Farewell Mrs Blomeley
On Monday we said goodbye and farewell to Mrs Danielle Blomeley. She is about to travel to Japan for 4 weeks as part of an exchange program. She will continue to work at Mortlake College for 3 days per week in 2016, as she has done this year. Danielle has worked at Derrinallum since 1998 and in that time she has seen many changes to the school, particularly the number of students. As a school community, we thank Danielle for her commitment and passion for teaching Japanese to so many students who have walked through our doors. As a result of Danielle leaving, we have advertised for another Japanese teacher to join us in 2016. Hopefully that position will be filled in the coming weeks.

VCE Dinner
Tonight sees the final chapter of our Year 12s journey through their schooling life. We will all be gathering for a meal and to tell stories about the life and times of each student as they have moved through Derrinallum P-12 College. I’m sure the parents, family members and friends will enjoy listening to the staff tell some tall tales.

Year 9/10 students visit Skipton Caves
On Tuesday our Year 9 and 10 students went to visit the caves at Mt Widderin with Mr Gellie, Mr Sturmfels and Mrs Torney as an introduction to the different types of caves that we have in the area. The students will also be visiting some limestone caves on their trip to Robe next week.

Year 6 to 7 Transition Day
On Wednesday we had the second of our 4 Transition days where current Year 6 students who are coming to our College next year visit the Secondary section of our College to participate in various classes and activities. They started the day with a ‘Get to know each other’ session, followed by a very interesting and entertaining Science class which was run by Mr Gellie. Mrs Grant then ran an activity-based Maths class where there was all sorts of materials being used. From there, the students took part in a Film Study where they watched the film ‘Pixels’, a very entertaining film that was enjoyed by all the students and some of the ‘older kids’. Humanities and Drama classes rounded off a very busy day for the students. The next Transition day is on Wednesday 25th November, a day in which the students will participate in a number of different activities, including canoeing.

Spirit of ANZAC Centenary Exhibition
Yesterday all students from Year 6 to Year 11 were lucky enough to visit this wonderful exhibition in Ballarat. Ten semi-trailer loads of exhibits are visiting Ballarat this week before heading off to Bendigo for a week. There was so much to see and do and all reports from the staff and students were very positive about the visit. ‘I thought it was really, really good”-Jayde. “I really enjoyed it”-Paul. “I could have stayed there much longer”-Russell. Some photos will be in next week’s newsletter.

Ken Smith - Principal
On Thursday 5th November, the Year 11 Environmental Science Class (Nikita, Faith, Jayde and Olivia) and Mr Gellie went to Point Lonsdale to visit the rock pools at low tide. The weather was not the best on the way, as it was raining most of the way there. Luckily the weather held out for the time we were investigating the rock pools. What we saw:

- Common Limpet
- An Octopus
- Neptune’s Necklace
- Shrimp
- Many other species of Seaweed
- Small Fish
- Cuttlefish bone
- Blue Periwinkles
- Shells
- Flame Dog Cockles

We were able to see how different species have adapted to live in different areas and under different conditions.

By The Year 11 Environmental Science Class.

On Thursday 29th October the Year 9/10 (including Max, Fred, Riley and Liam from Year 8) Super 8’s cricket team travelled to Warrnambool for a round robin carnival. The team played 3 matches for the day with the results being as follows:

**Game 1 versus Terang**
We batted first and made a very respectable 1/159 off 8 overs. Jason and Luke both made 25 retired, Max made 36 retired and Riley made 24. In reply, Terang made 6/62 with the better bowlers being Jesse with 2/3, Peter 1/4 and Lachie 1/8. Overall a very comfortable victory to start with.

**Game 2 versus Brauer College**
We batted first again and this time made 1/164 with Jason, Max and Riley Luke retiring on 25 not out and Jesse and Peter making 24 each. We then restricted Brauer to 4/124 with the better bowlers being Liam with 0/3, Peter 0/11 and Luke 1/14. Once again a comfortable victory against a much bigger school. Well done boys!

**Game 3 versus Cobden**
We bowled first in this game and restricted Cobden to 7/56. Our better bowlers were Luke, Jason and Max. In our batting innings we made 5/106 with Luke and Riley again retired 25 not out. Once again this resulted in a comfortable victory and meant we had won all three of our matches which is something we as a school have not achieved for quite a while, so well done to the boys in their efforts.

Unfortunately due to the format of the day we didn’t get to play off in the final for the day (it is calculated on overall runs made and wickets taken) with the final being between Emmanuel College and Warrnambool College. This was a bit disappointing to our team, however, when you consider the size of our school to the size of their schools, our boys played extremely well and should be very proud of their achievements overall. Well done boys.

**Uniform for 2016**
If you require new uniform for 2016 please complete the attached order and return with payment by FRIDAY, 4th DECEMBER. If you have any queries please speak to Janette Devlin.

**Mr Smith’s Maths Question**

Last week’s question was: What number am I?
If I add 5 to this number, then I subtract 3, then I double it, then I divide it by 3 I get an answer of 8.

**ANS:** 10

This week’s question is: If the letter ‘a’ is worth 1 point, the letter ‘b’ is worth 2 points, the letter ‘c’ is worth 3 points, etc, how many points is ‘Mr Smith’ worth?

**Students Of The Week**

Pheonix Smith for finding fractions of groups.
Matthew Morrison, Jaidyn Morrison and Alex Poole for using the school value of ‘Support’ to help a friend in need.
It was a great camp I loved everything. It was so much fun. Thank you Mr. Sturmfels for putting up with us you are a very brave man. Also thank you Mrs. McSween for taking us and coming up with the great activities.
By Eve

At camp I had so much fun, my favourite part was when we went ice-skating at the Ice House, it was very fun because we had a mini-lesson and it was fun to be with my friends. My least favourite part was the long train ride to and from Melbourne, as we had not much to do. Another thing that I loved was the Sea Life Aquarium with all the animals, it was great to see the different types of animals. I would like to say a big thank you to Mr. Sturmfels and Mrs. McSween for taking us. I had a good time with all my friends.
By Blaise.

5/6 Camp
Melbourne

On the Melbourne Camp we had so much fun. We did lots of activities. They were Sea Life, MCG Tour, Old Melbourne Gaol and many others. My favourite was the MCG. We stayed at the YHA. I had so much fun and hope we can go back again. Thanks Mr. Sturmfels and Mrs. McSween for taking us on the camp.
By Ned Uren

On camp we had a lot of fun with our teachers. I liked the MCG and Sports Museum. The second thing was the restaurant, we had pizza that was very tasty and we had chocolate pizza.
By Liam

Finally here we are, after a long train ride we are here. We got off the train and had to walk over to the tram so we could go to the YHA Hostel, that's where we stayed for two nights. I liked the ice skating, laser tag and bowling. BEST CAMP EVER I would like to do something like this again.
I wish we went go-karting, that would be cool but the way this camp is it was cool any way.
I would like to thank Mr. Sturmfels for telling us to get on and off the trams. Thanks also to Mrs. McSween for getting this camp for us this year, I enjoyed it.
By Jacob
On the 11/11/2015 the Grade Prep to Grade 5's went down to the Cenotaph for the Remembrance Day Ceremony. At the Ceremony we listened about the soldier with no identity. They did not know if he had a family or kids, it was very nice to hear about the soldier. After we heard about the story we planted poppies that we made the day before. When the Ceremony finished the Grade 5's went to the Cemetery where we saw them unveil the Anzac memorial.  

By Biannca

Remembrance Day
On the 11th day of the 11th month 2015 we had a Remembrance Day at the Cenotaph. The Prep to Grade 5's went along with the Lismore kids. We sat down for about 10 minutes and listened to the women talk about this very special day. After that we placed our poppies down in front of the statue. We caught the bus over to the Cemetery for the unveiling of the Anzac memorial. We also got a photo behind them. We watched the man raise the flag it was high.  

By Jacob

Remembrance Day
On the 11/11/15 we had to go to the Cenotaph for Remembrance Day. We went to remember the soldiers that fought in war. We sang the National Anthem and planted our poppies we made. At the end the Grade 5s went to the Cemetery for the unveiling of the new Anzac memorial. I found the day very fun to be able to attend that!  

By Matthew

Remembrance Day
On the 11.11.2015 we went to the Derrinallum Cenotaph to pay our respects to those who fought for our country. There are three names for Remembrance Day; Remembrance Day, Armistice Day or Poppy Day. We laid our poppies and then the Lismore students took us to the Derrinallum Cemetery. We watched the unveiling of the three Anzac memorial stone plaques. My pop unveiled one of the plaques. Then someone pulled the flag that fought for us. The pole was new.  

By Eve

Remembrance Day
On the 11/1/15 the Grade Prep to Grade 5 went to the Remembrance Day ceremony at the Derrinallum Cenotaph. We had a minute of silence and sang the National Anthem. Lismore was there too. Then we went to the Cemetery for the unveiling of the new Anzac memorial. I found the day very fun to be able to attend that!