Community Newsletter
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Principal's Report

Food Handling / RSA Courses
Well done to all the students and the community members who completed the Food Handling and/or RSA course during the week. Such courses can be of great benefit if people wish to use them for their involvement in community groups or for those that wish to work in particular industries. Thanks to Mrs Robinson-Marks for organising this event.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Parent/Teacher interview forms have been coming in thick and fast over the last week. It’s great to see so much interest in your child’s education and that so many parents want to find out how their children are going at school. Even though the forms were due back at school on Wednesday, if you still wish to return your form, please do so on Monday. Mrs McSween is busily developing a timetable for parents who wish to attend the interviews. Once times are organised, forms will be sent home so that parents know which teachers they are seeing and at what times.

Emergency Contacts
An incident last week highlighted the fact that some information is lacking in the family/student details folder. Mrs Torney and I were looking for an emergency contact name and number for a particular student but there wasn’t one listed. This highlights the need for all families to have at least one emergency contact listed at the school and preferably more than one. Please contact the school to update any of this important information. Parents need to be aware that we are only able to allow students to leave the College with someone that is listed as an emergency contact on their family details information.

ES Week
This week is ES Week which recognises the wonderful and important work that ES staff members do in all schools. Each of our ES staff members: Kylie Carr, Janette Devlin, Suzie Ellis, Fiona Noone, Gaye Robinson-Marks, Natalie Strachan and Sandra Torney do a fantastic job helping both staff and students and ensuring that the College functions as well as it possibly can. On behalf of all the staff and students, I thank them for their contributions and, in particular, the way in which they have all helped me in my new role.

Next Week in Our School
We have the Life Education Van coming to our school on Tuesday to run some programs with our Primary Students. Parent/Teacher interviews are on Wednesday afternoon for parents to come and see how their children are progressing. Four Secondary students are off to Noorat for the Regional Clay Target Shooting event. On Friday our Years 3-6 students are going to Rokewood to participate in the Primary winter Sports Carnival. Students will be participating in Football, Netball or Tee-Ball. We hope they have a great day.

Ken Smith - Principal

Calendar of Events

- 25th August: Life Education Van - Prep-6
- 26th August: Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 28th August: Western Plains Winter Sports Rokewood - Year 3-6
- 1st September: VCAL ‘Health Is Wealth Day’ - Whole school, Lismore Primary School and Community Members welcome to attend. @ Derrinallum P-12 College
- 9th September: Halls Gap Landcare Excursion with Lismore Primary School - P-6
- 10th September: Music Concert Night - Music Students
- 11th September: Eureka Division Athletics Ballarat - Primary Students
- 17th September: Mid-West Round Robin @ Derrinallum Years 7-9

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Thanks to everyone who has supported Derrinallum P-12 College by collecting their Learn & Earn Stickers and placing them in the Learn & Earn box at school or Woolworths Camperdown. We appreciate your support!
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Students of the Week

Cody Maslin for his amazing work with fractions this week.

Dillon Gordon for his enthusiasm towards Indigenous Studies.

Nessa Lewis for the publishing of her writing.

Mr Smith’s Maths Problem!

Congratulations to Jeremy Jackman who was the first person to give me a correct answer to last week’s problem.

Last week’s question was: What do the first 20 odd numbers add up to?

ANS: 400.

This week’s question is: If I start with 70 beads then take away 1 bead, then take away 3 beads, then take away 5 beads, then take away 7 beads etc until I take away 15 beads, how many beads will I have left?

Prep/1 Hairy Spiders

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
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Numeracy this week for Grade 2/3

Grade 2/3 have been exploring the connection between addition and subtraction. We have been learning about fact families and how this new knowledge can be used to solve different mathematical questions. The students have enjoyed using the whiteboards, counters and interactive games. Math is fun!!

Year 9/10 Textiles

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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 5507 6825.