This week I once again had the pleasure of accompanying the Transition Ambassadors to one of their community activities. On Thursday we went to the Lismore Pool to help Lismore Primary School with their swimming program. Our Ambassadors proved extremely valuable in helping the younger students go through their Learn to Swim program and once again have helped promote our school in the local community.

Early this week there was a disturbing incident as some of our students made their way home at the end of the school day. As the incident is now a police enquiry we can’t make any comment on it other than to reassure parents that the safety of all our students is of the utmost importance to us. Our staff have been very vigilant around the school and will continue to be so. We believe this was an isolated incident.

At the close of nominations for the School Council on Thursday we had received two nominations for the parent category. As we had three vacancies in this category I would like to call for any additional nominations. These nominations must be returned to the school by 4.00pm Tuesday 1 March. I would like to declare the two nominations we have received as now being duly elected and would like to congratulate Leanne Mulraney and Angela Bignall on joining our 2016 School Council.

The school has purchased a new phone which can be used for families to contact us in the case of an emergency evacuation, when we don’t have access to the school phone system. The number for this phone is 0427986225 but please remember this phone will only be used in an emergency situation. A reminder to all that our school BBQ is on next Wednesday 2nd March. Please come and join us.

Jackie Dullard

Finance Reminders:

Camps Sports & Excursions Fund – Applications CLOSE MONDAY 29 FEBRUARY. If you have not yet completed your application, forms are available from the general office. To be eligible you need to hold a valid means tested concession card or be a temporary foster parent.

Payment Commitment Plan 2016 – Thankyou to the families who have returned their Commitment Plan forms. If you have not yet returned your form, please send it back to the office by next MONDAY 29 FEBRUARY.

Thank you
A big thank you to the Derri Take Away for the donations collected in their loose change tin. $241 was delivered to the College this week which will now go towards the Northern Development.

We are again looking for volunteers to give up an hour or two of their time at the Lismore and District Lions Club Coffee Stop over the coming long weekend. Our support for this event has resulted in us receiving substantial donations over previous years. Please consider giving some of your time to support this cause.

Jackie Dullard - Principal

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Derrinallum P-12 College
Community Newsletter

Integrity, Teamwork, Support, Empathy, Respect.
Student Career Focus: Olivia Loader

I’m Olivia, I am in year 12. As part of my VCAL course I currently have a work placement with an electrician in Lismore, which has been a good experience so far, learning lots of new skills. I also go to TAFE once a week in Warrnambool, studying the electrical industry course. I’m the only girl in my class with 13 guys; so far we have been learning all about the OH&S of becoming an electrician. This week we will be doing a course to get our CI card which allows us to go onto building sites. I am enjoying learning about this pathway and developing the skills required to become an electrician. Olivia

Welcome BBQ

Please join Derrinallum P-12 College for…
*Our Welcome BBQ*
Wednesday 2nd March 2016
From 6pm until 7pm
Campbell St, Derrinallum
RSVP by the 24th of February
Enquires to Nicole Hill and Rod Rantall on 03) 5597 6625

From The ART Room

Year P/1 creating their masterpieces.

Students Of The Week

Marshall Hill for using 2D shapes to make other 2D shapes.
Liam Harper for working cooperatively with others during maths.
Brody Harper for being a great class helper and remembering his roles.

Class 4/5/6 Enjoying Woodwork

“Over the past weeks we have been helping each other to build games in Woodwork. I enjoy Woodwork because I like to use sand paper. It’s really good when the older kids help me.”

“Over the past weeks we have been making a game in Woodwork. Last week we made a puzzle in woodwork. I look forwards to making something like a car or a truck so I can treasure it forever.”

“Mr Rod is really funny and helpful. I enjoy Woodwork because I like to use all the different tools.”

“It’s good to learn new skills that I will remember. I look forward making more games and toys that I can take home.”
On Monday 15th February all of the Year 7 and 8 students from Derrinallum P-12 College went to Halls Gap for three nights for their annual camp. Students participated in a range of challenging activities that included abseiling, rock climbing and canoeing. Many of the students challenged themselves to reach new heights and achieve personal goals. Students also enjoyed the Ghost Tour through J Ward, learning about some of Australia’s darker history. Students had the opportunity to relax around a campfire, test their bow and arrow skills in archery and work as a team in a range of team building activities. Overall, all students represented the school in a positive manner and had a good time interacting with their peers. A special thank you to Mr Gellie for attending the camp and contributing to the positive atmosphere and to Mr Moyle for organizing and taking the canoeing activity that students enjoyed.

Mrs Grant
On Wednesday 24th February the MWD Swimming Carnival was held in Mortlake. We had 13 swimmers attend and overall the students participated enthusiastically.

Derrinallum College finished in third place in the handicap shield with Lake Bolac winning the handicap shield and Mortlake winning overall.

Thanks to all students and staff who participated or helped out on the day, in particular Fiona Noone for her assistance.

We had some excellent individual performances on the day with Liam Maslin winning his 15YO Boys Breaststroke and Backstroke events. Liam also won the 15YO Boys Age Group Championship, so well done Liam, this is a fantastic effort.

Max Uren placed first in the 14YO Boys Freestyle.

Liam and Max will now go on to represent the Mid-West Division at the Greater Western Swimming in Warrnambool on Wednesday 23rd March.

Good luck boys.

We also had many other students place second or third in their events as well, so congratulations to them.

Thanks also to Luke for his leadership role as Sport Captain on the day in organising the team and ensuring everyone got to their events on time.

Russell Moyle
Sports Coordinator