Principal’s Report

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Congratulations to all the parents who attended the Parent/Teacher interviews during the week. It’s great to see so much interest in the children’s education and that so many parents want to find out how their children are going at school. Thanks to all the staff for giving the parents some information about children’s strengths and weaknesses and how they can improve.

NAPLAN Results

The NAPLAN results for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 have arrived at the school and will be sent home next week after we have photocopied them for the student records. Staff will look at the results in great detail, especially in the Literacy and Numeracy Professional Learning Teams. This will help determine future learning needs for our students.

Trade Skills Centre

Over the last couple of weeks we have been visited by some architects and consultants who are involved with the building of our new Agricultural Skills Centre. Even though there are still many parts to be finalised, building is due to commence towards the end of the year and be completed mid 2016. As I mentioned on ABC radio during the week, students from a number of towns will be able to complete Certificates 2 and 3 in Agriculture in our new centre. At the same time, our students will be able to complete various other courses at other new centres in the region.

Emergency Contacts

This notice has been in the last couple of newsletters but it is important that parents think seriously about having at least one emergency contact on school records. An incident 2 weeks ago 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.

Next Week in Our School

The VCAL ‘Health is Wealth Day’ takes place on Tuesday. A number of special visitors will be at the school including Lismore Primary School staff and students, guests from a number of specialist services in the region and ex-teacher at Derrinallum, Jo Peoples. Year 9-11 students will be taking part in some mock interviews on Friday as part of their Personal Development Skills (PDS) class.

Ken Smith - Principal

Calendar of Events

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

18th September  
Last day of Term 3 - 2.30pm dismissal

5th October  
First Day of Term 4

VCAL 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

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! Ends soon.
Derrinallum P-12 College Community Newsletter. August 28th 2015.

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: 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?

ANS: 6.

This week’s question is: If my dad gives me 1 cent on the first day, 2 cents on the second day, 4 cents on the third day, 8 cents on the fourth day and so on, how much will I have after 2 full weeks?

Noorat Clay Target Shooting Report

On Thursday August 27th Derrinallum had 4 students (Jason, Liam, Tyler and Jayde) represent the school at the Noorat Clay Target Shooting competition.

The format of the day involved the students having a single barrel 20 target competition against other schools from around the state.

Our students’ scores were as follows:
- Liam – 8/20
- Jason – 11/20
- Tyler – 15/20 and
- Jadye – 8/20

Whilst these scores weren’t good enough to win the event on the day, it was great to see our students competing and learning valuable lessons about clay target shooting and gun safety.

We would also like to thank those parents and members of the community who helped our students train in preparation for this event by providing their time, expertise and clay throwers for the students to practice.

Finally, thanks to the parents involved for transporting the students down to Noorat for the competition and helping them out on the day. Russell Moyle

SUMMER UNIFORM

A summer uniform order will be placed with our supplier in the last week of term. If you require any uniform, particularly DRESSES, please return the attached order form with payment prior to FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER.

CORANGAMITE RELAY FOR LIFE

27-28 FEBRUARY 2016
NOORAT RECREATION RESERVE

Our 2016 event is to be held at Noorat in February 2016. We have an information/registration night at 6pm at the Noorat Recreation Reserve on 19 October. All registrations on line will be $20, however paper registrations will be $25. If you need assistance, please ring Trish on 0434926732. A Team Captain meeting will be held later in the year and again just before the event. This is our 6th event around the Corangamite Shire and we hope to have a great turn out of participants for this worthwhile cause. If you think you can help the Committee with ideas or assistance please contact Trish. Looking forward to your support.

Camps Sports Excursions Fund

Parent Applications for this year CLOSE ON 18th September 2015.

TO BE ELIGIBLE A PARENT/GUARDIAN ON THE FIRST DAY OF TERM 3 MUST:

a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR

b) Be a temporary foster parent, and;

c) Submit an application to the school by the due date.

Amounts paid $125 Primary $225 Secondary.

If you have not completed an application or are unsure if you are eligible please contact Janette Devlin for more information.

Payments to the Office

It is important that any money paid to the office is placed in an envelope with the student’s name and activity clearly noted on the envelope. This will ensure the money is paid to the correct account. Money envelopes are available from the office.