting Children From School

College parents and carers are asked to please ensure that they collect their children from the college office if children are to be collected before 3:20pm on any given day.

We also ask that any students who are to be collected after the end of the school day, remain in the college grounds until a parent or carer is able to collect them. Please know that we will not allow students to exit the school grounds at the end of the day, especially whilst school buses are still on college grounds.

Thankyou for your understanding.

Immunisation 'Catch-ups' For Yr 7 & 10

A number of year 7 and 10 students missed their Immunisations earlier in the year and these will be made available once again on November 9th. Parents/carers of any year 7 or 10 students that require their immunisations are to make contact with the college office regarding this.

Steve Leed—College Principal

Literacy and Numeracy

How is our Italian exchange student, Marley, finding English?

The relationship between writing and pronunciation is unclear in English. The way I pronounce a word is different from how it is written and different from how Australians pronounce it. This is confusing because in Italian every word is written as it is pronounced, there are no letters like "h", "y" or "k". When I hear a new Italian word, I can immediately spell it without making any mistakes.

Australian English is different from that of Great Britain or the US. When I was a child, I listened to my mum speaking English and I could understand, but when I arrived in Australia I only understood one word in three. Australians speak by shortening words, such as "G'day", or using slang such as "yeah nah" to say no or "nah yeah" to say yes, this is confusing.

I thought "angry", "hungry" and "hangry" were the same word. It was two months before my ear was able to hear the differences.

It is hard to translate some words. The word "I love you" in Italian can be translated two ways: "Ti voglio bene" and "Ti amo". The first is used towards a friend or an animal, the second towards your husband. They are different. When I want to say "I love you" to an Australian friend of mine, it feels strange to tell her that I love her. Marley Galetti

Assistant Principal's news



**Well done Long House
and
Year 3 is the best year
ever!**

News of the week! Bridget turned 9. That's not only pretty cool, but she brought to school a bunch of meringue worms to share. Good news is, we ate them during reading time, so we were all a buzz by the time literacy started. Maths was a bit sleepy though.

Speaking of maths... Next week is numeracy week. Maths will take over reading time, thanks to the cleverly constructed equation that Mrs Ellis came up with

Reading time— reading =

maths time. What a genius. I think she is taking maths lessons from Tarz.

During maths week, we are having a bunch of activities. They include, Quickest rubiks cube solving, maths games each morning, maths jokes over the

PA (they will be classic dad jokes mixed with high level dork. We will also have the most important event on Friday at lunchtime, when we decide who the fastest times tabler in the school is. Winners will be decided from each sub school followed by the best students in the sub-school taking on the 'mighty human abacus, the 'country calculator' the 'Dingee denominator' (she's the bottom line)Louise Hocking. She is whip smart and whip fast. Sometimes she gives answers before questions have been asked! Anyway, maths is on the agenda. If you want to help your kids win the timetable's race, get them to learn the hard ones. Everyone can get 10's and 11's and 1's and sometimes 5's. DON'T NEGLECT THE 7's. Teach your kids 3x7 4x7 5x7 6x7 7x7 8x7

and 9x7 before next week to give them a fighting chance. No dinner until its done.

Last week all student leaders were given badges to recognise their service. This was followed by the announcement that LONG house had once again won the athletics sports. Come on other houses! It's not that hard! Well done to all in Long, to all age champions and to our student leaders.

A few snakes about at the moment. Please keep your eyes open, walk heavy and report any sightings to the office. Don't try and kill the snake.

See you all next week.

Mr Wilko

Sub-School Updates

Junior

THURSDAY LUNCH

Starting this week, students across P-6 will be welcome to participate in *Creative Club*. Students will be able to complete crafts, colouring-in, build Lego in a quiet and calm environment. This will be great for students who might need a break for all the hustle and bustle that the school yard can sometimes bring! If you think this is something your child would benefit from, please talk to them about this.



YEAR 3 AGRICULTURE

Every week we are so excited about Agriculture classes and what it means for our school and our students. This term, students in Grade 3 are responsible for the new chicken pen at school. They students are caring for two Wyandotte hens and a rooster. We are also incubating 39 eggs! This week, the Grade 3 students had visitors Graeme and Dehne. They came to speak to the kids about how to show chickens. All this is leading up to the Grade 3 students to show some chickens and the Bendigo Show on the 27th of October. More information about this excursion will be on Compass soon.



Middle

Today's photos are of the **Year 7-8 Ceramic Tiles**. The students have been busy finishing off their decorative tile artworks. The final step in the completion of these amazing works, has been to learn the techniques of glazing. Working with only primary colours, black and white, students were encouraged to mix their own secondary and tertiary colours. Keep an eye out for your child bringing home one of these stunning artworks.

Looking forward- Preparations are underway for the **5/6 Canberra Camp running 27th November- 1st December**. Please keep an eye out for medical and information packs heading home over the next week.

If your child requires a medical, allergy, anaphylaxis or asthma plan (required to be update every 12 months), please ensure the school has a current copy. Updated forms are required to attend camps.



Senior

Y10 & Y11 subject selections: On Tuesday I had a really nice day, I was able to talk to the majority of our Y10 & Y11 students about their subjects for next year. I have provided each student with a list of subjects they will be studying in 2024. I hinted they should share this with their parents/carers. Please ask your child about this.

However, if students were absent on Tuesday please come and see me to discuss subject selections for 2024. Any questions please let me know.

Y10 & Y11 Practice exams: this timetable was released to students earlier in the week on compass. Practice exams will take place from Tuesday 21st of November through to Wednesday 29th of November. Copies of the timetable are available via compass news feed or printed copies are available from my desk.

Y12 Valedictory Dinner: Details of this were finalised and have been shared with Y12 students, families and staff. The event will take place Wednesday 15th of November from 6pm onwards at the East Loddon Woolshed. Cost is \$40 for a two course meal. Please pay to the College office and please let me know if any dietary requirements.

Y12 Exam meeting: On Wednesday and then again this morning I hosted a meeting to share with students information about their upcoming exams. It was mostly procedural information, logistics, where to find further information about equipment for each exam and what to do if you are unwell or if you experience difficult circumstances in the lead up to exams. Please let me know if you need any help.

MORE early entrance offers: Congrats to Libby who has received an offer to study a Bachelor of Physiotherapy at La Trobe Uni. Congrats to Steph for being offered an offer of a Bachelor of Paramedicine at both La Trobe and ACU Uni. These offers are conditional on certain results, but are great to receive all the same. Sam, Tahlia and Keira have already received an early entrance offer for La Trobe. Jade was mentioned in last weeks newsletter for her offer to study a Bachelor of Law at RMIT. So proud!!!



Thanks Tom & Ned: These two students took time out of their busy schedule to answers questions from myself and our Y9&10 VM class about their School Based Apprenticeships.

AROUND ELP SPORTS

LMR Secondary Athletics

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the Loddon Mallee athletics carnival! All students achieved amazing results against students from the region.

Marley A—1500m 2nd
Angus A— 1500m 4th
Harrison N— Discus 3rd
Aidan R— Javelin 4th

LMR Primary Athletics carnival

Ava and Harvey competed in the Loddon Mallee Primary school Track and field on Monday. Harvey came 2nd in hurdles and Ava 6th in High jump.

An excellent achievement !



"One person practicing sportsmanship is far better than 50 preaching it."

Remember KFC?

No, not the chicken joint 😊

'Kid's Fun or Friday Club' (P-6 Youth Group) have met for over 20 years!!, usually for 4 Friday's, full of fun activities, after school each term!

We would then celebrate in one of our local Church with families on the last Sunday.

Unfortunately, KFC have not been able to meet since COVID changed things, but we want to meet one last time to celebrate all things KFC.

Who knows, we might even bring along some KFC tucker

SO...You are invited to the party!

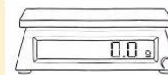
See Invitation Flyer attached for details

16th – 20th of October

Numeracy Week

Fun Maths activities all week!

Can you correctly estimate the weight of one of our chickens?



Guess how many lollies are in the jar!

Reading time – Reading time = Maths time

We will be playing maths games all week during reading time = 1 - 1%

East Loddon times table champion



Whole school chance corner!

Who will be the last one standing on the central lawn?

Treasure hunt:

Can you find the most or the lucky MAB square?



Rubrics cube challenge

Without mathematics, there's nothing you can do. Everything around you is mathematics. Everything around you is numbers.

Canteen

2023 Feb	
Fri 13th	Shan Ralps Michelle Balic
Mon 16th	Karolyn Campbell
Tues 17th	Sue Pickles
Wed 18th	Kia Hooke
Thurs 19th	Sue Pickles
Fri 20th	Wendy Murphy Bec Cullen
Mon 23rd	Belinda Clymo
Tues 24th	Sue Pickles
Wed 25th	Nicky Lawry
Thurs 26th	Sue Pickles
Fri 27th	Natalie Rose