



Respect
Resilience
Responsibility
Relationships

Upcoming Dates

12th June Start Semester 2
classes

26th June End of Term 2 Early
finish buses leave 2.30pm

13th July Term 3 begins

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From the Principal

It Is So Great To Have All Students Back!!!

It has been terrific to see virtually all students back at the college this week. Classrooms feel 'lived in' once again and there is a really good level of support across the college for students and staff. The sun has come out for us the past couple of lunchtimes and the sight of 230 students out in the yard enjoying each others company has been tremendous.

I have had many very positive comments from staff about the way in which our students have returned to the classroom and many staff have also shared some of the wonderful work that was completed whilst in remote and flexible learning conditions.

Well done once again to all for the positive return to on-site learning.

Recognition For The College...

On top of the recent announcement of our college being named the Rural and Regional School of Excellence for 2020; as well as the college achieving influence status in 2019/20, we have once again been recognised by the department. I have this week been nominated for the Victorian Secondary School Principal of the Year Award as part of the 2020 Victorian Excellence in Education Awards. Whilst this sounds like an individual award nomination, I very much believe that this is due to the tremendous efforts of all staff, students and college community members. We as a college have made some very impressive academic gains across the past 5 years and we find ourselves in a very enviable position.

A big 'well done' is extended to all who have anything to do with the college!!!

Covid-19 Keepsake (Bendigo Addy)

In last weekend's Saturday Bendigo Advertiser there was a 'My part of history—COVID 19' keepsake, that also featured an advert from our college. This keepsake was intended to provide each child with an opportunity to fill in a booklet about this moment in time, so that they could keep it safely tucked away for viewing in future years. If you did not get a copy of this keepsake but would like one, please email me at

Steven.Leed@education.vic.gov.au so that I can send you a digital copy, or so that you can request a hard-copy.

Look After Yourself

With only two weeks to go until the upcoming school holidays, I wish to remind everyone of the importance of looking after yourself. We have been through some trying times of late and no-one is immune to having a 'flat-patch'. Please endeavour to focus not only on your physical health but also more importantly your mental health. It is 'ok not to be ok' so please make sure you reach out to a trusted mate or organisation if needed.

Student Teachers

The college has welcomed 2 student teachers into the fold this week with Mr Barton working alongside Mrs Fleming and Mr Baker working alongside Mrs Clare. We love having student teachers at East Loddon and know that we can learn just as much from them, as they can from us!

College Review Continues

The remaining 2 days of our college review will now take place on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th July. More details will be forwarded in the next week or two.

MND BEARDS...

Mr Clayton and myself have continued the beard growing for another week and are working with the SRC to try and raise awareness of, and money for MND. We received our first \$20 this week and encourage anyone who would like to support this MND fundraiser to send cash into the office. I believe that we will be having a shave and cold ice bath/slide/drenching on the last day of term. (insert shiver and chattering teeth here...)

My picture this week shows the changes to the year 8 class, who have returned to school with a new home-room set up in the library. The picture shows some of the social distancing measures in place at school.

Regards, Steve Leed

Literacy & Numeracy

Revision

Our senior school is preparing for exams in the next couple of weeks. Here are some literacy hints to help your child revise:

- Investigate exam task words so you know what the question is asking you to do. E.g. How is a 'describe' question different to an 'explain' question? For a list of these words and their definitions, see Miss Byrne or Mrs Clare. VCE students also have access to a helpful resource called 'How to Write What You Want to Say' which outlines these definitions.
- Do something with your notes: don't simply re-read them. Dot point the key ideas or make a mind map to show how concepts are connected.
- Read the list of key knowledge and skills and rate your progress using traffic light colours. Focus your attention on the 'red' areas when reading or completing practice questions.
- Communicate with your teachers. Ask questions when you are not 100% sure of the concept or questions. Message the teacher on Teams if you can't speak with them in class.
- Explain the concept to a five year old. If you can do this, you've broken the idea down to its most basic parts— that shows a deep understanding!

Sarah Clare

Curriculum Learning Specialist



Marissa—brilliant



Tahlia—awesome



Jake—wow



Good Luck Mrs Heaslip

Thanks to all students for their assistance and understanding with the bus seating plans. This is tricky for kids young and old right, as the usual right of passage to the back seat is disrupted. It is mathematically and physically impossible to have all students sitting with siblings only but we have made every attempt for this to happen. Bus seating is usually tricky at the best of times, so the fact that everyone just got on with it and followed this directive, for the greater good, shows a lot of maturity.

We have been nothing but impressed with the students behaviour on return to school this week. There has been a lot of excitement but also we have found students making real attempts to stay safe and distant where possible. The

other impressive thing is the standard of task that students have been completing at home. Mr Ripper's Tech kids have some bridges on show that they built at home and they can only be described as WOW. Check out the pics! They have been tested for strength and sometimes held up to 39 kg without breaking. Kathleen's held 25 kg before smashing to bits. (back to the drawing board Norm). My favourites were Marissa's tower bridge and Jake's 'own design'. Fantastic. Goes to show what you can learn with a couple of paddle pop sticks and a lot of perseverance.

We have been extremely lucky with the weather since returning and hopefully this continues. Most days after thawing out we have been

good by recess. Please encourage kids to rug up if it looks like being cold as we are attempting to keep ventilation high.

Mrs Heaslip had her last day and farewell on Friday. She is about to have her first child, which is exciting. The year 12 PE class placed some pink and blue balloons around the central lawn to wish her well. They also served as a good photo opp.

A new timetable starts next week as we draw to the end of semester 1. The first 2 weeks of semester 2 always occur in the last 2 weeks of term 2. This is to account for equal length of VCE units. Just turn up, we will sort it out.

Parent Association Fundraiser East Loddon P-12 College – 2020 TREE FUNDRAISER

The conditions are almost perfect for tree planting and with the benefit of being able to shop from home don't miss the opportunity to get that orchard into operation or even replace that missing tree that died a few years ago.

The College Parents Association are again running the **Fruit & Ornamental Tree Fundraiser**, providing family, staff and members of the community with access to reasonably priced and excellent quality trees. You will find the listing of available trees and an order form attached to this post. Please feel free to forward on to anybody you think may be interested.

When you have completed your order form, not forgetting to add \$5 per tree – (this amount being the fundraising component) return to Jodie Demeo via email (timandjodiedemeo@bigpond.com) or via the post by **Friday June 22nd**. Please ensure full payment is made prior to this time, direct deposit is certainly the preferred method of payment this year.

Trees will be available for collection from the East Loddon Community Centre around mid-July.

All trees with the exception of the listed container plants are bare rooted, so they will need to be planted in their forever home or in a temporary home soon after they are collected.

If you have any questions please contact Jodie Demeo on 0427 471327

See attachments.



Sub-School Updates

Junior

Welcome Back Grade 3 and 4

Welcome back to our grade 3 and 4 students. It is great to have all of our students back at school this week and resume business as usual.



Report From Parents

Just a reminder that the cut-off for parent comments for reports is tomorrow. If you would like to write some positive feedback for your child's report, please send this through to your child's homeroom teacher. Thank you to those parents who have already sent their comments through.



Middle

Welcome Back!

The school has been a buzz this week as we welcomed our students back to face-to-face learning. What a roller coaster the past eleven weeks have been for us all! There is nothing better than walking through the Middle Years and seeing our hard working students back in the rooms.

I would like to thank all students for the respect, resilience and responsibility they have shown towards the changes that have occurred at school to keep us all safe. It has

been a great team effort!

If there are students who are still feeling a bit unsure or uneasy about being back at school, I encourage them/their families to please make contact with me ASAP, there's a lot of changes but it's most important that we're looking after ourselves and our wellbeing. I hope everyone has had a GREAT week! Sarah Gladman.



Senior

Welcome back Year 9: our gorgeous Year 9 students who returned all with beaming smiles. It was so lovely to see the students and talk to them in person. Year 9 students followed in the foot steps of other senior school students by viewing a return to school powerpoint presentation reflecting the changes to our practice due to covid-19. The students also completed a return to school survey. Enabling students the opportunity to express any concerns they have.

Practice Exams continue our Year 10-12 students have started their practice

exams. The timetable was provided to students last Thursday. Year 11 & 12 students also spent some time last Friday reviewing key exam terminology and were provided with some information about learning preference styles. If students need further help please let me know.

Atar success webinars I encourage students and parents to check out this link below for some useful webinars relating to tips for success in your studies. <https://www.atarsuccess.com.au/vcelivewebinar>

BIG well done to the students for returning from remote learning with such positive attitudes. Thanks & take care.

AROUND ELP SPORTS

School Sport Update:

Here is the latest update from the School Sports Victoria (SSV) regarding the return of inter-school sport.

The return of inter-school sport in term 3 and/or term 4 is dependent on:

- DET restrictions.
- Sport delivery guidelines and general hygiene measures.
- Venue availability, access and any additional restrictions on their use.
- The priority of engaging students in sport compared to the priority of other learning areas and whether schools and students are ready to participate.
- District, Division and Region school sport – including what events could be rescheduled and what have already been cancelled.

At this stage we are still looking at running the Cross Country and Athletics at the College—but this will be dependent on Department Guidelines.

~ Mr Young

Student Teachers

We will have Mr Barton and Mr Baker with us for the next two weeks.



Canteen Roster:

		2020 JUNE	
Fri 12th	Natalie Rose Mel Primrose		
Mon 15th	Hayley Fawcett Karolyn Campbell	Mon 22nd	Nadine Ray
Tues 16th	Mel Primrose	Tues 23rd	Mel Primrose
Wed 17th	Cheryl Green Ebony Lawry	Wed 24th	Lisa Twigg
Thurs 18th	Mel Primrose	Thurs 25th	Mel Primrose
Fri 19th	Karen Pascoe Wendy Murphy	Fri 26th	Brian Duffy Michelle Balic

Calendar JUNE

Mon 15th	Tues 16th	Wed 17th	Thurs 18th	Fri 19th
Second semester Begins today				
Mon 22nd	Tues 23rd	Wed 24th	Thurs 25th	Fri 26th
				End of Term 2. Early Finish Buses leave
Mon 13th JULY	Tues 14th	Wed 15th	Thurs 16th	Fri 17th
Term 3 begins				
Mon 20th	Tues 21st	Wed 22nd	Thurs 23rd	Fri 24th