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Upcoming Dates

10th VCE and VCAL
Information session
2- 3.20pm

11th VCE/ VCAL LaTrobe
Bendigo and TAFE

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From the Principal

Covid-19 Concerns

In the current environment we find ourselves in, it is difficult not to hear or see information on Covid-19 on a daily basis. With recent cases of Covid-19 being highlighted closer to home, concerns have been raised on a regular basis throughout the past few days in regards to how East Loddon P-12 College has or will be affected.

Please understand that our college will continue to operate as it currently is. If anything is to change at all then the college will provide this information as promptly as possible. I believe that we as a college have handled the current environment vigilantly and responsibly, and we will continue to do our very best in all areas. Just to reiterate a point I made earlier, the college will make contact with families if any changes to operations of the college are to be made.

Please make contact directly with the college office if you have any questions or concerns or alternatively, make contact with the Covid-19 hotline on 1800675398 for general enquiries.

Face Coverings To Be Worn As Of Monday

With the announcement made today regarding the wearing of face coverings/masks as of Monday for all Victorians, I encourage all families who are able to provide these to their children themselves, to do so. I will no doubt receive further clarity around what this means for schools shortly and will forward this information on to families as it comes to hand.

The Cannon Has Been Moved...

The wonderful cannon that has greeted visitors to the college over many years was moved closer to the college entrance earlier this week. This was to happen a little further down the track when works to extend the terrific 'East Loddon Remembers' bollards takes place inside the school's entrance, however.

Paul Schoder of OZ CRANES in Bendigo was at the college attending to another project and offered to

move our cannon whilst he was here. We thoroughly appreciated Paul's offer and his manner in assisting us with a task that we would have otherwise really struggled with. It was really nice to know that there are still such wonderful people out there who are happy to help others where they can!

Further Drinking Water Upgrade

The two colourful drinking water tanks behind the college gym have been removed this week and brand new poly tank is due to be installed tomorrow. This new tank will also have an ultraviolet light filtration system and pump installed next week.



Fire Services Work

I was very pleased to hear this week that the college will receive a full upgrade to our fire services system later this year. It is hoped that much of this work will take place in the Christmas holiday period so that there is minimal disruption to the college operations. Further details of these works will be forwarded as they come to hand.

Parent Teacher Student Interview Change

Due to the current environment the college will not be holding face-to-face parent teacher student interviews this semester. If families would like to discuss the progress of their child with a specific staff member, then I encourage them to call the college to arrange a suitable time, or to email the specific staff member. Please also understand that these conversations can take place at any stage throughout the year upon request.

Please look after yourself and stay safe!

Regards, Steve Leed

Literacy & Numeracy

When we are first learning to spell, we learn to map sounds to a letter that represents that sound. So we learn that the word cat is made from those three sounds. We quickly learn and continue to grapple with the fact that this is not always how English spelling works. There are a lot of words that we need to memorise because the spelling is unpredictable like the word 'psychology'.

If we were to design a spelling system then we would probably create something that had a one-to-one connection between a sound and its letter. Some languages, like Finnish and Italian have spelling systems that are like this. As you know English does not. We have all gone through the difficult process of learning to spell in English where 'tough, though, through and bough' are all pronounced differently and the spelling can seem chaotic.

There is, however, some meaning behind the madness. Our spelling system began to be standardised in the 15th century a hundred years before Shakespeare was born. As speakers of Australian English, the sounds we use are nothing like the London speakers of that time and so our sounds don't match as many of the letters – especially the vowels. English is also famous for adopting words into its language without adapting the spelling. As Britain colonised the globe it 'borrowed' many words. English has also taken a lot of spelling and grammar from Latin and Greek because they were believed to be superior languages for discussing science and sounding educated.

So, while this makes spelling a challenging skill for English speakers to master, there is some comfort in knowing that it can be unravelled and with its our history and where we have come from.

Mrs Fleming

Literacy Learning Specialist



Assistant Principal's news

Emmie H and her mum.

Thanks for the well

Anyone looking for some good news??

Well, the weather has been awesome, your kids all seem happy at school, everyone is behaving, (bar the occasional incident) and Carlton are having an amazingly flukish run of falling over the line at the right time. The other thing is, we had a crane in the school the other day! Talk about best day ever. They took away our old concrete tanks and whilst awaiting reinforcements of an even larger crane, we asked if he could reposition our cannon and rip out a tree. What a job! Cant believe he gets paid to do that. From a safe distance we watched the exciting events unfold.

In other news that might make you feel good, Mrs Heaslip has sent an updated photo of herself and Emmie (now 5 weeks old-see above) and Mrs Gladman (Pilko) will soon bring us more joy as her maternity

leave starts in about three weeks. That's what its all about right? We can focus on depressing things that we have little influence over or we can focus on all the great things that still happen regardless. Our timetable will change in week five and I can announce some changes. Mrs Maxted will take year 12 Agriculture until the end of the year and Mrs Collins will take yr 11 Agriculture. Mr Ripper will become our Middle School coordinator and Ms Warren will join our staff as year 7 maths, year 8 science, Yr 11 Biology teacher. Please make her feel welcome in week 5.

In other good news, the behaviour of students on the buses has been noteworthy. Even with small hiccups kids seem to be responding well when spoken to. The only bit of gloominess I have, is that we have decided to restrict bus passes from next week, to those that are essential only. Essential, does not

include sports training at this point. I will offer my apologies in advance for this but we really are attempting to keep bus numbers as low as possible and unfortunately the influx on Raywood and Calvill buses particularly is causing crowding issues and difficulties with seating plans.

I will join you again with more good news stories next week. If you've got any you want me to share please forward them.

Oh I nearly forgot....

Diesel T turned 9 this week and Tom T turned 9 (I got a me a cupcake).

Tomorrow we say goodbye to Will W in year 1. We will all miss his smiling face. What a wonderful addition he has been to our community.

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—Our prep students will celebrate their 100th day at school on Friday. Well done Prep students! You are all stars.



Middle

Thanks Mr Gordon!

We have been lucky to have Mr Gordon working with our Year 7 and 8 students over the past three weeks as he completes his teaching placement. We have really enjoyed Mr Gordon's expertise in his content knowledge and wish him all the best for the future!



Congratulations Mr Rippingale

I'd like to extend a congratulation to Mr Rippingale who was the successful applicant for the Middle Years Co-Ordinator. Mr Rippingale will step into those role in Week Five and I am confident he will do an amazing job in leading our wonderful Middle Years!



Senior

Y10 & 11 VCE/VCAL/VET student info session

Aug 10th and 11th during class time

Booklet and information distributed next week. Students will attend individual subject selection interviews also. If any parents would like to attend these please let me know.

Uni and TAFE open days info was posted on compass and printed copies provided for Y10-12 students this week. I encourage students to have a look at this information and try and attend some online webinars or sessions from the comfort of your home.

Year 10 Kwong Lee Dow opportunity: an academic enrichment program for high-achieving students in Y10. Designed to offer a first-hand insight into university life, this program helps students to foster study and career aspirations. See me for further info.

Year 9 & 10 Hiking Camp: permission notes and payment due 7th of August. Sorry, no late consent forms or payment accepted due to actions required because covid restrictions.

A covid tip: Try think of how someone else you might know, consider how they might be feeling in these strange times and give them a call or send a message. Be kind to others.

AROUND ELP

Coronavirus (COVID 19)

Restrictions Remain in Place

If you are unwell, please stay at home.

The greatest risk of transmission of coronavirus

(COVID-19) is between adults. Please follow these

physical distancing measures:

- avoid gathering in a group inside or around the school



- avoid handshakes and hugs



- keep 1.5m between yourself and other adults



- wash your hands regularly.



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:

		2020 JULY/ AUGUST	
Fri 31st	Miranda Smith Bec Green		
Mon 3rd	Bree Hocking Somara Lever	Mon 10th	Lisa Twigg Kirinia Edmunds
Tues 4th	Sue Pickles	Tues 11th	Louise Hocking
Wed 5th	Hayley Fawcett Kia Hooke	Wed 12th	Sue Pickles
Thurs 6th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 13th	Sue Pickles
Fri 7th	Bec Cullen Wendy Murphy	Fri 14th	Mel Primrose Bec Green

Calendar August

Mon 3rd	Tues 4th	Wed 5th	Thurs 6th	Fri 7th
Mon 10th	Tues 11th	Wed 12th	Thurs 13th	Fri 14th
VCE/ VCAL In-formation 2–3.20pm	VCE/ VCAL LaTrobe Bendigo and TAFE			
Mon 17th	Tues 18th	Wed 19th	Thurs 20th	Fri 21st
Mon 24th	Tues 25th	Wed 26th	Thurs 27th	Fri 28th