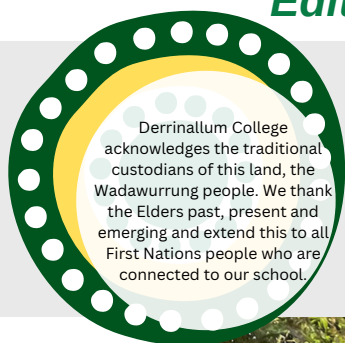


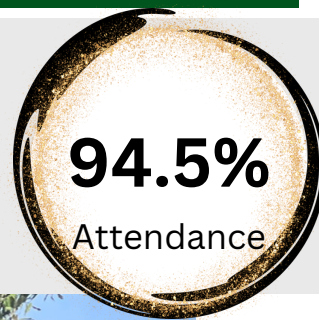
# Derrinallum P-12 College



*Edition 4 - February 23rd, 2024*



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# FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL



Happy Week 4 everyone, there have been a lot of terrific learning experiences happening within the school, and it's so nice to see all staff and students getting involved with lunchtime activities that are on offer. We've got the weekly scoop on what has been happening at Derrinallum P-12 College.

## **Making Waves at MWC Swimming Sports**

We had 14 students compete at the MWD Swimming Sports in Mortlake on Friday 23rd. All students represented our school fabulously, showing off their skills and school spirit. Congratulations to the students who have progressed to the next stage at Eureka Swimming Sports. Go team!

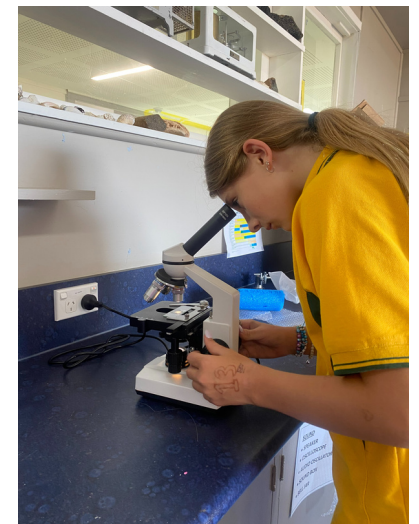


## **School Norms: Students Rockin' the Respect**

We're seeing students of all ages demonstrating our School Norms; Try Our Best, Help Others Succeed, Respect Our School. Staff have been noticing students consistently demonstrating the Norm - Respect Out School, which is terrific to see and hear. We are starting to brainstorm ideas on bringing our Norms to life to support the Primary student's understanding of what our Norms mean and how we can demonstrate them at school.

## **Learning Conversations**

On Wednesday (28/2), we have a pupil-free day for parent-student-teacher, Learning Conversations. If you haven't booked your Learning Conversation time yet, you can do this using Compass. It will be an altered workday for staff, and we look forward to communicating student goals and progress with you all.



## **Change in Canteen Days**

if you missed this message last week, Mrs. Torney will be changing the canteen days to Monday for snacks, and Tuesday and Fridays for lunches as we have more students and staff attend on a Tuesday.

A big thanks to Ms. Fitzgerald who has been collating and printing the school newsletter while Mrs. Marks is absent. We appreciate your hard work in making it look great.



**Sharni Moloney- Assistant Principal**

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# NEWSLETTER



## Delivery

You can pick up a copy of our newsletter at the following locations:

- the Library
- the Post Office
- Foodworks
- Derri Take Away

Delivering the newsletter this week is Sally Mahoney!



Patrick



Alex



Ava



Patrick

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



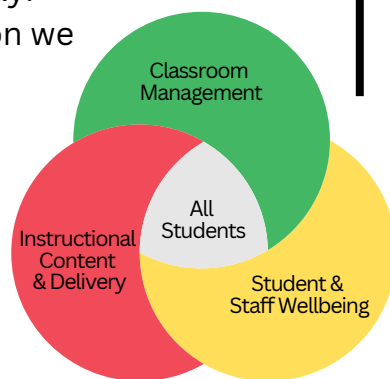
## Dan Petro

Last Friday we took all the staff to Deakin University in Warrnambool to listen to behavioral psychologist, Dan Petro, present. Over the past 2 years, we have been basing our work at school on Dan's knowledge and expertise and we will be continuing this work moving forward as we progress on our Schoolwide Positive Behaviours Framework. His work is based on the learning triad which is based around three concepts that all students need- Classroom management, Instructional content and delivery, and student and staff wellbeing.

By taking all the staff we were able to all hear his messaging on positive behaviour management. It was an incredibly interest practice in which the staff looks from. Many staff were able to implement their learnings as quickly as the following Monday.

Dan teaches those that he works with to simplify things. This is the reason we have moved to 3 simple behavioural norms

1. Try your best.
2. Help others succeed.
3. Respect our School.



## Sounds-Write

FIRST RATE PHONICS

Sounds-Write is an expertly structured synthetic phonics program based on the science of reading. Derrinallum College has prioritised the training of our teachers so that we have a consistent approach to the program.

We have a few staff members who are embarking on their Sounds Write training journey. We are excited about some next-level phonics expertise coming our way. These teachers are ready to start implementing their learning at school, we can't wait.



## Learning Conversations

Wednesday 28 February  
Book through Compass now!



# STUDENT ACTIVITIES



# MWD SWIMMING

As we go to print, we have 14 students representing the College at the Mid-West Division swimming in Mortlake. The students are competing against Hawksdale, Mortlake, and Lake Bolac.

We've had a couple of updates come through during the day. Whilst we don't know all the details yet we do know that Jake broke a record in his first race and we've got 3 firsts, 2 seconds, and 1 fourth so far.

We'll have the exact details in a report from the Sports team in next week's newsletter.

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Alex B was last week's primary winner. He flipped Ms Saunders so the major prize is still on the board!

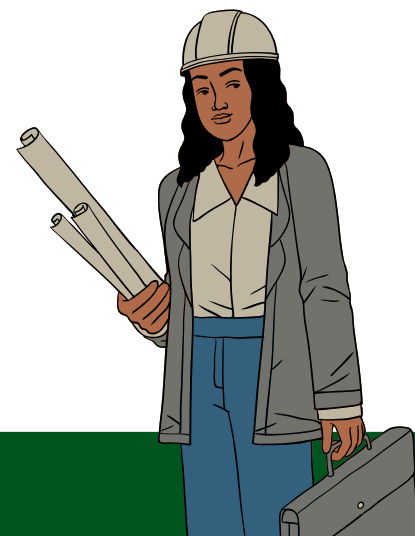
# CAREERS

Over the next few weeks, we will have a focus on Careers for a variety of our students.

Our VM/VPC students are starting their structured workplace learning programs. And will attend the upcoming field days to learn more about the agriculture industry.

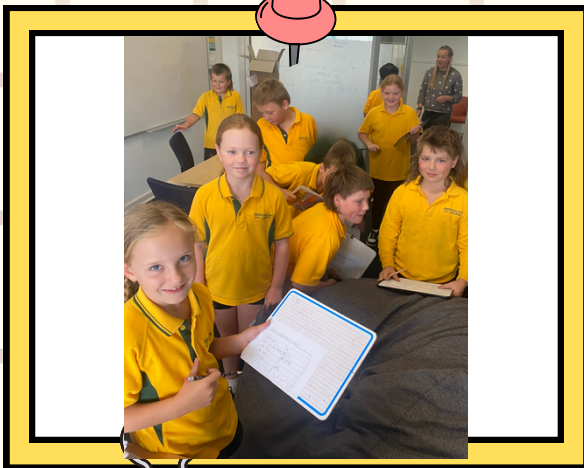
Students in years 5-9 will be participating in a hands-on trades experience here on-site with external providers.

Students in years 9-12 will be attending the Victorian Careers & Employment expo at the Melbourne Showgrounds.

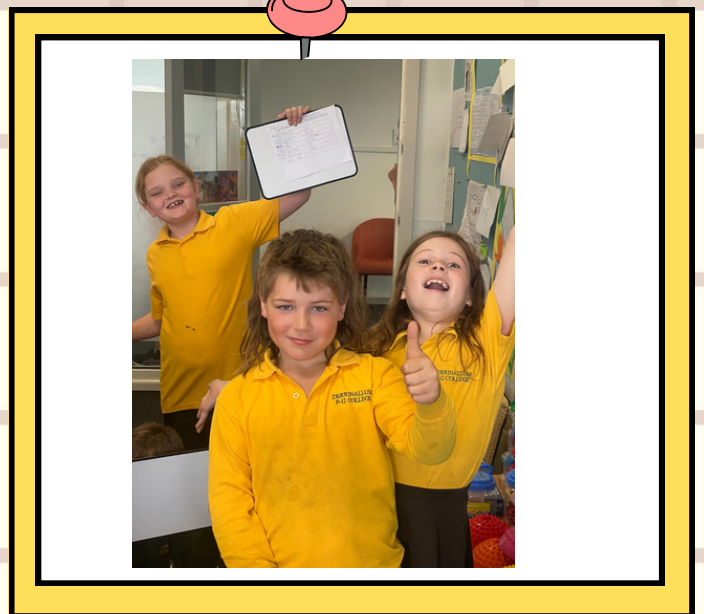




# 3/4 Numeracy



In numeracy this week we are learning about reading and interpreting data using graphs. We've been collecting data through surveys. We called into Ms Fitz's office to survey her about lots of different things.



## NEXT

We will turn our data into graphs using Excel. We will also be developing questions about our graphs to ask each other to help consolidate our learning.





A reminder that the Department of Education has in place a mobile phone ban that requires students who bring mobile phones to school to have them switched off and securely put away during school hours.

The department is requiring all schools to ensure this ban is in place and enforced from the start of the 2024 school year.

The ban applies equally to all government schools right across the state. This helps ensure that school is a learning environment free from unnecessary distractions and disruptions. By ensuring mobile phones are kept away at recess and lunch times, students can interact with each other face-to-face, without the distractions and social pressures that mobile phones can cause.

I ask for the support of all our families, staff, and students in continuing to support the implementation of this policy in our school.

## **Further information**

*Exceptions:* For a small number of students with particular health needs, an exception to the policy may be granted. Please contact Caitlyn Fitzgerald if you would like to discuss this.

*Emergencies:* In the event of an emergency or if you need to immediately contact your child, I ask that families contact the school office who will pass on a message as required.

*School mobile phone policy:* A copy of our school's local mobile phone policy, which implements the government's mobile policy in line with our local context, is available on our school website.

*Parent support:* The Mobile phones in schools webpage provides links to resources for families to help them balance their children's time using mobile phones. If you have further questions, please contact the administration office.





## Bulb FUNDRAISER

**We are fundraising through Tesselaar  
for improvements to the North Yard.**

Go online to place your order at:

[www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/DERRCOLL](http://www.bulbfundraiser.com.au/DERRCOLL)

Campaign end date: 22/3/2024

Products are available to order until this date unless  
sold out prior.



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**We are looking for Expressions of Interest for  
an Education Support position which would  
include working with students, attending  
excursions, bus driving, and grounds and  
maintenance work.potentially  
Please contact Caitlyn or Sally to learn more.**

# All About Me

A portrait of me



My name is:  
Suzy Dodds




My pets


I live in...  
Glenormiston

3 words that describe me


- Friendly
- Independent
- Resourceful





< My favourites 

American Cars: 

My Favourite food:  
Indian, Italian, and Thai

My favourite destination:  
Victorian High Country 

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# DATES FOR THE DIARY



# CALENDAR

Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8
Monday 26th February	Monday 4th March	Monday 11th March <b>Labour Day Public holiday</b>	Monday 18th March
Tuesday 27th February	Tuesday 5th March VPC/VM Field Days Excursion Student Leaders Congress Excursion	Tuesday 12th March <b>MWD Triathlon</b>	Tuesday 19th March <b>Yr 7 &amp; 10 Immunisations</b>
Wednesday 28th February <b>Learning Conversations</b>	Wednesday 6th March	Wednesday 13th March <b>NAPLAN starts</b>	Wednesday 20th March <b>School Council</b>
Thursday 29th February	Thursday 7th March	Thursday 14th March	Thursday 21st March
Friday 1st March	Friday 8th March Principal Area Forum SALT careers incursion	Friday 15th March <b>Careers Expo yrs 9-12</b>	Friday 22nd March