



Upcoming Dates

MARCH

Wed 13th-25th
NAPLAN

Fri 15th
9/10 Volleyball/Tennis

Mon 18th
School Photo's

Wed 20th
9/10 Canoe Camp

Thurs 28th
School cross Country
LAST DAY OF TERM

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Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

From the Principal

College Council Update—Thankyou Richard!!!

College council met last night for their March meeting and also for their Annual General Meeting. I will provide a full update on the new college council structure next week, as staff positions need to be finalised for the new term of council, however I am really happy to report on a couple of key changes.

2023 College Council President Richard Hicks officially stepped down last night after serving for 14 years on college council. Richard has played a significant role on college council over the years, most notably as council president for the best part of 8 years. He has led the college with honesty and integrity in his tenure and has been terrific to work with on all occasions. Richard has led the charge with regards to the sourcing of significant funding for the college and has also overseen the development of a whole-school focus on academic outcomes which have resulted in the college achieving consistently high standards throughout his tenure. I would like to publicly thank Richard for all that he has done for our wonderful college and for the significant time and effort that he has invested into making things better for our student body and wider college community!

College Council Update—New President!!!

We were really excited to welcome a new college council president at last night's Annual General Meeting, with Sharon Lister being elected into this important position. Sharon is a former college council vice-president and has 3 children at the college who are in the middle and senior sub-schools, after beginning with us in the junior sub-school. She has a great understanding of all levels of the college and will bring a great perspective to college council in her new role. We wish her all the very best for this new position and look forward to working with her closely in the future!

College Council Update—New Members

College council had 3 parent positions to be filled and received 3 nominations by last night's meeting. There were also 3 staff positions to be filled, which will be finalised shortly. I will provide an update of retiring members and new members in next weeks newsletter.

College Photos— ** Monday March 18th **

This years college photos will be held on Monday March 18th, with class and family photos being taken predominately before recess. All students are asked to attend in full school uniform on the day.

Photo's are to be ordered online this year via the following link—

<http://the-loft-studio-bendigo.myshopify.com/>

The preferred order closing date is Friday March 15th, with any orders after this date likely incurring a delayed delivery and potential \$10 fee for postage and handling.

Please note that families must complete an individual order for each of their children.

Upcoming School Review—Feedback Please

As part of the early stages of our upcoming college review, we would love to receive parent/carer feedback on the following prompts -

- 1—What does East Loddon P-12 College do really well?
- 2—What could East Loddon P-12 College do better?
- 3—If you were Principal for a day, what would you do/change?
- 4—Any other comments or 'Shout Out's to individuals or teams at the college?...

Please feel free to forward feedback to the college office. Anonymous feedback is also most welcome.

2024 Naplan Testing—Great Start!

I would like to quickly acknowledge our wonderful year 3, 5, 7 & 9 students for their efforts with our Naplan testing, which started this week. You have all handled the tests really well and as previously mentioned, all we ask is that you do your very best with each test!

Today's Photo

Today's photo shows recent college council president Richard Hicks 'handing over the reins' to newly appointed college council president Sharon Lister.

Steve Leed—College Principal

Assistant Principal's News

NAPLAN is here!

Our Year 3, 5 7 and 9 students have kicked off the NAPLAN tests, with all classes completing the Writing test. Year 7 and 9 have also finished their Reading test and are halfway done!

We are thrilled with how well our students have approached the tests overall, but if your child IS feeling anxious about these tests, it could help to read this article with them <https://theconversation.com/naplan-testing-is-about-to-start-how-can-you-support-an-anxious-child-225085>

The NAPLAN test window runs from Wed 13th March to Mon 25th March. If a student misses a scheduled test, they will have the opportunity to do a catch-up test during the testing period. If you have any concerns about your child doing these tests, please speak with their teacher.

For more information about NAPLAN Online, please visit www.nap.edu.au/naplan.



Last day of term– Thursday 28th

Period 1—9:00 am

Period 2– 9:48 am

Recess—10:36 am

Period 3– 11:00 am

Investiture assembly– 11:48 pm

Easter hat parade– 12:03 pm

Cross Country— 12:20 pm

Period 5 1:44 pm

Buses depart 2:30 pm

This will be talked about a fair bit (maybe in other sections of this very newsletter) but we have a new college council president. Sharon Lister has been voted in to lead our College at last night's AGM.

As Sharon sets out on her quest for further school improvement, I'd like to pay thanks to the outgoing president Richard Hicks. This will be formally acknowledged later in the year but I will add my bit now.

Richard has been a member of College Council for 15 years. He has been president since 2016. Those are both pretty big efforts on their own.

During his time on Council I think his most significant achievement has been in the lobbying of our state government for funding. His advocacy for our school

has been unmatched and has led to funding well in excess of 15 million dollars being granted to our school for building improvements alone. Make no mistake, Richard's work has future proofed the school buildings of the East Loddon Community. What a fantastic legacy.

Good luck with your next venture Richard and thank you for all of your work.

In other news, there's so much going on, particularly on the last day of term. A timetable for the last day is listed above this article. Things will be adjusted a fair bit, so that we can run three events that a lot of parents like to attend, without everyone having to come in 3 times.

Our investiture assembly (where we announce our

school captains, sports captains, bus captains and SRC reps will be held. This will take about 15 minutes.

Following this we will have our Easter hat parade and directly after that is our cross country. There are numerous senior classes under the pump for time and so we will only plan to lose the same amount of class time as a usual cross country day. Time will be saved by reducing recess to 15 mins. We figure most of the time lost with a shorter recess will be gained by waiting around between races. If you are a parent interested in The Investiture Assembly, The Easter Hat Parade or the cross country, then Thursday 28th is the day for you.

Buses on the last day leave at 2:30pm.

Mr Wilko

Sub-School Updates

Junior

LODDON MALLEE SWIMMING WINNERS

Four of our Grade 4/5 girls went to Swan Hill on Tuesday to participate in the Loddon Mallee Swimming. These girls had already successfully swam in the division swimming in the relay and came first! We were all very excited for the team, but were feeling nervous about how they would go. On Wednesday when the girls came back to school we heard the exciting news. They had won again! These little legends will be going to Melbourne to compete in the freestyle relay in April. Well done! A special mention goes to Billie A who will also compete in the 50m Butterfly. We wish you all the best.



EASTER HAT PARADE

Easter hat kits will be sent home to all classes except the P/1 class. P/1 students are lucky enough to get to make these in class. These kits include Easter colouring in sheets and a party hat. These kits are getting sent home so all students are able to participate in the hat parade. You are most welcome to add anything you would like to these hats. Our Easter Hat parade will be on the last day of term, as will the Cross Country. This is so families can come and support their children in both these events.

UPCOMING EVENTS

NAPLAN—Grade 3 students—Wednesday 13th March, Friday 16th March, Tuesday 19th March, Wednesday 20th March.

Easter Hat Parade—28th March

SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY—28th March

Sarah D (267%), Chelsea A (200%), Penny B (200%), Jake H (400%), Braxton L (333%), Elly M (333%), Jemma L (233%), Payton H (200%), and Will M (200%).



Middle

On Friday we had a group of Year 7/8 students compete in Bendigo at the volleyball and tennis competitions. I was lucky enough to join the Year 7/8s at the tennis day. Our Year 7/8 mixed team ended up coming 3rd in the boys competition. All students showed great sportsmanship and showed some very impressive tennis skills.

Math Pathways Update—Congratulations to the following students on their impressive results on their last term:

Senior

La Trobe University Infinity award winners

La Trobe Uni ran their Infinity Awards Day with recipients of the Infinity Award. During the day students learned about some of the basic information surrounding higher education and the experience of studying at university, toured the La Trobe University Bendigo Campus, participated in a Study Smart Workshop and a Workshop with the La Trobe Rural Health School, heard from the Future Students Centre about courses offered at La Trobe University and received a first-hand explanation of the experience of studying at university from a current student. Students were also spoiled with goodie bags a plethora of morning tea and lunch goodies including slices, muffins, fruit, soft drinks and pizza! Congrats Mia, Abi & Alex.

Congratulations Jorja

Jorja has been accepted into the 'Students of the World



Org' student exchange program. Jorja is considering her options of 6 or 10 months and will soon find out which state of America she will be living in. The exchange program starts in August this year.

Elevate Education sessions

This morning our Y11 students participated in sessions relating to Study Sensai providing a range of study tips for students in order to assist them for SAC and exam preparation.

Our Y12 students participated in a session relating to Ace Your Exams. This session provided specific steps and strategies to trial in the lead up to SACs and exams, now that they have had a little more experience and practice.

4Rs award is back with a canteen voucher YAY

Shyann W: helping with SRC fundraiser

Marly G: contribution to breakfast program

Mason H: assisting staff in preparation for interviews

Congrats to our swimmers

Our 15/U, 17/U female freestyle and medley relays teams, Marley A & Gus A for qualifying for state finals.

Loddon Mallee Region

Swimming

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who competed at the Loddon Mallee Regional Swimming Championships in Swan Hill on Tuesday March 12th. Competing in very hot conditions, our 13 representatives were very impressive against their competition with nearly every swimmer taking home at least 1 medal for the day. Students that placed first will now compete at SSV State Swimming Finals to be held at MSAC in early Term 2!

1st Place

17-20 female Freestyle Relay
(Keira T, Georgia P, Ava M, Marley A)

17-20 female Medley relay
(Keira T, Georgia P, Ava M, Marley A)

9/10 girls Freestyle relay (Leni F, Ruby H, Reece P, Billie A)

Angus A—200m freestyle, 100m freestyle, 50m butterfly, 50m freestyle,

Marley A— 50 metre freestyle, butterfly, 50m breaststroke

Jack H— 50m breaststroke, 50m butterfly.

Billie A—50m butterfly.

Friday March 15

Selected students in year 9 and 10 will attend the Sandhurst Secondary Intermediate sports day tomorrow. If consent has not been made, please do so ASAP

Cross Country

Save the date our school cross country will be Thursday the 28th of March. More details to come.



SRC NEWS

GET BEHIND TEAM EAST LODDON FOR RCH!

Our SRC students have chosen to support the Royal Children's Hospital through the Good Friday Appeal in 2024. Here are some ways you can donate:

- **QR CODE** - East Loddon P-12 College have an official fundraising team registered through the Good Friday Appeal website. See the QR code poster in this newsletter to donate directly to the Appeal at any time. We have a goal of \$2000, so please share this QR code with your friends and family so they can make their donations via our team page as well
- **COLLECTION TIN IN THE CANTEEN** - place your spare change in here during recess and lunch
- **DRESS UP** - On the last day of term, all students are invited to dress up in their sports house colours and bring a gold coin donation

CROSS COUNTRY BBQ - Our SRC group will hold a BBQ at the Cross Country with all funds raised going straight to the Appeal

We are sure that almost everyone reading this newsletter has had a connection to the Royal Children's Hospital in some way, whether it be for your own child, a child in your family or a family friend. This year it was announced by Premier Jacinta Allan that \$2.5m of this years Appeal will be split amongst five regional health providers, one of which is Bendigo Health's paediatric services. This is a brilliant fundraiser to support and we thank you for helping our SRC students with this important project!

EAST LODDON P-12 COLLEGE
SRC TERM 1 FUNDRAISER

PLEASE DONATE HERE!

East Loddon College and wider community would like to show our appreciation and support to the Royal Children's Hospital for their outstanding work.

The Good Friday Appeal relies on the support of the community to raise funds to ensure that The Royal Children's Hospital is able to continue to provide world class care to patients and their families. From 2022 to 2023 at The Royal Children's Hospital: 90,260 patients presented to the Emergency Department, 50,345 children and young people were admitted to a ward, 407,563 children and young people attended an outpatient appointment, and 14,963 patients underwent surgery. So please help by giving whatever you are able to this fundraiser and help spread the word by sharing this page with your friends, family and networks. Thank you for your generosity, it means a lot!



Come along and have some fun and learn the basics of Netball, this is open to anyone wanting to join.

No need to have any netball skills or knowledge, NetSetGO incorporates skill activities, minor games, music, dance and modified matches in a fun and safe environment.

Any parents wanting to help are most welcome please let me know if you are and I can add you to the parent helper roster.

Where: East Loddon School (GYM)

When: Thursday after school (meet at the gym)

Time: 3:45 – 4:45

Running from: running for Term 2 Thursday 18th April to Thursday 13th June

Registration: to follow

ALL WELCOME!

Please Contact Joanne Duffy 0427 304 138 for any questions and registration details.

Canteen

Fri 8th	Sam Ellis Shan Ralphs	2024 March	
Mon 18th	Anna Osborne	Mon 25th	Brian Duffy Heidi Ferguson
Tues 19th	Sue Pickles	Tues 26th	Bree Hocking
Wed 20th	Penny Cockerell	Wed 27th	Sue Pickles
Thurs 21st	Sue Pickles	Thurs 28th	Sue Pickles
Fri 22nd	Kristie Cullinan Miranda Smith	Fri 29th	No School End of Term 1