Student Representative Council
This week we had the first meeting of our Student Representative Council. Their first job was to elect the office bearers who are as follows:

- SRC President: Simon Cameron
- SRC Vice President: Faith Gordon
- SRC Secretary: Jayde Neil
- SRC Treasurer: Eily York-Williams

Congratulations to all these students. It was a pleasure to work with our full SRC team at the meeting as they started mapping out their plans for the year. Lots of good ideas came from all students and they have already started working on their first project.

Buses
My journeys around Derrinallum have continued with a trip on the Dundonnell bus this week. It is interesting to see how far some of our students travel each day to school.

Morning Tea
The next morning tea for parents and families will be on Friday 11th March at 10 am. The focus of this meeting will be Cybersafety, with the discussion led by Katrina Featherston who is the Technology Manager of Colac Secondary College. Put this date in your diary.

Transition Ambassadors
This week I travelled to both Skipton and Rokewood Primary schools with our Transition Ambassadors. Our students spoke to whole school assemblies at both schools to invite students and their families to come along to our school BBQ on the 2nd March. We dropped of fliers, information sheets and invitations to both schools as well as to the Skipton Kindergarten. Next week these students will be going through the same process at Lismore Primary. Our transition Ambassadors are Rhiannon Glyn-Jones, Olivia Loader, Tyler Maslin, Luke Osborne and Dominic Young. These students are proving to be great ambassadors for our school.

School Procedures for the Bushfire season
Derrinallum P-12 College is a school on the Bushfire at Risk Register (BARR). Schools listed on the register are required to pre-emptively close if they are located in a Bureau of Meteorology district where a Code Red Fire Danger Rating Day has been determined.

Pre-emptive closure is the temporary shutting down of a school for the day. Parents and families would be notified from the school by letter, SMS and or phone call sent home from the school. All buses would also be cancelled and no staff would be at school.

Code Red days are rare and none have been called in the last few years.

New regulations have just been released by the Emergency Management department of DET for schools on the BARR allowing these schools to apply to pre-emptively close or relocate on days when an Extreme Fire Danger Day is forecast. The decision to pre-emptively close a school will only be taken with explicit authorisation from the Regional Director, supported by advice from Emergency Management Victoria.

These new regulations were discussed at the School Council meeting this week with the Council approving the decision to pre-emptively close the school on days that have a fire danger rating of Extreme but are considered to be locally very extreme.

If this decision was made and approved, families and carers would be notified by SMS, letters and or phone calls on the afternoon prior to the closure. On these days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan.

Jackie Dullard - Principal

Calendar of Events

24th February
- Mid West Swimming - senior students

1st March
- Year 7 Immunisations

2nd March
- Derrinallum P-12 College Welcome BBQ - 6pm - all welcome

3rd March
- Engaging Adolescents - A 3 week program for parents of 12-15 year olds

10th March
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11th March
- Mid West Triathlon - senior students
- Morning Tea for Parents and Families

17th March
- Engaging Adolescents - a 3 week program for parents of 12-15 year olds

18th March
- Western Plains Swimming - primary students

23rd March
- Greater Western Swimming - Secondary
- “Safe School Bus Travel” session - Prep - Year 8

24th March
- Last Day of Term 1 - 2.30pm dismissal

LISMORE DERRINALLUM UNDER 16 1/2 JUNIORS PARENTS MEETING:

Wednesday 24 February @ Derri Footy Rooms 7.00pm

Are you a parent of a junior footy player? Your children are keen to play football, many have indicated this so it is up to you to attend this meeting and show your support.

Without your support it doesn’t matter how many kids are available to play we still have to find; Team Manager, Coach and Time keeper.

These jobs can be shared so the same people are not doing the jobs every week, but we need to know that we can get the parent help.

PLEASE attend this meeting because if parents don’t show their support then we cannot commit to a junior team.

Thank you.

Enquiries to Graham Turner 0427806027

Experience a new Culture, Make New Friends and Learn a New Language at Home

In June-July 2016 students from over 25 countries around the world, will be arriving in Australia to study at local high schools for 3-10 months.

Opportunities exist for families to act as a host family, in a volunteer capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis. Host families help provide international students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To hear more about this wonderful opportunity our student exchange programmes around Australia, Call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 381 or visit

www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

2016 Term Dates

Term 1: 27th January - 24th March
Term 2: 11th April - 24th June
Term 3: 11th July - 16th September
Term 4: 3rd October - 20th December
Derrinallum P-12 College Swimming Sports

On Friday 12th February we held our Inter House Swimming Sports at the Lismore pool in what could be described as perfect swimming weather (not too hot, but hot enough). The day was an excellent one with some fine individual and team performances. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their efforts in ensuring the events flowed smoothly, the parents and relatives for attending and cheering on the competitors and the students themselves for their excellent participation and enthusiasm in the program.

It was particularly pleasing to see many students who aren’t particularly strong swimmers in the pool earning points for their house. It was also pleasing to see the swimmers amongst us performing in the pool. Well done to all the students.

It was also great to see many of our senior students in the water helping out the younger swimmers. Well done to the house captains and senior helpers in this regard.

The overall final result was Banongill/Larra on 341.5 points and Gala/Titanga on 244.5 points. Well done to Banongill/Larra as the 2016 Derrinallum P12 College house swimming champions.

There were also many fine individual performances for the day and the following students were their age group champions;

Senior Secondary Girl – Casey Bignell
Senior Secondary Boy – Simon Cameron
Junior Secondary Girl – Hannah Thompson
Junior Secondary Boy – Max Uren
Senior Primary Girl – Biannca Neil
Senior Primary Boy – Matt Morrison
Junior Primary Girl – Anna French
Junior Primary Boy – Will French

It was also great to see the parents, students and teachers fighting it out in the pool (relay race) for bragging rights for 2016! Of course we all know who won!!!!!!!!

Congratulations and thanks again for all students, staff and parents for their involvement in the day.

The next level of swimming is Wednesday 24th February for the secondaries and Thursday March 17th for the primaries Grade 3-6.

Russell Moyle—Sport Coordinator

School & Student Insurance

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