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Upcoming Dates

AUGUST

11th VCE/ VCAL Information
Session 2– 3.30pm

12th VCE/ VCAL LaTrobe
Bendigo and TAFE

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From the Principal

Congratulations Mr Rippingale

Congratulations are extended to Mr James Rippingale, who was the successful applicant for the Acting Middle Years Leader role that we recently advertised. Mrs Sarah Gladman, who is our current Middle Years Leader, will leave the role later this term when she begins her maternity leave and we are most confident that Mr Rippingale will continue on with the great work that has taken place in 2020.

Requests For Additional School Work

From time to time, we as a college receive requests for additional school work from families who may be undertaking a trip or have other reasons that require their child to miss days of school. Whilst we will always endeavour to do our best to cater to our families needs/requests, the important reminder for all is that we do require adequate time to cater for these requests.

Our number one priority as a staff is to provide a comprehensive and differentiated education to all students in each of our classes. We respect that each individual family has their own set of beliefs and values and in uncertain times such as these, we most certainly do not pass judgement with regard to individual decisions. Please also understand that the Department of Education have made it clear that teaching staff in Victorian Government schools have no obligation to provide work for families who decide to keep their child/ren home (due to covid-19 concerns) without a valid medical certificate.

'Hard-Copy' Semester 1 Reports

Hard copies of semester 1 reports are available for families who require these. Please make contact with the college office if you require these.

College Photo's

Due to a technical issue with 2020 college photo's, some group pictures have not been printed with the clarity/quality we would expect. If you have received a group photo of poor quality, please make contact with the college office **by the end of school hours tomorrow** to arrange for a replacement picture.

Upgrades To College Drinking Water

Works have begun at the college to install a new water tank at the back of the gym to collect rainwater from the roofline. A new pump and ultra-violet filter system will also be installed to ensure that our students have access to more quality drinking water. These works should be completed at the end of next week.

Student's Need Named Drinker Bottles Please

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, the college bubble-taps are currently out of action. All families are asked to please ensure that their children attend school with a named drinker bottle. These can be refilled at the office if required.

Take care...stay safe... look after yourself!

Regards, Steve Leed

Literacy & Numeracy



SMART spelling

We know families and students really value spelling and spelling homework. This term, East Loddon P-6 staff will be undertaking training in the SMART spelling program developed by a Victorian teacher Michelle Hutchison.

We are excited to develop a consistent approach to spelling for students throughout their primary school years. **SMART** stands for:

- Say
- Meaning
- Analyse
- Remember
- Teach.

Students will get used to this sequence for learning their spelling. Many other schools in the local area have adopted this program and have reported that students have really developed in their spelling and had fun along the way. Yes – fun!

The program is multisensory; students will see the words, hear the words and say the words. They will also use handwriting to help hard wire the spelling into their motor memory.

80% of your child's spelling words will be about the week's 'pattern' which is learning to map sounds to their correct letters. The other 20% of your child's spelling words will come from the student's own written work.

Further information will be provided to parents when the program begins.

Sally Fleming

Literacy Learning Specialist



Assistant Principal's news

Meetings with architects and department representatives keep ticking along as we move in to final preparations for the tender process, regarding the rebuilding of our Multi-purpose room, canteen, Library and staff work space. Things will start to happen really quickly as the work goes out to tender on the 21st of October. Once contractors are finalised, it will be all systems go as we move everything from the current buildings, demolish what's there and start to rebuild. Before we know it we will be in a fancy new building. Watch this space.

We have had a few questions relating to the wearing of masks and other covid related restrictions. Masks are not compulsory at this stage but we will certainly support any staff students or visitors in who choose to wear masks. With preparation for building works having workers on site quite often it is reassuring that the ruling is to have workers from lockdown areas wearing masks. Those from non-lockdown areas may choose to.

Not much news from me this week, but it was good to see some junior sport back in Bendigo on the weekend. It felt

normal almost. I hope that if your kids are participating that as supporters you can follow all precautions, so that we can stop the spread and continue doing a few fun things. To be honest, this whole thing is getting a bit tiring and I sort of understand why people are relaxing their caution. Now more than ever though is the time to be even more wary. We learn from schools in Melbourne and even Colac how quickly this thing spreads. Lets be extra vigilant.

Wow what a sook that was. I hope everyone has a great weekend.

Notices



2021 kindergarten enrolments

Enrolments are now open for 4 year old and 3 year old kindergarten. Enrolments close Monday 31 August 2020.

Do you have a child turning 3 years or 4 years of age by 30 April 2021?

Loddon Shire will be providing funded three and four year old kindergarten programs in 2021.

Complete your child's enrolment online at www.loddon.vic.gov.au

For more information please contact Loddon Shire Early Years Department (03) 5494 1201.

Prompt return of your child's enrolment form is recommended to assist in the planning for programs that will run in 2021.

Boort
Preschool
5455 2292
0498 707 799

Dingee
Preschool
5436 8401
0498 606 345

Inglewood
Kindergarten
5438 3533
0498 505 277

Pyramid Hill
Preschool
5455 7230
0498 606 023

Wedderburn
Preschool
5494 3183
0498 707 005



Sub-School Updates

Junior

Sandpit Equipment Welcome

Our P-4 students enjoy spending a lot of time in the sandpit and have requested that we get a few more toys to use while playing there. As such, if there are any families out there who have some old buckets, spades, plastic rakes, etc. that they are no longer using, we would be delighted to rehome them in our school's sandpit. We cannot promise they will be returned, but they will be loved.

Non-negotiables

P-4 teachers met on Monday to discuss a range of matters regarding the junior sub-school. One product of the meeting was the introduction of "Non-negotiable Rules" for students. These are rules that all students are expected to follow at all times. Some of the rules are:

- > *Use whole body listening*
- > *Put up your hand to talk*
- > *Try your best at all times*
- > *Treat each other kindly*

Middle

Finska in Maths

Our 5/6 Students had fun playing the game 'Finska' in Maths this week. Finska is a game about strategy, addition, subtraction and of course, hand-eye coordination! Chloe T looks like she's bowling the winning shot.



Smiling Mind:

Middle Years students participated in their first 'Smiling Mind' activity on Friday morning and will complete their next session tomorrow. Smiling Mind is about taking a moment out of your day for yourself and to focus on what's happening with you, rather than what's happening around you.

Anyone can access these sessions online for free at: <https://www.smilingmind.com.au/>

Senior

Tertiary Information Session TIS event

next Wednesday at lunch time our Year 12 students will attend the TIS event via a webinar here at the College. The event will provide information for students about completing VTAC applications (uni and TAFE), special entry access schemes (SEAS) and scholarship applications. If any parents/guardians are interested in attending this event online please let me know asap.

Year 10 Mock Interviews took place today, congrats to students for participating in this initiative and thanks to staff, Mr Rudkins, Mr Rippingale, Mrs Clare, Angela

(MIPS) , Mary-Ann (LLEN) and Anne Baker and Micheal Lawry for volunteering to be a part of the panel and helping to prepare our students.



Get Well Soon Mr Young—rest up and we look forward to seeing you back at school soon.

Quote of the week: "At the end of the day people won't remember what you said or did, but they will remember how you made them feel." Be kind to each other.

College Beanies

The college has recently ordered and received a new line of college beanies which we have on offer to all students, staff and college community members for \$20 each. With the college currently required to have classroom doors and at least one window in each classroom open, we encourage students to dress warmer than they usually would. Students do not necessarily need to wear a college endorsed beanie, but we believe that these new beanies provide the opportunity to do so.



Canteen Roster:

Fri 24th	Natalie Rose Cheryl Green	2020 JULY/ AUGUST	
Mon 27th	Belinda Clymo	Mon 3rd	Bree Hocking Somara Lever
Tues 28th	Sue Pickles	Tues 4th	Sue Pickles
Wed 29th	Penny Cockerell	Wed 5th	Hayley Fawcett Kia Hooke
Thurs 30th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 6th	Sue Pickles
Fri 31st	Wendy Murphy Michelle Balic	Fri 7th	Bec Cullen Miranda Smith

Calendar July/ August

Mon 27th	Tues 28th	Wed 29th	Thurs 30th	Fri 31st
AUGUST	Tues 4th	Wed 5th	Thurs 6th	Fri 7th
Mon 10th	Tues 11th	Wed 12th	Thurs 13th	Fri 14th
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Mon 17th	Tues 18th	Wed 19th	Thurs 20th	Fri 21st