

Derrinallum P-12 College

EDITION 13

Community Newsletter



Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, Empathy, Support

13th May 2022

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Wadawurrung people, the traditional owners of the land on which we gather. Always was, always will be.

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Attendance Term 2, Week 3: 88.68%

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While Term 2 is only a short term, we sure have a lot going on. There is not a single week this term without an excursion, camp or major academic or sports event scheduled. Amongst the leadership team, we have been using the phrase 'leaning into the chaos' to describe our approach to the very full schedule we have at the moment. This means that even where staffing and/or organisation becomes challenging, we are 'leaning into the chaos' and, at times, looking for creative solutions in order to ensure planned events can go ahead.

X-Country

We are well and truly in the middle of X-Country season, with students competing in both the Western Plains (Year 3-6) and Midwest (selected Year 7-12 students) X-Countries in the past week. A number of students performed very well in these events, and as such, have qualified to participate at the next level. Sharni (Year 6), Charlotte (Year 5), Patrick (Year 3) and Liam (Year 3) have all qualified to participate in the Eureka Cross Country in Ballarat on Friday next week.

The Derrinallum House X-Country event will be held this coming Wednesday (18 May). All races will begin and end on College grounds, with the first race starting at 11:10am. Families, carers and the broader community are welcome and encouraged to attend to cheer on students. Fingers crossed the Banogill/Lara team can bring home their first shield for the year.

Pre-service teacher

We would like to formally welcome Claudia Lee to Derrinallum College, where she is completing teaching rounds as part of her Education degree at Victoria University. Claudia has spent the last two Tuesdays working with Miss Hunger in the Year 1/2 room. Starting on Monday, Claudia will complete a two-week block with us. We really enjoy hosting pre-service teachers at Derrinallum College as they bring enthusiasm and fresh ideas to our school. The timing of Claudia's placement has also been fortuitous, with a number of staff being home sick, we were able to call on Claudia to do some relief education support work on Thursday this week.

NAPLAN

Congratulations to students in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9, most of whom have today finished their last NAPLAN assessment for the year. It has been great to see the way students have approached these assessments, giving each one of them their best effort. Students that have been absent for all or some of this week will have the opportunity to complete missed assessments next week. To celebrate the hard work of students in these assessments, students that complete all NAPLAN assessments will be treated to a celebration lunch next week. While NAPLAN does give families and the school information about student progress, it is only one aspect of assessment of learning that students participate in during their school career. We have been reinforcing this message to students in the lead up to the assessments and will do so again, in the lead up to the release of results. As always, all we ask is that students do the best that they can on the day.

Attendance raffle

Congratulations to Neave (Year 8) for winning the first attendance raffle of Term 2. As the winner of the raffle, Neave was able to select from a range of prizes on offer – choosing to take home a wireless speaker. Attendance raffles will be running every two weeks across the term. To be in the draw, all students need to do is attend school or a school activity, such as excursions or camps, all day every day for two weeks. Attendance at school is important and we look forward to seeing who our next winner is!

AFL incursion

The PE Department is looking forward to welcoming the AFL Western District on Monday afternoon, who will be running a football clinic with our Foundation to Year 2 students during their scheduled PE classes.

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School Sport policy

The College has implemented a new policy on travel to school sports events. To promote and foster team spirit amongst students participating in sports events, and to ensure attendance is properly recorded, we are asking all students participating in off-site sports events to travel with their team mates on transport provided by the College. This applies to Derrinallum College events held offsite, such as the House Athletics and Swimming carnivals, as well as representative events such as the Mid-west Triathlon and the Eureka Cross Country event. In all instances, families and carers are welcome and encouraged to attend the event to support students. For representative events, where only a small number of students will be participating, families and carers will be invited to travel on College transport with students and staff.

Further to this, our new policy also requests that students attending school sports events remain at the event until all relevant events and presentations have occurred. At whole school events, this means that students remain at the event until competition is complete and age-group champions have been awarded (if this is occurring on the day). At representative events, this means that students remain until all Derrinallum College students have finished their events. Again, this policy is intended to foster and promote team spirit, with all students being present to cheer on their peers and/or recognise their achievements.

Excursion Pricing Policy

To ensure fairness and consistency in pricing for travel for single day excursions and events, we are also trialling a new Excursion Pricing Policy. Pricing for excursions will be as follows:

- Less than 100km - \$5
- 100 – 250km - \$12
- More than 250km- \$20
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In many cases, this means that the transport will be heavily subsidised by the College.

The exception to this policy will be where:

- The entire cost of providing transport can be covered for less than the above stated cost. In this instance, each student will pay an equal share of the total cost.
- The school receives funding to cover the cost of transport, or a Learning Area uses its annual budget to subsidise travel. Any subsidies that are applied will be noted on accompanying information

Please note that this policy will only apply for single day excursions. Pricing for camps and multi-day events (such as State School Spectacular) will be considered on a case-by-case basis.

Families are reminded that Camps, Sports and Excursion Funds (CSEF) can be used to cover the cost of any planned excursion or camp. If meeting the cost of an excursion is going to be challenging for families, please contact the office to discuss a payment plan.

Education week

The Achievement Team and a number of education support staff have been working feverishly to prepare for Education week (23-27 May). Thank you to everyone that has loaned the school any old records, uniforms or other educational artifacts for display. Fiona is very excitedly compiling these into a very interesting display. A community event is being planned for Thursday afternoon (26 May) starting from 2pm with afternoon tea provided. More information will be distributed soon.

Have a fantastic weekend.

Kristy Riley – Acting Assistant Principal

Staff Profile

Abby Callaghan



WHAT DO YOU TEACH AT OUR SCHOOL?

I TEACH YEAR 7-10 MATH, VCAL NUMERACY, ACCOUNTING AND
YEAR 7/8 STEM

DO YOU HAVE ANY PETS?

I DON'T HAVE ANY AT THE MOMENT BUT I WOULD LOVE TO GET SOME SOON.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT AT SCHOOL?

I LOVED MATHS & BIOLOGY AT SCHOOL BUT I DID HAVE A SECRET LOVE FOR ART.
(I WON A SCHOOL COMPETITION)

HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A TEACHER?

THIS IS MY FOURTH YEAR TEACHING , MY FIRST CLASS WAS A YEAR 1/2
CLASS!

IF YOU WERE FAMOUS WHAT WOULD IT BE FOR?

IF I WAS FAMOUS, I WOULD LOVE TO BE A FAMOUS WRITER.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING SO FAR ABOUT OUR SCHOOL?

MY SUPER FAVORITE THING ABOUT DERRINALLUM IS THAT EVERYONE IS SO FUN AND SO
EASY TO GET ALONG WITH.



Drivers Ed Camp

On Tuesday 26th of April, the Year 9/10 students joined Ms Riley and Mr Keating in an early morning drive to Charlton where the students undertook a 3 day Drivers Ed Camp. We departed school at around 8am, arriving at our accommodation at around 10:45am. We arrived at the Drivers Ed track at 11:30am, and the students began their course, which consisted of a theory component, on track driving and a Road Smart lesson.

Here are some of the highlights that students noted:

Gypsey - My favourite part about camp was being in a car with Brody, who not only loved hugging the stop sign but also nearly going into a tree with a mis-hap of thinking the accelerator was the break.

Dillon - My highlights of Drivers Ed Camp, was probably the night drive, I liked the night drive because everything was a bit harder to see so it made it better because it was more of a challenge.

Alex - My highlight of the Drivers Ed Camp was the night drive I liked this because it was different to what we had been doing during the day drive.

Riley - We learnt a lot of valuable lessons whilst we were on camp such as parallel parking, U-turns, three point turns, angle parks and hill starts.

Emily - I learnt how to do 3 point turns. My favourite part of the camp was watching a movie

Scarlett - A highlight of camp was seeing everyone give driving a go. Even if they weren't confident they were willing to learn and it was great to see.

A great time was had by all.

Dave Keating



Celebrating 150 Years of Public Education in Victoria

EDUCATION WEEK 2022

Monday 23 May -
Friday 27 May



Throwback Thursday 26 May

Education Week 2022 is an opportunity for all primary and secondary schools, higher education providers, and early childhood education and care services to commemorate the past, celebrate the present and imagine the future of education in Victoria.

The staff and students at Derrinallum P-12 College would like to invite all community members, former staff and students to join us for an afternoon of reminiscence, fun and games.

Afternoon tea provided from 2.00pm-2.30pm. Dress in your best vintage attire for the afternoon.



Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is now open and Derrinallum P-12 College is excited to be participating. The PRC application offers a range of exciting features including:

- access to a library catalogue (including book images and blurbs)
- a modern user-friendly interface
- rewarding students with badges as challenge milestones are achieved
- the option for students to mark books as a favourite, give them a star rating or complete a book review

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 2 September 2022.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or 'experience' 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and former Premiers.

To read the Premier's letter to parents, view the booklist and for more information about the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge, visit: <https://www.vic.gov.au/premiers-reading-challenge>



You are invited
to spend

**a day in the
life of a Derri
student**

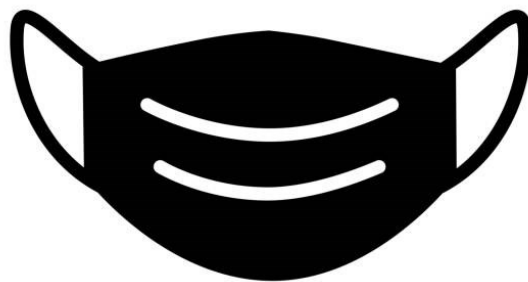
Tuesday 17 May, 2022



Skipton X-Country

At the Skipton X-Country I got in order and as soon as I head the buzzer I flew like the wind. I got in first and then when I got to the end, I struggled to get back into the group. I still made it the whole way. Had lunch when I got back, there was a bee sting and a tooth fall out! Then we got on the road and at the back of the bus we played I spy, I had a great time. And some people have made it through to the next level on Friday 20th May.

Riley THURROWGOOD



Though some rules about wearing masks have changed, students 8 years and older and adults are still required to wear a mask when travelling on a school bus, unless you have a genuine legal reason not to.

Masks are mandatory on school buses.

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Calendar of Events - Term 2 - 2022

Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9
16th May Year F-2 Football Incursion	23rd May Education Week Begins—Celebrating 150 years of Derrinallum College	30th May Book Fair begins GWR X-Country Try A Career Day Warrnambool Year 9/10	6th June State School Spectacular Rehearsal	13th June Public Holiday—Queens Birthday—Student Free	20th June WPPSSA Winter Sport
17th May IDAHOBIT Day Transition - A Day In The Life Of A Derri Student!	24th May	31st May	7th June	14th June	21st June Mid West Netball/football
18th May School Council Derrinallum P-12 College X-Country	25th May	1st June	8th June	15th June School Council	22nd June
19th May	26th May National Sorry Day	2nd June	9th June	16th June School Photos	23rd June
20th May Eureka X-Country	27th May Education Week Ends—Celebrating 150 years of Derrinallum College	3rd June Book Fair ends	10th June Report Writing Day—Student Free	17th June	24th June