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Do it For Dolly Day
(dress in Blue)Sandhurst Division
Cross Country

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From the Principal

***** Canteen Volunteers Needed *****

Our college canteen desperately requires volunteers if we are to keep it open 5 days per week and with prices that are affordable. We do employ a canteen manager 2 days per week, but the remaining 3 days are proving very difficult to staff.

Please have a think about whether you would be able to volunteer even once per term in our college canteen and call the college office if you would like to put your name down, or even enquire further about volunteering in the future.

Aspiring Principal—Mrs Wallace

I mentioned last week that we had the good fortune of having an aspiring Principal with us for the next 4 weeks. Mrs Fiona Wallace joined us this week and has made a seamless transition into East Loddon life!

An Introduction to Mrs Wallace

My name is Fiona Wallace and I'm delighted to have been given the opportunity to work here at East Loddon for the next four weeks. I am currently studying the art of leadership and am aspiring to be a principal. To that end, I was allocated to be mentored by an outstanding, experienced principal who is a master of his craft – and when he wasn't available, I was allocated to work with Steve. My area of expertise are Languages and Linguistics, I am a proud mum of 3 teenagers and am married to a dairy farmer. I am currently teaching at Kyabram P-12 College, and am very excited to be joining your P-12 College to share ideas, collaborate with staff, learn about leadership, and to learn about Hawthorn Football Club. I have met a number of staff and students already, and will endeavour to meet everyone over the next three weeks. This week, I

have thoroughly enjoyed meeting and working with your students and would like to take this opportunity to say how delightful, well-mannered, and welcoming they have been. They are a credit to this community.

Congratulations Mr and Mrs Twigg!

A massive congratulations is extended to college business manager Nathan Twigg on his recent marriage to his lovely wife Samantha! Mr and Mrs Twigg were married at Waratah Lodge in Huntly last Saturday and Mr Twigg tells us all that Samantha is a very lucky lady!...

Building Works Update

The building works project continues to progress at a great rate with steel arriving this week and further concreting to take place in the next 7 days. By the end of today, the building team are hopeful that we will have the first couple steel pillars standing! It should be an exciting month or so for the students and staff of the college as we see a great deal of activity 'above the ground'.

All The Best Keira!

Staff and students of the college would like to wish former student Keira Lawry all the very best as she competes in the World Kettlebell Championships in Denmark! Go Keira!!!

Today's Photo

Today's photo shows the progress of the current building project.

Steve Leed—College
Principal



ACARA Trial

East Loddon has been selected by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA) to participate in an 'Item Trial'. The purpose of this trial is to evaluate potential NAPLAN test questions for use in future NAPLAN tests. These trials are conducted every year with schools carefully selected to ensure that a range of student backgrounds and abilities is represented.

This year, our **Year 3** and **Year 5** classes will be participating in the trial. The trial is about testing the questions, not about testing your child or their ability, and your child's results are not reported.

Students involved in the trial will sit two tests and these tests will be administered by external supervisors.

All students in the selected classes are expected to participate in the Item Trial unless they have been exempted or withdrawn from NAPLAN tests. ***If you have questions about your child's participation, please raise these with your school.***

Further information on the date and time of these trials will be distributed to families once finalised.

We appreciate the participation of your child in the Item Trial, as the results will help to ensure that NAPLAN tests are valid, reliable and fair for all students.



Hi all. This week we farewellled a bunch of our year 5/6 students who will be spending a week down at Somers camp. This camp has been going since the dinosaurs roamed the Earth, but to their credit, it keeps reinventing itself and students consistently return with reports of how awesome it was. To our 8 campers, we can't wait to hear your stories on return.

This week we have still had a few away with the covid and other illnesses, however there seems to be fewer and fewer which is good. I had a full class of year 12s

for the first time this term today, woo hooo. If kids weren't crook, they were likely on an excursion this week. We have had Junior cross country and 9/10 sports days in Bendigo, a VCE Ag excursion to Horsesham, A year 12 Chem excursion to Charlton and if you didn't do any of these, we had an excursion which allowed 9 of our senior students to attain their white card to work on construction sites. There's been so much on.

Year 7 and 10 students will receive vaccinations at school tomorrow as part of the regular rotation of im-

munisations. This does not happen without parental consent.

Next week is a bit quieter, however we host the Sandhurst division interschool x country at Sebastian next Friday AND its Do It For Dolly Day. See the attached flyer.

I hope everyone is enjoying the sunshine. Now that El nino has been given its marching orders, we are probably due to get buckets of rain. It doesn't look that way at the moment though.

Mr Wilko

Sub-School Updates

Junior

CROSS COUNTRY

Our 3/4 legends took on Bendigo on Wednesday for the big Fortuna Cross Country! We had a bunch of our finest runners competing against students across Bendigo. This is a massive day for our little athletes, who came back to school on Thursday exhausted! The weather was perfect, and students came back beaming about their run. A special mention to a few of our star runners.

Dusty B—7th place

Billie A—4th Place

Dusty will go on to the next division of the Cross Country to compete again.

GRADE 3 AGRICULTURE

Our Grade 3 students have eggs in the incubator now, and are waiting patiently to see the changes! The hens

that they are looking after are laying eggs consistently (about 2 a day), and the class is now raising some money by selling their eggs. This money goes directly back into the chickens and helps fund more food for them!

P/1/2 AGRICULTURE

Students in our junior years are continuing to learn about grains. This week they planted their own grains to see them grow in the classroom. We can't wait to see what happens!

THANK YOU!

Our P4 students were on a mission in the yard yesterday. Thank you to these students who spent some of their time to clean up our yard. So amazing!



Middle

Our Year 7 and 8 students are currently learning about energy in Science. Students have made elastic band powered cars which they will test next week. Some of our year 7 cars are featured below.

Math Pathways Update: Well done to the following students on their last test results—Logan R (267%), Payton H (300%), Jake W (267%), Jemma L (233%), Cooper W (267%), Evie B (300%), Darcie S (233%), Bayden L (200%), Noah S (200%), and Jacob T (200%).



Senior

Top Arts Folio Excursion

Y12 students participated in an excursion to



view the Top Designs portfolios at the Melbourne Museum as inspiration for their upcoming SAT folio work. Students were fortunate to look at the best folios in the state from 2023. Thanks Mrs Heaslip for organising this excursion.

Y12 Chemistry Practical Excursion

Students participated in a practical activity (The effect of temperature, concentration, and catalysts on reaction rates) at the Charlton College. This activity will form the basis of their next SAC. Thanks Mrs Johns for organising this excursion.

Construction Induction Card—White card course

I was so impressed to see 10 of our Y10 students participate in this course. It is qualification required for apprentice trades such as, the building, housing and plumbing and other industries. Students are now safe

to work on a building site. Congratulations!!! Pictured here.

VCE Ag & Hort Excursion

On Wednesday students travelled across to Horsham to the Longerenong College Data Farm. A total of 200 devices, 500 digital sensors/nodes and 30,000 data points collected daily from the Longerenong College Farm create our DATA Farm. Students accessed the Innovation Centre where they could observe and use technologies. Students then travelled to the Horsham SmartFarm. Students learnt about improving productivity and biosecurity outcomes for the grains industry through seed-to-landscape innovations and mitigating the impacts of climate change through the adaptation of cropping systems.



Primary Cross Country:

Well done to all students who competed at the Bendigo Race Course yesterday for the Sandhurst Primary Schools Cross Country. We had some amazing results, with at least 4 students who will be competing at LMR later this month. Thankyou to Shyann and Tahlia for their help on the day.

9/10 Sports Day

Today we had our year 9/10 students compete in the intermediate sports day. Students competed in both badminton and netball. They had a great day and displayed excellent sportsmanship.

It was great to see all students have a go and support one another.

Secondary Cross Country

On Friday the 10th of May we will have selected students compete in the Secondary cross country at the Sebastian Race Course.

Notes have been sent home, Please have consent and payment before the Friday the 10th.

Our VM students will be running a sausage sizzle and selling lollies and drinks, EFTPOS will be available in the day.

National Swimming Championships

During the school holidays the Addlem family travelled to Queensland to compete against the best swimmers in Australia at the Nationals.

Angus and Marley were very competitive and both came home with PB's. Well done!

SRC

Initiative supporting Dolly's Dream - next Friday

One of our SRC initiatives this month is supporting Do It For Dolly Day (next Friday 10th May), which is a day dedicated to bringing the community together, spreading kindness and uniting in taking a stand against bullying. Students are invited to **DRESS IN BLUE** on this day and bring along **A GOLD COIN DONATION** to provide to this fantastic foundation. Your donation will help raise much-needed funds for Dolly's Dream and support their anti-bullying initiatives and programs to schools that are helping to empower and educate our community about the power of kindness and bullying prevention.

Together we can make Dolly's dream a reality.

#DoltForDollyDay #BeKind
#EndBullying

ELP-12 Netball and Badminton Representatives



Canteen

		2024 April/May	
Fri 3rd	Michelle Balic Bec Cullen		
Mon 6th	Natalie Rose	Mon 13th	Chevron Heath
Tues 7th	Sue Pickles	Tues 14th	Sue Pickles
Wed 8th	Michaela Shrimpton	Wed 15th	Karen Pascoe
Thurs 9th	Sue Pickles	Thurs 16th	Sue Pickles
Fri 10th	Sam Ellis Shan Ralphs	Fri 17th	Sam Ellis Lisa Twigg