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Relationships

## Upcoming Dates

23rd-27th  
Book Week (see  
back page)

26th Year 9/10  
Sports Day

## SEPTEMBER

2nd P-12 Athletics

6th Curriculum Day

15th College Production

17th Term 3 ends  
2.30pm  
finish

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## From the Principal

### **MASKS... MASKS... MASKS... MASKS... MASKS...**

I would like to remind our parents, carers and guardians to please reiterate with their children the need to wear masks on the bus to and from school, as well as during the school day.

Students who are 12 years or older are required to do this (unless they have a medical exemption) and although all students know this, I am concerned by the number of students arriving to the College without their masks at the beginning of the day. This places unnecessary pressure on our bus drivers and staff, and also significantly impacts our supplies of disposable masks. We are currently going through more than 50 masks per day and do not have an endless supply of these.

*School staff and students aged 12 or older must wear a face mask indoors & outdoors, including when at school and on college buses. This is a Public Health Order from the Victorian Chief Health Officer.*

I understand that masks are not loved by all, but please understand that we are doing what is required to keep our college community safe in this current environment.

I wish to also acknowledge and thank those who are doing the right thing and helping us comply with current public health orders.

### **WE WANT OUR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS/GUARDIANS TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK!**

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is an annual survey offered by the Department of Education and Training that is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents/caregivers/guardians (previously known as the Parent Opinion Survey). It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning. Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies.

I have sent a Compass news feed to parents today with details of how to access the survey. We would

very much appreciate the open and honest feedback from as many families as possible and please understand that all responses to the survey are anonymous.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Please call the college office if you would like more information about this survey.

### **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**.

I will confirm parent/carer/guardian attendance restrictions closer to the actual date of these events and the college will ensure that we follow all covid requirements that are in place at the time.

### **Building Works Update**

As mentioned in last weeks newsletter, there have been a couple of hold-ups with our building works that are out of our control. Everyone involved in these works is working hard to ensure that the school gets the best possible outcome and things have begun to get back on track again this week.

A great deal of plumbing work has gone ahead this week with the in-ground plumbing for the new canteen and toilets now in place and further storm water work progressing. We will see the arrival of more steel beams and structures on-site tomorrow and we look forward to the installation of these beams shortly.

### **Book Week Fun**

Next Thursday, students are encouraged to wear a dress up of a character from a book that they love or to wear their pyjamas to school in readiness for a good morning story read by myself. Mrs Fleming has further details within this newsletter and we hope that every student is able to join in with a shared love and appreciation of reading on the day.

Regards,  
Steve Leed—College Principal

**Book Week DATE: Thursday 26th August Dress Up: Book character or pyjamas. See back page**

## SCIENCE WEEK

We've been celebrating National Science Week this week, with a focus on the theme of **Food: Different by design.**

Some of the activities around the school included: making bread and butter in the P-4 classes; making rock candy in the 5/6 classes; creating posters about STEM stars in Year 7; and watching the documentary '2040' in the 9/10 classes.



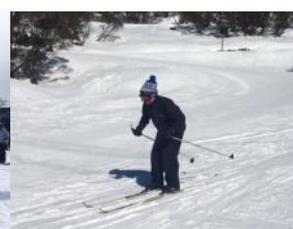
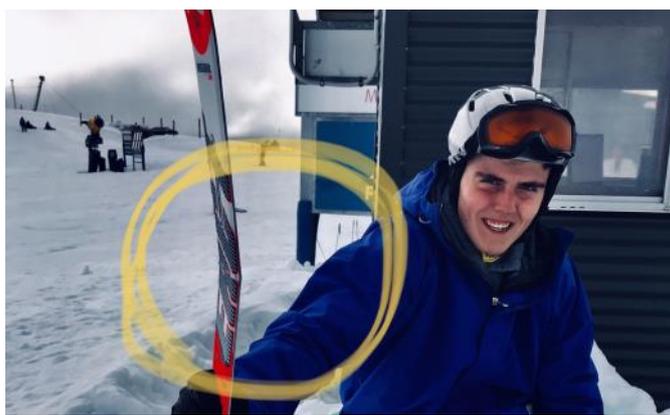
Students have also been tasting some very different foods, such as cricket chips and cockroach granola!



If you are keen to do something at home, there is an 'At Home Scavenger Hunt' at <https://inquirebox.com/science-scavenger-hunt/>

Or you could help identify owl calls in the citizen science project 'Hoot Detectives' at <https://hootdetective.net.au/>

## Assistant Principal's news



Respect Responsibility Resilience Relationships. Sometimes it takes things like 'going on camp' to highlight the importance and power of these four words. It's easy to sprout them as our values but sometimes more difficult to live them out, or as a teacher it's sometimes difficult to see the results of the focus on these words that we have held for such a long time.

This week I have travelled with 24 of our year 9 and 10 students and their leader Byrsie to Victoria's alpine region. We have been treated to some of the most beautiful weather that you could have at the snow and our amazing students have been demonstrating our school values as second nature.

The Bogong education centre is a place that all year 9s and 10s should visit. It pumps our values in to the students with real life scenarios every minute of the day.

I won't predictably go through each R and say how our students demonstrated each but I will tell you a few stories that you may not know about our year 9 and 10 students.

I'll start by saying they really care for each other. They are like any group, they are not all best friends, but they are extremely kind and caring of each other. Sometimes you don't see this between year levels particularly, but our students have mixed really well, often skiing in groups without their usual friendship circles.

Skiing is sometimes not an easy task and maybe the weather has helped us here but all of our kids have shown an ability to listen to instruction, push through comfort zones and learn new skills. The pride that this brings is not measurable.

I have been skiing with Mark G, who by any measure is tall. Tall and low centre of gravity

don't mix too well. It must be like skiing on a ladder. This guy falls down and gets straight back up. He has a monster heart and the improvement that he has shown saw him navigate down the longest run yesterday afternoon after a massive stack at the top where he snapped a ski. The instructor was that impressed he took a photo. It may go down in the East Loddon history books. 'remember the year when Mark snapped a ski and then kept going'. Absolute legend.

We also had Brodie W, gash his leg so bad that he needed ski patrol to take him for stitches. Never seen a man smile so much as Brodie when he flew past us on the back of a snow mobile heading to the doctors.

Apparently you lot breed them tough.

In short, go on camps. They are awesome.



# Sub-School Updates

## AROUND ELP SPORTS

### Thursday 12th of August

Year 7/8 Basketball and Table Tennis— Our students competed well and represented the college fantastically, with the 7/8 girls Table Tennis team even coming 2nd overall. Thanks to Ms Harrington, Mrs Fleming and Miss Walsh, as well as our incredible student helpers Mark, Noah and Holly for their help on the day.

### Friday 13th of August

Despite it being Friday the 13th, the students had a great day out at the Primary Division Netball. A jam packed day of competing led to the mixed team coming 2nd overall. A great achievement with so many schools involved. Thanks to Mr Kidman, Mrs Hocking and Holly for taking the students and supporting them on the day.

#### Upcoming sport days:

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.

### Thursday 26th of August-

9/10 Basketball  
9/10 Table Tennis



## Junior

### Science Week Butter

Students across the sub school had the opportunity to make their own butter from cream this week. There was plenty of shaking, dancing and jumping as the boys and girls shook a marble inside their own cream filled jar. The students were then able to eat their butter with some homemade bread. Well done to everyone involved!



### Book Week Next Week

Our annual book week is happening next week with all classes celebrating the wonderful world of reading. Next Thursday we encourage all students to dress up as their favourite book character for school. Be sure to have students bring along the book with the character on the day too!

## Middle

This term in Respectful Relationships, the Middle Years students are focussing on Character Strengths and the qualities that they admire in others. These strengths have formed the basis for our Year 7 Camp in past years allowing students to identify their strengths. It has been a great chance for Year 7/8's to review these and for the Grade 5/6s to be introduced.

Well done to the following students on Math Pathways results this week! Jaidan B (200%), Fynn C (167%), Matilda G (167%), Lachlan J

(167%), Kathleen H (133%) and Ireland T (133%). There are a few tests running today, so results from these will need to be shared next week.

Only 27 days to go before the production! Students have been working hard again this week developing their class scenes. The leading cast has also been preparing for their parts of the performance.

Book Week is next week—I am looking forward to seeing some amazing costumes next week. Please see Mrs Fleming's information for more details.

## Senior

**How lucky are we?** Our Y9 & 10 Outdoor Ed students have been fortunate to attend a 5 day camp in the Alpine Environment of Bogong. We have been told that we are experiencing the nicest (sunniest with minimal wind chill) days of the season. We have had the opportunity to cross country ski and down hill at Falls Creek.



Jackson said the down hill ski racing where he bet Holly was the best.

Charlize said the falling over made it 10 times more fun.

Cade said it's fun.

Ash said it's been a great experience and she has learnt a lot of new things.



Connor said the people here are really nice, teach us well and we have learnt some great ski skills.

Jaxon said skiing is a great new experience and it's been really fun.

Mark said skiing is pretty good.

I said, this week has been awesome, just to be here is special in these strange covid times, but to be here with our amazing students and share their first snow experiences, or help them to improve their skiing skills, resilience and seeing them improve in the space of a day or two or three is magic.



Special thanks to Mr Wilkinson for coming along on this camp, giving up time away from his family and his school work. I really appreciate it.

**Camp returns at 4pm tomorrow**

**Next week Y10 & 11** subject selection interviews will take place.

**Best wishes** to all the teams in finals this weekend, I'm super jealous. Enjoy!!!

## 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 <sup>th</sup> July – Term 3, Wk. 3	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Payment	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> September – Term 3, Wk. 10	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Payment	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October – Term 4, Wk. 4	
Final Payment	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November – Term 4, Wk. 7	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$280</b>	

## Year 3/4 Anglesea Camp Payment Plan

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

## Canteen

		2021 AUGUST/ SEPT	
Fri 20th	Mel Primrose Shannon Ralphs		
Mon 23rd	Brian Duffy Darren Welsh	Mon 30th	Bree Hocking
Tues 24th	Michelle Diss	Tues 31st	Sue Pickles
Wed 25th	Kylie Addlem	Wed 1st	Ebony Lawry
Thurs 26th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 2nd	Sue Pickles
Fri 27th	Sue Pickles	Fri 3rd	Miranda Smith Wendy Murphy



Hi Everyone,

Just a heads up that next week is book week. A time to celebrate reading at East Loddon in our own special way. In the past, we have had whole school parades, a dance party on the central lawn and this year to continue escalating our love of reading our biggest lover of reading, Steven Leed, will read a picture story book to the whole school on TEAMS during reading time! We are looking into providing him with a pipe (unlit of course), smoking jacket, fireplace and winged back chair.

**Next Thursday**, students are encouraged to wear a dress up of a character from a book that they can bring to school or to wear their pyjamas ready for the good morning story from Mr Leed.

The English Team

## Science Week photos

