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Camp
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26th—29th Year 9/10 Moggs
Creek Camp
2nd & 3rd December
Year 10 Driver Ed
4th Year 4 & 8 Graduation
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dates)

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From the Principal

School Closure

Apologies are extended to all families who were inconvenienced by Thursday's school closure. After informing the community that the school would be open, we were informed later on Wednesday evening that this would not be the case. Due to the State Emergency Centre enforcing a closure on all 'grass fire at risk' schools, the decision to close was taken out of our hands. I wish to extend my sincere thanks to all for your understanding.

Staffing Update

In sad news for the college, our much loved groundsman Henry Lacey informed me last Friday of his decision to retire. Henry has been a fixture at the college for approx. 20 years and he really loves the place. This decision was not easy for Henry to make! We will still see Henry's friendly face around the college as he will continue to drive bus 1. Henry wishes to pass on his sincere thanks to the staff, students and wider community of ELP-12.

Current technology teacher Mr Rod McKinnon will also finish up with the college at the end of this month due to an ankle operation and a change of school in 2020. Rod has been a terrific member of our technology team and has thoroughly enjoyed working in our country school where he was able to teach a yr 5 class for the first time and have a positive impact on our students at all year levels, as well as our technology department. Rod will have his last day with us next Wednesday and we wish him all the very best for the operation and the future!

Upcoming College Review

As part of the upcoming review that the college will undertake early in 2020, I would appreciate any feedback around the following 3 questions - 1) What makes ELP-12 College a good school? 2) What would make ELP-12 College a better school? 3) If you were Principal for a day, what would you change at ELP-12 College?

Please email any responses to myself at leed.steven.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or anonymously drop your feedback into the college office.

Intern Principal Update

Our intern principal Mr Chris Sanders was due to have his last day with us on Thursday but was unable to due to the school closure. Chris wishes to extend his thanks to all staff, students and wider community members for their support over the past 6 weeks. Chris thoroughly enjoyed his time at East Loddon and we absolutely appreciated his positive input and leadership. We have no-doubt that Chris will have a very bright future in education!

Congratulations are extended to our fabulous year 12's who officially finished their schooling this week. Well done to you all!!

This weeks photo is from last nights Year 12 Valedictory Dinner.

Regards, Steve Leed

Booklists distributed next week.

Literacy & Numeracy

Primary Maths Rotations

On Wednesdays, our P-4 students participate in maths activity rotations.

This sees older students working alongside younger students, mentoring them and improving their own skills in the process.

The activities are hands on. They involve problem solving. They often include real-world applications.

If your child is in Prep to Grade 4, ask them about what they have done in maths rotations lately. They may be able to show you their task or even set it up so you can join in too.

Parent Reading Guide

Over the course of 2019, some of our staff have been working on a parent resource for home readers. This booklet aims to support parents to guide students so they can understand the ideas presented in their reading.

As a parent myself, I know how often I work on the visible parts of reading. E.g. Are the letters on the page being read aloud properly?

To build strong readers, we also need to help students think:

- within the text
- about the text and
- beyond the text.

The booklet will be available in 2020 for parents and will include questions to help target each of these areas. The questions are different depending on your child's Fountas and Pinnell reading level. They can be used with any home reader. More info to come!

Sarah Clare
Curriculum Learning Specialist

Assistant Principal's news

An interesting day yesterday and thankfully everything is ok and it feels like maybe an over-reaction. We are driven by advice from the Department of Education's Emergency Management division when incidents like this occur. It might be worth at this time, me explaining a few things about where East Loddon sits in the list of schools at risk of bushfire.

We are **not** listed as a Bushfire At Risk (BAR) School. This may seem confusing as a lot of schools that are in Bendigo suburbs are BAR schools. This is determined with regard to surrounding and nearby forested areas I believe. Given we are surrounded mainly by crop and grass, we are not BAR.

Yesterday, closures were automatically applied to BAR schools as it was a 'code red' day. We were later informed that the closures had been ex-

tended to schools at risk of grassfire. That's us.

Our bus system also has rules that apply on 'code red' days. Our Raywood bus is not allowed to operate on 'code red' days and so on Wednesday afternoon as soon as the 'code red' had been announced the Raywood bus was cancelled. This only applies to our Raywood bus route. All of our other bus routes could have operated as per usual. On Wednesday we had conflicting advice given about Bus route closures for ELP12 and following advice we made a local decision to close all 6 bus routes. This is not a decision that we make easily as we know the enormous inconvenience that this causes families.

Shortly after we were told that the school had to close for the day anyway.

In short, we thank everyone for

their patience and we are so happy that everyone is safe and back at school today.

Last night was Valedictory dinner night. It's one of my favourite nights of the year. Staff students and parents of our year 12s meet and talk about how awesome our students and school are. Know this. THIS DOES NOT HAPPEN EVERYWHERE. We do this so well and it really highlights the level of connection that is built between staff students and parents at our fantastic school.

When you hear staff talk about the students and see the pride in parents' faces it really is a beautiful thing. Surely this is what education is all about. Building strong relationships and allowing students who have been under our guidance for so long, to be set free in to the big bad world. Well done to Byrnsie

Notices

KFC – Kids Friday Club – Term 4 2019

IMPORTANT NOTICE... The KFC Christmas gift giving will be tomorrow Nov 22nd due to the Yr5/6 camp the following week.



KFC will continue the following week Nov 29th and our final Christmas celebration will be on Dec 1st at the Community Carols in the Dingee Hall beginning with a free BBQ tea at 6.30 pm. The KFC children will have opportunity to take part.

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Important Dates 2019	
Dates	Activity
22 nd Nov	Year 10 Road Smart German Choir Visit
25 th – 29 th Nov	Year 5/6 Canberra Camp begins Year 9/10 Stem Work- shop Excursion
26 th Nov	Year 11 Youth of the Year
26 th - 29 th Nov	Year 9/10- Moggs Creek Camp begins
2 nd – 3 rd Dec	Year 10 Driver Ed
4 th Dec	Year 4 & 8 Graduation 2.30pm
9 th – 11 th Dec	Year 3/ 4 Anglesea Camp
9 th – 13 th Dec	P-12 Step Up Week
10 th Dec	Prep 2020 Transition Morning
16 th Dec	Activity day
17 th Dec	Pool Day
18 th Dec	Activities
19 th Dec	Presentation Assembly 10am



AROUND ELP Wellbeing News

Ways 2 Wellbeing

Relationships are really important for our young people. As parents/carers, are we expected to know the answers? For example, should our young people have boyfriends or girlfriends at school? Helpful tips and advice can be found on www.kidspot.com.au or [click here](#). See Wellbeing Staff for more info.

Junior

Grade 4 Graduation

Parents and guardians will have received an invitation to the Grade 4 graduation which will be held on Wednesday the 4th of December (that's less than two weeks away!) If you have not yet received an invite, or have any questions, please contact Mr Clayton or Mr Kidman. Congratulations grade 4 students—you're almost there.

St. Martin's Day Lanterns

Students in grades Prep-4 have been making lanterns in celebration of St. Martin's day. This annual event is celebrated in Germany by parades of children carrying their own lanterns. The Grade 1/2 students will parade their lanterns at night during the upcoming school sleepover.



Middle

This week, the Year 7/8's ran



their stalls at the Big Picture market on Tuesday the 19th. It went great and everyone had a good time. Last Friday the Year 7 and 8s went to the senior school assembly to see what its like and to listen to speeches for school captains. Good luck to Year 5 and 6 on their Canberra camp next week, and to Year 7's preparing their sub-school captain speeches. Gemma and Josh.

Big Picture Market Day

Thank you to parents who came to the Market Day on Tuesday, and to Mr Leed and Mr Young for all their organisation.



Senior

Congratulations Victoria B

Well done to Victoria B whose has recently been accepted in the University of Melbourne Kwong Lee Dow Young Scholars Class of 2021. There were over 1,600 applicants.

Year 12 Last Day Forever Celebrations

I'm so proud of the fun yet safe way our Year 12 students have celebrated their last day of secondary school forever. The school was for sale for a brief period, we had some water sports, a pool on the central lawn and some mini traps across the

school area. Even some air horn connected to seats. This year we have broken tradition and decided to celebrate at the end of exams. Thanks to the Year 12 students for supporting this new initiative.



SPORTS

Sports Dates 2020:

Blanket Permission Forms for PE and Sport will be sent out with the booklists. This will outline all sports days for 2020.

Friday 21st Feb—
Swimming Carnival

Friday 28th Feb—
Division Swimming
(Secondary)

Friday 6th Mar—
Division Swimming

Wed 11th Mar—
Yr. 9/10 Tennis / Volleyball / Cricket

Thursday 12th Mar—Yr. 5/6 Volleyball

Tuesday 17th Mar—
Yr. 7/8 Tennis / Volleyball / Cricket



Montana, Ciaran and Trista have had another busy week at the Alpine School. Last weekend was visiting weekend, and I'm sure the students were thrilled to see their families after so long apart. We've gone past the halfway mark now!

This week, the students participated in an activity where part of their class was treated as though they were rich while the majority were treated like paupers. This meant that some people got a lovely, yummy meal while others received only a small amount of rice and water.

Another activity saw the students learn about cultural diversity and how boys and girls have different responsibilities in other cultures. Both of these activities gave students an experience which changed how they perceived the world.

Canteen Roster

		2019 NOV/ DEC	
Fri 22nd	Bec Cullen Miranda Smith		
Mon 25th	Leanne Welsh	Mon 2nd	Karen Pascoe
Tues 26th	Sue Pickles	Tues 3rd	Sue Pickles
Wed 27th	Bree-anna Hocking	Wed 4th	Penny Cockerell
Thurs 28th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 5th	Sue Pickles
Fri 29th	Narelle Niewand Olivia McVey	Fri 6th	Yoli Humphries Kristie Cullinan

Calendar

Mon 25th	Tues 26th	Wed 27th	Thurs 28th	Fri 29th
Year 5/6 Canberra Camp begins Year 9-10 Stem Workshop, La Trobe Uni	Year 9/10 Moggs Creek Camp begins Year 11 Youth of the Year			Year 5/6 Canberra Camp return Year 9/10 Moggs Creek Camp returns KFC
Mon 2nd Dec	Tues 3rd Dec	Wed 4th Dec	Thurs 5th	Fri 6th
Year 10 Driver Education	Year 10 Driver Education	Yr5-10 Deakin Uni incursion Year 4 & 8 Graduation 2.30pm	Year 1 / 2 Sleepover	
Mon 9th	Tues 10th	Wed 11th	Thurs 12th	Fri 13th
Step Up Week Begins Year 3 / 4 Anglesea Camp Begins	Prep 2020 Transition Morning	Year 3 / 4 Anglesea Camp returns		Step Up Week finishes
Mon 16th	Tues 17th	Wed 18th	Thurs 19th	Fri 20th
Activities	Pool Day	Activities	Presentation Assembly 10am	