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Resilience
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Upcoming Dates

JANUARY

31st P-4 and 5-8 Bus Safety
Program

FEBRUARY

3rd—7th Year 7 Rubicon Camp

3rd 4th & 6th P-6 Swimming
Program

5th Prep rest day

Year 7-10 Swimming program

7th Year 10/11 LaTrobe Study

Skills Incursion

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From the Principal

What a great feeling it is to be back at school and to see the fantastic staff and students come together for another big year! We started the day yesterday with new college captains Hugh C and Sophie H leading us through a brief assembly before getting straight into classes and we were excited to welcome 32 new students into the school (18 of these being in Prep). I hope that 2020 will be a great year for all!

School's Privacy Policy - Annual Reminder

Our school collects, uses, discloses and stores student and parent personal information for standard school functions or where permitted by law, as stated in the Schools' Privacy Collection Policy.

Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website.

Mobile Phones

A reminder is extended to all students and families of the statewide mobile phone ban that has now been implemented in all schools. This does not see a great change for us at East Loddon but it is worth noting that mobile phones are not to be switched on during school hours.

Bridgewater Triathlon This Sunday

Many readers of the newsletter may already have seen the Parent Association Facebook Page post about this event, but if you haven't then all you need to know is that East Loddon P-12 College is aiming to win the \$1000 cash prize for the most entrants on the day. We are so 'gung-ho' on this that even Mr Wilko and myself have decided to dust off the sneakers, pump up our bicycle tyres and put in a solid 2 days training before the event! If you would care to join us on Sunday, then head to the event website for further details and be sure to enter East Loddon P-12 College in the 'charity

group' section on the entry website. Visit www.bridgewatertriathlon.com if you are keen to participate in what should be a great morning.

Indoor Netball - It's Back!!!

That's right, it's on again! A 6-week indoor mixed netball competition will be starting on Monday 17th Feb. This netball comp is being run by the students and families of our 2020 Turkish Exchange Program travellers and it is sure to be a great deal of fun once again! Please see the attached flyer for further details.

Novel Coronavirus Update

There has been a great deal of coverage re the outbreak of novel coronavirus in the media of late. The education departments most up-to-date information/fact sheet is attached to today's newsletter email for anyone who would like to read it.

Water Issues At The College

A leak in a pipe which feeds drinking water to bubble-taps has caused issues with the consistency of our drinking water supply this week. As of yesterday and until further notice, the college will distribute bottled drinking water to staff and students at recess and lunchtimes. Students may like to also bring a full drink bottle (clearly named) to school with them each morning.

The department are doing their very best to help us rectify this issue.

My photo today shows the current student leaders sharing some vanilla slice with myself and Mr Wilkinson as we discuss leadership opportunities for 2020.

Regards, Steve Leed

Literacy & Numeracy

Why Your Child Can't Afford to Skip Reading Tonight

It all adds up. If students read for 20 minutes per night, five days of the week, by the end of Grade 6, they will have completed 21,600 minutes of reading.

Compare that to the child who reads for four minutes. By the end of Grade 6, they will have only read for 4,320 minutes.

Which student would you expect to read better? Who would likely know more? Who is better prepared for life after school?

Each student in P-4 will receive a fact sheet showing this comparison. A digital download is available here: <http://bit.ly/20MinsReading>

Place Value– Term 1 in P-4

Place value is vital to being a great maths learner. Every digit in a number has a place value.

Ten Thousands (T Th)	Thousands (Th)	Hundreds (H)	Tens (T)	Ones (O)
*	*	*	*	*

At home, you can be showing your child how you 'skip count' (2, 4, 6, 8, 10 or 20, 40, 60, 80, 100).

If you'd like more information about place value or how to help your child (in Primary or Secondary), take a look at this website: <http://bit.ly/PlaceVal>

Sarah Clare

Curriculum Learning Specialist



Assistant Principal's news

Students outside with Ms Byrne enjoying their Outdoor Ed class.

Welcome back to everyone and in particular welcome to our newbies! We have a whole bunch of new Preps who bravely stood in front of the entire school to be introduced yesterday and we also have new students at a range of other levels. In total 32 new students!! We also welcome Ms Pay and Mr Lee for their first stints as full time staff at East Loddon.

For those that don't know me I, among other things I look after the buses. In saying that I don't know how to drive one or fix one if it breaks down, but I like to know who is behaving or misbehaving on the bus or at bus stops.

Today each bus elected bus captains. Senior and junior captains are my

eyes and ears on the buses and as such their main job is to remind students of rules and inform me of those who have trouble following them. If all is going well I don't have much to do, so you can find me in my office playing Candy Crush on my phone, on the other 199 days of the school year I will be addressing issues related to bus travel.

Here are some things that bus captains will be told to look out for

- Students are seated with seatbelts where fitted for the entire journey

- Students do not eat on the bus

- Students are speaking in talking voices

- Students are respectful to other travellers

Parents should be aware of this:

- P to 6 students must be met by an adult at their stops and not left alone at stops. Unless with siblings from 7-12.

- Please wait for the bus on the side that it will arrive so that students do not need to cross a road without assistance.

- Students and parents should never cross a road until the bus is completely out of sight.

- Students should remember to remove ear buds and headphones when crossing roads so that they are aware of oncoming traffic.

BUS SAFETY MEETING TOMORROW FOR ALL PREP-YR 8 STUDENTS.

Notices

| DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

| 21st February

| P-12 Swimming Carnival

| Mitiamo Pool



Thanks to the following **GOLD** sponsors of our 'Anzacs Overseas' trip to Vietnam and Turkey





Sub-School Updates

Junior

Welcome back to all of our returning students and to our brand new students, including 18 preps! Students have hit the ground running with excellent behaviour as they settle into new school routines.

Bus Safety

Tomorrow morning our students will attend a special Bus Safety session run by our local Lions Club. Safety on the buses is important for our school as most students travel on the buses.

Swimming Program. Next week is the beginning of our swimming program. Please note the following for swimming days over the next 2 weeks:

- Students in **Prep and Grade 4** should have their lunch divided in half, to eat one half before swimming, and one half after.
- Students must wear a t-shirt or swim-vest whilst in the pool
- Students should ensure all personal belongings and clothes are clearly labelled.

Middle

Welcome to the Middle Years for Term One!

We've had a great start to Term One and everyone appears to be settling in well.

A big welcome to our new year 5 students, I hope you are enjoying your time in the middle years.

We will be excited to begin some collaborative learning and fun activities over the next few weeks with

our two composite 5/6 classes. Our Year 7's are busily preparing for Rubicon Camp which they will head off on Monday for the week.

We hope you have an amazing time, and can't wait to hear about all your adventures.

As I am new to this role, please feel free to contact me with any questions of suggestions for our middle years.

Thanks for your support,
Sarah Gladman

Senior

Welcome to 2020

It has been so lovely seeing the students and hearing about their holidays from school. Senior school students have made a great start to the year despite some obvious building works happening in the middle of the senior area. Thanks very much for all your patience.

Welcome home Oscar

While we were experiencing record breaking heat waves and temperatures here in Australia Oscar was in Germany visit Leon and experiencing the real Germany with 10

week host family stay. I would like to congratulate Oscar on being so brave as to leave the comforts of Dingee and home.

Well done to Hugh and Soph who are our 2020 College Captains. I'm really excited to see how they will leave their mark on our College.

Well done again to our Year 12 class of 2019

Each of these students received their first preference to uni or tafe...YAY! That's a dream come true for each of them and me too. Chels also received the Loddon Shire Young Citizen award. Congrats to Chels, Nath, Stephen and Tameka on their scholarship success to date.

AROUND ELP

SPORTS

Swimming Program

Commences next week:

P-6 Program

Monday 3rd Feb
Tuesday 4th Feb
Thursday 6th Feb
Monday 10th Feb
Tuesday 11th Feb

7-10 Swimming Program

Wednesday 5th Feb
Wednesday 12th Feb
Monday 17th Feb

Students to bring:
bathers, swim top/
rash vest, sun-
screen, towel etc
(and goggles if re-
quired)

College Inter-House

Swimming Carnival:

Friday 21st February

Reminder:

Please return the blanket PE/Sport permission form (sent out with the booklist) to the office ASAP! Thanks.



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR STAFF AND OUR COLLEGE CAPTAINS

I will not steal the thunder of others who may wish to include interviews with staff in this section of the newsletter as they did last year, but I would like to take the opportunity to recognize staff who are returning to the college and those that are new to East Loddon in 2020.

This year the college welcomes back Mrs Louise Hocking, Mr Shane Rudkins, Frauline Burgstett and Mrs Kate Duncan, who have all been on various forms of leave. It is great to have each and every one of them back at school and I am sure that the students were equally as excited to see their friendly faces once again.

The college was also very excited to welcome Mr William Lee and Miss Kelly Pay on to staff for the first time. Both Mr Lee and Miss Pay have settled into East Loddon 'life' seamlessly and we really look forward to working with them throughout the year.

College Captains Hugh C and Sophie H welcomed these staff back to the college at our first day assembly and really set the tone for what should be a great year!

Steven Lead
Principal



Canteen Roster

2020 JAN /FEB			
Fri 31st	Michelle Balic Brian Duffy		
Mon 3rd	Belinda Clymo	Mon 10th	Margaret Hocking
Tues 4th	Sue Pickles	Tues 11th	Michelle Diss
Wed 5th	Penny Cockerell	Wed 12th	Sue Pickles
Thurs 6th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 13th	Sue Pickles
Fri 7th	Mel Primrose Bec Cullen	Fri 14th	Natalie Rose Miranda Smith

Calendar February

Mon 3rd	Tues 4th	Wed 5th	Thurs 6th	Fri 7th
Year 7 Rubicon Camp begins P-6 Swimming Program	P-6 Swimming Program	Prep rest day Year 7-10 Swimming Program	P-6 Swimming Program	Year 7 Rubicon Camp returns Year 10/11 Latrobe Study skills Incursion
Mon 10th	Tues 11th	Wed 12th	Thurs 13th	Fri 14th
P-6 Swimming Program	P-6 Swimming Program	Prep rest day Year 7-10 Swimming Program		
Mon 17th	Tues 18th	Wed 19th	Thurs 20th	Fri 21st
Year 7-10 Swimming Program		Prep rest Day Curriculum Day Student free day	GTAC incursion Year 5&6 and Year 11 & 12	P-12 Swimming Carnival
Mon 24th	Tues 25th	Wed 26th	Thurs 27th	Fri 28th
		Prep rest day		Sandhurst Swimming Secondary