Our VCE Students
Those VCE students who are involved in exams at the moment have been very busy studying and have already sat their 3 hour English exam on Wednesday and had Biology and Further Maths exams today. Students came out of these exams reasonably confident about their efforts but they won’t actually find out their results until Sunday 13th December. We wish all the students all the best with their upcoming exams.

College Grounds
A lot of discussion and planning has taken place at recent School Council meetings about beautifying our school grounds, particularly the North side. Vicky French and Lesley Brown have put in countless hours designing various diagrams and talking to various people about what we can do. As you may have noticed in the last few days, the cubby house in the Primary playground has had an undercoat applied to it and some of the pine poles have been painted in very bright colours. Many thanks must go to Leanne Mulrainey, Kaye Ormsby and Gary Poole for their work in this area. I must also sincerely thank Crowes Paints in Delacombe for donating some of the paint. It is truly fantastic to have people help you out like this. We have also taken delivery of some soft fall and some sand which will hopefully find its way into the playground over the coming days. Well done to all concerned for their work, but it has only just begun!

College Fitness Centre
I am very pleased to announce that the College Fitness Centre is now open for business to our Secondary students. We now have enough equipment and have organised some supervision rosters for the students to start using the centre from next week. Thanks to Mr Stephen and Mr Moyle, we have developed a Use Agreement that was sent out with all Secondary students this afternoon. This agreement needs to be signed by a parent and the student before they are able to use the centre. Other students will be able to use a small amount of equipment in some of their PE classes. I am also discussing with the Department’s Legal Branch as to whether parents and other community members may be able to use it in the future.

School Buses
Mrs Robinson-Marks and I recently attended a meeting in Ballarat which was run by the Department of Education and Public Transport Victoria. This meeting was all about student eligibility to travel on school buses and the importance of keeping accurate records of students who are travelling on the buses to come to or go home from school. As a result of this, I am reminding parents that if there is a change to your child/ren’s normal bus travel arrangements, we need to know about it. This could be: not travelling on the bus, travelling on a different bus or getting dropped off at a different stop (for sports training, etc). Put simply, if there is an incident that involves any of our school buses, we need to know who is on it. Please help us in this area by informing the school of any changes.

On the topic of buses, a letter is being sent home on Monday about bus travel for 2016. If you wish your child to travel on a school bus next year, please fill out the form and return it to the school as soon as possible. A Family Information Sheet will also go home to parents on Monday. This also needs to be filled in and returned as soon as possible so that we have everything in place for a smooth start in 2016.

Year 5/6 Camp
Just some quick notes about the camp from Mrs McSween:

- Kids really well behaved
- Loved MCG tour and Ten Pin Bowling
- Good night’s sleep but up early
- Aquarium and Ice Skating awesome (no injuries)
- Impressed with kids’ navigation skills around Melbourne
- Sounds good; no doubt we will hear more about it on their return to school.

Ken Smith - Principal

Term Dates 2015

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

Wednesday 11th November
Remembrance Day Service
10.40 at the Derrinallum Cenotaph, all welcome.
Bus Notes

In the interests of safe bus travel for all students who use the school bus service, we require a note from Parents/Guardians before any changes to student bus travel occurs. This includes alighting from students normal bus at a different location, being collected by parent/guardian after school, (parents/guardians must collect their child/children from the school foyer) or travelling on a bus other than the student’s normal bus. If your child/children are to be collected by a person other than a parent or guardian, a note signed by the parent/guardian must be submitted to the College office before children can be released into the care of any other person.
It is not the bus driver’s responsibility to ensure that students alight at their normal stop. Please ensure that your child/children are aware of any changes to their bus travel.
Public Transport Victoria (PTV) now require all bus travellers to submit a new application to travel on school buses each year. A new bus form will be sent out to families on Monday to be completed by parents. The consent to conditions of bus travel must be signed by both parent/guardian and students. This form must be returned to the College as soon as possible. Students will be unable to travel on the school buses until this form is submitted to the College office.

In 2017, yearly applications to travel on school buses will be made online through the PTV website. Gaye Robinson-Marks
School Bus Co-ordinator

South West Local Learning and Employment Network

On Tuesday night October 27th, Dom Young, Jason Torney and Joe Pyke from Derrinallum College, travelled to Terang to attend a celebration to thank the employers that had taken on a student in a School Based Apprenticeship or Work Placement, in the South West and Corangamite Schools Network.
Derrinallum College had nine students undertake work placements this year. We thank those employers for giving students the opportunity to experience life in the workforce.

Thank you to: Camperdown Quality Meats
Sharrock’s Farm
Anderson’s Farm
Mt Elephant Hotel
Pixie’s Dog Wash
JB Scott
Poligolet Holdings
Ross and Jenny Barr St Quentin
Christian Autos.

LADADAC

On Monday the 19th of October 2015 my class of year 4/5/6 went to LADADAC in the Lismore Health Centre to see the Senior Citizens. At LADADAC we did activities for the Melbourne Cup. Some kids did a papermache Melbourne Cup and others did a colouring-in. We all had a partner and my partner was Val Skene. We did a colouring-in of a horse. We didn’t get to finish it. Before we left we took a photo of all of us together. I was disappointed when we had to go. I had a great time at LADADAC and hope we go back another time. By Ned Uren

Mr Smith’s Maths Question

Congratulations to Jeremy Jackson for giving me the first correct answer to last week’s problem.
Last week’s question was: What number am I? If I halve this number, then multiply it by 3, then add 5, then subtract 4, I get an answer of 16.
ANS: 10
This week’s question is: If I add up the even numbers from 2 up to 10, then subtract all the odd numbers from 1 to 9, what number do I end up with?