



Upcoming Dates

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Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

From the Principal



EVERYONE IS BACK TOMORROW!!

We at the college are very excited to be able to welcome all students back on-site tomorrow!!! (Insert loud whistling, fire-works video and a couple of 'Whoop! Whoop!' cheers here...).

It will be terrific to have all classes back completing on-site learning for the first time in a long while and we ask that all students respect the Covid restrictions and DET mandates that are in place. Facemasks are to be worn by all students who are 12 years and older whilst indoors, outdoors and on the bus to and from school. Year 3—6 students who are younger than 12, must also wear their masks when indoors. All other students may wear their mask if they wish to.

Uniform Change - 'Black Bottoms'

I mentioned last week that the college is now transitioning across to plain 'black bottoms' in the form of shorts, tracksuit pants and skorts as part of our uniform. This decision is an exciting one for students and families who have long said that our grey shorts are particularly hard to source. The full transition across to black bottoms will be staggered across the next 24 months, meaning that grey shorts are still accepted as part of current uniform.

Mutual Exchange & Uniform

In basic terms, mutual exchange is when 'A' does something for 'B' and in return 'B' does something for 'A'. In the case of uniform, 'A' is our college and 'B' is our families/students.

The school have listened to families and students and have now approved for the wearing of plain black shorts, pants and skorts as part of college uniform. The mutual exchange that we are asking for as a college now, is that all students transition across to plain 'bottoms' and not to black shorts with logo's and brand names emblazoned across them.

We appreciate the assistance of all families with this and expect that families and students respect this request.

Canteen Volunteers Needed

Our college canteen is in need of parent/carer volunteers if we are to continue to offer this valuable service 5-days per week. At this point in time the canteen will be able to open for all five days next week, but will only be able to open three days per week for the remainder of the year, unless we are able to source more volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering in the college canteen, please make contact with Sue Pickles on 0428 366 280, or alternatively, make contact with the college office. All volunteers must be vaccinated and must be able to provide proof of this before they volunteer their time.

Term 4—Hats Required

A quick reminder is extended to all families in regards to college hats. Students at all year levels must wear a hat during break times during term 4. Please ensure also that these are clearly named.

Celebrate Children's Week

Children's Week is a national celebration that recognises the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children. It runs from Sat 23rd Oct to Sun 31st Oct, with many activities running across the Loddon and Great Bendigo areas. You may wish to take part in an activity or two as part of the festivities, and you may even wish to let your children know how much you love and care for them at some stage throughout the next 7 days. Activities in Bendigo and Loddon may be worth researching online.

Today's Photo

My photo today shows Abby, Teagan and Paige thoroughly enjoying the mask-wearing requirements.... Top work girls!!!

Regards,
Steve Leed—College Principal

Assistant Principal's news

Literacy & Numeracy

As part of our constant focus on doing better, we have recently been reviewing our curriculum. We want to make sure we are delivering the required range of learning areas effectively while also meeting the needs of our students. It has involved reviewing the subjects offered at each year level and the amount of time given to each learning area. We are also looking at improving consistency across sub-schools while recognising the different stages of schooling. This review process has also started discussions about how our timetable is structured. In particular, we are looking at adjusting the time allowed for recess and lunch. The use of 'reading time' each morning has also been discussed with ideas for making it more effective. As you can imagine, this is a complex job and requires a significant amount of time to discuss options and make proposals. Overall our curriculum is well structured, as shown by the results we are getting, but there are still opportunities to improve.

The major changes for each sub-school will be discussed in more detail in future articles.

Mrs Rebecca Johns
Acting Curriculum
Learning Specialist

It's about that time of the year for me to have a rant about buses. Our kids are good kids right? Well I think they are. Some however find it that exciting to be arriving at school that they spring out of their seats and move to the front of the bus, before the bus has stopped. To be honest, they do it on the way home too. Please impress on your child the importance of staying seated while the bus is moving and behaving on the bus in general. Most of our bus captains will be on the bus less frequently from next week as the year 12s finish classes and begin their exams. When that happens we usually appoint another 'next senior' student to take over the reins.

We are currently in the enviable position of having buses on some routes nearing capacity. This has only become obvious since learning returned to onsite.

Bus 1 is particularly cosy, mostly when our kinder kids are on site. Thanks to those who have pointed this out recently. Mrs Cutting has contacted the bus company and she has been told that a larger bus will be placed on the route for the remainder of the year.

Can you believe that I am working on next years timetable? It's strange looking at pages with 2022 written on it. Doesn't seem like much has happened the last two years. VCE subjects have been selected and staffing for 2022 is being arranged, before you know it week 10 will arrive with STEP UP WEEK.

Tomorrow is the last day of year 12 classes. I want to wish the year 12s all the best for their exams which start next Wednesday and remind all other students that if the big kids are blowing off some steam tomorrow morning, that the students not in year 12 are

NOT WELCOME to join in the festivities. Those found doing so will join in the recess cleanup which is usually completed by the year 12s. They may also miss the opportunity to participate when it is their turn.

With all the talk about face-masks and physical distancing I have almost forgotten to yell at kids about wearing hats in the yard during term 4. Green bucket hats are our uniform and it is expected all kids wear these in the yard during terms 1 and 4. Lost yours? They are \$11 at the office. Kids are falling in to the habit of wearing non uniform hats. These will ultimately be confiscated and placed in a hat museum. Please arrange for a uniform hat if you don't have one.

Have a great weekend and enjoy the hay fever season.

Mr Wilko.



Sub-School Updates

Junior

Mask Wearing

Well done to all of the grade 3 and 4 students who remembered to wear their mask while inside at school this week. This is a big change and these students have adjusted seamlessly. A reminder that masks also need to be worn on buses.

Grade 3/4 Camp

At this point we are still unsure of whether Grade 3/4 camp will be allowed to proceed. For this reason, we are still welcoming parent payments via the payment plan schedule. For greater clarity around these payment plans and re-funds, etc. please contact our college business manager Nathan Twigg.

Middle

Well done to all families for balancing remote and on-site learning again this week! Tomorrow we welcome back all students to on-site learning full time, which is very exciting. Students will need to bring back all learning materials and remember their hats and masks.

Well done to the following students on achieving some impressive Math Pathways results even during remote learning! Marley A (200%), Abi J (167%), Keira T (267%), Emily S (200%), Jake S (267%), Oscar B (200%), Harrison C (200%), Ruby C (200%), Emma H (200%), Allira J (200%), Ethan

C (167%), Bayden L (167%), Ruby O (167%), Chloe T (167%) and Zane T(167%).

Over the remote learning period, our seeds from space arrived. Mrs Hocking and her science class will be opening the delivery this afternoon. Next week, we will be able to include some photos of this exciting afternoon.



Senior

SEE YOU ALL TOMORROW YAY!!!

Y9 Morrisby Interviews: These are scheduled for Thursday 28th and Friday 29th of October. These interviews will take place face to face in either the meeting room or staff tea room (due to our limited space). Students received the schedule yesterday, unfortunately parents are unable to attend. Angela Poxon will attend with students and I will also assist around my classes. Students will receive a booklet all about themselves and their potential subjects and career interests. I encourage parents/guardians to ask about this information after the interviews.

Elective booklet released: Y8 and Y9 students received the booklet last week. The booklet provides subject information about electives. I will talk to students once I know what the blockings are, hopefully next week.

Y11 Work Experience: Due to covid-19 restrictions as posted on compass last week, we have moved the

work experience for Y11s from Melbourne to Bendigo. It will still take place during the same week 22nd—26th Nov. In regards to deposit money paid, this can be transferred to other student costs. See Mr Twigg.

Last day of classes for our VCE Year 12s: tomorrow will be the last day of classes for our VCE Year 12s. However, something tells me with the work ethic of this group they will be back in Monday seeking help from their teachers. We wish them all the best with their first VCE Units 3 & 4 Exam (English) on Wednesday 27th of October at 9am.

Formal celebrations will take place after the exams with students participating in the 'real last day' celebrations here at school on **Thursday 18th of Nov.** I am in the process of finalising Val Dinner celebrations which are due to take place on **Friday 19th of Nov.** I am awaiting the new 'COVID-19 operations guide' from the Dept.

VCAL Y12 students will finish classes once they have completed all their course work. Mr Smith can provide more information regarding this. TAKE CARE

AROUND ELP SPORTS

Sport for Term 4:

We are hoping that the next Operational Guide for schools that will come out next week in terms of Covid Guidelines will allow for the running of school excursions, sports days and camps.

Once we know more, we **MAY** be able to catch up on some of the days that were missed last term.

More information will be sent out once we know more.

There is the potential to still run the East Loddon College Athletics—possibly on Friday 12th November—but this is to be confirmed.

Advance—Moggs Creek Camp.

At this stage, we are still planning on going ahead with the Moggs Creek Camp in Week 8 of this term—Tuesday 23rd to Friday 26th November. More information will be sent home soon.

SRC

We can't wait to have all students back tomorrow! Our SRC meetings will look a bit different this term as we are not able to meet in person as a whole group. While this will be difficult, our Year 4-11 SRC reps will still be sharing their great ideas and preparing for our end of year activities. We hope to collate our ideas over the next couple of weeks and then present our ideas to MAC and the Wellbeing team for approval.

Chelsea Harrington

SRC

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 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

		2021 OCTOBER	
Fri 22nd	Sue Pickles		
Mon 25th	Karolyn Campbell	Mon 1st	Hayley Fawcett Brian Duffy
Tues 26th	Michelle Diss	Tues 2 d	Melbourne Cup Holiday
Wed 27th	Sue Pickles	Wed 3rd	Kylie Addlem
Thurs 28th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 4th	Sue Pickles
Fri 29th	Lisa Twigg Cheryl Green	Fri 5th	Sue Pickles

