Have Your Say
The Parent Opinion Survey will be distributed next week to randomly selected families to complete and return to the school. The surveys are totally confidential and provide valuable feedback on many areas of school operations. I ask you to take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school.

Last year we had a 66% return rate which was down on the previous year’s result of 76% and we would like to improve on that result.

As an added incentive to complete the survey, if you return your survey, your family will go into the draw for one of five $20.00 gift vouchers. Please return your completed survey to school by Monday the 3rd of August.

Thank you for taking the time to participate, your assistance is greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact Ken Smith if you have any questions or queries about the survey.

New Wellbeing Coordinator
I would like to introduce to you our new Wellbeing Coordinator, Celia Rous. Celia is at the College on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the remainder of the year. Celia will be delivering educational programs to improve student emotional, social and behavioural wellbeing. We wish Celia all of the best in her new position.

Secondary Pathways Evening
Once again this year we are holding a Secondary Pathways Information Evening for parents and students at 6.00pm on Wednesday the 12th of August. Staff will present information regarding the range of pathways available for our secondary students. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially parents of years 7 to 12 students.

On Display
The College has donated a glass display cabinet and some art easels, to the History Rooms to assist them in presenting some of the many artefacts that they have on display to the community. I feel this small contribution to support a valuable community group of volunteers, reflects the support the school community has towards the work the group does.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 20th August is the date set for the Parent Teacher Interviews. The meetings are a great opportunity for parents to discuss the progress of their children with teachers.

If at any time you wish to contact one of your child’s teachers to discuss your child’s progress please contact the classroom teacher first and then if necessary the Year Level Coordinator.

The Year Level Coordinators are:
- Prep - 6 Mr Dally
- Year 7/8 Mrs Grant
- Year 9/10 Mr Gellie
- Year 11/12 Mr Sturmfels

Facelift
If you were unable to make the ‘walk around’ it is not too late to collect an A3 map of the school grounds from the front office. Members of the School Council will meet early in August with a consultant to capture these ideas and commence developing a ‘Master Plan’ to enhance the school grounds.

Sayonara/Auf Wiedersehen
I am writing my last newsletter article for Derrinallum P-12 College many years earlier than I had imagined. As you are aware, I have accepted a new position as Principal of Rainbow P-12 College, starting Monday the 27th of July.

It has been a difficult decision for me to make considering the friendship, loyalty and dedication shown to me by you and the progress we are making in school improvement.

We are blessed with wonderful students, dedicated staff and supportive parents so it has been a difficult decision for me to leave at this time, however, I have the opportunity to continue doing the work that I love and living in a climate I am more familiar with.

In the words made famous by the Swedish philosophers, ABBA “Hasta Manana ‘til we meet again. Don’t know where, don’t know when”.

Thanks for all of the support you have shown the College during my time as Principal and it is vital that everyone continues to support Ken Smith and the team and promote the school and state education.

Alan Coffey - Principal

VCAL Organised RSA & FS1 At Derrinallum P-12 College
C.F.T. International will be running Food Safety Level 1 and Responsible Service of Alcohol at the College on Tuesday 18th August 2015.
If you are interested in obtaining one or both of these certificates please contact Nicole or Gaye at Derrinallum P-12 College on 55976625 or complete the form below and return to the College by August 3rd. Times to be confirmed.

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

Please enrol me in:
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This training will provide assessment of both skills and knowledge to the learners.

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
Mr Smith’s Maths Problem!

Last week’s question was: If I am up in a coconut tree throwing coconuts on to the ground, then selling them for ten cents each, how many coconuts do I need to sell to buy a book worth $30? Answer: 300.

This week’s question is: If a person’s car has 20 banana peels in it and they take up one-quarter of the car’s space, how many more banana peels will it take to fill the inside of the car?

Students of the Week

Tarryn Docherty for her excellent use of reading strategies.
Jaidyn Morrison for working extremely hard in reading groups.
Jayden Tonks for working hard to master his subtraction.

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for your local primary school, secondary school or Early Learning Centre. Derrinallum P-12 College supports all local business, but we know there are times when you shop at Woolworths. Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs. It’s simple to participate. From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your local school or at your local Woolworths.

We can then redeem your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources for our school. A sticker card is attached for your convenience.

List of Open Day Date, 2015

Below is a list of Open Day dates for universities this year which I encourage senior students to attend. Please check the relevant website or see me for more information. This is not a full list – smaller institutions will have their own Open Days as well.