



Upcoming Dates

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

December

Fri 8th
Activities Day Colour Run

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Respect
Responsibility
Resilience
Relationships

From the Principal

Booklists Out Today

Mr Twigg will be sending home 2024 booklists with students today, and will also post a booklist newsfeed later in the day. Please read the booklist information carefully and call Mr Twigg in the office if you have any questions.

Melbourne Cup Holiday

Please make a note in your diary regarding our Melbourne Cup holiday next Tuesday 7th November. There will be no buses or classes operating on this day.

Toilet 'Issues' in New Build

The 2 toilets in our new build are not currently working due to an issue with the water treatment plant that feeds this system. This should have little to no impact on students, as they are required to use the outside toilet blocks during breaktimes and the office toilet during classtime (for all year 5—12 students).

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.

Immunisation 'Catch-ups' For Yr 7 & 9

A number of year 7 and 9 students missed their im-

munisations earlier in the year and these will be made available once again **next Thursday 9th November**. Parents/carers of any year 7 or 9 students that require their immunisations are to make contact with the college office regarding this.

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!

This Week's Photo

This week's photo is of the beautiful poppies that are featured at the entrance to our front office in the lead-up to remembrance day on Saturday 11th November. These poppies were made by our wonderful year 3 class and they look fantastic!

Steve Leed—College Principal

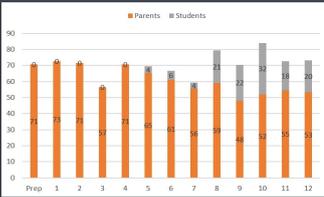
Report feedback

The latest instalment of progress reports will be available later this week, providing another opportunity to contact teachers and discuss your child's progress through the semester.

It has been great to see parent engagement with semester reports increasing this year, with the total number of reports viewed increasing from 42% in Sem 1 2022, to 72% in Sem 1 2023.

| Year | Parents | Students (not viewed by parents) |
|------|---------|-------------------------------------|
| 2023 | 165 | 32 |
| | 61% | 12% |
| 2022 | 67 | 49 |
| | 24% | 18% |

It was interesting to see how parent engagement changed as students get older—do they get more feedback directly from their child?



It was also great to see more families come along to the parent teacher student interviews last term, with nearly 40% attending compared to less than 30% last year.

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support in your child's education and welcome any feedback about the reporting process. If you have viewed your child's reports, what did you like? What needs to be improved? If you haven't viewed your child's reports, what are the barriers?

Abi JOHNS

- [Profile \(Attendance, Schedule, Reports\)](#)
- [Add Attendance Note \(Approved Absence/Late\)](#)
- [View Academic Reports](#)
- [Book Parent Student Teacher Conference](#)

Assistant Principal's news



Something eggciting in the year 3 room!

How crazy is this? The year 3s popped a bunch of eggs in to the incubator in the back of room 3. About 20 days later, the eggs start wobbling around. Nek minute we have a chick scratching around. Before you can blink, we've got a dozen or so. I could not believe my eyes. Its like a nursery, we have so many proud mums and dads. I cant wait for it to start stinking up a storm in the room. We are in the purple patch at the moment when the chicks look and sound cute and yet don't stink too much. Its all downhill from here. Like all good parents, before too long the kids will be saying, "stop making noise and woوو you stink".

In other news from the p4 area, you've got to put your hands together for our year 4s and 1/2s. This week in art they made the

most beautiful poppies. These will be on display during November to mark remembrance day. We will commemorate this on the 10 of November 2023. It's a Friday and its not the 11th of the 11th because that is a Saturday. We welcome all parents and friends to join us at 10:50 for a short service that day. Our subschool leaders will run a service that will last about ten minutes, Try remembering this poem.....

In Flanders fields the poppies blow

Between the crosses row on row

That mark our place and in the sky

The larks still bravely singing fly

Scarce heard amid the

guns below.

We are the dead short days ago

We lived felt dawn saw sunset glow

Loved and were loved

And now we lie in Flanders Field

Take up our quarrel with the foe

To you from failing hands we throw

The torch be yours to hold it high

If ye break faith with us who die

We shall not sleep though poppies grow in Flanders Field.

Sub-School Updates

Junior

READING NIGHTS

Our Reading Nights Celebration is getting closer! We are currently on our 305th day of the year, so technically some students *may* have just hit their goal. Our end date will be the **8th of December**. Technically, that is 37 more days of reading potentially! On this date, we have host our special reading nights lunch for those students.

WORKSHOP WITH CHRIS KENNETT

Families may have noticed that their was a new incursion for our P-4 students. This incursion is a writing and illustrating workshop. For this incursion, only consent is required. Wooho! Please make sure this is provided before the **10th of November**.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER

Special Person's Day—**3rd of November**.

P-2 Sleepover—**23rd of November** *Preps do not sleepover at this event.

Anglesea Camp—**11th-13th of December**

Step Up Week—**11th-15th December**

BENDIGO AGRICULTURE SHOW

Last Friday our Grade 3 students headed out to Bendigo for the Agriculture Show with Mrs. Lister, Ms Colville and Mr. Jolly. Students explored almost every display the show had to offer on the day! The highlight definitely had to be the chickens. East Loddon entered 2 ducks and 1 chicken in the show. All entries placed! Thanks again to Dehne Vinnicombe for his support throughout our chicken program.



Middle

We are almost halfway through term 4 and exciting opportunities are about to pop up for Middle Years students.

Leadership opportunities for 2024- Sub-school captains.

Our amazing Sub-school Leaders Ava and Kyen are soon to hand over the reigns as they graduate from Middle to Senior school. Last Friday they did a brilliant job of running our Middle School assembly. This Friday, they will stepped-up even further, as they run the Whole School Assembly in place of our Senior Captains who are currently completing their VCE exams.



Towards the end of term or current year 7 students will be

offered the opportunity to apply for a Sub-school Leader position. Keep an eye out for further information regarding the application process in the coming weeks.

More exciting dates to keep in mind-

Canberra Camp Grade 5/6 27th November-1st December- please ensure all medical and information forms have been returned.

GTAC Incursion Grade 5/6 and Yr 7 Friday 8th December

Right- Joseph and his pull-along crocodile (Grade 5 Woodwork)

Far right Grade 5 Woodwork Pull along toys under construction.



Senior

VET at Charlton 2024: Students that have registered to study VET at Charlton next year now need to please create a Unique Student Identifier USI. Information was emailed to parents regarding this, if you need further help please let me know. Students and parents/carers can obtain a USI by using this link below.

<https://www.usi.gov.au/students/get-a-usi>

Alternatively, I can assist students at school but they would please need to bring a copy of ID eg medicare card with their name on it.

Y11 Fit 2 Drive program: is happening at school Friday 10th of November in the morning. We are extremely fortunate to receive funding for this event from Northern District Community Health and LLEN.

Keeping going Y12s: Congrats Bridget, Gem, Jye, Steph and Libby who have now finished their exams. Such a memorable moment and feeling walking out of that last exam, especially when you have done all the hard work (as these guys have). I'm sure they are relaxing, and doing some fun activities to celebrate. Not long to go and our remaining Y12s can then celebrate together. Keep up the great work!

Y10 & Y11 Work Experience 2024: Angela is starting to organising expression of interests for work experience next year. She is eager to find out what industries students would like to work in so that we can find potential placements through referrals of school and community contacts.

Electives information out soon: Apologies for the delay. I am just waiting on some important staffing information to then help decide which electives can run in which blocks. In addition we are also working on adding some new electives (exciting). Once this information is finalised it will be shared with current Y8&Y9 students.

Last call for Driver Ed: numbers were finalised yesterday, if you are still wanting to attend please return the consent form and pay online asap. Please also let me know about this. As I've had to confirm numbers with the Driver Ed Centre and accommodation and transport. Thanks

Pictured is our Y9&10 VM class preparing for their mock interviews.

Who is someone you are grateful for? If you can, share with them why you appreciate them.



SRC

The SRC has been working on a Movie on the Lawn community event which will be finalised shortly. We will also be holding a whole school **Activities Day on Fri 8th December** to celebrate the 2023 school year. We are still confirming the list of activities that will run on this day but we are happy to confirm that it will again feature a Colour Run. **Students will need white (or other light-coloured clothes)** that families are okay with potentially becoming stained for this day. They will also need a change of clothes for the bus ride home. Students will NOT be permitted to participate in the Colour Run in uniform.

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

| 2023 NOV | |
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| Fri 3rd | Wendy Murphy Miranda Smith |
| Mon 6th | Sue Pickles |
| Tues 7th | Melbourne Cup No School |
| Wed 8th | Jess Penny |
| Thurs 9th | Sue Pickles |
| Fri 10th | Shan Ralphs Chevron Heath |
| Mon 13th | Anna Osborne |
| Tues 14th | Sue Pickles |
| Wed 15th | Karolyn Campbell Sharon Hughes |
| Thurs 16th | Sue Pickles |
| Fri 17th | Wendy Murphy Kristy Noonan |