



Upcoming Dates

DECEMBER

6th—10th Step up Week

13th Activity Days

14th Pool day

15th Final Assembly
Early Finish 1.30pm Buses leave

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Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

From the Principal

Thankyou To All Who Have Attended And Shown A Great Level Of Respect For Current Circumstances... I want to express thanks to all parents, carers and guardians who have attended recent college events in person and shown a lovely level of respect for the covid procedures that we have in place. The understanding and positive manner shown by all has been tremendous and I have also thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to say an informal hello as you have entered college grounds for our graduations and sports day. Please do not underestimate just how much we appreciate your understanding in these trying times.

Step-Up Week—Next Week

Students at all year levels of the college will take part in step-up week next week. This is a week in which students get a head-start on their 2022 school year, and attend the college as if they are beginning their 2022 studies. We are excited to have our 2022 prep students attending on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of next week, along with a number of students at other year levels who will be enrolled in the college from 2022.

Primary Staffing Changes in 2022

As mentioned previously, the P-4 structure will change slightly in 2022 with a Prep/1 class being taught by Mrs Bridie Milroy, a year 2 class being taught by Mr Will Lee, a year 3 class being taught by Miss Tamika Colville and a year 4 class being taught by Mr Jackson Clayton. We are also very excited to have Mrs Sandy Lister in a 2022 role that will see her teach specific lessons in the P-4 area, as well as provide capacity building and coaching across the college.

In the Middle Years we have 2 year 5/6 composite classes in 2022 with Mrs Louise Hocking (4 days) and Mrs Sarah Gladman (1 day) teaching one composite class, and Mrs Brooke Smyth teaching the other. Mrs Smyth will be familiar to many in the college and wider community as she has also completed stints of work with us throughout the past 2 years.

New Office Manager

Mrs Jenny Cutting will retire at the end of this year after 25 years working at the college as both an integration aide and office manager.

The college recently advertised for a replacement to start in the 2022 school year and is excited to be able to announce the successful applicant in next week's newsletter.

Premier's Reading Challenge - (By yr 5/6K)

Despite complications caused by lockdowns and home schooling, the 2021 Premier's Reading Challenge has once again been completed at East Loddon. The annual challenge requires students to read a specified minimum target number of books for each year level from a recommended list and recorded their reading in a certain time frame.

Prep-YR 2 students were set a target of 30 books

YR 3-YR 8 were to read 15 books

225 students from prep to yr 8 were registered this year

116 students finished the challenge and read 3,755 books

Mrs Drury was able to announce that Mr Kidman's year 5/6 K were the 1st class to complete the challenge for the 5th year in a row, reading 469 book in total.

They were happy to receive the 'trophy' and enjoy the 'sweetness' of their efforts.

The photo at the top of the page shows our winning class.

2 Weeks To Go...

It is hard for me to believe that there are only 2 weeks of the 2021 school year to go, but this is the case! Next week [is step-up week as previously mentioned, with the following week being a shortened last week of the year for students.

The college have activity days planned on the Monday and Tuesday, our final presentation assembly and last day for students on the Wednesday and student-free curriculum days on Thursday and Friday. Please note that double vaxxed parents/carers will be able to attend our presentation assembly, which starts promptly at 10am on Wednesday 15th December. Hope you have a lovely weekend and are enjoying the countdown to Christmas!

Steve Leed—College Principal

Assistant Principal's news

Literacy & Numeracy

The recent curriculum review did not make any changes in the Senior sub-school. Subjects offered for 9/10 electives and VCE are reviewed regularly in response to student interest and demand.

Year 10 students can choose a VCE subject instead of two electives, which gives them a great head start on VCE.

Year 10-12 students also have the opportunity to study VET subjects at Charlton TAFE, with classes happening on Thursdays.

Students who achieve Level 10 in Maths Pathway by the end of Year 9 have the option to do VCE Maths in Year 10 instead of the regular Maths program.

Ms Byrne and Angela Poxon regularly meet with students to discuss the options available and help them make suitable choices.

Next year, the whole school daily timetable will be adjusted slightly to allow 50-minute lessons each day. A longer morning recess and shorter lunchtime will provide more consistent breaks throughout the day.

Please contact Mrs Johns or Ms Byrne for more information about any of this information.

Mrs Johns

Acting Curriculum Learning Specialist

Hello everyone for the second last time this year! There is so much stuff going on and before we know it the big fellow in the red suit will be squeezing his way down chimneys.

With the nearing the end feeling, comes our presentation assembly. This will once again be held on the central lawn (weather pending), like 2020, and we will again broadcast this on teams, so that if you are unable to attend, which you are welcome to if you are double vaxed, you will be able to watch from home. Though last year was a big pain in the neck, it taught us a few things about what people liked. Feedback from our outside covid friendly streamed assembly was positive. Maybe next year we will revert to the 45 degree tin shed.

Year 9 and 10 elective classes are sorted so if your children don't know what classes they have been allocated, they will need to email me if not at

school. Scott.wilkinson@education.vic.gov.au This will assist you in completing booklists.

The East Loddon Community Bus has been off the road since pre covid times. We have a committee that run the East Loddon Community Bus Inc. Despite the bus being sidelined and the disruptions with covid we need to have an AGM to discuss amongst other things, the future of East Loddon Community Bus Inc. If anyone from the community would like to attend this meeting please contact me on the above email. As the year is quickly drawing to a close I will discuss a date with our current committee for early 2022 and advertise this next week in the community news and this newsletter. It would be awesome for the community, probably none more so than our college, to get a vehicle back on the road.

I am currently scrambling to get a timetable completed for step up week. We have fluctuating numbers in

two year levels which is causing some minor issues with this and we are also trying to balance rooms, knowing that our new building will not be habitable until well in to the school year. As soon as a timetable is set I will attempt to place it on compass. It would be worth checking this Sunday night as it may give you an indication of whether to pack PE gear or not. Actually, maybe just pack it in case!

Great to see our wonderful year 7 and 8 students having so much fun yesterday with Big Picture Market Day. I love watching our kids step up to the task. All of our younger students seemed to be having a bunch of fun and Mr Twigg Mr Aurisch and Mr Ferg all managed to get a pie face full of baked beans. Yum. Mr Aurisch will be eating stuff out of his beard for weeks.

Have a great weekend, ITS STEP UP WEEK NEXT WEEK!!!!!!!

Art News

I am very pleased to pass on the news that some of our students have done very well in recent STEAM competitions in the region.

In the **Unboxy construction challenge** hosted by Bendigo Tech school, our Team 3, comprising of Emily, Jorja, Kiera and Ollie from year 7 have received a **Commendation** for their solar powered building model. This was out of 19 entries in the Bendigo region. Well done team 3!



In the recent Victoria wide **Regional Rail Revival Challenge**- looking to design new technologies for rail travel in 2050, our 5/6 Team comprised of Georgia, Kyen, Alex and Archer will be **representing the Bendigo region** in the state finals. They designed and made a prototype of a **passenger seat for the train of the future**. They will be virtually pitching their design to Rail industry members at next Monday's finals, so best of luck to them in their efforts!



Great news and well done to our students for having a terrific go! Mr Aurisch.



Sub-School Updates

AROUND ELP SPORTS

Athletics/Activities Day

We had a lovely, albeit, warm day for our Athletics /Activities Day on Tuesday 30th November. A huge thanks to staff and students for their help and efforts on the day.

Full results will be announced at Assembly next Friday 10th December.

Age Champions

Year 11—Montana T, Roscoe C

Year 10—Bridget V, Jaxon A

Year 9—Daisy S, Mason H

Year 8—Ava M, Joseph V, Fynn C

Year 7—Jorja L, Jaiden N-T

Year 6—Chloe T, Logan W

Year 5—Charlie L, Oscar B

Year 4—Zali C, Thomas T

Year 3—Talia S, Harvey W

Year 2—Jemma L, Xavier T, Ned W

Year 1—Ivy W, Thomas R

Prep—Piper E, Jonty H
(medallions to be presented next Friday 10th December in assembly)

Junior

Well, what a time was had! The P – 2 sleeper rolled around quickly and was an absolute blast! Students had a lot of fun playing games, participating in group activities, and showing off some outstanding dance moves at our disco!

The students demolished some delicious Spaghetti Bolognese, which scored a 10/10 from our harsh judges. For our dessert, unbeknown to the teachers, the students had planned a “who could get the most ice cream on our face” challenge, the winner being Ned H.

The movie was outstanding and made even better with some delicious popcorn. The lantern walk was cut short as Mr Clayton said it was too cold to go outside; it was a pleasant 25 degrees.

When students went to sleep, the teachers got quite a surprise when two sleepwalkers decided it would be a great time to hold a competition to test their strength by lifting stacks of chairs and hurdling students who were fast asleep in their sleeping bags. To our surprise, when asked, the students do not remember these things happening.

We had a great time; I would like to thank everyone who helped make this possible!

Middle

Well done to all students on their achievements on Tuesday at the Athletics sports! It was great to see all students have their best go even in the hot weather.



Yesterday we also had the Year 7/8 Big Picture Market Day! Well done to students who organised and ran activities during lunchtime. All students had a great time participating in the activities.



Senior

Welcome to the Senior School Year 8 & 9: These students moved into their new lockers yesterday, with the majority of students having their lockers along the art room wall. These students also received their elective subject selections. Consideration has been taken for first preferences, Year 10 students (being that Year 9 students will have the opportunity in Year 10 if they miss out in Year 9), and also with the aim of students not repeating Semester 1 Outdoor Ed (due to high demand of student numbers). Class sizes have been another consideration with the aim to have a more even spread of student numbers.

Year 12 results pathway interviews: On Thursday 16th of December our hardworking Year 12s will receive their VCE and VET results. I have scheduled interviews throughout the day for students. Parents/guardians are welcome, if you need to reschedule to a different time please let me know. Information of the schedule was posted on compass Monday night.

Year 11 work experience: ALL the feedback Angela had about our Year 11s on work experience was overwhelmingly positive. Some of the employers even said ‘the best work experience student I have ever had’. Well done to our Year 11s for adjusting to our change of circumstances and also for doing such a wonderful job throughout the week.

Thanks to Angela for all her time and effort with the work experience and mock interviews.

Year 10 mock interviews: Took place on Monday. Students applied for an imaginary job in their potential area of career interest. I had the pleasure of attending two interviews (Libby and Jade). I was extremely impressed with their confidence, professionalism, preparation and responses to questions. I heard from all panel members that their feedback was consistent with this, for all other students. Any students that were absent will have the opportunity to catch up with Angela and myself during Step Up Week. Thanks to Mr Rudkins for helping to prepare the students for their interviews.

9&10 Advance Camp: Well done to the students for their efforts at camp last week. They did a fantastic job! It was such a pleasure to be on camp with all 37 students.

Thanks to Mr Smith and Mr Young for making this camp happen. I'm away on **Driver Ed camp**, see you next week for Step Up Week.



SRC News

On Monday 13th of December and Tuesday 14th of December, the college will celebrate 2021 with activity days for all students.

On the Monday, students will participate in a range of rotations, including board games, sports, a movie, class parties and a colour run. Students are encouraged to wear sun-smart **Christmas themed clothes** on the day. Students who wish to participate in the colour run will also need to bring a **spare change of old clothes or clothes that can be stained (white works best for effect) and a towel.**

On the Tuesday, students are invited to a pool party at the Mitamo pool. They will need **bathers and a towel** on this day.

Lunch will be provided to students on both days, with pizza (including a gluten free option) and garlic bread served on the Monday and a BBQ at the pool on the Tuesday. These lunches are free of charge to students thanks to the Loddon Shire. Students will still need to provide their own recess snacks and drink bottles, as well as an alternative lunch if the above options are not suitable.

SRC Committee

Canteen

Fri 3rd	Miranda Smith Kristie Cullinan	2021 DEC	
Mon 6th	Kia Hooke	Mon 13th	Belinda Clymo
Tues 7th	Michelle Diss Judy Hodges	Tues 14th	Pool Activities day No Lunch orders
Wed 8th	Sue Pickles	Wed 15th	Sue Pickles
Thurs 9th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 16th	Sue Pickles
Fri 10th	Lisa Twigg Cheryl Green	Fri 17th	

Year 11 Work Experience

