



## Upcoming Dates

June

10th-11th  
No School

Wed 12th

Fruit tree order forms  
due back

Fri 14th

Moggs Creek Adventure Camp that the permission forms and 1<sup>st</sup> deposit is due on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of June.

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Respect

Responsibility

Resilience

Relationships

## From the Principal

### Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

Students in their first full year of schooling will take part in an AEDC between June 10th and July 31st. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative and has been conducted nationally every three years since 2009, with more than 95% of schools participating. The first year of schooling provides the best opportunity to reliably measure how children and families are being supported across Australia. Further information regarding the AEDC will be forwarded to relevant families in due course.

### Can You Assist With Covering Books?

The college has a large number of books that need to be covered with clear contact soon and we are putting out another call-out to any mums, dads or carers who would be willing to assist with this. If you are willing to donate some time to assist with this, then please make contact with the college office about this.

### Airpods and Phones

Mobile phones and Airpods are almost a staple for a great number of students nowadays, but please know that this does not mean that they are required at school. Students of all ages should not be using a mobile phone at school unless it is specifically requested by a staff member. This is the same for Airpods! Whilst we know it is extremely difficult to fully enforce a No Mobile Phones & No Airpods policy, we do fully expect that students display a high level of respect and compliance when asked to put their phones and/or Airpods away. Please know that if your child is telling you that they are 'allowed' to use their mobile phone and/or Airpods at school, then there is a strong chance that they are actually lying to you!

If students have their mobile phone with them at school, they are most welcome to come to the office and ask for it to be placed in our school safe. The school is not responsible for any damage to phones/Airpods whilst they are on college grounds and we ask that all parents/carers speak with their child/ren about doing the right thing whilst at school.

### AtoSS—Student Attitudes to School Survey

Students in years 4 to 12 will undertake the annual Student Attitudes To School Survey over the next two weeks. This survey is undertaken each year as a way in which to garner student voice on a number of school related matters. The findings of the AtoSS also assist the college in moving forwards with the survey results forming a large part of the schools next Strategic Plan. Parents/carers of children in years 4—12 are asked to check the Compass News Feed that was sent earlier in the week.

### Fantastic Opportunity—Different Journey's

As mentioned last week, Different Journey's run Autism Peer Support social events, 'Blokes' dinners in Bendigo, and 'Carers Cuppa' events in Bendigo. I met with Daryl and Leah, who are keen to run a carers cuppa event in our local community during term 3, and I am keen to hear from those who may like to attend. I would love to know the time of the day that would suit you best, as well as the location that would best suit you.

If you have Autism yourself, or have a family member with Autism, then please let me know of any feedback you have with regard to this opportunity for a 'Carers Cuppa' catch-up.

Families may also like to check-out the Different Journeys website at [differentjourneysautism.com](http://differentjourneysautism.com) or take a look at their info on the BAAG Facebook page.

I am sure that you could also call Daryl on 0473584336 or Leah on 0478229321 if you have specific questions.

### Today's Photo

Today's photo shows the progress of the current building works. As you can see, there is quite a bit of the framework completed already!

Steve Leed—College Principal

## Spotlight on Humanities

Did you know the Humanities curriculum covers History, Geography, Economics, and Civics and Citizenship?

All P-10 students at East Loddon started with a focus on Geography in Term 1, exploring topics ranging from local and special places in the younger grades to the significance of water and different landscapes in Year 7 & 8, and even factors affecting human wellbeing across the globe in Year 10.

In Term 2, Year 3-10 classes shifted focus to either Economics or Civics. Civics in Year 3/4 involved learning about rules and laws in different situations, while Year 7&8 learned about the democratic system of government and Year 9 explored the features of the Australian government in more detail, include the process of law-making and passing a bill.

Economics in Year 5/6 had students investigating the difference between needs and wants, and surveying family and friends about employment, while Year 10 compared economic systems and examined the causes of economic problems, such as the Great Depression and current housing crisis.

Next semester the focus for all year levels will turn to history.

Humanities covers a broad range of concepts, helping students become more informed and engaged citizens, both locally and globally. It's an essential part of their education that prepares them for the world ahead!

## Assistant Principal News

We have a fair bit to squeeze into the last month of term. Most pressing is practice exams for our senior classes and a change of classes for all of the groups listed last week. More pressing for me, is that I need to construct a working timetable! Aggggh. That Aggggh is not the sighing style of aggggh, unfortunately. Its panic.

Next term we see the return of Frauline Burgstett and next semester (two weeks time) we welcome back Mr Kidman. Both of these staff members have been on an extended break from work, so it will be nice to see them back. I am sure Mr Kidman is buoyed by the recent form of his beloved Blues, so you will hear all about that. In other staffing changes, Miss Mitchell has been offered employment elsewhere and will not be returning following the break. We wish her all the best in her future endeav-

ours and she will be sorely missed.

What does this all mean for the classes that your kids take? Well for most kids it will mean nothing. For some though, the teachers that they have will change for timetabling reasons.

We had a visit today from 'Talk Money' which is presented courtesy of the Ecstra Foundation. Our presenter spoke to all students from years 5 to 10 about a range of age appropriate topics designed to prepare them for the world ahead of them. I sat in on the year 8 session and students were challenged to think about what money was and why and how it was used. They were also given some examples of how marketing can make you think you need items and encourage you to buy them, even if you didn't really need them. Older years focussed on topics such as Superannuation rights and

taxes. Interestingly our presenter was born in Afghanistan. He told the kids how his father instead of using money, traded sheep with farmers in return for a hand woven rug. Sheep=money. He was an interesting guy.

Can I remind all students again of some basic bus rules. Every child has a seat. Please sit in it and wear a seatbelt if one is fitted. No eating on the bus. This creates litter and in some buses has encouraged rodents. If there are issues on the bus, then you need to report it to the bus captain and/or driver, who will then report it to myself. Students who continually flaunt the bus rules will be refused travel. Unfortunately this has happened numerous times this year.

Kind regards and have a lovely weekend.

Mr Wilko

# Sub-School Updates

## Junior

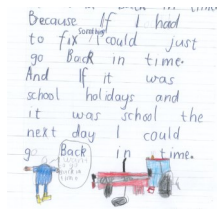
### 3/4 SCIENCE

In 3/4 Science students are learning about magnets and magnetic force. They have been exploring different properties of magnets, strengths of magnets and what things are magnetic. Their next big project is to design and make their own board game using magnets and magnetic force as an element of their game. Students have been designing some pretty incredible games so far. We can't wait to see what they all turn out like!



### WRITING

This week, students across P4 have been all writing about what superpower they would choose and why. It has been so fun to read exactly what powers are important to our young ones. Some of our favourites were the power to move cows into the paddocks quicker, super speed to go to the shops for mum or to help friends get to school faster!



## Middle

Today, our Year 7 and 8s competed at the Badminton competition, and our Year 7s competed at the netball day in Bendigo. All of our badminton teams won some games during the day, and our netballers came third overall.



Our Year 7 and 8's are creating a scale model of the distances between the sun and the eight planets in our solar system. Students made 1m in their model equal to 45,000,000km in the solar system, shrinking the distance to Neptune to 100m. In the photo below, you can see Jackson as the Sun, Jess as Mercury and, in the very far left corner, Fletcher out at Neptune.



## Senior

### Riders return

Last week while you were keeping warm indoors with heating or some form of heating device our Y9&10 Outdoor Recreation class were riding the hills of the Great Victorian Rail Trail. Students rode from Mansfield to Tallarook (120km) in 2 days. Students reviewed the camp this week in class stating that the food was great (chicken schnitzel burgers yum!), they enjoyed the down hills and appreciated the support of their class mates and staff (how sweet). They were also keen for the camp to go for longer ha ha. It wasn't all smooth riding though, we did mysteriously loose a bike tyre. Thanks Mr Leed for driving the bus and helping us enjoy our camp.



### Study tip

Create a 'to do list' of the tasks you need to complete. Use a workbook to record notes of each topic as per the Study Design (Key Knowledge and Key Skills). Read over these notes and aim to summarise them further.

### Repeat reminders: Y10, Y11 & Y12 practice exams

The practice exams are starting Monday and will spread across the next two school weeks. Staff are supporting students within their classes to prepare for these practice exams. If you require another copy of the timetable please let your teacher and / or myself know. Each of the practice exams will take place during class time.

### General Achievement Test GAT: Tuesday 18th of June

VCE students are required to attend meetings in Homegroup each Thursday and the VM class period 2 each Monday. We will discuss the GAT exam and practice questions, purpose and importance of the GAT, advice on how to prepare, materials, content, design of the exam, general tips and printed resources will be provided. If you need extra help please let me know.

### LMR Cross Country

On Tuesday 9 students travelled to St Arnaud to compete in the LMR cross country. Overall we had some excellent results, with 3 students finish in the top 20. Congratulations to all students who ran on the day. Well done to Marley A who came 2nd and Ruby C who finished 5th, they will compete in States on the 18th of June, amazing achievement!



### 7 Netball

Today we sent a team of year 7 and a couple of grade 6 girls to compete in the Sandhurst netball competition. The day started a little rocky with first aid needed before the competition had even started. The girls participated with resilience and enthusiasm to finish 3rd for the day!

### 7/8 Badminton

Today we also sent year 7 and 8's to Eaglehawk to compete in the Sandhurst Badminton competition. It was great to see the skill and sportsmanship from our students today with our year 8's finishing 4th and year 7's finishing 3rd.

**East Loddon P-12 College FRUIT & ORNAMENTAL TREE FUNDRAISER:**

Once again the East Loddon P-12 College Parents Association are running the **Fruit & Ornamental Tree Fundraiser**, providing members of our community with access to reasonably priced and excellent quality trees.

A digital list of available trees and order forms are available on Compass and the PA Facebook page.

Printed copies are available from the school office. Feel free to forward on forms to family, friends and neighbours.

**Orders along with payment need to be returned by Wednesday 12th June 2024** and the trees will be available for collection from the East Loddon P-12 College Carpark from mid-late July 2024. An exact date will be messaged to all orders closer to the time.

All trees with the exception of the listed container plants are bare rooted, so they will need to be planted in their forever home or in a temporary home soon after they are collected. If you are not around at the time of collection, you will need to arrange for someone to pick up and care for your trees.

A reminder to parents planning for their children attending the Moggs Creek Adventure Camp that the permission forms and 1<sup>st</sup> deposit is due on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> of June.

All information is on Compass and a hard copy has been given to all Yr 9 and 10 students.

Council is currently developing an Inclusive Communities Plan, which will include a broad range of recommendations and actions to help Loddon Shire be a more inclusive place for everyone.

Inclusive communities are places where everyone can access the information, opportunities, services and support that they need to live healthy and fulfilling lives.

To get there, we need to make sure that as many people as possible have the opportunity to share ideas for the inclusive communities they want to see in the future.

It is important that the Plan is informed by your voice so that it reflects the experiences, ideas and aspirations of our diverse community.

We're seeking input from the community until 23 June 2024.

**Canteen**

<b>Fri 31st</b>	Wendy Murphy Kristy Noonan	<b>2024 May/June</b>	
<b>Mon 3rd</b>	Karen Pascoe	<b>Mon 10th</b>	King's Birthday No School
<b>Tues 4th</b>	Heidi Ferguson	<b>Tues 11th</b>	No School
<b>Wed 5th</b>	Mel P	<b>Wed 12th</b>	Mel P
<b>Thurs 6th</b>	Sue Pickles	<b>Thurs 13th</b>	Sue Pickles
<b>Fri 7th</b>	Wendy Murphy Lisa Twigg	<b>Fri 14th</b>	Sam Ellis Wendy Murphy