



Upcoming Dates

AUGUST

16th—20th Year 9/10

Outdoor Ed Ski Camp

SEPTEMBER

2nd P-12 Athletics

6th Curriculum Day.

Student free day

15th College Production

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Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

From the Principal

Key Term 3 Dates

The college **Athletics Sports** will take place on **Thursday 2nd September**, with the **College Production** taking place on **Wednesday 15th September**. Both events are 'big-ticket items' on the parent calendar and whilst we very much hope that we are able to have parents and families in attendance for both of these dates, the reality is that we will only be able to do so if we are permitted to by the Victorian State Government and Department of Education and Training.

As things currently stand, the college is not permitted to have parents on-site for anything other than 'essential services and operations'. As much as we would dearly love to watch our child run their 100m race, or play a role in our college production, these things are clearly not 'essential'. We obviously hope that circumstances and restrictions change for the better before these events.

Useful Beliefs And Positive Mental Health

I have spoken with staff in previous years about 'useful beliefs' and I think it is worth touching on the importance of these at times like this. Myself and Mr Wilkinson attended a terrific leadership forum a couple of years back where we heard a gent by the name of Chris Helder (look him up on YouTube if you wish) speak. He spoke of useful beliefs and not simply positive thinking. What he spoke of made sense and we endeavoured to adopt some of his thinking in various times of need thereafter. In basic terms, useful beliefs are a change in the way that we frame something. Rather than saying 'I hate that we have to wear face masks at the moment!', we can change our thinking and wording to something like 'It is great that we are able to keep our loved ones safer by wearing a mask'. Truth be known, most of us are not big fans of the face masks. At the moment though, we are required to wear them so we may as well try to look at this in a useful way.

If I was to frame another useful belief around the current situation we find ourselves in with covid-restrictions then it would be this—'What a great opportunity we have at the moment to help our chil-

dren develop a stronger level of resilience!' (which is the 3rd of our 4 R's or college values).

It is extremely important to remember that our children learn a great deal of their 'life-development' at home as well as at school. Having a conversation with your child/ren about the fact that you would love to see them do x, y or z at school, but that you unfortunately can't at the moment due to restrictions that the state has in place, would be a great starting point. To then follow-up with further conversation as to why it is important to keep everyone safe during this current pandemic, shows your child/ren that you understand that things can be hard at the moment, but that there is a good reason for this.

College Building Works

The college building works that were due to be completed in December of this year are now likely to be completed a little later than first anticipated, but still in time for the start of the 2022 school year. Circumstances beyond our control have pushed the completion date back by a month or two, however builders continue to work on site and progress is still being made. There have been unexpected issues with the main electrical switchboard and with the supply of some steel but rest assured that all involved in the building project are working towards the best possible outcome for the school.

We currently have all 7 concrete tilt-panels in-place on-site. These panels form one side of the main corridor that will separate the library and staff workroom from the canteen and multi-purpose room. Construction of the steel frame has commenced and will continue for the foreseeable future.

100 Days Of Learning Celebrations

My photo this week was taken at Monday's celebrations of 100 days of learning with our Prep students. 'Elderly Mrs Twigg' told the students all about her Penny Farthing, dentures and life before TV's. Fun was had by all!

Regards,
Steve Leed—College Principal

NEW DATE Curriculum Day Monday 6th September. This will be a student Free Day

Assistant Principal's news

Literacy & Numeracy

No matter what path students choose in life, the ability to communicate their thoughts in writing in a way that others can easily understand is crucial.

Practicing sentences will improve more sustained writing. As students get older, it often involves more complex sentence structures and a more varied and precise vocabulary than spoken language.

Producing even a single sentence can improve major cognitive demands on students, especially if it requires them to explain, paraphrase, or summarise sophisticated content. No students are too old to benefit from sentence level writing.

Many teachers have been using the 'because, but, so' activity from 'The Writing Revolution' to improve literacy while teaching their content.

Students are given a sentence stem ending with 'because, but and so'. For example:

Writing is important because.....

Writing is important but...

Writing is important so.....

This will prompt them to think critically and deeply about the content.

Teaching writing is also teaching thinking.

Sally Fleming
Literacy Learning
Specialist



I have recently applied for a grant to upgrade our fencing. Hopefully we will be successful.

Given that humans are pretty strange animals it will come as no surprise that the following types of things happen.

Firstly we go in to lockdown and everyone is quite rightly concerned and a bit shocked and a little 'I hope it doesn't come here'. Next though, we exit lockdown early and we either think 'ooh that's too early' or 'we didn't need to in the first place'. Then.... We are told to wear masks to decrease the spread and we choose not to. ORRRRRR we wear masks in class or when teachers ask, but we don't on the bus.

Aggggggggh HUMANS.

Don't get me wrong, this is so hard. In lockdown/out of lockdown in masks/out of masks, crowd allowed/crowd banned. It's a pest. What's more our kids have been extremely patient as have our parents and our staff.

Can all parents and guardians have a chat to their kids about wearing masks. This is a rule for 12 and

overs. Its not anything that we enjoy and its not anything that we can enforce and the little kids don't have to do it. We get it right! BUT when students arrive at the office first period because a staff member has instructed them to get a mask, then we know they have travelled sometimes for up to an hour on a bus with 40 + others without a mask. That's disappointing really.

Whilst on the subject of buses. We have numerous requests about kinder kids on the bus, and most of the time we can accommodate this for 4 year old kinder and above. It allows kids to experience bus travel, one way as a lead up to catching the school bus for the rest of their childhood! It's a bit of a win win for parents, kids, the kinder and the school. We do however have a couple of buses that are close to capacity and unlike a few years back, all but one bus is seat belted, which means popping three to a seat to fit another student in, is not always possible.

I think everyone knows this and we are not in the business of stopping kinder kids getting the bus, we just need to know how many and when this is being planned for. Our busiest bus at the moment is the Calivil bus. If all students are here there is one spare seat. A kinder student coming on is ok, two or more is not possible until the year 12's on that bus are not attending. We will assess all applications as they arrive at the office and we endeavour to accommodate all requests, but there are some factors that will impact a yes/no response. I suppose I just need people to say that before I deny any requests.

I'm off to Falls Ck next week with the 9/10 outdoor crew- cant wait. Hopefully my old knees hold up.

Once again we avoided defeat in the tennis last night. Mrs Milroy, Ms Pay, Ms Smith and Ms Colville managed to get East Lobbin through again., And yes, it was another wash out.



Sub-School Updates

AROUND ELP SPORTS

I am pleased to say that despite another lockdown, school sport is still continuing.

Unfortunately due to density limits and current COVID restrictions in place, there is to be NO spectators at any sporting event. Hopefully this will change in the near future

We have our 7/8 Basketball and table tennis superstars competing today, with our 5/6 Netballers competing on Friday.

There will be updates in the next edition of the newsletter. Exciting times!

Junior

100 Days of Learning Celebration



Science week Next Week

We are getting very excited for next week's annual Science Week. Our focus for the week is "Food: Different by Design" and the P-4 students will have the opportunity to complete a number of activities, including making their own butter from scratch.

Snap Lockdown

Thanks to all of our P-4 families for once again adapting so quickly to our most recent snap lockdown. Your ongoing support is very much appreciated.

Middle

Thank you to all students and parents for their work over the remote learning break! Well done to all students checking in with their teachers and then working remotely.

How great is it to be able to get back into interschool sport! Today we have Year 7 and 8 students at Basketball and Table Tennis Competitions in Bendigo. Tomorrow will see the Grade 5/6's heading to compete in the Netball competition. Thank

you to all staff for organising and attending these events.

The Grade 6 garden is looking great— Students are selling the delicious vegetables that have been growing as they are ready for picking. I think we would all agree that this is the best way to enjoy vegetables.

Well done to the following students on amazing Math Pathways results this week! Lillie M (400%), Harrison C (367%), Ruby O (267%), Jake S (200%), Kyen M (200%) and Isacc C-H (200%).

Upcoming sport days:

Friday 13th of August-
Primary Division Netball

Thursday 26th of August-
9/10 Basketball
9/10 Table Tennis

Senior

Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Ed Ski Camp to Falls Creek

Departs Monday 16th of August at 8am at the College and return Friday 20th of August at 4pm.....yay we are going skiing.

General Achievement Test GAT postponed: Many apologies as this was once again postponed however, we only received this information on Tuesday. Once the new date is set I will let all involved know asap.

Any Year 10 students considering a trade in the future are encouraged to let Angela and I know so that we can assist students to look into potential work experience during the September holidays which may lead to structured work placements in Term 4. These are great opportunities that enable students real life work experience, opportunities to find out first hand about a range of careers and make some strategic decisions moving into Year 11 & 12.

Year 10/VCE/VCAL/VET subject information session:

students participated in this session yesterday. I was extremely impressed with their focus, attention and excitement about this process. Pictured are Sam and Jye looking at some of the resources. Info was posted on compass. If parents have any questions please let me know.



Year 11 VCE/VCAL/VET subject expo: 2:45-3:20pm Friday (tomorrow) in Room 23 & Room 30. This will provide students with an opportunity to ask questions to staff and find out more about individual subjects. Interviews with students will take place the week of 23rd-27th of August with subject selections due for submission Sep 10th.

Thank you and take care.

Year 9/10 Moggs
Creek Camp
Payment Plan

Year 9/10 Moggs Creek Camp Payment Plan		Pd.
Payment Schedule	Date Due	
Deposit (only if unpaid from the booklist)	Friday 30 th July – Term 3, Wk. 3	
2 nd Payment	Friday 17 th September – Term 3, Wk. 10	
3 rd Payment	Friday 29 th October – Term 4, Wk. 4	
Final Payment	Friday 19 th November – Term 4, Wk. 7	
TOTAL		\$280

Year 3/4
Anglesea Camp
Payment Plan

Date	Amount
Friday the 20 th of August (if unpaid on the booklist)	\$90.00
Friday the 3 rd of September	\$80.00
Friday the 24 th of September (All monies paid to this date are non-refundable due to the College's financial commitment to the camp.)	\$80.00
Friday the 8 th of October	\$80.00
Friday the 29 th of October	\$70.00

Canteen

		2021 AUGUST	
Fri 13th	Kristie Cullinan Lisa Twigg		
Mon 16th	Belinda Clymo Jessica Penny	Mon 23rd	Brian Duffy Darren Welsh
Tues 17th	Sue Pickles	Tues 24th	Michelle Diss
Wed 18th	Judy Hodges	Wed 25th	Kylie Addlem
Thurs 19th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 26th	Sue Pickles
Fri 20th	Mel Primrose Shannon Ralphs	Fri 27th	Sue Pickles

My apologies for the mix up with the canteen roster last week.
Hopefully this week's will look much better.

