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9th June Years 3-10 Return to school

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From the Principal

\$\$\$ - 4.05 Million Announced for Us—\$\$\$

As was hoped, the recent funding announcements made by our premier and education minister have included our college! The \$4.05m that was announced for the college last week will see the planned stage 1 works go ahead. These works will basically see the demolition of the current library, multi-purpose room and staff work room, before we see a brand-new library, canteen, staff work room, multipurpose room and various conference spaces built. Myself and Mr Wilkinson have a further building works meeting to attend this afternoon, where we hope to get some sort of confirmation around timelines for the build. Whilst a brand new facility does not necessarily lead to a greater delivery of education, it will certainly be nice to see a terrific set of spaces that can complement the outstanding academic achievements of our students and dedication of our staff.

Staggered Return To On-Site Learning

This week we enthusiastically welcomed back our Prep, Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr 10, Yr 11 and Yr 12 students to the college and I must say that it has been terrific to have these wonderful students in the college. Next week will also see these same classes attend in person again before all other year levels recommence on Tuesday 9th June. The efforts of all parents and carers in getting their school-aged children ready for a positive return to the classroom has been very much appreciated by college staff.

Additional Cleaning

As mentioned in our return to school documentation, additional cleaning has begun at the college on a daily basis and will continue through until the end of Term 3. Our cleaning contractors have employed Nicky and Jasmine Lawry to carry out the large proportion of this cleaning and they have done a tremendous job thus far!

Thankyou Staff!

With all staff returning to the college this week, we

endeavoured to take a leaf out of the G.E.M principles of 'The Resilience Project' by Hugh Van Cuylenberg. Hugh talks about gratitude, empathy and mindfulness throughout his book and associated podcast and all staff were to attend a presentation in Bendigo this Monday until the dreaded Covid restrictions struck and the event was cancelled.

As well as having a series of meetings and preparation time on Monday, the college also provided morning tea, lunch and a small gift for all staff. We invited our bus drivers along for lunch also and all 'gathered' on the central lawn to reconnect with each other, say a small thankyou and then show gratitude and empathy for others by releasing helium filled balloons into the air, with a message of thanks for our families, local bus operators and drivers, educational support staff, teachers and locally employed workforce. The message attached to our balloons also made mention of the efforts of those who find our balloons and asked them to let us know what they had been thankful for during this period of isolation.

We received our first response from these balloons today and it came all the way from a farm near Sea Lake (approx. 185km from our college). Matthew Harrison, who usually resides in NW Tasmania is back on the family farm at the moment assisting his parents, and was most excited to find our balloon whilst running across a paddock.

I wish to take this opportunity to point out what a terrific staff we have at the college. The efforts of all in these often uncertain times has been outstanding and is certainly something that I am very proud of. The efforts of Richard Evans and all those at Loddon Transit have also been outstanding. We are very fortunate to be part of such a supportive college community.

Stay safe everyone. Only 7 more school-days until all students return!

Regards, Steve Leed

Literacy & Numeracy

The power of reflection

Reviewing and reflecting on the learning process is a vital part of improving. (It's so important that we made review the 'R' in I-LEARN.)

Reviewing can be just as powerful as a discussion or written down. We can reflect on

- how our knowledge has changed
- how our learning strategies have changed
- how our feelings or perspectives about learning have changed

Reflecting on remote learning

As we enter our last week of remote learning (fingers crossed), this is a great time to reflect.

- What have students done well or been proud of in their remote learning?
- What was challenging?
- How did they overcome these challenges?
- What strategies would they use if they encountered these challenges again?

Sarah Clare

Curriculum Learning Specialist

Where Wilko has been this week.....



On my perpetual search for more and more dairy products, I hit the jackpot baby!

Introducing..... the Baker family fridge.



Followed up with Nachos at the Bolwells.

mmmmmm



Due to my 'iso belly', Hudson needed 3 balloons to make me fly!

We are almost back to normal, with preps 1/ 2/ 11/ 12 all back on deck this week. Things are a little different though, with the encouragement of social distancing and more sanitising than you can poke a stick at. We look forward to all of our kids being back in a little over one weeks time. We're excited!!!!

On return to school kids will notice first our new bus seating plans. First kids on sit at the back and last kids on sit at the front. The closer your house is

to school, the closer you sit to the driver. This will not always be a popular decision with the kids but it will allow more of an opportunity for students to keep a distance from drivers and also close contact with non family members will be reduced.

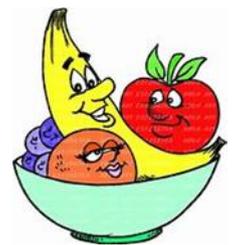
I mentioned last week, that all Where's Wilko pics will be placed in a book for the library, so keep these coming in. In addition to this we are looking for any interesting pics that may be a great reminder in future

years of what we have been through. Eg. Pics from the farm, artwork, tasks that you have completed as remote learning. We will collate anything of interest and make a book as a reminder of this truly unique moment in our lives. Send anything my way that might be relevant.

I once again thank all parents for their support and patience during this period. You are doing a fantastic job. We are nearly there.

'GRAB AND GO' BREAKFAST

The Breakfast Club will not be able to proceed in the usual format in Term 2. However, in line with advice we have received from DET, there are still plenty of ways in which we can support our students with breakfast and it has been left up to individual schools to decide what might work best for their community. Commencing next week East Loddon P-12 College will offer a 'Grab and Go' menu rather than a sit down breakfast, using fruit cups, mini milk, suitably packaged food and fresh fruit. This will be available outside the Multi Purpose room on Tuesday and Thursday mornings.



What parents need to know about the Three Good Things App.



This gratitude journal app is a simple way for kids, teens, and adults to increase positive vibes. Three Good Things - A Happiness Journal can provide a place for anyone to reflect every day on what's going right in life. What helps set it apart from paper journals is that users can set a reminder so they won't forget to take a few minutes to write down three good things that went well for them that day. They also can look back to previous days and reread their happy moments, and they can share any or all their reflections on social media if they choose. [Review by Commonsense Media](#)



Sub-School Updates

Junior

Welcome Back

Welcome back to our Prep, Grade 1 and Grade 2 students. They have wasted no time getting back into their learning.



Only a couple of weeks until we get our Grade 3 and Grade 4 students back as well!

Middle

We can't wait to have you back!

There has been a strange feeling in the Middle Years this week, with our teachers back at school and our students remaining in remote learning. Our Middle Years staff CAN'T WAIT to have you back soon (they've been a little sad without you!) Until then, keep up the GREAT work Middle Years!



Senior

Welcome back Year 11 & 12 students: I feel so lucky to have these students back. Their behaviour and attitude towards our new covid guidelines has been excellent. To celebrate their return I have a special treat for these students tomorrow morning during reading time. These students also



completed a return to school feedback survey. I was extremely appreciative of their honesty within their responses.

General Achievement Test GAT exam:

This exam is for all students studying a VCE Units 3 & 4 subject. This exam has been rescheduled to Wednesday the 9th of September.

VCE External Exams—end of year :

These VCE and VET Units 3 & 4 external exams will take place between Monday 9th of November to Friday 2nd of December. VCAA are now saying the timetable will be released by the end of this term.

Encouraging Physical

Activity in Young Children :

Setting a good example: Choose action over electronics whenever you can. E.g. take the stairs, park and walk. Even if you're not athletic, you can move!

Enjoying exercise:

Whether it's a vigorous kick-boxing class or a leisurely walk, tell your child how you feel after you're done. Energised? Happier? Tired, but proud of what you accomplished?

Playing together: Kids love your attention. Take them to the playground, go outside for a game of catch, or have a spontaneous dance party.

Praising effort, not results: Your child won't be able to ride a bike or sink a netball shot on her first attempt. To fend off frustration (in both inactive and active kids), be sure to acknowledge how hard they're trying.

- **Offering positive reinforcement:** If your child makes a healthy choice, notice it—out loud. When he learns a new skill, record it on video, and show it to friends and family.
- Asking her to teach you:** Is she a star skater or a whiz at dancing? Request a lesson! Active kids love to show off their expertise.

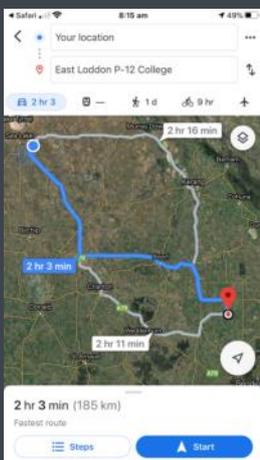
Prep , Year 1 and Year 2 First day back



Mr Leed and Mr Twigg putting messages on the balloons that staff let go on Monday about 1pm



This is the location where the first balloon landed see below



Canteen Roster:

		2020 JUNE	
Mon 8th	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY	Mon 15th	Hayley Fawcett Nessie Wiltshire
Tues 9th	Sue Pickles	Tues 16th	Sue Pickles
Wed 10th	Kylie Addlem Kia Hooke	Wed 17th	Cheryl Green Ebony Lawry
Thurs 11th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 18th	Sue Pickles
Fri 12th	Kristie Cullinan Mel Primrose	Fri 19th	Karen Pascoe Wendy Murphy

Calendar MAY and JUNE

Mon 1st June	Tues 2nd	Wed 3rd	Thurs 4th	Fri 5th
Canteen has opened up again				
Mon 8th	Tues 9th	Wed 10th	Thurs 11th	Fri 12th
Queen's Birthday Holiday	Year 3-10 student's return.			
Mon 15th	Tues 16th	Wed 17th	Thurs 18th	Fri 19th
Second semester begins				
Mon 22nd	Tues 23rd	Wed 24th	Thurs 25th	Fri 26th
				End of Term 2. Early Finish Buses leave 2.30pm