



Upcoming Dates

APRIL

23rd Year 9/10 Netball &
Badminton Sports Day
Year 5-7 Arts Centre Melbourne
excursion

26th P-12 Cross Country

SSV Primary Cross Country
Loddon Mallee Tennis

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Respect
Responsibility
Resilience
Relationships

From the Principal

Respectful Relationships (RR)—Term 2

We kicked off day one this week with a brief Respectful Relationships session in which all classes were reminded that we will be focussing on RR specifically for the remainder of this year and beyond.

All classes discussed some of the non-negotiable rules and/or expectations for their classrooms and put a positive spin on the wording of these. An example of this is using the wording 'We speak with an inside voice in our classroom', rather than 'Don't yell!', or 'We are encouraging with our language' rather than 'No put-downs'.

As part of our RR program we will actively encourage students to further focus on RR topics throughout the course of each school week, endeavouring to develop students' social, emotional and positive relationship skills. I encourage all parents and carers to discuss this program with their children at home. Please also feel free to seek information from a staff member if you would like to.

RR Topic 1 - Emotional Literacy—What is it?

Emotional literacy can be defined as the ability to understand ourselves and other people. It includes the ability to understand, express and manage our own emotions, build empathy, and to respond appropriately to the emotions of others. Building a large vocabulary for emotions helps to increase emotional literacy and build self-awareness and empathy for others.

Gallipoli—Journey To Peace

Through our connection with Dr John Basarin OAM, we will have some students participate in the 'Gallipoli—Journey To Peace' virtual conference on Sunday evening. Our students will participate in discussions and activities with students from both Turkey and New Zealand. John will be moderator for this event and amongst the guest speakers will be his lovely wife Hatice. Both Hatice and John have worked with East Loddon students on many occasions in the past and have even visited our college. If anyone within the wider college community would like to attend this online event, then please feel free to do so. Those who wish to join the Zoom session online will need to first register at the following address in order to receive the Zoom link.—

<http://www.journeytopeace.rotary2420.org/>

The session starts at 6pm (our time) this Sunday.

Outstanding Uniform Orders

Families who have not yet received their uniform orders due to Covid interruptions are encouraged to please call our Parent Association uniform rep Lisa Twigg to get an update or to discuss this matter. Lisa's number is 0407 506 476.

New Bus Driver

I mentioned in an earlier edition of this newsletter that Richard Evans had sold his bus company and would finish driving bus 5 shortly. The time has now come and as of Monday, a new driver will be in place. Dyson's bus lines are the new owners of the Bridgewater bus route and this week unleashed a brand new 'fancy/whizz-bang' bus which has the students excited!

Catch-Up Photos

Students who were absent on our college photo day last term are able to have their photos taken this coming Tuesday. Our photographer is likely to be at the college around lunchtime.

Naplan Testing

Our year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students will undertake their Naplan testing period in May. In the lead-up to these tests our students will undertake practice tests and will have a chance to ask their teachers about test conditions. We only ask that our students do the very best that they can during the Naplan testing period and hope that they do not put too much pressure on themselves during this time.

The 'Dirt-Pile' Has Been Moved

This week's photo shows the area next to the college Admin building. As you can see, the large pile of dirt that had been sitting there for the past month or so has been cleared so that further works can take place. Over the next 7 or so days, the site will be further prepared so that construction can begin shortly. I am really excited to see the building take shape in the coming weeks, as I am sure many of our community members are as well!

Steve Leed—College Principal

Assistant Principal's news

Literacy & Numeracy

What is the best way for our students to practice spelling? Lyn Stone, author of 'Spelling for Life', recommends the below five strategies. These activities are proven to help students improve their spelling. They require rapid recall and writing. These, more than any other will deliver the necessary practice in spelling to improve long-term recall.

Five: Sky Writing

Children use their fingers to write their target words in the air. It is important that they always say the word from the first letter to the last (not backwards or jumbled). This could be done in the car.

Four: Word families

Recognising the parts of words that have meaning and other words that share these parts. This could be other words that have the same first (middle, last) phonemes or blends, other words that have the same morphemes or other words that have the same etymological base word. Or other words that have the same 'tricky' spelling like a silent letter.

Three: Copying

Copying words and sentences is a great way to practice fluency and spelling. Write the word out copying it and saying the sounds from left to right.

Two: Dictation

A carer can say the word out loud and the student writes it down. You may do this in a sentence.

One: Drilling

At number One -Old-fashioned, old-school drilling! Going over and over an expanding list of words. **Have** students identify which parts of the word might be difficult to spell (a silent letter, a long vowel).

Sound out each phoneme and then say the whole word.

Define and use each word in a sentence.

Use the words in copied/dictated sentences.

Create sentences using the words.

Build up hundreds of words and practice drilling them frequently.

https://www.ldaustralia.org/client/documents/Activities_winter2018.pdf



BUY A BADGE TOMORROW PLEASE

SUPPORT OUR RSL

In what is potentially the worst timing of all School ANZAC ceremonies, we will gather tomorrow at 3:00 pm for a short ceremony. The timing is terrible as we have years 5, 6 and 7 students on an excursion and we have the majority of our year 9 and 10's at sport. For that reason, we will not be setting up the gymnasium for the event and also our second preference of assembly spots would be the central lawn and this will be unsuitable due to buses returning from sports at the same time as the assembly will be held. It is though an important time to stop and remember and for that reason we will gather tomorrow afternoon. All are wel-

come from the community.

ANZAC badges are selling at the moment and we strongly encourage those who have not purchased a badge to do so tomorrow. These range from \$1 to \$20. Lets get behind this cause for our local RSL.

Building works continue and currently we are experiencing a shakey start to term 2 with soil being compacted 12 hours a day in to the building site where unsuitable soil has been removed. Our builders have been trying as best they can to do as much work without disturbing us but it's a little unavoidable and we thank all staff and students for their patience.

I reckon the best bit, is that the trucks get on the air horn as they enter, at the request of any child, young or old who gives them the 'pull signal'. Very funny.

Sports continue next week also with 7/8 sports on Tuesday.

Have a great weekend, hope to see you tomorrow

Wilko



Sub-School Updates

Junior

Welcome Back!

It is fantastic to have all of our students back at school after a well deserved break. We hope all of our P-4 families had a fun and relaxing time over the holidays.

Congratulations Mrs Milroy

Last term we said goodbye to Ms Kennedy and next week we will wel-



come her back as Mrs. Milroy. We hope you had lots of fun at your wedding.

Easter Bonnet Parade

Thank you to all students and families for their participation in our Easter Bonnet parade. It was a lot of fun for all!



Middle

Welcome back to the Middle Years for Term 2! I hope everyone enjoyed the break.

During Term 2, our middle years sub-school captains will be running optional lunchtime activities. This week saw soccer on the central lawn on Tuesday and skittle soccer today. If students have other suggestions about possible activities they would like to see, they should contact Fynn C or Ava M.

Tomorrow will see all Year 5, 6 and 7s out of the school as they head down to Melbourne for the day. Students will be attending a performance called Charlie and the War Against the Grannies before heading to ArtVo Melbourne. This sounds like a great day!

Marley A is competing at State Swimming today. What an awesome achievement!

Next week we will have a Year 7/8 sports day on Tuesday with Netball and Soccer Teams heading to Bendigo for the day.

Senior

Welcome back: I'm not sure if the students were as excited as me to be back, but hopefully by now they are feeling a little more motivated and energised 4 days in. We have lovely background industrial, construction like noises to keep us grounded but on a positive note this is progress on the building front YAY!



Fit2Drive program: Our Year 11 students participated in this program on Tuesday. The program focused on making our students safer road users. The activities promoted behaviour change and road safety messages.

Study tip: if feeling a bit overwhelmed try breaking down the tasks into smaller parts. Create a list of the smaller tasks and tick them off as you complete them.

Congrats Will: did you know he ran in the U/18 100 metre final at the Stawell Gift and placed 3rd!!!



AROUND ELP SRC

Thank you to everyone who supported our Good Friday Appeal fundraiser at the end of last term. Our combined total of cash and 'Virtual Tin' donations was close to \$770. If you would like to donate, please follow the following link. It's not too late! Let's see if we can reach \$800+!

<https://www.virtuallyinshake.com.au/fundraisers/eastloddonp12college>

SPORTS NEWS

Welcome back—It's a busy start to the term with the following sporting events coming up

Thursday 22nd April

SSV Swimming—Marley A and 7th in the state.

Friday 23rd April

9/10 Badminton

9/10 Netball

Monday 26th April

Loddon Mallee Tennis Finals

East Loddon Cross Country (see back page for more information)

SSV Swimming—Zali C

Tuesday 27th April

Year 7/8 Boys Soccer

Year 7/8 Netball

Year 7/8 Badminton

Wednesday 5th May

Primary Division Cross Country—the top 4 place getters from years 2-6 qualify for this event)

Monday 10th May— Secondary Division Cross country—for top 5 place getters

Winston Arthur Clare



Two of our current staff members had very exciting holiday 'events' with Mrs Clare having her second child, Winston Arthur Clare, and Miss Kennedy getting married and now being known as Mrs Milroy. We as a college are very excited for both staff and wish them and their families all the very best for the future. It is always nice to be able to celebrate such wonderful news!!!

Mrs Bridie Milroy



Canteen

Fri 23rd	Kristie Cullinan Wendy Murphy	2021 APRIL/ MAY	
Mon 26th	Bree Hocking	Mon 3rd	Kia Hooke
Tues 27th	Sue Pickles	Tues 4th	Sue Pickles
Wed 28th	Karen Pascoe	Wed 5th	Penny Cockerell
Thurs 29th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 6th	Sue Pickles
Fri 30th	Mel Primrose Natalie Rose	Fri 7th	Miranda Smith Wendy Murphy

East Loddon P-12 College Cross Country

There are only 2 Cross Country Courses this year:

- Junior School – 1.5 km (approx.)
- Middle/Senior School – 2.3 km (approx.)

Program for the day:

- Students in Years Prep-6 are able to arrive at school dressed in their house colours (with their running gear on/underneath – but a change of clothes may be a good idea if there is a chance of rain)
- Students in Years 7-12 will have the opportunity to get changed at recess or just prior to the start of the event.

11:56 – End of Period 3 – Students to change (if needed) and meet in house groups on central lawn.

12:05 – Briefing

12:10 – House Captains run warm-ups for their house.

12:15 – Start first races:

Race Order: Starting at approximately 12:15 and going in approximately 4-5 minute intervals:

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| 1) Year 4 | 6) Year 7 | 11) Year 10 |
| 2) Kinder Kids | 7) Prep | 12) Year 1 |
| 3) Year 8 | 8) Year 11 | 13) Year 5 |
| 4) Year 12 | 9) Year 2 | 14) Year 9 |
| 5) Year 3 | 10) Year 6 | |

- Parents are welcome to attend and watch the cross country, spectating from around the central lawn area – please take note of the schedule above for when each year level is running.
- There will be a BBQ available – this will be provided by the school for students, parents and staff (sausage in bread – approximately 1 per person) – Students are still encouraged to bring their lunch, snacks and drink bottle etc)
- If your child is unable to run, can you please send a note along with your child to give to their homeroom teacher in the morning – thanks.
- If you have any questions, please let Mr Young know: dean_young@education.vic.gov.au