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## Upcoming Dates

### MARCH

Wed 13th-25th  
NAPLAN

Wed 20-22nd  
9/10 Canoe Camp

Wed 27th  
Casual Clothes Day

Thurs 28th  
School cross Country  
LAST DAY OF TERM

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Sharon Lister, Micheal Lawry, Dustin Pascoe, Steve Leed, Scott Wilkinson, Sarah Krahe, Nathan Twigg, , Natalie Rose, Lynda Cartwright, Dean Young, Kia Hooke, Erica Potter, Shannon Ralphs Isabelle Morrison and Brodie Wagner.



## From the Principal

### Casual Dress Day Next Wednesday

Our wonderful SRC students are hosting a casual dress day next Wednesday to raise money for the Royal Childrens Hospital Good Friday Appeal. Students are asked to bring a gold coin on the day, with these donations being collected in homeroom time that morning. The entire proceeds of this casual dress day will be donated to this very worthy cause.

### College Uniform—Concerns With Short Shorts...

Whilst it has been terrific to see the large majority of students in full-school uniform this term, we have noticed something starting to creep back in at some year levels. Some parents, students and staff have recently raised concerns around the wearing of very tight and/or short shorts. The shorts in question are not part of college uniform and they are clearly making some within the immediate college community feel uncomfortable. It would be very much appreciated if families could ensure that correct school shorts are worn to school each day. There are plenty of college uniform shorts available at Noone in Bendigo. Please duck in there and grab a pair if you need to do so.

### College Council Update

Our 2024 College Council will be lead by Mrs Sharon Lister as president and Mr Micheal Lawry as vice-president. I mentioned a particular thankyou to former college council president Mr Richard Hicks last week and I would also like to acknowledge the fantastic dedication and services of Mr Darren Welsh and Mrs Nicole Hocking who have recently stood down from council. Both Darren and Nicole were tremendous contributors on council and we very much appreciate all that they were able to do for the college during their tenure.

College Council welcomes Mr Dusty Pascoe, Mrs Erica Potter and Mrs Shannon Ralphs onto council as parent representatives, and Mr Brodie Wagner and Miss Izzy

Morrison as student representatives. We really look forward to their contributions to the guidance of our college throughout their time on council.

Myself, Mr Scott Wilkinson, Mrs Sarah Krahe, Mr Nathan Twigg, Mr Dean Young and Mrs Kia Hooke remain on council this year, as does Ms Natalie Rose and Mrs Lynda Cartwright.

### 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

A very big ‘WELL DONE’ is extended to all students who have completed their Naplan testing throughout the past fortnight. A further well done is extended to all family members who have supported their child/ren during this testing period. A last well done is also extended to college staff, particularly Mrs Rebecca Johns, for their efforts in running these tests.

### Today’s Photo

This week’s photo comes to us from Mr Wilkinson who is currently on a 3-day canoe camp with Mrs Krahe and the year 9/10 Outdoor Ed class.

Steve Leed—College Principal

## Literacy and Numeracy

Our classes from grade 3 to year 8 will be studying a unit of poetry at the beginning of term 2. Our teachers are really excited because poetry is such a fun way to explore language and it helps kids unlock fluency, comprehension and figurative language.

Poetry is like a puzzle made of words, feelings, and imagery (pictures in our minds). When kids read or write poems, they're having fun with words, and that's an important skill that transfers across all of their learning.

Playing with poems helps kids think hard about words and what they mean. It's like a brain workout! Plus, it makes reading and understanding words easier. And when kids write their own poems, it's like painting with words—they get to express how they feel and what they see in a cool way.

You don't have to be a poet to enjoy poetry with your kids! You can read poems together at bedtime or make up silly ones during car rides. It's all about having fun and sharing cool moments together. For younger students, playing with rhymes helps with their recognition of sound patterns in words which helps with their spelling.

Poetry isn't just for fancy occasions. Poetry is all around us in music, advertising and it even pops up in casual conversation more than you might think. When we laugh over accidental rhyming or an interesting turn of phrase.

Teachers will submit student work to the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition. Have a look at this website for more information: <https://dorothea.com.au/>. Students are welcome to have fun and work on poems at home.

## SRC News



EAST LODDON P12 COLLEGE

# END OF TERM FESTIVAL OF FUN

CROSS COUNTRY

GOOD FRIDAY  
APPEAL BBQ

INVESTITURE  
ASSEMBLY

EASTER HAT PARADE



9am - Period 1

9.48am - Period 2

10.36am - Recess

11am - Period 3

11.48am - Investiture Assembly

12.03pm - Easter Hat Parade

12.20pm - Cross Country / Fundraiser BBQ / lunchtime

1.44pm - Period 5

2.30pm - Buses depart (end of term)

THURS 28  
MARCH



BE SURE TO  
PRE ORDER  
YOUR BBQ LUNCH  
BEFORE TUESDAY 26TH  
AND SUPPORT THE SRC  
GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL  
FUNDRAISER

# Sub-School Updates

## Junior

### NAPLAN

A HUGE well done to the Grade 3 students who have completed their NAPLAN testing. All the students who participated worked so well with new tests. It is a new experience for these students, and they all adapted so well. Please give these students plenty of praise. We were so impressed with how they all went! Once we get the results, this helps the school understand the needs of our kids.

### LAST WEEK OF TERM

We have a fairly big week next week. The P4 students have the Easter Hat Parade, Cross Country and Investiture Assembly. The times for next Thursday are as follows:

Investiture assembly– 11:48 am

Easter hat parade– 12:03 pm

Cross Country— 12:20 pm

Students have all received their Easter Hat kits. This includes some craft items to help students make hats. Feel free to add your own flare to these hats. On Thursday, students will have the opportunity to walk and dance around the Central Lawn showing off their hats. We will have some special visitors from the Kinder joining us for the occasion!

### BBQ LAST DAY

On Thursday (our last day), SRC will be holding a sausage sizzle. Pre-order forms will be coming home for students who would like a sausage after their big run.

## Middle

NAPLAN testing has finished. Well done to all Year 7 and 9s! These students have completed the four tests over the last two weeks. Thank you to Mrs Johns for all her hard work organising these tests.

Students across the Middle years have been busy practising to prepare for the Cross Country next Thursday. As with the swimming and athletics sports, houses with the highest level of participation achieve better results on the day.

Our Year 7/8 science classes have been running their self-designed practical task over the last few weeks. Students have designed a practical task involving ramps or parachutes and have been busy collecting data to answer their investigation questions.

Next term, we will be sending 8 students from Grades 5 and 6 to Somers Camp. It will be the first group that has been able to attend this camp in quite a few years. Thank you to all the students who showed interest in attending this camp, and congratulations to those students selected to attend.

## Senior

### Y9 Pat Cronin Cowards Punch Foundation

**Be Wise:** On Tuesday our Y9 students participated in a presentation as part of their Health classes. Students learnt about the fatal impacts of one punch or knock. Cathryn our presenter spoke about steps students can take to be safe. It is reflected in the 'Be Wise' message in a violent situation.eg

- 1) Point out there are cameras nearby
- 2) Try to use humour to distract the person.
- 3) If your gut feeling is the situation is not good, leave, safely and take your friends with you.
- 4) Aim to reduce harm from alcohol intake, drink responsibly (aimed at 18 plus)

### Charles Sturt Excursion to Wagga Wagga

Thanks to Angela and Sue G for organising an inter-school camp to Charles Sturt University to have a detailed look at Agricultural options at a tertiary level. Thanks also to Mrs Maxted who attended as a parent. Students explored the campus and were treated to a personalised tour with former student Zoe L. Former students from other cluster schools also provided information about their uni experiences and a tour of their accommodation too. Well done to Issy, Joe, Ava and Emily for participating in this great opportunity.



### Cross Country

Save the date: our school cross country will be **Thursday the 28th of March** (last day of Term). Our first race will begin at 12:30. We invite all parents and caregivers to come and support their child. Students are to dress in house colours.

### Fortuna Cluster Athletics

(Year 3, 4, 5, 6). Next Wednesday the 27th of March we have our Primary School Cluster Athletics— this is a competition against Golden Square, Kangaroo Flat and Violet Street Primary Schools with winners qualifying for the Sandhurst Primary School Athletics in Term 3. Students who have been selected to attend this event will have a permission note on Compass within the coming days.

Good luck to all out athletes for Wednesday!

### Volleyball and Tennis

The last 2 Fridays students in year 7 and 8, 9 and 10 have travelled to Bendigo to compete in the Sandhurst Division for both Volleyball and Tennis. All students competed with great sportsmanship. Our 9/10 tennis team finished 3rd overall! Thanks to Evan and Anthony for assisting and showing excellent leadership skills.



## SRC NEWS

### SRC GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL FUNDRAISER

A huge thank you to our generous community for your donations so far, we are ALMOST at \$800 which is absolutely fantastic!! Mason H and Charliz S are leading this sub committee like the stars that they are! Well done also to Cataleya L for suggesting the spare change tin at the canteen! Please keep sharing the QR code with your family and friends so they can also donate through our SRC team to this wonderful appeal.

As mentioned previously there will be some additional opportunities to donate on the last day of term at our Festival of FUN on March 28!! SRC will run a BBQ which will be a pre-order set up. Order forms will come home in school bags, so dig those out and send them in with your spare change to get a sausage in bread after the big run! THANK YOU!

Mrs Heaslip, SRC Leader

### Canteen Notice

If anyone is able to do multiple canteen duties could they please let Sue Pickles or the school office know. Thanks

**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, 50,945 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 18<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June

**Registration: to follow**

ALL WELCOME!

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

## Canteen

		2024 March/April	
Fri 22nd	Karen Pascoe Miranda Smith		
Mon 25th	Brian Duffy Heidi Ferguson	April Mon 15th	Sue Pickles
Tues 26th	Bree Hocking	Tues 16th	Bree Hocking
Wed 27th	Sue Pickles	Wed 17th	Penny Cockerell
Thurs 28th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 18th	Sue Pickles
Fri 29th	No School End of Term 1	Fri 19th	Wendy Murphy Miranda Smith