



Upcoming Dates

NOVEMBER

9th—26th Units 3 and 4 Exams begin.

17th- 18th Outdoor Bike Camp

19th- 20th Outdoor Ed Canoe Camp

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From the Principal

College Review Now Completed

After what was possibly the longest review in Victorian Government School history, we have finally finished and I am pleased to say that the process of reviewing our college in detail was great! We as a school are doing so many things extremely well (hence our Influence-School status) and we were also able to identify a number of areas in which we can improve further.

Our Lead Reviewer Sally Winch and Senior Education Improvement Leader (basically my boss!) were thoroughly impressed with our students, staff and wider college community members. The honesty and humility shown by all was absolutely terrific!

The college leadership team is now eagerly awaiting the arrival of our official review report, which may be 2—3 weeks away as yet. The exciting thing for us now is that we will very shortly have a new and very clear future strategic direction for the college to begin next year and continue for a period of 4 years!

College Review—Reflection Regarding Last SSP

With the new strategic focus of the college soon to be discussed and shared with staff and the wider college community, I think it is a great time to take a 'look back over our shoulder' at the work that was completed in our last School Strategic Plan or SSP.

The entire review panel were clearly very impressed with the tremendous amount of work that had been completed by college staff, students and community members through the past 4-5 years. Moving from a 'transform' status to 'influence' status in less than 5 years is almost unheard of and I firmly believe that we have been able to do this due to the amazing level of collective efficacy shown at all levels. East Loddon staff, students and families overwhelmingly believe that we have a great school, that is a genuine hub of the community and that provides opportunities for our students that rival or better those of any other college!

Tutoring In 2021

The Department of Education recently announced funding for Victorian Government schools in the form

of a 'Tutor Program'. This announcement has rightfully excited many in the wider community and in due course I look forward to being able to explain how this will positively impact our college.

I have today taken part in an online meeting in which this initiative has been explained further and I will shortly receive more information that is specific to our college, which will enable me to discuss in detail this initiative with college council and college staff.

Parent Opinion Survey

I sent out a Compass news feed 2 Thursday's ago, with instructions on how to access this years Parent Opinion Survey. The department of education has allowed schools to invite all families to participate this year and we would love to receive a great deal of open and honest opinions. I am not allowed to publicly share our unique school code in this forum but please log into your Compass App and get the details from there.

In order for our college to continually improve, we need your honesty. This parent opinion survey is anonymously undertaken so please provide your thoughts so that we can collect as much data as possible.

As of yesterday, we had 15 families fill in the survey and it would be great if we could double this number within the next week.

November Plans—The Mo's Are Growing...

The excitement has continued to build within our staff ranks with the first ever official East Loddon P-12 College Staff Movember team. At this stage we have raised over \$500 collectively and also have a couple of female staff who are joining in on the fundraising with challenges of their own. We hope to raise a great amount of awareness and money for this terrific cause so please consider whether you might like to donate \$ to our team. Feel free to contact the college office or Mr Lee specifically if you would like to donate.

Take care and stay safe!
Regards, Steve Leed

Assistant Principal's news

Literacy & Numeracy

Maths rotations

You may have heard your primary-aged child mention Maths rotations recently. Time is set aside each week to have students work in small groups on different learning tasks. Some students might be working independently using Mathletics, while others are completing hands-on Maths fluency tasks. One group works directly with the teacher. And then the next lesson, they circulate to complete a different task.

Maths groups allows students to complete work at their 'just right' level. They are supported and challenged to progress their learning. Having the teacher work closely with a group each lesson ensures more one-on-one time– the teacher is better able to address misconceptions and challenge individual students.

Focus groups in Maths

Our 5-10 classes regularly participate in focus groups during their Maths Pathways lessons. Previous test feedback or direct student feedback may result in some focused, direct teaching from the teacher. This helps to address any misunderstandings and support students who are not yet confident with the new skills. Again, this also ensures students receive support at their 'just right' level, addressing their individual learning needs.

Sarah Clare

Curriculum Learning Specialist



Yellow day activities saw the preps help me make an emoji of myself.

Last Friday was.... Well....it was awesome. Yellow day was a brand new venture for the College. Run by our wonderful wellbeing staff, all staff and kids dressed in yellow or yellowish clothes. We ran yellow activities and we ate yellow food. To be honest I never really understood why we did but it was such a great day.

During period 4 all classes had to report back on a zoom style meeting to the rest of the school. Class reps had to describe what they'd been doing for yellow day. We had lots of laughs as we listened to each class. It sounds a bit cornie maybe, but there was a great feel right across the school. Jack L cooked a BBQ at lunch and

the VCE students held a yellow duck hunt. I joined the preps to make Marie biscuit emoji's too.

Well done to everyone involved, particularly those who organised the day. I hope we do it again next year!

It's that time of the year. The year 12's are finishing. I said to my year 12 maths class the other day, it feels like we just started and now we are at the end. I always start the year disliking my year 12's because I become so attached to the students from the previous year. You'd think I'd get used to that, but I cant. Apologies to the year 12's that I will have next year. Know that I won't like you until I forget the following people.

Hugh-what a champion. Likes the tractor more than the calculator but that's ok.

Sophie-Stand tall; maybe one of the hardest working students I have taught.

Hayley - Your humour ticks all of my boxes.

Ella– you are not going to fail, you just won't.

Jas - I love it when you get angry, but it scares me.

It feels like yesterday that we were on year 8 camp together, with kids crying because they were lost in the city.

Ahhhh the memories.

I will miss you all. Wilko.



Sub-School Updates

Junior

School sleepovers

Please remember to return slips and payments for the upcoming sleepovers on the following dates:

Grade 3/4: 12th-13th November

Grade 1/2: 19th-20th November

Please note that due to a technical glitch, some student forms have listed the event cost as \$6 when it should in fact say \$8. We apologise for this error.

Cross Country

The P-4 cross country will be held next Friday the 13th of November. P-4 students should ensure they have appropriate clothes for running and may wear their PE uniform or house colours on this day.

Old milk and soft drink bottles

The German department are still seeking empty milk bottles and 1.25 or 2L plastic bottles. Please send these in with your children in Grades 1-4.

Middle

Last week we had a busy day with the 'Yellow Day' celebrations. Our Year 5/6 students created some excellent minions and delicious damper.

Our Year 8 students got to paint the inside of the library whilst the Year 7's also did some painting and created some excellent sunflowers.



Senior

Good luck Year 12's & 11's

Tuesday 10th of November at 9am sees the commencement of our VCE/VET Units 3 & 4 exams. We wish all our students sitting the exams, best of luck. Please remember you have all done the hard work, just like a sporting grand final you have been training for this all year (and last year). Go in there and show those examiners how great you are and how much you know.

Look after yourself: Remember that covid is affecting ALL of us, that we need to stay in the present, be conscious of the day to day

activities and events that you can control, try not to add to your worries by worrying about the future. When you can, take a moment to relax and do something that you enjoy. I have borrowed this advice from a credible source (Psychologist at Edith Cowan Uni).

VET Taster Day: Thanks to the students that attended this excursion, well done on trying something new. Pictured is Georgia M and Holly S walking a goat.

Y9 & 10 elective blockings: coming soon, apologies. Just waiting on some very important info from Mr Leed & Mr Wiiko.



AROUND ELP

Yellow Day celebrating well-being in 2020



Poppy appeal 2020



We are selling badges, wristbands and pens at the school in support of the RSL's Poppy Appeal. Grade 5/6 students will be visiting classes each morning until Remembrance Day (next Wednesday 11th November) and the items are also available from the front office. Prices range from \$2 to \$10.

Show you remember on the 11th of November!



Canteen

		2020 OCT/NOV	
Fri 6th	Sue Pickles		
Mon 9th	Margaret Hocking	Mon 16th	Margaret Hocking
Tues 10th	Sue Pickles	Tues 17th	Michelle Diss Louise Hocking
Wed 11th	Penny Cockerell	Wed 18th	Sue Pickles
Thurs 12th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 19th	Sue Pickles
Fri 13th	Mel Primrose Nadine Ray	Fri 20th	Miranda Smith Wendy Murphy



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Grade: School/Company

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