



## Upcoming Dates

October  
Tues 24th  
Playground Craze  
Incursion  
Fri 27th  
Yr3 Bendigo Show  
Excursion

November  
Fri 3rd  
P-4 Special Persons  
Day  
Tues 7th  
Melbourne Cup Student  
Free Day  
Thurs 9th  
Yr7/10 Immunisation  
Catch up  
Nov 15th  
Valedictory Dinner

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## From the Principal

### Yr. 8 Community Mobile Phone Collection

As a part of Mr Smith's Year 8 Community class, some of our wonderful year 8 students are going to run a mobile phone collection process from the 31st of October to the 15th of November. If you have any old tablets, laptops or mobile phones that you won't use anymore, then these students would love to have them! The students will have boxes in each section of the school, as well as one in the office.

By assisting with this, you can be a part of stopping the deforestation and killing of Eastern lowland gorillas.

3000 gorillas die each year due to poaching and deforestation and by donating your old/broken phones you can help make a difference.

Please bring your phones and other devices and put them in the sub-school phone collection boxes!

Thankyou for your support, make sure you ask your family and friends for some old phones too!

### Numeracy Week Fun

Students across all year levels have had a great time with numeracy week activities this week. There has been a continuous MAB treasure hunt throughout the week and a 'guess the weight' of college rooster 'Big Steve', along with some numeracy games/activities each morning and some A-Grade mathematical comedy/jokes by Mr Wilkinson at lunchtime today. It really has been terrific to see the huge majority of students and staff getting into the festivities of the week. I hope that I am the lucky one to guess the correct number of lollies in the wonderful looking lolly-jar tomorrow, as it is as big as Mr Twigg's head (and that is rather large...)!

### 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.

### 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.

### Immunisation 'Catch-ups' For Yr 7 & 9

A number of year 7 and 9 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 9 students that require their immunisations are to make contact with the college office regarding this.

Steve Leed—College Principal

## Well done SSL team!

Last Friday Year 9 students, Will, Emily, Keira, and Riley, successfully organized a walk to raise awareness of mental health issues in rural areas. They started planning in Term 4 last year and continued refining their idea while away at the School for Student Leadership during Term 1. On their return, they had regular lunchtime meetings to finalize the details and make their plans a reality.

On the day of the walk, we had a guest speaker, Cogho from 'Let's Chat,' (and a certain radio show) who shared valuable insights about the importance of open communication. The weather was perfect for the walk, and our Year 12 SRC reps provided conversation prompts along the way. Families, staff, and the Year 12 class joined the SSL team for a morning tea afterwards. It was a great achievement considering the challenges faced by previous teams due to Covid disruptions and other factors. They have set an awesome example for next year's team! Speaking of which, we are excited to announce that Ella G, Piper, Jake, Matilda, and Zane have been selected for the 2024 team, who will be attending the Alpine School in Term 1 next year. Congratulations to both teams!

## Assistant Principal's news



### In Uniform—tick I can play anywhere in bounds

Sometimes at school council, we discuss uniform. To be honest it's not my favourite topic and I don't think it necessarily improves our student results. What it does do however is provide us with a boundary of what is acceptable and unacceptable clothing to wear to school. Most and I mean the vast majority of kids and families take this seriously and we are so glad that they do. It is a difficult thing though, for us to monitor and sometimes viewed as a fight not worth having.

Currently we are having discussions with numerous students and occasionally their families about the wearing of uniform hats at the college. Hats are a non

negotiable. We must wear them in terms one and four, for sunsmart policy reasons. Our uniform hats are green. They are hats that have been decided upon by the uniform committee. They are for all students. Some staff also choose to wear them but not all. That is their choice.

Here's our issue. Some students are, despite being reminded, continually wearing non uniform hats. Some are now even wearing non uniform hats under uniform hats. It's tiresome and boring. This can only be for the reasons of wanting to have an argument about uniform or to press buttons. This is an argument that we are not going to have. Our

### Out of uniform— sad face I am staying in the shade of the office

jobs, like everyone's are busy. From tomorrow, we will not discuss the worthiness of one hat over another. We will however, confiscate any non uniform hats and place them in safe keeping until students present with a uniform hat. These can be purchased from the office for \$10. If your child has no hat or if they have been confiscated, we will find a safe shady spot for them to sit during recess and lunch.

The hat game finishes tomorrow. If students or parents would like to contribute to the uniform discussion please have them contact either the SRC or a school council representative.

Mr Wilko



# Sub-School Updates

## Junior

### MATHS WEEK

This week is Maths Week! It has been so much fun every morning during Reading Time. We have been enjoying playing different maths games every morning so far. The timetables challenge is ramping up, and we will have our P4 winner soon! Well done to Ned, Dusty, Noah for being the top timetables champions in their classes!

On Wednesday, students got to participate in a variety of maths rotations. We had students making patterns, drawing shapes, using tessellations, playing paddocks and playing tumbling towers. With students of different ages. It was fantastic to see some of the other P-4 students step up and help our Preps.

### BENDIGO AG EXCURSION

Next Friday, the Grade 3 class will be venturing to the Bendigo Agriculture Show. Here students will be looking at the livestock competition and learning more about the preparation required when entering animals in competition. Please remember to pay and provide consent either via Compass or directly to the office before next Thursday.

### P4 PLAYGROUND CRAZE INCURSION

Students in P4 will be involved in an incursion next Tuesday called, 'The Playground Craze.' This incursion with teach students about emotions and how to manage and control them.

### SPECIAL PERSONS DAY \*DATE CHANGE\*

The date for Special Person's has changed. This date is now **Friday the 3rd of November**. Notes will be provided to all P-4 students tomorrow. Please RSVP as soon as possible.

## AROUND ELP SPORTS

### State Athletics

Congratulations to Marley A who travelled to Melbourne on Monday to participate in the State Athletics.

Marley competed in the under 16 girls 1500m run and placed 12th. To qualify for States these students placed in the top 2 in their region to qualify for this event. She should be congratulated on her achievements and making it to this level against the best in Victoria!



This week's Middle Year photos-  
Year 7 Maker Space with Mr Aurisch and Textiles with Mrs Tracy



**Year 7 Fire Safety**

A big thank you is extended to Jo Guthrie from our local CFA for coming to our school to deliver a fire safety session to our Year 7 class. The students enjoyed learning about our fire district, total fire bans, bush fires and fire safety in the home.

## Senior

**Y9&10 Ag excursion:** students had the pleasure of finding out a little more about careers in Ag yesterday. Thanks Mrs Maxted for enabling our students this opportunity. Students learnt about Digital Technology in Ag, visited Down Under Covers near Lockington, Ross at Terrick West Poll Merinos and then onto to meet Belinda from Calmo Farms. What an awesome way to spend the day learning from local identities about their businesses, success in Ag and career pathways. Thank you for volunteering your time to make this happen and to helping our students.



**Y12 last day of classes tomorrow but party begins on November 15th:** almost time to celebrate, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> of November will be our Year 12 students' last official day. On this day students will have the opportunity to participate in some fun activities safely (of course), before enjoying a morning tea with parents/carers and staff. Plus Valedictory Dinner celebrations later that evening.

**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.

**VCE Units 3 & 4 register to receive your results:** Students can register online at the following link [www.resultsandatar.vic.edu.au](http://www.resultsandatar.vic.edu.au) to receive a text message on Monday 11th of December with their results.

**Y10 & Y11 Practice exams:** Timetable shared on a compass news feed Friday 6th of October. If you have any questions or would like a printed copy please let me know.

**What are three things that went well for you today?**



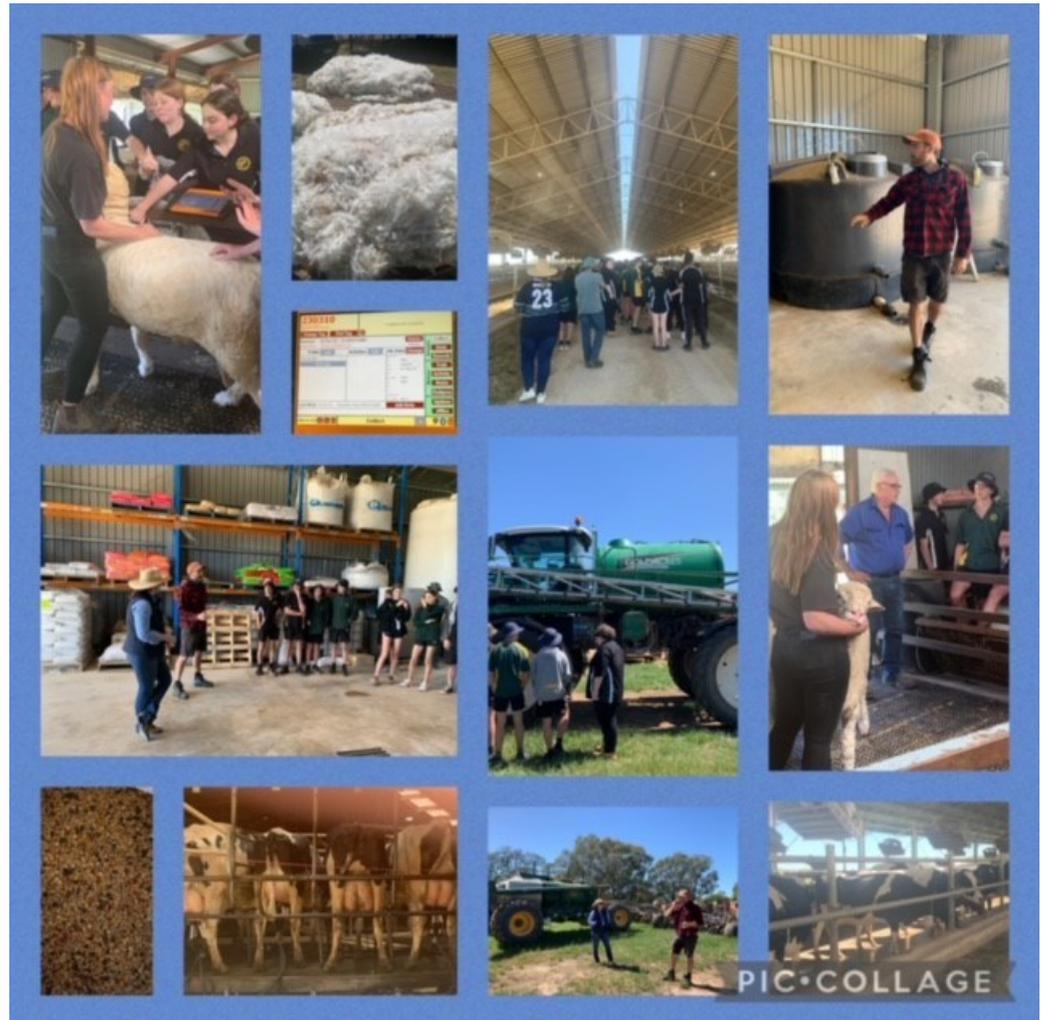
“There’s no way around hard work. Embrace it. You have to put in the hours because there is always something you can improve on”

## SRC NEWS

The SRC will meet this week to discuss the possibility of a community event with a grant available from Northern District Community Health's FReeZA program. We look forward to sharing this information with you soon. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank our executive committee for their hard work this year and wish them well for their upcoming exams. We have been in good hands this year with Libby C as president, Sam H as secretary and Gemma M as treasurer.

### Matilda production video

Our college production of Matilda was professionally recorded on the night thanks to Cameron at Spinkscapes and will be available for purchase later this term. Families and community members who wish to purchase a copy of this video can do so via the college office. Payment can be taken now, with an expected release date to be announced soon. \$20 a copy.



## Canteen

<b>Fri 20th</b>	Wendy Murphy Bec Cullen	<b>2023 Oct/Nov</b>	
<b>Mon 23rd</b>	Belinda Clymo	<b>Mon 30th</b>	Rachel Hay
<b>Tues 24th</b>	Sue Pickles	<b>Tues 31st</b>	Sue Pickles
<b>Wed 25th</b>	Nicky Lawry	<b>Wed 1st</b>	Karen Pascoe
<b>Thurs 26th</b>	Sue Pickles	<b>Thurs 2nd</b>	Sue Pickles
<b>Fri 27th</b>	Karen Pascoe	<b>Fri 3rd</b>	Kristie Cullinan Miranda Smith