Principal’s Report

School Council Election 2015
At this week’s meeting we elected our office bearers for the next 12 months and Narelle Uren was once again elected School Council President and Vicky French was elected Vice President. Congratulations to Narelle and Vicky and we sincerely thank them for making this commitment to leading our School Council. Our new School Council is Narelle Uren (President), Vicky French (Vice-President), Jenni Gordon, Leanne Mulaney, Kaye Ormsby, Sharon Pyke and Gary Poole (Parent members) and Janette Devlin, Zach Gellie and Alan Coffey (DET members). Once we have filled our 3 Co-opted Community positions we will have full membership of this very important leadership team. Thank you to outgoing members Sharon Young, Eliza Ogden, Peter Grech and Lesley Brown for their service to the College.

Konnichwa
You may not be aware that Mrs Blomeley, Mr Stephen and 6 students from our College and 3 from Mortlake P-12 College are on a 9 day Study Tour to Japan. The staff and students are visiting Tokyo, Yokohama, Kanazawa and Kyoto to broaden their knowledge of Japanese culture and to enhance their language skills. Mrs Blomeley is keeping us posted via facebook of the group’s adventures. We look forward to the groups return to hear of their once in a lifetime experience.

Parent Involvement
Continuing on from last year’s success it was encouraging to see 29 families participate in this Semester’s Parent Teacher Interviews. You may remember in Semester 1 last year we had 25 families attend and an overwhelming 34 families participated in Semester 2. If you were unable to attend and would like to discuss your child’s progress at school, please contact the College to arrange a time to meet with the teachers.

Last week’s inaugural Family Maths Night was also very well attended with many of our school families enjoying the evening’s activities. Your participation and involvement in these important activities reinforces the value of education to your children and invigorates the staff.

Positions Vacant
We are currently seeking a Chief Examination Supervisor and an Assistant Examination Supervisor. If you are interested in obtaining a copy of the position description for either position please contact the College office. Closing date for the applications is March 26th 2015.

Parents and Friends
Last year the Parents and Friends Association was put into ‘recess’ and School Council established the Parents Fundraising subcommittee as a short term replacement. It was decided last year, that we would review the situation in line with the school council election process to determine if the levels of interest and support were sufficient to re-establish the PFA. If you are interested in reforming the Parents and Friends Association please leave your name and contact details at the office before 3.30pm next Thursday. We would require a President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, so if you are interested in becoming one of the office bearers, please include that information as well.

Thank You
I would like to take this opportunity, on behalf of the students, to thank community member Jim Anderson for his generosity in volunteering to complete a number of maintenance/ improvement jobs around the school.

Stop Press!
Alan Coffey - Principal

Have a look at Mr Dally and our students in action in the autumn edition of the CPA Brigade magazine.
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COUPLES
Rhiannon Glyn Jones partnered by Simon Cameron
Faith Gordon partnered by Aidan Gardiner
Brianna Poole partnered by Devon Coates
Joe Pyke partnered by Jasmine Gardiner
Jayde Neil partnered by Tyler Maslin
Nikita McDonald Partnered by Jesse McDonald
Maggie Turner partnered by Ben Carr

Flower Girl—Neave Thompson
Page Boy—Dillon Gordon

MID WEST COMPLEX TRIATHLON
On Thursday 5th March Secondary students participated in the MWC Triathlon.
One team competed on the day (junior boys – Max Uren - swimming, Jeremy Jackman - bike ride and Fred Galea -runner) and we also had Simon Cameron compete as an individual completing all three legs on his own!
Thanks to all students who participated for their efforts, and Ken Smith for his help on the day.
Overall results were that our junior boys team finished in a time of 74.5 min and Simon finished in a time of 57.11 min.
Once again, well done to all our competitors on the day.
Russell Moyle - Sport Coordinator

2015 - Term Dates
Term 1, 28 January to 27 March
Term 2, 13 April to 26 June
Term 3, 13 July to 18 September
Term 4, 5 October to 18 December
Derrinallum P-12 College Community Newsletter. March 20th, 2015.

**On The Buses**

Parents must advise the school Bus Co-ordinator of any changes to their child/children’s bus travel. It is imperative that these changes are submitted in writing to the school library on the day of, or before students make any changes to bus travel, to ensure the safety of students. Parents must collect their children from the school office if they are not changing buses or not travelling on the bus on these occasions.

Students on the Dundonnell and Vite Vite Pura Bus lines now have a seating arrangement which must be strictly adhered to until further notice. Please find attached a copy of Change of Bus Travel forms for your convenience. Gaye Robinson-Marks

**Mr Smith’s Maths Problem!**

Last week’s question was:

Joe and Dru have $51 altogether but Joe has $7 less than Dru. How much money does Dru have?

ANS: $29

For those who wish to get their mathematical minds thinking, try finding an answer to this week’s question:

Three consecutive numbers (three numbers in a row-1, 2, 3 or 8, 9, 10) add up to 60. What is the middle number?

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**MWD Swimming**

On Wednesday 5th March the MWD Swimming Carnival was held in Beaufort. Overall, the students participated enthusiastically and we had 15 of our secondary students attend on the day.

Derrinallum College finished in second place in the handicap shield which was a very pleasing result, given that due to our small numbers we still can’t fill all the events. Overall, Luke Bolac won the handicap and Hawkesdale won the Aggregate Shield. Well done to those two schools.

Thanks to all students and staff who participated or helped out on the day, in particular Ken Smith and Fiona Noone.

We had some excellent individual performances on the day with Simon Cameron winning the open 100m freestyle and placing second in the 16 Year Old Breaststroke (Simon placed second to a Beaufort student and Beaufort does not compete in our division at the next level so Simon will represent the Mid-West Complex in this event). Simon also finished second in his age group championship. Well done, Simon.

Liam Maslin won the 13YO Boys Breaststroke and Max Uren placed second in the 13YO Boys Freestyle (once again to a Beaufort student). Liam and Max also go on to represent the Mid-West Division at the Greater Western Swimming in Warrnambool on Wednesday 25th March.

Good luck boys.

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**Bendigo Bank**

Please note that we have changed our official bank account from ANZ to Bendigo Bank effective immediately. New details are:

Derrinallum College Council Official Account
BSB 633 000

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**Greater Western Golf**

On Friday 6th March Josh Anderson travelled to Ararat to the Chalambar Golf Club to compete in the Greater Western Division Golf Tournament.

Josh performed extremely well in this event, having 88 shots off the stick with a handicap of 8 giving him a net score of 80 (Josh commented it was very windy at the course with very tight fairways so if you missed the drive by a small margin you were in trouble). This placed Josh ninth overall on the day (behind the winner who had a 65 net score) and Josh will now go on to compete at the State Golf Championship.

Well done to Josh for this outstanding effort and good luck Josh at the State Final in May.

Thank you, also to Rosemary for making the effort and time to get Josh over to Ararat for the competition.

Russell Moyle

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**Students of the Week**

Neave Thompson for her excellent spelling work when sequencing sounds.

Pippa Britton for working hard to learn how to add 5 digit numbers.

Matthew Morrison for showing attentive listening during sport.