Student Input
We recently had 49 of our 52 students from Year 5 to Year 12 complete the student Attitudes to School Survey. This survey provides schools with valuable data on students' views of their wellbeing, teaching and learning and school in general, in order to support school improvement. The results should be available in July.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual national assessment for all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. All students in these year levels are expected to participate in tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. NAPLAN is the measure through which governments, education authorities, schools, teachers and parents can determine whether or not young Australians are meeting important educational outcomes in Literacy and Numeracy. We urge you to ensure that your children are at school on the testing days Tuesday May 12th Language Conventions and Writing, Wednesday 13th May Reading and Thursday 14th May Numeracy.

2014 Annual Report to the School Community
School Council will present the 2014 Annual Report to the School Community at 7.00pm on Wednesday the 17th of June. The Annual Report is prepared to inform parents and the wider school community of the School’s successes, activities and achievements throughout the year. Please contact the College for a copy of 2014 Annual Report, view it on the school website or you are welcome to attend the presentation evening in June.

New Smoking Bans
New regulations regarding smoking in Victoria came into effect from the 13th of April 2015. Smoking is banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987. A similar ban applies to the entrances and grounds of Victorian child care centres and kindergartens. We thank you for your cooperation in complying with these new regulations.

Parents and Friends
Last term an article inviting parents interested in reconvening the Parents and Friends Association was in the school newsletter. Unfortunately, we had no calls from parents regarding the 2 office bearer positions or membership. Therefore, the Parents and Friends Association will go into 'recess' until the School Council Election process in March 2016.

Every Day Counts
Student attendance is a key performance indicator of student engagement and wellbeing and we are striving to improve our attendance rates and minimise our student absence rates. Thanks to all of the parents who advise us when their child/ren are absent. We hope the SMS messaging system is a convenient method of communication.

Alan Coffey - Principal

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Food Safety Level 1 $95
Responsible Service of Alcohol $75

Please enrol me in:  Food Safety Level 1 $95
                     Responsible Service of Alcohol $75
                     Total____

Name:__________________________
Address:_________________________________________________________________
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Phone:_________________________

This training will provide assessment of both skills and knowledge to the learners.
Gym and fitness equipment needed!!

Derrinallum P-12 College is currently undergoing construction to build a gym/fitness centre for the students. We are already in possession of some equipment to be used, however, we are asking that if you no longer need or want equipment you have at home or know somebody wishing to get rid of equipment, the school and the students would greatly appreciate donations.

Mr Smith’s Maths Problem!

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Last week’s question was:
I am a 2 digit number that can be divided by 2 with no remainder. My first digit is double my second digit. My 2 digits add up to 6. What number am I?
ANS: 42

For those who wish to get their mathematical minds thinking, try finding an answer to this week’s question:
A class of 23 students has 7 more boys than girls in it. How many girls are there in the class?

Students of the Week

Campbell Greig for his great reading work.
Liam Harper for his great persuasive writing.

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House Athletics 2015

On Thursday 23rd April the Derrinallum College House Athletics were held. This was a very enjoyable day, with the overall final result being Banongil/Larra 832 points and Gala/Titanga 770 points. Well done to Banongil/Larra. The winner of the Maurice Heard Memorial Trophy P-6 division was Matt Morrison on 55 points. Olivia Loader was the winner of the Secondary division with 43 points. Well done to both of these students.

The individual champions were as follows;
Junior Primary Female – Neave Thompson
Junior Primary Male – Mekenzy Dixon
Intermediate Primary Female – Pippa Britton
Intermediate Primary Male – Matt Morrison
Senior Primary Female – Eve Britton
Senior Primary Male – Ned Uren
Junior Secondary Female – Stella Cameron
Junior Secondary Male – Liam Maslin
Intermediate Secondary Male – Jason Torney
Intermediate Secondary Female – Emma Jacobsen
Senior Secondary Female – Olivia Loader
Senior Secondary Male – Ash Spillman

There were also several new records set for the day as follows;
Eve Britton – 800m
Neave Thompson – Long Jump, Vortex, Shot put
Matt Morrison – Discus, Long Jump, Triple jump
Pippa Britton – Triple Jump
Dom Young – Discus

Congratulations not only to the individual record breakers but also to all students for their efforts on the day. Several comments were made to me throughout the day as to the excellent nature of the student’s competition and effort levels and student behaviour was extremely high throughout the day. Well done to all students.

Thank-you also to all staff members for their assistance on the day.

Lastly a big thank you to all parents and grandparents who helped and supported on the day as without your help we would not be able to run this carnival. Your support is greatly appreciated. I won’t name you individually, but you know who you are!

Overall, the weather was perfect and an excellent day was had by all.
Russell Moyle - Sports Coordinator -Derrinallum P12 College