Building works
We have a brand new light pole at the front of the school as well as a new flag pole and flag. The stadium has been fitted with new LED lights, offering high quality and economical lighting. Additional lighting has been added to the staff carpark as well as around the buildings. Finally, extensive window replacement has also happened this week.

Artist in Residence program
We were delighted to welcome artist Toni Main this week in the lead up to her 20 weeks as our Artist in Residence Term 2 and 3. Toni was impressed with our students and she will work extensively with Lead program Coordinator Jon Dally as well as other staff.

Community spirit
Thank you to our 7/8 students and SRC for organising a successful casual clothes day and BBQ at lunch today in support of BlazeAid. They raised $190 as a result and should be congratulated on their efforts. Thank you to Davis Meats in Ballarat for providing the meat for free. We will continue to collect non-perishables in the front office over the next few weeks, after the holidays. Thank you for the donations that have already been received.

Happy Easter
I would like to wish our school community a happy, relaxing and safe Easter break.

Acting Principal
Valerie Loby

New Stadium Lights

Derrinallum P-12 College is collecting non-perishable food items to donate to BlazeAid (South West Fires) following the St Patrick’s Day fires. Thank you in advance for your donations.

Mr Smith’s Maths Problem of the Week.

Congratulations to Alex Poole-Yr 6 who was the first person to give me a correct answer to last week’s question.

Last week’s question was: If my mum gives me 1 cent on the first day, 3 cents on the second day, 9 cents on the third day, 27 cents on the fourth day and so on, how much will I have altogether after 1 full week?

ANS: 1093 cents

This week’s question is: A football team scored 21 points more than its opponent. The two teams scored 99 points altogether. How many points did the winning team score?
**Students Of The Week**

- Hunter Pobjie for his great effort on 2D shapes.
- Riley Thurrowgood for his great work on symmetrical shapes.
- Emily Vonhof for always doing her personal best in class.

**Young Leaders Day**

We’re off! On the 26th March 2018, the Year six class of Derrinallum P-12 College travelled up to the Melbourne Convention Centre for the Halogen National Young Leaders Day - NYLDD. We got great seats and sat five rows back from the front.

At 9:15am we saw Cosentino the Illusionist. Cosentino was very bad at reading when he was in Year 6 and his mum was the Principal of the school he went to. One day he was in the library and found a book about magic and started looking at the pictures. It was at that moment he wanted to read. His speech taught me about not being afraid to be different and to be creative. Also, that it is harder to be 50% of someone else rather than being 100% of yourself. He says you should always believe in yourself and be thankful.

The next speaker was John Coutis. He scooted out onto stage on his custom made skateboard, because he had no legs. He started off with saying his childhood was fairly eventful. He said that when he was born his dad could hold him in the palms of his hands. Then the doctors said that he wouldn’t last a day. Then a day went by and they said he wouldn’t make a week. Then a week went by and the doctors said he definitely wouldn’t make a month. Then a month went by and then the doctors said there is no chance that he will make a year. Now 48 years later he is still rocking strong, and guess where the doctors are now? Dead! He didn’t go to a normal school until he was in the fifth grade. All those other years he had to go to a special school because of his legs. But when he went to normal school, on the first day some bullies got him, put tape over his mouth, tied his arms behind his back, put him in a bin and set the bin on fire. He was breathing smoke in by his nose. Then a teacher reached in and grabbed him out, and in the process set her dress alight. Later the police came and took the bullies away.

Four years into his high school life, while eating his lunch and getting food scraps thrown at him, some bullies decided to start kicking him. Hard. Very hard! Later an ambulance was called to come and take John to the hospital because his legs had been damaged so badly. It was at this time that he chose to get his legs amputated. He now travels around the world, with his wife, telling his story and inspiring people.

The third speaker was Harrison Craig. He was the 2013 winner of ‘The Voice, Australia’. He told us to aim for our dreams. When he was younger he had a stutter that affected his talking and his confidence. He now has speech therapy and doesn’t stutter as much as he used to. He taught me that with a little practice you can get over some big obstacles and succeed. At the end he sang a bit of a song that he sang on ‘The Voice’ called ‘Loving Angels Instead’.

After lunch we saw Gemma Triscari. Gemma said she was a school captain, a house captain and now a teacher. Gemma is 28 years old, her height is 169 cm, she was born in Perth and is a left handed bowler for the Melbourne Stars. She said you don’t need a badge to be a leader. She explained that everyone has strengths and imperfection, but it is important to find your own strengths and concentrate on them.

Another thing she said was to forgive yourself each night and remember every morning. She explained that if you have a challenge it is not so much about the challenge, but how you respond to it that is important.

We had an awesome day at the Halogen Young Leaders Day in Melbourne. The speakers were really inspiring and we all learnt a lot of life lessons. Thanks to Mr Gellie for driving the mini-bus and stopping at Mc Donald’s on the way home.

Anna, Alex, Will and Emily T.

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**Performing Arts**

On Monday, we had the absolute pleasure to have Toni Main join our Performing Arts classes and show us some very exciting games. Toni will be our Artist In Residence for Term 2 and 3 this year and will work closely with myself and other staff to create a wonderful performance, led by the students, to celebrate Mount Elephant. This performance is called ‘The Myth of the Mountain’. All students from P-8 were extremely welcoming and showed tremendous enthusiasm towards the project, already giving ideas, and activities that Toni conducted.

Toni comes from a very extensive Performing Arts background and has produced many performances throughout Australia using different styles. She strongly believes the ‘Students (artists) are what drives a school performance and I am very excited to see what input and ideas Derrinallum students will come up with’.

In ‘The Myth of the Mountain’, artist Toni Main, in partnership with Derrinallum P-12 College and the Mount Elephant Volcanic Centre, will develop a community performance piece. Themes for the project will be drawn from local stories around Mount Elephant, as well as the students’ personal connection to the Mount; what it means to have this volcanic mountain in their backyard. The performance will be held in the grounds of the Volcanic Centre as part of Kanawinka ‘Waking the Giants’ community celebrations.

Jon Dally—Lead Project Coordinator