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From the Principal

Time To Support Each Other As Best We Can

With the second round of remote and flexible learning in schools, along with the tightening of stage 3 public health restrictions now in place, I urge everyone within the wider East Loddon P-12 College community to do all that they can to keep themselves, their family, friends and community members safe. Basically, if we can stay at home then we should be. I very much understand how difficult this is for everyone and collectively we will need to support each other the best that we possibly can.

At a school level, we will provide on-site supervision to families when there is no other option at home. Please understand that students must fit into one of the 3 following categories to be considered for on-site supervision -

- 1- Children whose parents cannot work from home
- 2- Vulnerable children
- 3- Any child with a disability

Although working from home is often harder than sending children to school, I am politely asking college families to do all that they can reasonably do to make arrangements at home. This pandemic is real and recent outbreaks in Bendigo have shown just how quickly Covid can spread, including through both primary and secondary schools. The best and most practical way in which we can help lessen the spread, and in turn keep our college community safe is to stay at home.

Families are able to request a phone call from our wellbeing team or other staff members if they believe that this would be beneficial to themselves or their children. We will do all we can do to help our college families, and also want to do all that we can to protect our own families at home. With many staff combining home-schooling of our own children and supervising of our college students, with providing an education and support to families and peers, we understand just how hard this is and we thoroughly appreciate your understanding, patience and resilience at this time.

Farewell Mr Pike

Mr Tom Pike has worked in the Prep room with Mrs Lister for the past 3 weeks and has done a tremen-

dous job with his first ever teaching rounds. I have had the pleasure of observing Mr Pike and working with him the past couple of Friday afternoon's and have very much enjoyed and respected the level of interaction he has had with his class. As Mr Pike's tenure at East Loddon finishes tomorrow, I take this opportunity to wish him all the very best for what should be a bright future in education!

Attn—Prep to Yr 10 PE Students & Families

Collect your printed copy of the Prep-Yr 10 PE booklet coming home this Friday afternoon 7th of August on the school bus.

Digital copy also available from PE teachers as per compass.

Attn—Year 10-12 VCE students

Copies of the SAC authentication form will be sent home this Friday afternoon 7th of August on the school bus.

Digital copies also available - please email Sarah Byrne.

Please look after yourself and stay safe!

Useful Beliefs...

In trying times I, along with many other staff at East Loddon, try to put a positive spin on our thinking with 'useful beliefs'. Useful beliefs stem from the work of a gent named Chris Helder and are basically the 'things' that we can tell ourselves to change our way of thinking. I have touched on this in the foreword of the Well-being Team's *Well-bee'ing* booklet that will be forwarded to all families shortly and encourage college community member's to consider this way of thinking.

Would You Believe?...

We were amazed this week to discover a 250,000 litre water tank under a section of the school that is to be demolished shortly. This was mentioned by a current father who was a student here himself and remembered this tank being the college's source of drinking water...

My photo this week is of our senior students decked out with masks on Monday morning.

Please stay safe!

Assistant Principal's news

Remote Learning 2.0

A streamlined plan

In response to feedback from parents, students and staff, next week we will begin an altered timetable program for P-10.

VCE, VCAL and VET will continue with their existing timetable as per normal.

The thinking behind the change for P-10 is:

- Many families have students in different year levels and sub schools.
- A 'simplified' timetable helps to make more manageable goals (less chance of getting overwhelmed by the volume of work.)
- More P.E time provides a break in the middle of the day and will encourage good wellbeing habits.

Specialist subjects will still have opt-in activities students can complete after they have done the weeklong project. This means students can follow their passion more too.

Thank you to our fantastic parents, carers, students and staff. I'm so proud of how we were able to band together as a community last time. Yeah, it was tough, but we not only survived: we thrived. I'm already seeing students get on the front foot, asking questions about work and looking for opportunities to extend themselves. Our students are amazing and so are you, parents!

Be kind to yourselves and remember: we're in this together.

Sarah Clare

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Masking their enthusiasm for Further Maths

As remote learning joins us again we have had a mad scramble getting everything ready for families. We also saw the last day with Mrs Gladman (Pilkos) on site. This gave us some cause for celebration and we appropriately distanced ourselves as we said our goodbyes and good lucks. She has been an asset to our school and a fantastic teacher for all lucky enough to have had her. Good luck Sarah and Jayden, we cant wait to see your new addition. Pilkos last day is officially next Friday so feel free to send well wishes her way via email or teams.

What an odd sight it was on Friday to see all of our staff and students wearing face-masks! If you had ever said this would occur I would have sent you out for an assessment, but here we are. It was with some sadness that I bid my year 12 class farewell again. There was a strange feeling in the school that day. I think the first time this happened we were a little more excited whereas it seemed a whole lot more serious this time around. Maybe that's

just me.

I promised only good news stories for my section and so I wont go on about miserable things that are constantly repeated in the press. I will instead highlight some amazing people that live amongst us. Firstly, Karen Pascoe. I'm sure others are doing similar things, but Karen kindly made a face covering for each staff member at College. She wanted to give them to us free of charge, yet against all the urges of being frugal that are drummed in to us at teachers college, staff made donations in return for the masks. Thanks Karen.

To the Lawry and Stringer families - Last year Micheal donated two calves for our students to feed up as part of our growing Ag Program. Well grow they did. After the kids had done all they could the calves were taken to Stringers farm where they were fattened up. See below from our Ag dept.

Our calves (not calves anymore!) Chuggington and Paddington went to market yesterday in Echuca through the

Just like kids...the older they get, the cuter they aren't.



agents FP Nevins who kindly waived the commission fee (THANK YOU!) They fetched \$977 each! Some people (including our principal) were confused when I said we were selling our calves, their response 'What calves?' this is because, for the past 10 months or so, the Stringer family have kindly been looking after them and bulking them up so they can go on to be spaghetti bolognaise in a week or two time. We were donated these calves by the Lawry family in 2019 as a part of our yearly Cows Create Careers program, and before remote learning 2.0, we had grand plans to do it all again! We are so grateful that we'll be able to re-nvest this money back into our ever growing Ag program (I think Mrs Maxted might have her eyes on a Flow bee hive in the coming months...? Or maybe some extra chickens for the amazing chook house being built by our Year 7 students and Mr Rip-pingale?)

Stay Safe

Wilko.



Sub-School Updates

Junior

Remote Learning 2.0

Well, here we go again. Remote learning is upon us once more and we all have challenges ahead. I also believe that we also have many opportunities. Opportunities to spend more time with our children, to learn about their learning, and to have some fun!

We feel that something our East Loddon families did very well last time around was to make Remote Learning suit their

individual circumstances. We would encourage you to do this again—make it work for you as best you can, and do not fret about not being able to do everything.

From a P-4 perspective, we have made some significant changes to our weekly timetable with three major goals in mind; *simplify work requirements, establish routines and familiarity with activities, and, as often as possible and practical, have students in all year levels completing the same activities.*

Middle

This will be my last newsletter piece as I hand over to Mr Rippingale in week five and so I thought I'd take the chance to say the biggest thank you to our students and parents, who have made my role this year so rewarding and enjoyable. Our students are amazing and no matter how much uncertainty or lack of routine they have experienced in 2020, they have kept soldiering on, with little to no complaints. Monday was another example of this when all students arrived at school with their face coverings, and just went on 'business as usual'. THANK YOU and I wish you all the best in remote learning and the weeks, months and years to follow.

- I would like to welcome Mrs Rachael Warren to our teaching team who will begin with us on Monday teaching 7A and 7B Maths and Year 8 Science, she will obviously be meeting students for the next six weeks

remotely but I am filled with confidence that she will do an amazing job and I wish her all the best!

- If parents or students have questions they would like clarified about remote learning, please contact myself or Mr Rippingale ASAP so we can assist with a smooth transition for students and their families.

- Thank you to everyone for their well wishes as I finish up in this role next week, I've loved every minute and will miss working at this amazing school in the paddock greatly.

- I wish you all the best for remote learning and for the years to follow thereafter. Take care of one another as our community has proven it can do time and time again.

Best Wishes
Sarah Gladman.

Senior

Y10 VCE/VCAL/VET student info session Mon 11th of Aug on Microsoft teams 2:15pm-2:45pm. Students will attend individual subject selection interviews also via teams meetings. Parents welcome to attend online.

School Assessed Coursework: VCAA is continuing to provide schools with the flexibility to deliver SAC how best suits students individually. Staff will discuss this with their classes. With each SAC students are required to complete the attached authentication form. If you require a copy of this form

please let me know.

VET Taster Day postponed to Oct 23rd. If

you are interested in studying a VET subject at Charlton please let me know.

On a positive note we rode to Dingee on Monday and

it was so nice, even if I was wearing a face covering.

Take care.



Kinder Enrolment

Look out for this
FAMILY WELL-'BEE'ING
Booklet coming soon
to your family.

Contains lots of helpful tips and even a worthwhile
'useful belief' tip from our College Principal, Steve Leed



The wellbeing team will be touching base with families on an as-needs basis during this new round of remote learning. Please contact the office if your family would like a call from the wellbeing team. Keep aiming to achieve general wellbeing in your family. All the very best navigating the challenges before us all.

LODDON SHIRE

2021 kindergarten enrolments

Enrolments are now open for 4 year old and 3 year old kindergartens. 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.

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