



## Upcoming Dates

14th Mitiamo Pool Activity Day

15th Activity Day at School

16th Presentation Assembly

### ANUARY 2021

19th Book Collection Day

27th Teachers return for 2021

28th Students 1st day for 2021

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Hay,

**Book Fair closes tomorrow Friday 11th December for anyone who might be interested in purchasing a book .**



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## From the Principal

### **Booklists Due TODAY!**

A reminder is extended to all families of the need to finalise booklists online by the end of the day TODAY. Log-in details and links are below-  
[www.jiofficeproducts.com.au](http://www.jiofficeproducts.com.au)

**School ID: EL222**

### **\*\*Capital Building Works—Starting Monday\*\***

Myself and Mr Wilkinson have met with our Capital Building Works team again today and we are excited to be able to inform our college community of the fact that our works will actually begin this Monday.

Representatives of our successful tenderer 'Searle Bros Contracting' were in attendance at the school today and are very eager to begin our works. Monday will see the library, multi-purpose room, staff work room and associated office spaces become an official work site, meaning that these spaces will need to be emptied entirely tomorrow. Myself and Mr Wilkinson will lead this work tomorrow and are confident that we will get all work completed on time.

**Due to these building works beginning on Monday, all students who have an 'outside' locker are asked to clean these out tomorrow.**

**It may also be a good idea to bring along a spare bag to assist with this process.**

### **Thanks To College Council**

College Council met for the final time in 2020 last night at the Bridgewater Hotel for a dinner meeting (and what a great feed we had!)

College Council members have led the college superbly once again this year and their input and guidance with key strategic direction has been integral to the position that we find ourselves in as a college.

Particular thanks are extended to council president Richard Hicks for his tireless work, and to our student representatives Hugh Cartwright and Sophie Hay, who provided a tremendous amount of voice on behalf of the student body.

### **Curriculum Day—Term 1 2021**

Our college will take part in a literacy pilot program in conjunction with La-Trobe University next year. The program is called SOLAR (Science of Language and Reading) and our work will be led by Pamela Snow, (PhD, FSPA, MAPS Professor of Cognitive Psychology) as well as our college's Literacy Learning Specialist Mrs Sally Fleming. We are excited at the prospect of a whole-school approach to literacy in which we build the capacity of all staff within the college to effectively teach this extremely important skill/knowledge base.

### **Book Collection Day**

The college's 2021 book collection day will take place on Tuesday 19th January. Our capital building works will be well and truly underway by this date so further and more specific details will be shared via Compass closer to the day.

### **Dental Opportunity—Primary and Secondary**

The college has been fortunate in securing the services of Martin Vale Dentistry for 2 days early next year. Martin Vale Dentistry will provide dental visits and subsequent treatment that can be bulk-billed through the Medicare Child Dental Benefits Schedule (CDBS) for eligible students in both primary and secondary year levels. Forms regarding this service will be available for collection on our January 19th book collection day.

### **Good News Story—Miles and Oli...**

I wanted to share a good news story this week, which I thought was fantastic! During remote learning Miles and Oli G painted some rocks with pictures and messages which they have now hidden down at the Calivil Rec Reserve as a fun activity for kids and their parents to do - find the rocks and relocate them for the next person, a bit of a hide and seek game. The boys hope that kids and families will visit Calivil and enjoy the hide and seek game they have created.

What a great initiative by the boys!!!

(A photo of these rocks is featured above)

Take care and stay safe!

Regards, Steve Leed

**PLEASE CHECK COMPASS TOMORROW RE POOL DAY**

# Assistant Principal News

## Literacy & Numeracy

### 12 Days of Christmas Books

Last week I wrote about how advent calendars can reinforce numeracy skills.

This week, I want to suggest that advent calendars can also incorporate literacy skills.

You might decide to start a new Christmas tradition of book gift giving: The 12 Days of Christmas Books.

Buy 12 books (they don't have to necessarily be about Christmas). Wrap them individually and label them 'Day 1' and so on. From the 12th of December, have your child or children open one present and spend the evening reading together.

### 12 Days of Christmas Films

Another part of literacy is 'viewing'. There are some real fans of Christmas movies out there (I'm looking at you, Mrs Arthur!) Why not begin a similar tradition of viewing Christmas films as well?

Try to have discussions where you and your children can use their literacy skills such as :

- What do you predict will happen next?
- What happened in the film?
- Does this movie remind you of any other stories?
- What was your favourite part of the film? Why?

Sarah Clare

Curriculum Learning Specialist

I've been a bit distant the last couple of weeks and haven't submitted a report which I'm sure has been a relief for some. My apologies for this. I took some leave among other excuses.

Step up week!!!! It's such a great time to be a teacher. All of the kids are pumped, staff haven't yet diminished their enthusiasm. Everyone is a champion in step up week! We tend to do it a bit later than others and make no apologies for this but we do thank our senior students especially for their patience. In some schools these students would be well and truly on a break. I've always said we work harder than others.

The building works are pending and that amongst

other things is extremely exciting, however it adds another complexity to the end of year pack up. Today we moved senior lockers to their new home and in doing so, found the biggest blue tongue lizard living in the muck behind the lockers. Must be an endless source of old apples and the like back there. He was as fat as a pig.

The end of year presentation assembly will be held next Wednesday at 1:30 pm. This will take place either on the central lawn or the tiger turf, weather pending. Please ensure your student is dressed in full school uniform for that day. Unfortunately this has been organised to be staff and students only. Apparently there's a virus thing

going around! We will make every attempt to live stream the event in a similar way that we did on AN-ZAC day. Please keep your eyes on compass announcements for the link. At the very very least this will be recorded and made available for parents, grandparents and friends to view at their leisure. Buses for this day will run as usual at usual times.

The school canteen will operate Tuesday and Wednesday next week potentially with a limited menu.

Have a great weekend!!





## Sub-School Updates

### Junior

#### Welcome New Families

We are very excited to have had our new families and students join the East Loddon community this week for step-up. Welcome to you all!

#### 300 Nights Reading

Tomorrow we will celebrate our students who have read for 300 nights this year with a special lunch with Mr. Leed.

#### Graduation

Congratulations to our Grade 4 students who graduated from our junior sub-school last Friday. We are all very proud of you and wish you the best for the future.

#### New Sub School Leaders

Tomorrow a number of our grade 3 students will present speeches at our junior school assembly and all students will have the opportunity to vote for our 2021 leaders.

### Middle

#### Thank you East Loddon!

A big thank-you to all the students, parents, colleagues and community members of East Loddon for the past three years.

East Loddon was my first teaching position and I have been fortunate enough to teach nearly every student.

I have really loved my time here and it will be really sad to leave.

I will keep my same email address so if any students want to say hello, they know how to find me.

I also want to congratulate Kelly Pay on taking over as next years Middle Years Co-ordinator and wish her all the best.

Thanks again East Loddon P-12 College.

### Senior

#### Lions Youth of the Year

These amazing Y12 students each spoke bravely on Tuesday evening about a persuasive topic they were passionate about. It was engaging and impressive to hear the topics they had individually selected. They each spoke with confidence, knowledge and a real passion. The responses in the impromptu section were terrific under pressure. Congrats to all the participants, they were all so good, judges nightmare.



#### Federation Uni visit

Our Y11 & 12 students had the pleasure of meeting Rae from Federation Uni. She spoke to students about new courses, the benefits of regional uni, the success rates of graduates and more.



**Y9 & 10 Electives:** Thanks very much to students who have let me know about elective changes or students who have switched out of classes that were over subscribed.

**Thanks to the school community for all your support in 2020 and Merry Christmas.**

## AROUND ELP SPORTS

### Athletics Age Championships:

PE classes in Year 5-10 ran athletic events to decide Age Champions:

#### Year 5:

Chloe T / Jayde C and Logan W

#### Year 6:

Jorja L and Aidan R

#### Year 7:

Marley A and Tyler D

#### Year 8:

Daisy S and Mason H

#### Year 9:

Bridget V and Noah C

#### Year 10:

Montana T and Roscoe C

- Well done to all participants

Medallions will be presented at assembly tomorrow —Friday 11th December

### Sports Permission Form

The blanket permission form for all sports days was sent home two weeks ago with the booklists. Can Parents/Guardians please sign this and return it to the office as soon as they can—this allows students permission to attend all sports days for next year.

## Senior

It was off to Driver Ed at Charlton for our Year 10 students: last week we travelled to Charlton for a 2 day Driver Education camp. Students were fortunate to be able to work together in a succinct group of 10. They covered relevant theory work through a takeaway booklet which assists students in going for their licence successfully and driving safely on our roads. Students had the opportunity to drive each other around a circuit with traffic lights, roundabouts, pedestrian crossings and intersections. I even had the chance to be driven by some students. They did a wonderful job of keeping me safe and driving following all the necessary steps, mirror, mirror, head check and so on. Students then critiqued my driving on the way home, thankfully I think I passed the test.



## Canteen

Fri 11th		2020 DEC/ JAN 2021	
Mon 14th	Mel Primrose Cheryl Green	Mon 25th	Holidays
Tues 15th	Activity day Mitiamo Pool	Tues 26th	Holidays
Wed 16th	Rachel Hay Louise Hocking	Wed 27th	Holidays
Thurs 17th	Ebony Lawry Hayley Fawcett	Thurs 28th	Sue Pickles STUDENTS RETURN
Fri 18th	Sue Pickles (STUDENT FREE DAY)	Fri 29th	Sue Pickles

## Special Christmas Hamper Delivery

- this Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December 2020 -

Each family with children at the school this week, will receive a beautiful box & bag of goodies, coming home on the school buses tomorrow. Bus drivers will assist the eldest child in each family on the day, as required, to access their hamper from the luggage compartment under the bus. If you are collecting your children from the school this Friday, please see your bus captain at the school to collect your Christmas box and mark off your name.

Huge thanks to East Loddon Food Share Program Inc. for this initiative.

