



Upcoming Dates

FEBRUARY

Fri 23rd
P-12 Assembly

Tue 29th
Yr 7-10 Swimming

MARCH

Wed 6th
PTSI

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From the Principal

College Drinking Water

We were informed early yesterday morning of the fact that our college drinking water had run dry. A delivery of drinking water arrived at the college by recess. Although the drinking water appeared to be discoloured for a short period of time following our new delivery, I assume that this was due to the need for it to settle after our system had been fully drained overnight. Please know that our college drinking water is UV filtered and constantly monitored by AKS Industries. A member of the AKS team is also attending the college to check on the water treatment station and ensure that everything is working as it should be. Students are also encouraged to bring a full water bottle from home each day if they would like to. Please ensure that water bottles are clearly named.

Parent Teacher Student Interviews

Parent Teacher Student Interviews (PTSI's) will take place on Wednesday March 6th between 1:30pm and 5:00pm. The format for PTSI's will be as follows -

- Face to face interviews on the day are preferred where possible.
- Online or phone interviews are available for those who require these.
- Back-to-back bookings are available in cases where students are taught a number of subjects by the same staff member.

Families are reminded to make contact with staff members via email or a phone call to the office whenever this is needed. Whilst the actual PTSI's are a wonderful opportunity to touch base with each other, we encourage families to make contact before and/or after these interviews if there is a need to.

PTSI bookings can be made on Compass as of tomorrow. Please call the college office if you need any further information.

Upcoming School Review

The college will undertake a full school review in term 3 and we would love to have a wide range of feedback from staff,

students and families help to inform this review. Throughout the next 2 terms, there will be a number of occasions provided for the receiving of feedback, starting with an opportunity for parents and carers to provide feedback at the upcoming PTSI's. I would really appreciate it if those providing feedback could do so openly and honestly.

Swimming Sports Thanks

A huge thankyou is extended to all who were able to get along to our whole school swimming sports at Pyramid Hill last Friday. It was terrific to see a large number of family members there supporting our students, and it was impressive to see so many students participating to the best of their ability.

Stage 2 Building Works

The stage 2 building works are continuing to progress nicely with the team now completing earthmoving works to create a firm foundation for the installation of services and pouring of a slab in coming weeks. As mentioned on a number of occasions, the college gates at the front of the school will be closed soon to assist with traffic management and student safety.

Naplan Later This Term

Students in years 3, 5, 7 & 9 will undertake Naplan tests later this term. As we get nearer to this testing period, students in these year levels will begin to discuss the testing period at home. Please ensure that you encourage your child/ren to do the best that they can do throughout the testing period. The individual best efforts of each child are all that we can ask for.

This Week's Photo...

This week's photo was taken at our recent Swimming Sports. The year 12 students impressed with their Sesame St themed dress-ups on the day and it was great to see them all get involved in the 'fun' of the day!

Steve Leed—College Principal

Literacy and Numeracy

Parents who are at least my age may remember schools having a typing lab, a room full of fancy electric typewriters. I quite enjoyed learning touch typing because it was practical but I also thought it was a bit quaint and archaic. But, in the tech heavy world our kids live in, touch typing is actually a vital skill. Students are now expected to complete NAPLAN writing tasks online and many school assignments are completed on laptops. Senior students often take class notes on their computers. Mrs McDiven has the following advice.

“Something that would hugely benefit students is to learn to touch type. This is something that you could support them with at home. If you ask them to type you a sentence or two, I’m sure that you will see lots of single-finger ‘pecking’ at keys. Ideally they would learn the ‘home’ position on the keyboard and be able to type without looking at their keypad. This may require some light supervision, including using a tea-towel or other device to cover their hands!”

There are free programs online, such as <https://www.typingclub.com/>

However, if the funds allow, this program comes well-recommended to specifically assist with students who have literacy difficulties or dyslexia, as it also targets spelling <https://www.readandspell.com/home-course>

This article has more suggestions. <https://www.occupationaltherapy.com.au/top-online-typing-programmes-to-help-your-child-learn-to-type/>

Assistant Principal's news



Our ‘Lone Pine’

Planted by Mr Illingworth 2001

I would like to take some time this week to pay tribute to Mr Darby Illingworth who sadly passed away a few weeks back.

Mr Illingworth was a proud Australian who among many other things served in the Second World War.

I first met Mr Illingworth when I arrived at East Loddon in 2001. At that time he was the president of Bendigo Legacy and the President of the Mitiamo-East Loddon RSL.

For many years Mr Illingworth was front and centre at our ANZAC and Remembrance ceremonies at the college. Never one to glorify war, Mr Illingworth played an integral role in ensuring our students had a thorough understanding of the sacrifices that those before us had made.

No doubt this was also the case for many years before I arrived, but the impact that he has had on our students remain remains to this day.

The next time you are present at our ANZAC or Remembrance Ceremonies, please notice how respectful our students are. This is a legacy of Mr Illingworth. For years he stood front and centre of our services and would direct our students. Subtly and sometime not so subtly directing them about when to stand and sit, when to bow their heads and when to say ‘Lest we forget’. I was blown away the first time I saw him in action with our students. He was a kind man who was offered respect by everyone at our College.

I know that we are a little late in acknowledging Mr Illingworths passing and I apologise sincerely for that.

If he is watching he would be shaking his head at me, knowing that I was never really the most organised. When arranging the ANZAC service each year I used to visit his home in Spring Gully and he would tell me with precise detail how the day would work. It was always worth the trip though because his wife Ailsa, (also a beautiful person), would get out the sugar biscuits and we would drink tea.

Mr Illingworth passed away on Australia Day this year. On behalf of the College can I thank his family for the amazing impact that he had on our students.

Lest we forget

Mr Wilko

Sub-School Updates

Junior

SWIMMING SPORTS!

What a successful day it was last Friday! It was so great seeing students of all abilities and ages participate in the big day. Well done to our following age champions:

Year 1—Isla H and Jack P

Year 2—Mary S and Alex M

Year 3—Piper E, Jonty H and Owen H

Year 4—Billie A and Dusty B



Dear Prep-2 parent/guardians,

Please see the attached pdf for some information about a literacy research project happening in our school over the next two years. The focus is on professional learning for our early years (Foundation – Year 2) teachers. To assess the effectiveness of this professional learning, we will monitor student progress in literacy and would like to share this data for analysis with the research team. If you consent for us to share your child's de-identified reading assessment data with the Australian Education Research Organisation (AERO) and the La Trobe University's Science of Language and Reading Lab (SOLAR Lab), please complete the consent form link here: https://edresearch.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_428DHXC2BpQAIGW. Please note, you can consent for multiple children on the same form.

If you have already consented for your child/children and in the future you decide to withdraw, then complete the withdrawal form link here: https://edresearch.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_7aeUoRln50TuSKq

Kind regards

Tamika Colville

Middle

Well done to all students for their participation in Fridays swimming sports! Again, from the scoring desk, the houses with greatest participation ended up higher on the podium at the end of the day! GO LONG!

It was also great to have our middle house captains represent their houses in the first sports event for the year. This involved encouraging students to participate, organising relay teams, and being good role models for other students.

Well done Bayden L, Paige S, Max H, Giselle N, Lucas C, Zali C, Isaac F, and Sarah D. Congratulations to our age group champions across the Middle Years: Reese P, Jake W, Matilda E, Jack H, Lucy P, Oliver L, Ruby C and Ethan C. Good luck to all students representing the college at the next level.



Senior

I love swim sports

Last Friday was such a beautiful day. So nice to see students racing in all strokes, encouraging others, smiling and having fun in the random novelty events. It was great to see parents, and grandparents pool side. Well done to those that succumbed to the positive peer pressure of Mr Leed in the relay swim too. Big thank you to Mrs Ellis for organising the day. If you are in Shaw house, I think we need to start cross country training now.

La Trobe Uni Engineering opportunity

Our students have been invited to attend the Bendigo Engineering Link Project to discover what engineers do. It involves two workshops where students can select from a range of engineering disciplines.

Saturday 23rd of March 8:30am-4pm. \$10

Register at events@telg.com.au



Pictured is our Y12s dressed as the Sesame Street characters at the Swim Sports. Nice work!

Study tip

Set up a space at home to complete homework and study. Aim to have natural light, a quiet space with limited distractions (eg noise, people or access to devices).

Y12 Looking After Your Mates session

This Monday 26th of March 9am.

AROUND ELP SPORTS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Well done to everyone that participated in the swimming carnival! It was great to see students dressing up and enjoying the day. Thanks to all the staff and parents that helped make the day so successful.

Congratulations to Long for winning the carnival.

Well done to all of our age champions.

1– Isla H & Jack P

2– Mary S & Alex M

3– Piper E, Jonty H & Owen H

4 - Billie A & Dusty B

5- Reese P & Ned W

6– Matilda E & Jack H

7– Lucy P & Ollie L

8– Ruby C & Ethan C

9– Georgia P & Angus A

10– Keira T & Riley W

11—Marley A & Fynn C

12—Brodie W

Secondary Sandhurst Swimming

Students have been selected to participate in the Sandhurst Secondary Swimming carnival on Thursday the 29th of February. Consent can be provided online or on a paper copy that went home today.

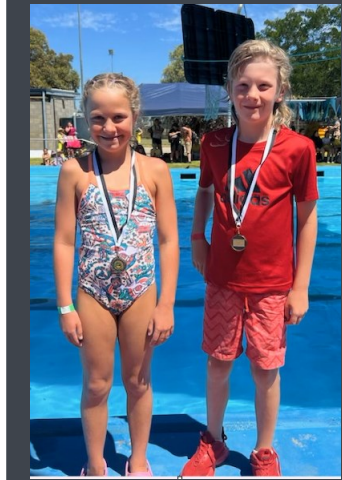
Primary Division Swimming Carnival

Selected students will attend the primary swimming carnival on March the 4th, consent and notes will be out by the end of this week.

7+8 & 9+10 swimming

Due to a break down at the Mitiamo pool- students will now attend Pyramid Hill pool on Thursday February 29th of February.

SWIMMING PHOTO'S



Canteen



		2024 Feb/Mar	
Fri 23rd	Michelle Balic Shan Ralphs		
Mon 26th	Sam Ellis	Mon 4th	Michaela Shrimpton
Tues 27th	Sue Pickles	Tues 5th	Sue Pickles
Wed 28th	Kylie Addlem	Wed 6th	Jess Penny
Thurs 29th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 7th	Sue Pickles
Fri 1st	Deb Smith Lisa Twigg	Fri 8th	Wendy Murphy Bec Cullen