



Upcoming Dates

MARCH

1st 9/10 Volleyball Sports Day

3rd Last Prep Rest Day

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Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

From the Principal

Parent Teacher Student Interviews

Parent Teacher Student Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday March 10th. Times will be finalised shortly for the actual interviews and we are highly likely to hold interviews online in order to keep the number of adults onsite to a minimum. Families who are not able to take part in online interviews due to connectivity issues, will be encouraged to participate in interviews by phone.

Please also understand that we fully encourage parent/carer contact with the college at anytime of the year. Feel free to make contact with college staff via our work email addresses so that we can respond in a timely manner.

Swimming Sports Thanks

A huge thankyou is extended to all college families for their understanding regarding parent non-attendance at last week's swimming sports. Whilst it was unfortunate that we were not able to invite families along, we did endeavour to keep you 'connected' to the event with frequent Facebook posts and we really appreciated the comments and feedback that we received. The day ran very smoothly and the efforts of all staff and students were superb.

Eating Time Expectations

At East Loddon we have a period of time known as 'Eating Time', which takes place at the beginning of each day's lunchtime. All students from Prep to Yr 12 have designated areas of the school yard in which they are to eat their lunch. A focus of this week has been on students' eating in an orderly fashion. Eating time should not be a time in which students are walking around, playing games or yelling. It is a time for sitting down, eating lunch and having a quiet chat with mates.

Please reinforce this with your child/ren and know that we will be doing the same at a school-level.

MartinVale Dentistry Visit

Martin Vale Dentistry will be visiting East Loddon on March 29th and 30th. If families are interested in their child/ren having their teeth checked by Martin-Vale staff, then the appropriate paperwork must be completed and returned to the college office asap. The relevant paperwork is attached to today's newsletter news feed.

Quality Teaching and Learning

After conducting learning walks on a school review that I have participated in this week, I decided to do the same at East Loddon this week, with a focus on our P-4 classrooms and their literacy block. Whilst we very much have an open-door policy at our school and students are very much used to staff popping into rooms from time-to-time, I spent Tuesday morning in each of the P-4 rooms focussing specifically on two things -

1- Was each student on-task?

2- Did each student know what they were meant to be learning?

I was so impressed to see that there was such a positive learning environment in all classes, with small groups and individual students able to clearly articulate the learning intention and success criteria for their set activities.

Wearing of Masks at School

All staff and students who are 12 yrs and older must continue to wear face masks whilst indoors at the college, and whilst outdoors if they cannot maintain 1.5m physical distancing. Disposable face masks are once again available at the college office, however students are asked to please bring in their own masks from home if possible as the college has a limited supply.

Visitors to the college who are 12 years or older must also wear face masks whilst indoors.

Building Works Update

Our college building works will ramp-up again this Sunday with the switch over from our old Main Electrical Switch-Board to our new one. This will see the college lose power for the large proportion of Sunday.

This Week's Photo

This week's photo is of our wonderful year 7 and 8 students. They are participating in an initiative challenge as part of their Big Picture class, which saw them focussing on team-work and communication. It was very enjoyable to watch!

I hope that you have a fantastic week ahead!

Stay safe,
Steve Leed—College Principal

Assistant Principal's news

Literacy & Numeracy

Numeracy is also important for everyday living and involves more than numbers. It helps us understand, recognise and use shapes, patterns, and data. From telling the time, cooking, and playing games to more difficult tasks such as budgeting, planning a trip, or building, there are many activities you can do at home to build your child's numeracy skills.

1. Talk positively about maths so your child also values it. If your experiences with maths at school were less than ideal, avoid making comments like 'Maths is hard' or 'I was bad at maths at school'.
2. If you did well at maths at school, avoid jumping in with answers or solutions—encourage your child to talk about how they might work out the problem and explain to you whether their answer makes sense.
3. Encourage children to help with cooking, shopping, planning events for the day/week, paying bills, giving directions, and measuring.
4. Play games and puzzles together—card games like Uno or Snap, dice games like Yahtzee or Farkle, board games like Snakes & Ladders or Monopoly, jigsaw puzzles, and Jenga.

Rebecca Johns
Curriculum Learning
Specialist



This is how you look
when your team wins by
2 points— Go Long!

This boy is too funny,
our main train man



Wow, how did it get to week 5? My life is moving too fast.

Last Friday we all had a ripping day at the pool for the P-12 swim sports. I had been talking up the day to our new teachers, referring to how awesome it was to be able to chat to parents and grandparents in a pretty relaxed informal setting. That obviously didn't eventuate, due to our old mate covid, but those in attendance still had an A1 day.

So, what did you miss? Well the day was a race from the start between Evans house and Long house. Shaw were a bit undermanned and if it wasn't for the Addlem's breaking every second record ever written then Laird would have bat-

tled too. It was actually a bit nerve wracking as the two top teams of the day battled to the last race. In the end Long snuck over the line by 2 measley points, much to the delight of everyone wearing red. I was so happy, as Miss Smith (an avid Evans supporter), had been bashing on all day about how good the cowardly yellow team was. Yellow? It's not the fastest colour right? It certainly isn't red. I think yellow - I think banana not racing car.

So here's the thing....We really missed having parents and supporters at the pool, but in some ways it was far less nerve wracking. When there was a close finish, the judges didn't care, they didn't have to

be convinced by parents who had won, they just gave the number one badge to the nicest kid. So much easier. We also had heaps of snags left over which must indicate that the parents are the biggest eaters at sports days.

My highlight of the day was Logan from year 1 describing all the best bits about the train that went through the Miti station. What that boy doesn't know about trains isn't worth knowing. No prizes for guessing who was on his T shirt.

See you all next week. Loving the weather!



Sub-School Updates

Junior

Swimming Carnival 2021

Well done to all of our P-4 students who did a marvellous job at the pool last Friday. It was fantastic to see all of our students hopping in the water to have a go, no matter their skill level. Thanks are also extended to all of the staff who helped make the day so successful.



Middle

Well done to everyone at the swimming sports last week! The middle years students were well represented in swimming events as well as the novelty events. The results of the sports were so close! It really shows that those students who turn up and have a go, can make a huge difference to end result.



Senior

College Swim Sports

It was sad I know that parents / guardians couldn't attend, however, it was so special to see lots of brothers and sisters cheering on their siblings. It was so cute. The Year 12's impressed with their wild west outfits and somehow they still managed to compete in style also. Well done to Mr Young for all his hard work in putting the day together.

Year 10 & 11 Work Experience

This week Angela (MIPS) started discussions and distributing information to students relating to our Work Experience program for this year. If you have any questions please let Angela or myself know.

Congratulations Bek

In a crazy covid year Bek managed to complete her VCAL Foundation, Intermediate certificates and her VET Certificate 2 in Hospitality and Kitchen operations. Bek then went on to start a School Based Apprenticeship at Café Essence before transferring this to a full time apprenticeship. This is the ultimate result for a VCAL student. Congratulations Bek and all the best with your future pathways.



AROUND ELP SRC News

The SRC would like to thank all staff and students for their participation and sportsmanship at last week's swimming sports. It was great to have some conversations with staff and students about the SRC in 2021 and to support our school by providing the BBQ again this year. Thank you to all of the reps who helped out, especially those who pulled extra shifts or ran between assisting us and swimming and back again between the day.

SPORTS

Swimming Carnival Results:

House Cup:

- 1st = **Long**—1785 points
- 2nd = **Evans**—1783 points
- 3rd = **Laird**—1613 points
- 4th = **Shaw**—1317 points



Age Champions:

- Yr. 12—Oscar H + Bridget B
- Yr. 11—Roscoe C / Brodie W + Trista W
- Yr. 10—Jaxon A + Gemma M
- Yr. 9—Mason H + Madi L
- Yr. 8—Fynn C + Marley A
- Yr. 7—Riley W + Keira T
- Yr. 6—Angus A + Chloe T
- Yr. 5—Oscar B + Ruby C
- Yr. 4—Tom T + Zali C / Lucy P
- Yr. 3—Jack H + Ava W
- Yr. 2—Xavier T + Reese P
- Yr. 1—Dustin B + Ruby H

These will be presented at P-12 Assembly Tomorrow—parents/ guardians are permitted to attend this assembly for this presentation

Monday 1st March

- Year 9/10 Volleyball Day
- Year 9/10 Tennis Day

Friday 5th March

- Primary Swimming Day

Swimming Carnival photos



Canteen

		2021 February/ March	
Fri 26th	Sue Pickles		
Mon 1st	Belinda Clymo Kirinia Edmunds	Mon 8th	Labour Day Holiday
Tues 2nd	Michele Diss Elesha Giudice	Tues 9th	Sue Pickles
Wed 3rd	Sue Pickles	Wed 10th	Nicky Lawry Shannon Ralphs
Thurs 4th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 11th	Sue Pickles
Fri 5th	Bec Cullen Wendy Murphy	Fri 12th	Mel Primrose Brian Duffy

Don Valley Student Leadership Camp

Well everyone made it safely to Don Valley. The kids were all excited about arriving at their new school. It was very special knowing the kids were in the first ever group to attend the newly built school. The school /rooms are amazing - the bedrooms have more storage than ours at home (which was a relief - due to the enormous amount of stuff they had to take ☺).

When the principal was making his formal introduction speech he asked each of the schools to make a noise as a group when he called the school's name. When it was our turn, we made the loudest happiest woوو

What an amazing opportunity for each of the "emerging adults" - as they are now referred to.

Thanks
Elizabeth

