Upcoming Dates

19th—23rd Book Week
19th Year 10 & 11 Subject Selection Expo 2.15-5pm
2020 Year 7 Parent Information 4-4.45pm
20th Ag&Hort Willera Merinos Excursion 12.45-4.30pm
Studio Arts Exhibition Focus Day 9-3pm
22nd Book Week Dress Up Day $2 donation
Primary Fortuna Athletics
Ag & Hort Glassons Grasslands Excursion 9.30-12.30pm
23rd Jeremy Forbes (HALT) 2.30-3.20pm
Staff & Community 3.30-4.30pm

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The department of education has updated their Schools’ Privacy Policy for all Victorian Government Schools. This is a policy that we adopt and I encourage parents to take a look over it. The policy should be attached to today’s newsletter email.

Our college will once again participate in this years Middle Year’s Development Instrument (MDI) Surveys as part of a whole Loddon Shire approach to gathering feedback on student wellbeing. This survey is administered to Year 4—9 students during the week ending August 30th. The MDI survey is something that we have participated in before and the data that we are able to gather from the survey assists in planning for future wellbeing initiatives at the college. The survey covers the topics of social and emotional development, feelings of connectedness to school, family, friends and communities, school experiences, physical health and well-being, and time use during the after-school hours. Notes regarding this survey are being sent to parents today.

A big thank you is extended to Will Hooke who came out for a double session on Monday morning and spoke to our Year 11&12 Ag and Hort students about genetics in Agriculture. The students will be heading to Hooke’s property on Tuesday 20th August to view their rams. Thanks Will!

Parent Opinion Surveys were sent home with 80 randomly selected students last week. If your family received one then we would very much appreciate your honest feedback ASAP. This survey has been extended and will now close on Sunday 18th August.

Both Mr Wilkinson and myself are attending the Victorian Principal Association State Conference in Melbourne today and tomorrow. There is a terrific line-up of speakers such as Wayne Schwass, Sharon Bown, Elise Morris and Fiona Morrison, with the conference focussing on ‘The courageous and creative leader’.

Teeth on Wheels will be returning to our school for 6 monthly dental visits. To make filling out the consent form easier you can now complete your child’s consent form online by following the link below. It only takes 5 minutes to complete - https://teethonwheels.com.au/consenteform

The date of the school’s dental visit will be starting on Monday the 16th of September 2019, so please ensure if you didn’t complete a form at the start of the year to have this completed you will need to do so ASAP! If you have any questions regarding the consent form or your child’s dental appointment please don’t hesitate to contact the Teeth on Wheels team on (03) 9338 1191.

My photo this week features important figures who are leading our upcoming capital building works Kristy Stone of the Victorian Schools Building Authority and Bruce Corrie of the Department of Education.

Hope you all have a great week.

Regards, Steve Leed

Student Progress Reports will be made available on Compass next Thursday

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

The study mentioned above was one key reason why South Australia began their popular Premier’s Reading Challenge, a program which Victoria now runs as well. Our school has proudly taken part in this initiative each year since it began.

So far this year, Mrs Drury has entered 2, 662 books! 73 have already completed the challenge.

What a massive effort from our little students from Prep through to Year 6 who have entered 2, 662 books! 73 have already completed the challenge. Our school has proudly taken part in this initiative each year since it began. Students from Prep through to Year 8 should hand in their completed reading logs to Mrs Drury by the 4th of September.

**Reading for pleasure improves maths ability**

Who would have thought it? A 2013 Centre for Longitudinal Studies research study found that children who read for pleasure made more progress in maths between the ages of 10 and 16 than those who rarely read. Moreover, they outperformed other students in the areas of vocabulary and spelling.

At East Loddon, we recognise that you can’t treat English and Maths (or any subjects) like they are separate. We often find that one subject leads nicely to another. Connecting our classes helps students to apply their knowledge and skills not only to other classes, but to their lives outside of school.

**Turkey Update**

On Sunday 11th August, the East Loddon Turkey group won the Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony at Inglewood. This was held a week before the actual Vietnam Veterans Day so that the Inglewood-Bridgewater RSL Sub-branch could also celebrate their 100th anniversary, which we attended as well. There we had the privilege of interviewing Dr Rob Webster, President of RSL Victoria, and Mal Gilmour, from Inglewood RSL, about their experiences in the Vietnam War, which was very interesting for all of us. A small group of us will also be attending the Vietnam Veterans Day ceremony at the Shrine of Remembrance next Sunday. Stay tuned for more updates!

**What:** Alice In Wonderland Production

**When:** Wed 18th September 2019

**Where:** College Gymnasium

Matinee performance – 1pm
Community BBQ – from 5.30pm
Students ready to perform – 6.30pm
Evening performance – 7pm

$10 per adult / $5 per school-aged children (other than EL students).

Students to travel home on buses after school (except SRC representatives and production leading cast who will be required to stay at school to assist with set up). All students are expected to report to classroom teachers in gym in costume no later than 6.30pm.

**Kids Friday Club – Term 3 2019**

(Supported by Bears Lagoon Anglican and Dingee Uniting Churches)

**KFC for Term 3 is set to begin next week.**

**When** – Beginning Friday August 23rd, 30th & Sept 6th and 13th straight after school til 5pm.

**Where** – Multipurpose room at the College

**Who** – Prep – Year 6 children all welcome

**Cost** – A gold coin donation per week. A one off donation for the term can be sent in an envelope to the office for the KFC team to collect.

**What to bring** – Shared afternoon tea (no nuts please) - eg. packet of savoury or sweet biscuits

**Notes** - KFC registration forms are available from the College office or from contacts below. A KFC newsletter will be distributed this week. Sign out note below...

**Bush Olympics** – Our annual Bush Olympics will be held on Sunday September 15th at Bears Lagoon – more info soon.

**Bus & sign out note for KFC Term 3 2019**

My child/children………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………will be attending KFC on Friday August 23rd, 30th, Sept 6th and 13th. Can you please take his/her/their name(s) off the bus roll. I will arrange private transport for him/her/them to be taken home at 5.00pm following KFC.

Nominated person to sign out………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Parent/Guardian name……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Parent/Guardian signature……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Parent/Guardian phone no……………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………

Date…………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………………
### Around ELP

**SRC Report**

Please remember to check the letter that was sent home at the end of last term regarding costumes for the production. This letter has also been uploaded to Compass for your reference. Students require all costumes written in the box beside their year level and can be brought to school in Week 7.

### Sports

**Upcoming Sports Days:**

- **Thursday 29th August**
  - Year 9/10 Basketball and Table Tennis
  - Permission forms to go out next week

- **Friday 6th September**
  - Year 5/6 Basketball Tournament

- **Monday 16th Sept.**
  - Bendigo Primary Division Athletics
  - (selected from Fortuna Athletics in Term 1)

- **Term 4:**
  - **10th Oct** - LMR Athletics (Secondary)
  - **14th Oct** - LMR Athletics (Primary)

- **Thursday 24th October**
  - East Loddon Inter-House Athletics Carnival

### Sub-School Updates

#### Junior

**Congratulations Chloe and Chloe!**

Chloe Tweed (Year 4) and Chloe Hare (Year 6) competed in the district level Lions Club public speaking competition on Sunday and made our school very proud. Well done, girls!

**Book Week**

Next week is book week. Please don’t forget that Thursday is a special dress up day. Students can come to school as their favourite book character and bring that book!

**Science Week**

Students in the P-4 sub-school have spent the week creating a whole host of new space related models. Photos of the finished products will feature in next week’s newsletter.

**Big Picture Novelty Events**

On Monday morning, a number of Year 7/8 students will be running a special event for our P-2 classes and kinder students. It is fair to say our students are looking forward to having some fun!

#### Middle

Last week, the Yr 7/8’s, went to the Bendigo stadium to play in a basketball tournament. The Yr 7’s went down to Bacchus marsh for the Ecolinc excursion. This week has been Science Week and Yr 5-8 got to have a session using robotics. And also some of the students from Yr 5/6 are on Somers camp and are having a great time.

**Year 7 2020 Parent Info Afternoon**

Monday at 4:00-4.45pm

**Science Week - Middle Years**

Thank you to Ms Pilkington and Science staff for their work.

Above: Presenting at Ecolinc
Right: Sphero robots on Mars

#### Senior

**Year 12 students are registered for VTAC.** We have started the VTAC process. I am gradually organising meetings with parents/guardians and students regarding this. I am keen to help parents/guardians understand this process and help students apply for courses, special early access schemes and scholarships. If you have any questions please let me know.

Mental Health Guest Speaker Friday August 23rd. Please contact Sarah Byrne for more information.

**VCE/VCAL/VET Information session**

Monday 19th August

- Year 10 students 2:15-2:45pm Room 30
- Year 10 & 11 students 2:45-3:20pm MPR

Parents & guardians welcome to attend all sessions. Please return the RSVP slip from notices that were distributed in July. Bendigo TAFE and La Trobe University will be presenting information from 3:30pm to approx. 5pm.

There is lots happening. Take care of each other.
### Canteen Roster

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| Fri 16th | Mel Primrose  
Natalie Rose |                |
| Mon 19th | Karolyn Campbell               | Mon 26th  
Belinda Clymo     |
| Tues 20th | Sue Pickles                    | Tues 27th  
Sue Pickles      |
| Wed 21st | Kylie Addlem                   | Wed 28th  
Penny Cockerell  |
| Thurs 22nd | Sue Pickles                   | Thurs 29th  
Sue Pickles      |
| Fri 23rd | Brian Duffy  
Miranda Smith | Fri 30th  
Kate Duncan  
Shannon Ralphs |

### Calendar AUGUST /SEPTEMBER

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Staff & Community 3.30-4.30pm |
| Mon 26th   | Tues 27th            | Wed 28th                | Thurs 29th            | Fri 30th              |
| 2020 Year 7 Parent Information  
4-4.45pm | | | Yr 9/10 Term Sports Day | Basketball Primary  
Ag & Hort Willera Merinos Excursion  
12.45—4pm |
| Mon 2nd    | Tues 3rd             | Wed 4th                 | Thurs 5th             | Fri 6th               |
| Year 1-7 Musica Viva Incursion | Year 11 GTA Biology Excursion | | | |
| Mon 9th    | Tues 10th            | Wed 11th                | Thurs 12th            | Fri 13th              |