



Upcoming Dates

OCTOBER

11th Year levels at school

Prep, 1, 2, 7, 11, 12

12th and 13th Year levels at school

Prep, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7,, 8, 9, 11, 12

14th & 15th Year levels at school

Prep, 1, 2, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12

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Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

From the Principal

The following information on vaccinations and face masks is provided purely to give clarification on these items. As a government school, we are mandated to follow the Department of Education and Training School's Operations Guide. I fully appreciate and respect that every individual will have their own views, thoughts and feelings on Covid-19, Vaccinations and Face Masks, however as a government school we will be adhering to the following-

1 - Staff & Student Vaccination

The Victorian Chief Health Officer has determined that vaccination will be **mandatory for staff who work in schools**. This includes principals, teachers, administration and education support staff, including casual relief teachers (CRTs) and pre-service teachers. Staff who have not received their first vaccination by October 18th will not be permitted to work on-site at our college.

Whilst vaccination for staff is mandatory, **vaccination for students is optional**. Students aged 12 years and above are now eligible to be vaccinated and as I mentioned, **this is optional**.

Please understand that schools do not administer vaccines.

The Department of Education and Training is **strongly encouraging** all our eligible students to get vaccinated as soon as possible to protect themselves, our school community, and get Victoria closer to our vaccination targets.

Our school has put in place a range of measures to reduce the risk of transmission of COVID-19, including hand hygiene, wearing face masks, improving ventilation and physical distancing, where practicable.

Schools do not administer vaccines. Health professionals will seek consent prior to administering vaccinations to children. In some instances, a health provider may assess that a child or adolescent is able to consent to their own vaccination. I encourage you to talk to your child about their views on vaccination.

2 - Face Masks

For all school settings, the Victorian Chief Health Officer:

-Directs school staff and secondary school students aged 12 or older must always wear a face-mask indoors and outdoors at school, unless a lawful exception applies.

-Directs school staff and secondary school students aged 12 or older must always wear a face mask when travelling to and from school on our buses.

-Directs school staff to wear a face mask while teaching wherever practicable, except where removal of a face mask is necessary for effective communication.

-Strongly recommends children under 12 years of age and students at primary school wear face masks when at school, or when travelling to and from school on our buses.

East Loddon P-12 College staff will wear face masks when indoors and outdoors as required to by the Department of Education and Training. We will also collectively ask and expect all students aged 12 and above to wear their face mask correctly. Students who are younger than 12, will be able to wear masks if they wish and will be able to seek a mask from the college if they wish.

Return to school plan – Regional Victoria

Year levels	From Monday 11 October	From Tuesday 26 October
Prep	✓	✓
Year 1-2	✓	✓
Year 3-4	Tuesday-Wednesday	✓
Year 5-6	Thursday-Friday	✓
Year 7	✓	✓
Year 8-9	Tuesday-Wednesday	✓
Year 10	Thursday-Friday	✓
Year 11	✓	✓
Year 12 (VCE units 3/4 and final year VCAL and IB)	✓	✓

Key: ✓ return to onsite five days

Regards,
Steve Leed—College Principal

Assistant Principal's news

Online NAPLAN

In 2022, all schools are expected to conduct NAPLAN online. As part of this transition, we will be administering a School Readiness Test (SRT) on Monday 1st November.

The SRT will confirm our capacity to deliver NAPLAN online and consists of two tests:

- Omnibus—includes questions from reading, language conventions, and numeracy domains
- Writing—for Years 5, 7 & 9 (Year 3 continue to have a pen and paper assessment in 2022)

We will run the SRT with current Year 2, 4, 6, and 8 students to help them become familiar with the online testing process before they do the actual tests next year.

Students will also have practice test sessions to try out the different features of the online tests, including the adjustments available.

It is important to note that the SRT is not a formal assessment and students will not be graded for any of the tests. However, student participation will help our school confirm that we are ready for NAPLAN Online.

Parents are invited to use the [public demonstration tests](#) to check out the types of questions and tools available.

If you have any concerns about your child participating in the SRT, please discuss these with their teacher. More information about NAPLAN Online is available at www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment and letters will be sent to families of participating students.

Rebecca Johns
Acting Curriculum
Learning Specialist

The last time we had a newsletter, or at least the last time I wrote for one was week 6 last term! Where has that part of my life gone?

I have been in and out of school a fair bit over that period and have like everyone else, been trying to juggle work with the remote learning of my own child at home. This has certainly been the biggest part of the challenge and so I empathise with you all. As a staff, we can't thank parents enough for the patience they have shown. I rate myself as a teacher, (actually I just rate myself), but it's a different animal trying to teach your own children. In other unrelated news, I am now completely bald.

Check Mr Leed's Compass Newsfeed from earlier today carefully to see when your kids have days at school over the next week. It's a staggered start and so it's a bit hard to follow.

Since we last met, the Demons have taken out the AFL GF, and no finals have been won or lost by any of

our local sides. What a boring end to the season.

Congratulations to all of the farming families who have made my drive to school over the past months so enjoyable. I have taught here now since 2001 and I can't remember the paddocks looking so full. It really is a sight to see. Some credit must also go to the rain gods, who have smiled at the right times I guess.

In playground news, we have had a few accidents this week, mainly with our youngest students on the monkey bars. Please have a chat to your kids about not jumping from the ladder to the second, third or fourth bar. In their own vocabulary this has become known as 'twosies, threesies and foursies'. This is occasionally achievable by our youngest 'gymnasts', but is causing a lot of distress when things don't go to plan. We are monitoring this carefully and have had discussions with students but until things go wrong, students are oblivious to the fact

that they may be injured.

Not long to go now for our year 12s. On Tuesday they completed the GAT after many postponements and over the holidays most attended a bunch of exam revision lectures. Most of these were held on site with staff present to discuss. Thanks to everyone who gave up time to do this. Once again our year 12's have worked extremely hard this year. Let's all get around them and keep and support them in their last couple of weeks of schooling.

The school canteen is currently operating on Thursdays and Fridays only, until we can welcome volunteers back to the college. This has caused me a lot of distress and I had dim dims withdrawals yesterday (yes -it looks as bad as it sounds). If your kids are here Mon-Wednesday, please pack their lunches and snacks.

Have a great week and I can't wait to see even more kids back on site next week.

SRC News

Thank you for your attendance at the RUOK? Day assembly at the end of last term. It was great to have so many students and their families join us to mark this important day. A special thank you to Izzy for leading this assembly as SRC President. The RUOK? Day resources are still available for download or viewing on the Presentation Assembly Teams page. We are excited to have all students returning to school over the next couple of weeks and to be able to plan events for students for Activities Week at the end of the year. We would also like to wish our Year 12 executive team (Izzy, Jasmin and Zekie) well for their upcoming exams, as we know their involvement with SRC initiatives will soon be coming to an end.

Ms Chelsea Harrington
SRC facilitator



Sub-School Updates

Junior

Navigating our return to school

Our P-2 students have made a wonderful start to term 4 at school. Our grade 3/4 students have continued to complete learning from home in style. Over the next couple of weeks we will begin the reintegration of the grade 3/4 students into classes at school. This is somewhat complicated by our 2/3 composite class. Students in Grades 3 and 4 will return to regular classes at school on Tuesday and Wednesday for the next two weeks, and will otherwise be provided with work to complete at home from their normal

classroom teachers. This is a new structure for remote learning as the students will have work being set across each of their subjects for each day. We are confident that this will make the return to school more smooth.

Sounds Write Training

Literacy teachers for Grades Prep - 3 will be completing an in-depth professional development course over the next 5 weeks. At various times during this period they will be absent from regular classes at school. The training they are completing will shape our literacy instruction in the P-4 sub-school over the coming years.

Middle

Welcome back to Term 4! Well done to everyone on their work during the Term 3 Remote Learning period. Next week, each year level will have some days on-site with their teachers. This plan will continue the following week. All students will be able to return to school full time from Tuesday 26th October.

Year 5/6—Thursday/Friday

Year 7—Everyday

Year 8—Tuesday/Wednesday.

Monday-Wednesday: Year 5/6 will continue to follow the remote learning timetable with English, Maths, PE, and a daily project (Monday: Science, Tuesday: Humanities, Wednesday: Art).

There have been some slight adjustments to the Year 8 timetable. This updated information was sent to parents and students via Compass and on Teams. Please check this carefully as 8A and 8B will have slightly different plans.

The following students participated in the 'Virtual' State Final of the AGTV Poetry Competition during Remote Learning (Year 5-Archer K, Year 6-Chloe T and Year 8-Chloe H). Chloe H was placed 6th in Victoria as part of the 'German-speaking Communities Shield'. Congratulations, Chloe H!

Just a reminder: all Middle Years students need to wear a school hat during Term 4. Please make sure this is in your bag for next week. I am looking forward to seeing everyone on-site over the next week!

Senior

CONGRATULATIONS : It is fantastic to see some of our hardworking Year 12s already being offered some 'Early Entrance Offers' to various universities. Whilst they are still required to meet entry requirements, the conditions are often lowered entry scores and based on the student's passion, interest in the area and their community volunteering experience. The following students to date have received early entrance offers; ACU: Bridget - Paramedicine/Nursing , Taylah - Speech Pathology, Izzy - Paramedicine/Nursing . Fed Uni: Will - Nursing

La Trobe Uni: Abbey - Bachelor of Nutrition Science, Ben - Bachelor of Science, Jasmin - Bachelor of Laws (Honours)/Bachelor of Business, Oscar - Bachelor of Civil Engineering (Honours), Taylah - Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)

CSU : Jack - Bachelor of Ag Science and Zoe - Bachelor of Vet Science. Victoria has also been shortlisted for an interview with the Youthrive scholarship. There is likely more to come and in some of these cases stu-

dents are still deciding what their ultimate first preference is, however it is terrific to have these options.

GAT completed: after several dates being rescheduled it finally happened. The General Achievement Test took place on Tuesday. Well done to the students for persevering with these date changes and sitting the 3 hour and 15 minute exam. BIG thank you to the Lions Den for hosting the event and to our lovely Yr 11 students who assisted with the packing up. Thanks also to Ricky and Mr Smith for their help.



Practice exams to be held at the Lions Den: Once again thanks to the Lions Den. Students will be completing practice exams throughout the next 2 weeks. The idea is to replicate the real exam. Some times are modified with the aim of causing minimal disruption to quality class time.

AROUND ELP SPORTS

Welcome back to Term 4!

With so many unknowns still up in the air, it is difficult to forecast what will happen with Sport for this Term.

A number of sports days were postponed last term and we are still waiting on the go ahead from the Victoria Government, School Sport Victoria and the Department of Education before we can put any real plans in to place.

The following sports days were postponed last term:

Once we know more about the return to sport (scheduled for late October) we will let you know.

East Loddon Sporting Achievements:

Loddon Valley League B&F

17/U B&F - Georgia M

15/U B&F - Daisy S

15/U Runner up—Madi L

Inglewood FNC

Jaxon A won the U18's Best & Fairest

Jye R won the U18's Coach's Award

Jackson L won the U18's Most Dedicated Clubman and Goal Kicking Award

BLSFNC

Montana T Runner up B&F and Most Determined B grade

Georgia W Most Improved C grade

Victoria B Coaches Award C Res

Abbey C Most Determined C Res

Keisha B Most improved 15/U

Marley A Coaches Award 15/U

Chloe H Most Determined 15/U

Chloe T Best & Fairest 13/U

Keira T Best & Fairest & Coaches Award 13/U

Ella B Most Determined 13/U

Kathleen H Most Improved 13/U

Also a big congratulations to Daisy S for being selected into the Talent ID program for the Victorian U17 Netball team. Well done.

Year 9/10 Moggs
Creek Camp
Payment Plan

Year 9/10 Moggs Creek Camp Payment Plan

Payment Schedule	Date Due	Pd.
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		

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 Colleges financial commitment to the camp.)	\$80.00
Friday the 8 th of October	\$80.00
Friday the 29 th of October	\$70.00

Canteen

Fri 8th	Sue Pickles	2021 OCTOBER	
Mon 11th	CANTEEN NOT OPEN	Mon 18th	CANTEEN NOT OPEN
Tues 12th	CANTEEN NOT OPEN	Tues 19th	CANTEEN NOT OPEN
Wed 13th	CANTEEN NOT OPEN	Wed 20th	CANTEEN NOT OPEN
Thurs 14th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 21st	Sue Pickles
Fri 15th	Sue Pickles	Fri 22nd	Sue Pickles

