**Principal’s Report**

**Driver Reviver Fundraiser**
Thank you to parents who were able to help and complete a shift at the Lismore Driver Reviver Stop in Lismore for the long week-end. Thanks to our efforts and the Lismore Lions Club’s generosity, the school received a $350 cheque. It was certainly a very busy week-end with many visitors travelling to Port Fairy for the Folk Festival. Thank you to Fiona Noone for putting together a very informative banner about our school. This was an excellent point of conversation with tired travellers who do not always realise where Derrinallum is or that it has a P-12 College. I would like to thank the Lismore Lions Club for giving us the opportunity to participate.

**School Council**
Congratulations to Aaron Henderson who has now become our new School President and to Val Lang and Siobhan Smith who have also joined our School Council following Wednesday’s AGM. I would like to thank Vicky French for being our School Council President for the past two years, at a particularly busy time in our school’s life, including the four yearly school review and two building projects.

**Respectful Relationships**
The Respectful Relationships Program is the Victorian Government’s response to the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Family Violence. This primary prevention initiative is about preventing family/gender based violence in Victoria through education. It presents a curriculum that explicitly teaches a strong foundation of Social Emotional Learning, including gender & equality and positive gender relationships. Our school is a Partner School and as such, it is receiving extensive training under the Respectful Relationship banner. With staggering Family Violence Statistics in Australia (1 in 3 Australian women have experienced physical violence, 1 in 4 have experienced emotional violence and 1 in 5 sexual violence), schools have a role to play in terms of prevention and awareness.

**Swimming**
Congratulations to the 16 students on their results at the Mid-West swimming event last week. It is fantastic to see students giving it their all and enjoying the process. Good luck to the secondary students who are going to the next level next week.

Valerie Lobry
Acting Principal

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**Calendar of Events**

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**Mr Smith’s Maths Problem of the Week.**

Last week’s question was: If I add 5, then subtract 3, then multiply by 3, then divide by 2 I get an answer of 12. What number am I?

**ANS: 6**

This week’s question is: What do the first 7 odd numbers add up to?

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**School Council Fundraiser**

**Bulbs Direct**

Please return your order along with payment to the school office by Monday 19th March 2018. Delivery will be in the first week of Term 2.

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NetSetGo- a fun and netball skills based program for girls and boys 5-10 years. Program commences: Thursday 19th April 5pm-6pm, Derrinallum Rec Reserve, $70.00. Please register online [http://netsetgo.asn.au/](http://netsetgo.asn.au/) and nominate Lismore Derrinallum as your club. Follow the registration prompts.
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Students Of The Week

Violet Dalton for her improvement in reading and saying the sounds and reading the word March.
Kira Srdoc for her great work of adjectives and sentences.
Anna French for choosing resilience in her learning.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/Teacher Interviews will take place on Tuesday 20th March 2018, commencing at 3.30pm. Forms need to be returned to the school office immediately or contact the school on 55976625. Please arrive promptly for your interviews and remember that interviews must be kept within a 10 minute timeframe. Those people who have returned their completed forms will have their interview times confirmed on Friday 16th March.
Pauline Sanderson

Mid West Division Swimming Sports

On Friday the 9th of March, we took 16 students to Mortlake to compete in the Mid West Division swimming sports. The behaviour and level of participation from our students was great to see and there was several success stories on the day. Many students swam in races considerably higher than their own age group. We would also like to take the opportunity to say how proud we are of the number of students who stepped out of their comfort zone in order to put their hand up for our school. Regardless of the events, our students tended to be quite competitive with regards to the times posted.

Early in the events we saw Max Uren only just beaten by half a second in the boys open 18-20 year olds freestyle by a swimmer who went on to win his age division at the carnival. Hunter Thompson, Liam Maslin, Ned Uren, Audrey Ringe and Bianna Neal are examples of students who battled hard in their events, sometimes swimming in events against students two years their senior. This takes grit and should not be underestimated.

Kasey Baird, Hayley Pobjic and Hunter Thompson were duly rewarded for their efforts with their aggregate carnival points awarding them the medals for best swimmers in their respective age divisions. Our students won 18 points on average per individual which was second place for the meet, however Kasey Baird managed 55 points, Hunter Thompson and Hayley Pobjic achieving 48 points each. Kasey won two of her events outright, those being the 50 metres freestyle and 50 metres backstroke.

Another highlight of the meet was Ben White’s impressive victory in the 18-20 year olds breaststroke. He seemed to glide through the water so much easier than his rivals, beating an 18 year old Mortlake swimmer quite convincingly.

The key message from this carnival is participation. Even for those swimmers who did not win their individual events it is clear that we have amongst our student body some formidable competitors for the future.

Congratulations and all the best for future sporting events. GO DERRI !

Simon Mansbridge - Sports Co-ordinator

Foil Towers

Harmony Day

Harmony Day is a celebration of our cultural diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. Our diversity makes Australia a great place to live. Harmony Day is held every year on 21 March. The Day coincides with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The message of Harmony Day is ‘everyone belongs’. The Day aims to engage people to participate in their community, respect cultural and religious diversity and foster a sense of belonging for everyone. Since 1999, more than 70,000 Harmony Day events have been held in childcare centres, schools, community groups, churches, businesses and federal, state and local government agencies across Australia.

Next Friday 23rd of March Derrinallum P-12 College, along with Lismore Primary school, are celebrating Harmony Day.

This year Derrinallum P-12 College have invited special guests along to help celebrate this day. From Melbourne, we welcome Bollywood dancers from the Cultural Infusion Group.

The day will be full of Harmony Day activities as well as a homemade Italian lunch made by Sandra. Lunch will be at a cost of $4 per person.

Students are also welcome to dress in the colour orange for the day.

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