Principal’s Report

My First Week
Well, my first week in the chair is almost over and I eagerly await the chance to do it all again next week. I have spent much of the week talking to students, staff and parents about a variety of topics, ranging from plans for the Northern side of our school to how we can improve the education that is offered at this school. Regardless of the topic that is being discussed, it is important that the results or solutions that come about all relate back to the education, welfare and wellbeing of our students.

Have Your Say
During the week, Parent Opinion Surveys were distributed to 40 randomly selected families who were asked to complete them and return them to the school by next Wednesday. The surveys are totally confidential and provide valuable feedback on many areas of school operations. It would be fantastic to get most of the surveys back and, as an incentive, those that return the survey will go into the draw to win one of five $20.00 gift vouchers. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

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.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 26th 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 school to arrange a suitable time. If you have an enquiry about your child, at any time, contact the Classroom Teacher first and then if necessary the Year Level Coordinator.

The Year Level Coordinators are;
Prep – 6 Mr Daily
Year 7/8 Mrs Grant
Year 9/10 Mr Gellie
Year 11/12 Mr Sturmels

Year 10 Work Experience
Congratulations to all the Year 10 students who participated in the Work Experience Program last week. It is most pleasing to hear many of the good reports that we have received from the employers. As a result of the great job that our students did, some of them have even been offered some form of employment in the future. Well done to Mr Stephen for his work in this area.

Ken Smith - Principal
Students of the Week

Will French for his hard work learning a range of strategies to use for subtraction.
Marshall Hill for his sounding—out of words in reading.
Ben White for using great words in writing.

Melbourne Careers Expo by Elly York Williams

On Saturday 25th July I attended the Melbourne Careers Expo which was held in the Exhibition Centre. There were all sorts of exhibits, some of these included the defence force recruitment, police force recruitment, several universities and TAFES were there on the day and nursing schools were also there. They also had a special guest, Molly Meldrum talking to students about careers. There were plenty of freebies and it was a very good day.

Elly York-Williams (Year 11)

Mr Smith’s Maths Problem!

Congratulations to Dillon Gordon who was the first student to give me a correct answer to last week’s problem.

Last week’s question was: 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?

ANS: 60.

This week’s question is: If I start with 100 marbles then I take away 1 marble, then I take away 2 marbles, then I take away 3 marbles, etc until I take away 10 marbles, how many marbles will I be left with?

Health Is Wealth Day

Tuesday September 1st, 2015
Derrinallum P-12 College invites you to attend the VCAL ‘Health Is Wealth Day’
@ Derrinallum P-12 College, Campbell Street
Derrinallum
Commencing 10am
All Welcome

‘Good Health Is More Wealth Than Any Man Needs’
Be part of this special day
Have your Blood Pressure taken
Get your hearing checked
And much more
FREE!
A delicious lunch will be available for sale

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.

Derrinallum P-12 College Enrol Now...

To arrange a time to view our wonderful school and to see what we have to offer or to receive an enrolment pack, for any year level, please call 5597 6625.