Long Service Leave
This week we farewelled Ken Smith who is on Long Service Leave for three and a half weeks. Ken and his son will be visiting England and France and will no doubt have a fabulous time. Ken will be returning to the real world on June 8th with countless stories of his travels.

NAPLAN
Students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have this week undertaken the NAPLAN assessment. These are a compulsory set of tests that measure individual students’ progress and overall school performance. The data generated allow us to plan future direction for the school, identifying strengths and weaknesses in our curriculum program. It needs to be remembered that NAPLAN is only one set of data used to measure student progress and should be used in conjunction with other forms of assessment—both formal and informal, to accurately gauge a student’s achievement.

Technology Excursion
Tuesday saw our senior Art and Technology students visit Top Arts and Top Designs in Melbourne. They travelled with Diana Vanderson, Rod Rantall and Andrew Stephen. The inspiration gained through this experience will contribute to the fabulous art and design works produced by our students. Thanks to all involved in providing this opportunity.

Regional X-Country - Primary
Today, we have 3 primary students representing our school in the regional cross-country held in Ballarat. We wish Ned Uren, Matthew Morrison and Will French all the best. They will do our school proud.

Next week, the 9-10 Sport class will be undertaking a canoe trip on the Glenelg River. All the practice at the Lismore Pool and Lake Purrumbete will hopefully come to fruition on this overnight paddling and camping trip. Students will travel with Russell Moyle and Penne Grant.

Acting Principal Position
As you would be aware, an Acting Principal Position has been advertised throughout the region while Jackie takes leave to be with her husband. Applications closed today and an appointment will be made early next week. The intention is that the successful applicant will begin Monday 23rd May.

Year 9/10 Camp
A reminder that the Year 9-10 camp begins on May 23rd. They will be travelling to Molside on the Glenelg River.

School Photos
School photos are on May 31st. Photo envelopes have gone home with students today and Family Photo envelopes are available from the school office. Please ensure neat and tidy correct winter uniform is worn.

Teacher Aides
From time to time, one of our staff members (teachers, teacher aides or ES) will be absent for a particular reason. We have a few Casual Replacement Teachers, CRTs, which we can call on when a teacher is absent but at the moment we do not have any community members that we can call on to replace any of our teacher aides. If anyone is interested in filling in on any such occasion, please contact me at the College to arrange a quick chat about how this might work. You do not have to have any formal qualifications to do this but it is obvious that you need to have an interest in children’s education and a current Working With Children’s check. Please contact me if interested.

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**BRICKS**

Building Resilience In Corangamite Kids

On the 8th of June 2016, Year Nine students from Derrinallum P-12 College will be participating in the BRICKS program at the Derrinallum Kinder building. Lunch will be provided free of charge.

The BRICKS program is an early intervention and preventative program to recognise and strengthen the personal assets of young people in the Corangamite Shire. BRICKS is a program which aims to improve the emotional resilience of adolescents. It’s a collaborative approach that integrates a number of sectors, local government, health services, youth services and local secondary schools.

The program has a student centred approach and provides an opportunity for young people to develop their own skills and self-awareness around anxieties, mental/physical health and overall wellbeing. BRICKS assists in building on an individual’s capacity to “bounce back” from a situation and knowledge of how to better manage their own pressures/choices/expectations.
VCE and Careers Expo 2016

Last Sunday I went to the 2016 VCE and Careers Expo at Caulfield Racecourse. Many of Australia’s top universities were there showcasing their courses as well as other organisations that are involved in VTAC applications and overseas study options. It was a great experience and I would recommend next year’s event to all students.

Simon Cameron

Some tips on parenting in an electronic world

Establish electronic curfews. Creating “blackouts” encourages families to do things together and forces kids to get creative with their free time and to have a set bedtime. With preschoolers, unplugging the power strip from the wall and claiming a “power failure” is an easy way to do it. For older kids, a more foolproof option we love is BreakTime, an app from myi (myi.com), a service that lets users customize their household’s internet usage. BreakTime allows families to put the internet on hold for a length of time on any device (mobile phones, computers, gaming systems, tablets) that receives a connection. www.parenting.com

No electronic devices in bedrooms at night. This will allow for a much more restful sleep and ensure children are getting the sleep they need.

Treat your Facebook profile like the family home. Most parents know the basic rules of social networking:

Don’t post photos of your children that may be inappropriate or embarrassing (that photo of your son in the bathtub will still be online when he’s in junior high), and don’t divulge the detailed comings and goings of your family.

Facebook allows you to customize settings, so you only share what you’re comfortable with. Think of your profile as your home. You wouldn’t let a third party determine when to lock the doors or close the blinds, would you?

To get started, click “account,” then “privacy settings”. If you post photos or videos of your children online, set the filter to “friends only” (the default setting is “everyone”). I suggest talking to friends and family about what you’re comfortable with them posting.

Create a family tech zone. The family computer should be in a high-traffic area that can be easily supervised (not in a bedroom or hidden alcove). Downloadable filters and parental controls can’t be relied on.

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SPORTS

It is so windy I thought I was going to blow away! When we were doing shot put and discus it nearly went the wrong way. The tent and the speaker blew away, well the tent blew away the speaker blew off the stand. We had to move them into the bus shelter!

When we were lining up for the events we were freezing cold!

For triple jump my mum was the helper. I even made a new friend from Rokewood and we did heaps of thumb wars. It was so windy that Mrs Johnstone had to chase a piece of paper into a bull paddock.

In conclusion it was a fun day and it was funny when the tent and speaker fell down wasn’t it?

By Anna

Inter-School Athletics

The teams rolled in for the Athletics. Skipton, Rokewood and Lismore all came out to the oval to try to win the day. As we got ready and got in our groups the wind howled and wasn’t proving to be a great help.

Our first event was long jump. I came 5th with my last jump which I also fell over with. We wandered over to the 100 metre sprint for our second event. We had 2 heats and I came 4th with my heat. Next was shot put.

My biggest throw was 8 metres and I came 4th.

We were ahead on time so we had a 2 hour break. I headed to the canteen for a drink and soon we were back to the events for discus. My first throw went 11 metres. I went back for a run-up on my second attempt and threw 14.78 metres, I was in second place. I ran up again but couldn’t beat my previous throw. I ended up coming third.

I got my ribbon and went to triple jump. I had my three goes and came 5th. We then had an hour break so I had lunch again from the canteen. I filled my stomach and was ready for my last event, the 200 metres.

My name got called, I walked to my starting point, READY! I had a deep breath, SET! I lined up, GO! I took off but all the other kids pasted me. I kept going though. I crossed the line. I was 5th. At least it wasn’t last.

We went in the P.E. stadium for the final results. Lismore came 4th, Rokewood came 3rd, we came 2nd and we were no match for Skipton who came 1st. They called up the high jump winners and I came 2nd for jumping 1.10 metres. All up it was an enjoyable day and I had a great time but it might have been better if not for the wind.

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