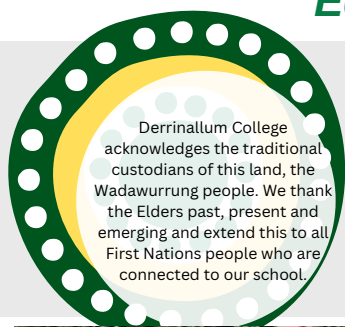


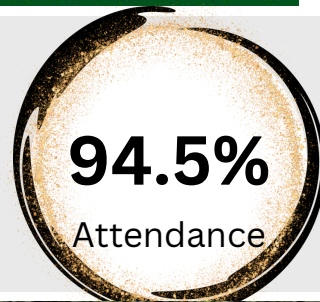
Derrinallum P-12 College



Edition 5 - March 1st, 2024



Try your best
Help others succeed
Respect our school



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1. The feeling we have about our kids every single day!



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL



Foundation students

A quick reminder that the foundation students will attend five days a week from next week.

Class Visits

I was feeling all the feels this week when I popped over to visit the 3-6 sports class. As part of an assignment, the VPC/VM Personal Development Skills class is helping Ms Moloney run the sports sessions. It was so beautiful to see the leadership of the VM students as they organised and participated in games. The smiles on everyone's faces were from ear to ear. Even the big kids like Billy and Pooley were having fun! Honestly, it was something that you wouldn't experience anywhere but Derri!

Learning Conversations

Thank you to those families who were able to attend the Learning Conversations. We greatly appreciate you coming in. This round was certainly the quietest I have known us to have but as I mentioned in our Compass post due to the weather conditions we didn't push families to come in the way that we normally would have. We did have several teachers who were unavailable so please feel free to contact the school to arrange for a catch-up which can happen in person, via video, over the phone, or by email.

School Sports:

As you will no doubt have heard and will read about in a little further on we did exceptionally well at last week's secondary interschool swimming! Today Ms Saudners and I are off to the Eureka Swimming with the primary students. There will be a write-up in next week's newsletter but if you can't wait that long, be sure to check out our Instagram.

School culture:

We have been working on our school culture for years now and it's something that hopefully will always be improving. It's fabulous that at the moment we are getting lots of external feedback about the positive vibes, good behaviour, and excellent attitudes of our students (and staff).



Yard Activities:

This year we have 3 staff who have volunteered to dedicate some time to organise activities for students during break times. Mrs Henderson is running sports activities in the stadium, Mr Green is opening the workshop and Mr Dally will host music/singing workshops. These will run at various times throughout the week and will cater to students with different interests. Over the next three weeks, we will also offer some athletics training for students to get involved with in preparation for our upcoming carnival.

Education Support position:

School Council has identified a gap in our staffing which we are hoping to fill with an Education Support position. You may have seen us share a call for Expressions of Interest via our newsletter and social media. The position would be a dynamic one that could adapt to meet the school's needs, meaning the staff member may not be doing the same thing from day to day. The position may involve supporting teachers on excursions by helping to coach teams or drive the minibus, working with individual or small groups of students, or even small maintenance tasks around the school. We have had some interest but if this sounds like a good opportunity for you or someone you know please get in touch to learn more.

School Council Fundraiser:

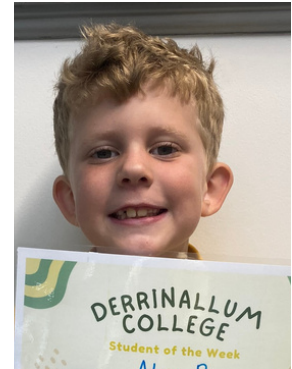
The School Council are working on a rather large fundraiser this year. The hope is to host a community dinner where a monster raffle will be drawn. This fundraiser will go towards updating the school's grounds with a particular focus on the north yard. Stay tuned for more information!

Flip Fityz:

This new attendance game is proving fun and the students are keen to find out who's been flipped each week.

Caitlyn Fitzgerald - Principal

STUDENTS
of the month



Alex
Primary



Jake
Secondary

FLIP
AZLI

Scarlett was last week's secondary winner. She flipped Mrs Niblett so the major prize is still on the board!





NEWSLETTER



Delivery

You can pick up a copy of our newsletter at the following locations:

- the Library
- the Post Office
- Foodworks
- Derri Take Away

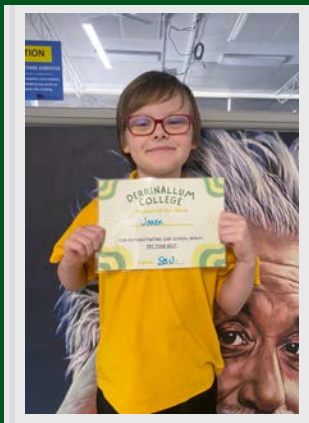
Delivering the newsletter this week is Sandra Torney.

Newsletters can also be received in soft copy by request, on Compass or located on our website.

Driver Reviver Volunteers

Can you help the Lismore & District Lions Club staff the Driver Reviver over the weekend?

The School Council would like to run a cake stall on Saturday 9 March. Can you donate a slice and/or 2 hours of your time to help run the stall? Contact the office or Sam Horner for more details.



Jaxen



Archer



Finn



Alaska

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



MEET OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM

I was recently asked about how staff get a position on our leadership team so, I wanted to explain what we look for in a leadership member and share some of the credentials of the hard-working team. All leadership positions are run through formal processes in which staff apply. The Assistant Principal position in which Ms. Moloney is currently acting was an externally run merit and equity process in which a principal from another school was a member of the panel.

The three team leader positions are open to any staff member (not just teachers) who is employed at the school. All applicants submit a two-page application addressing these key selection criteria-

1. Ability to contribute to strategic school improvement.
2. Ability to contribute to all aspects of the school (achievement, engagement, wellbeing). Including problem-solving and stepping in to help when needed.
3. Demonstrated ability to support staff and students to identify solutions to a range of challenges.
4. Demonstrated high-level teamwork skills.
5. Demonstrated ability to work autonomously and meet agreed deadlines.

Ms Sharni Moloney

Position: Acting Assistant Principal

Teaching experience: 8 years

Credentials: Masters in Specialist Inclusive Education, Sounds-Write, Literacy for Learning school leader, Berry Street trained, Yarrame- Understanding Attachment and Trauma, PLC Team Leader, VIT Effective Mentoring Program, Young Leaders, Achievement Team Leader.

Portfolios: Daily org, timetabling, NAPLAN, VIT, graduate teacher and permission to teach mentor, Tutor Learning Initiative, prac teachers, VET/VPC/VCE/VASS administration, student data, School Wide Positive Behaviours implementation support, staff well-being.



Mrs Liz Johnstone

Position: Practise Team Leader

Teaching experience: 25+ years

Credentials: Primary Coorindnator, Literacy Leader, Sounds-Write, PLC Leader, Mental Health First Aid, VIT Effective Mentoring Program, Lookout Designated Teacher, Year Coorindator, High-Performance Learning Culture, CUST, Bastow Leading Literacy, Mentor text trained, RRRR trained, Practise Team Leader.

Portfolios: Curriculum Framework, Peer Observations, Reporting, Instructional Model, Data analysis, Regional Numeracy Community of Practise, Graduate mentoring, staff well-being.



Mrs Stacey Henderson

Position: Culture Team Leader

Teaching experience: 17 years

Credentials: Sports Coordinator, VCE Coordinator, 7/8 Coordinator, Transitions Coordinator, Camps, and excursions, student mentoring & coaching, Outdoor Education.

Portfolios: School Wide Positive Behaviours Implementation, opinion surveys, data, Graduate teacher mentor, Sports Coordinator Mentor, Advocacy Program, Yard, Staff and Student well-being.



Ms Linda Grills (currently on leave)

Position: Connection Team Leader

Teaching experience: 20 years

Credentials: Sounds -Write, Mental Health First Aid, Disability Inclusion trained, Individual Education Learning Plans training, VIT Effective Mentoring Progam, NCCD trained, PLC Leader, Year level coorindator, Camps and excursions leader, RRRR trained, Mentor text trained, Engagement team Leader

Portfolios: Staff and Student well-being, Disability Inclusion, transitions, SRC, assemblies, attendance, Student Support Services Key contact, Student Support Group Coorindation, Integration Aides, NCCD, Student & staff well-being



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$150 for primary school students
- \$250 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/programs/Pages/csef.aspx>

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the website below.

If you applied for CSEF at your child's school last year, you do not need to complete an application form this year unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools this year.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing this year.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



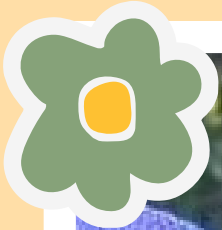
Congratulations to our 2024 Student Representative Council



Amy P
Lorelai H
Archer S
Alex C
Lily W
Lexie H
Absent: Daisy P



All About Me



Name: Charlene

Fun Fact About me

I joined the Royal Australian Navy when I was 18 and served as a medic. I was deployed to Pakistan to deliver humanitarian and medical aide

I teach: Auslan



AFL team:
COLLINGWOOD

My Favorite ...

Food: tacos, butter chicken & Pho

Pet: 3 crazy dogs, 2 cats, 3 lambs & a calf

Colour: Neon pink, or any bright colours really



Places I've travelled :

Bali, Christmas Island & Pakistan





DERRINALLUM SWEEPS THE POOL!

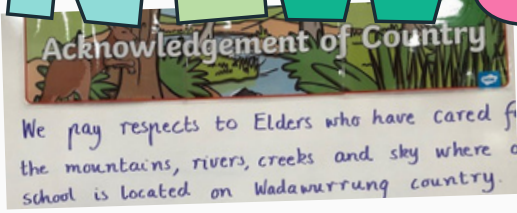


On the 23rd of February, students from Derrinallum participated in the MWC swimming event at the Mortlake swimming pool. Our students displayed exceptional teamwork, enthusiasm, and support for each other, both in and out of the water. The team's hard work and dedication paid off as they won **FIVE** Age Group Championships, thanks to the outstanding performances of Charlotte H, Bailey C, Natasha H, Jake B, and Lorelai H. Jake broke three records, including one of his own records, which was a remarkable achievement. We also won the Handicap Shield, an award for points per school size, which was a significant accomplishment that we haven't been able to achieve for some time. Congratulations to all team members for their impressive performance and dedication!



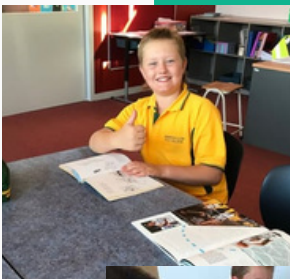
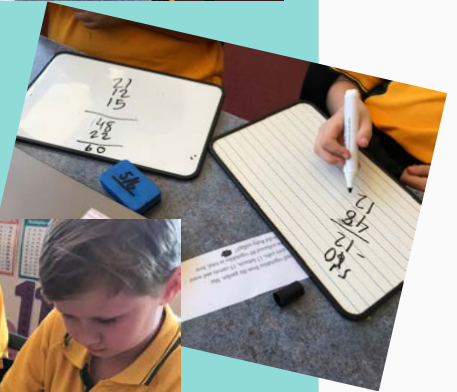
GRADE 5-6

NEWSLETTER



We have settled well and understand the routine and expectations of our classroom. Our learning so far has centred around Reading strategies such as Authors' Intent, making connections and next week- visualising. In writing we have been conscious of Word Choice in order to engage the reader, and Punctuation.

Place Value and the four operations have been the main focus in Maths and 'finding-the-maths' in word problems, identifying the operations and sharing strategies to solve.



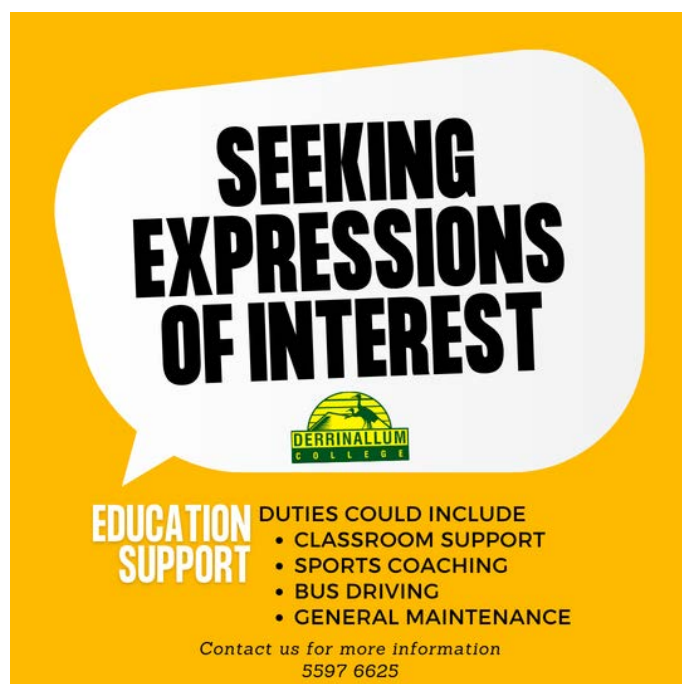
Bulb FUNDRAISER

**We are fundraising through Tesselaar
for improvements to the North Yard.**


Go online to place your order at:
www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/DERRCOLL

Campaign end date: 22/3/2024

Products are available to order until this date unless
sold out prior.



**SEEKING
EXPRESSIONS
OF INTEREST**



**EDUCATION
SUPPORT** DUTIES COULD INCLUDE

- CLASSROOM SUPPORT
- SPORTS COACHING
- BUS DRIVING
- GENERAL MAINTENANCE

Contact us for more information
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DATES FOR THE DIARY



CALENDAR

| Week 6 | Week 7 | Week 8 | Week 9 |
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| Monday 4th March | Monday 11th March Labour Day Public holiday | Monday 18th March | Monday 25th March |
| Tuesday 5th March VPC/VM Field Days Excursion Student Leaders Congress Excursion | Tuesday 12th March MWD Triathlon | Tuesday 19th March Yr 7 & 10 Immunisations | Tuesday 26th March House Athletics |
| Wednesday 6th March | Wednesday 13th March NAPLAN starts | Wednesday 20th March School Council | Wednesday 27th March |
| Thursday 7th March | Thursday 14th March | Thursday 21st March | Thursday 28st March Last day of term |
| Friday 8th March Principal Area Forum SALT careers incursion | Friday 15th March Careers Expo yrs 9-12 | Friday 22nd March GWR Swimming | Friday 29nd March Good Friday |