Derrinallum P-12 College

Community Newsletter

14th May 2021

EDITION 14

Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, Empathy, Support

Whole School Attendance for Term 2, Week 4: 92%

Assistant Principal's Report

This week marks the halfway point of Term 2. As always, the term is flying by and staff and students are busy, busy, busy. I would like to apologise for the newsletter not coming out on Friday. Our normal newsletter extraordinaire was absent and, with the business of NAPLAN, I didn't get around to putting something together.

NAPLAN:
Today (Monday) is the last day that NAPLAN tests will be conducted at Derrinallum for 2021. Over the past week, Year's 3, 5, 7 and 9 students have undertaken tests in reading, writing, conventions of language and numeracy. I must congratulate all students who have completed the tests for the way in which they have conducted themselves. I have supervised all of the Year 7 & 9 tests, and have spoken with staff who supervised the Year 3 & 5 tests, and we have no doubt that students have applied themselves well and made their best attempts. This will give us the most accurate data to help inform our teaching practice in the future. Whilst NAPLAN can be a daunting tasks for some students, the data that is collected helps us determine the effectiveness of our teaching and makes plans for improvement moving forward.

Peer Observations:
Whilst I am on the topic of improving teaching practice, over the next two weeks, all teaching staff will undertake peer observations. Peer observations involve observations of colleagues in the classroom to reflect on our whole-school teaching practice. All teaching staff will be observing two colleagues and having reflective conversations about what was seen and heard in the classroom. This will enable all staff to see different teaching styles and methods in practice and should promote collaboration between staff.

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IDAHOBIT Day:
International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia & Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) Day will be recognised at Derrinallum College on Wednesday 19th May. Whilst we are recognising the day on Wednesday, the actual date of IDAHOBIT Day is today, May 17th. IDAHOBIT Day is celebrated on this day because, 31 years ago - on May 17, 1990 - the World Health Organization removed homosexuality from the Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems. International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia & Transphobia (IDAHOBIT) celebrates LGBTQIA+ people globally, and raises awareness for the work still needed to combat discrimination. Mr Stephen and the VCAL students have been putting in a great deal of work in preparation for the day and there are some great things happening throughout the day, such as face painting and the unveiling of a mural in the secondary section of the yard. We will have some photos in next week's newsletter.

Outdoor Classroom Day:
Outdoor Classroom Day is celebrated on May 20th and is a global movement to make time outdoors part of every child's day. This week, staff will be taking their classes outside to enjoy learning in the outdoors. As the weather forecast is cold on Thursday 20th, we are encouraging staff to use the nicer days (Tuesday and Wednesday) this week to get outside.

Cold Weather:
I think it is fair to say that the cold weather is officially upon us. As such, I would like to remind students and parents about the need for warmer clothing in the colder weather. As I walk around the school on yard duty, I see many students in shorts and t-shirts, or summer dresses. If you do not have any winter uniform items, please contact the front office to arrange what is required.

That's all for this week – short and sweet. I hope everyone is tracking well so far this term. Have a great week.

Simon Brearley
Acting Assistant Principal

Foundation/Grade 1 Art

Congratulations

Cody

and

Alex

for receiving the

Golden

Elephant of the Month

Awards.

Whole school cross country winners

WE'RE GOING RAINBOW AGAINST LGBTQIA+ DISCRIMINATION

DERRINALLUM COLLEGE

On May 19, IDAHOBIT *(International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia, Interphobia & Transphobia)* is a day to activate, educate and change the world.

EVENT

We are taking a stand against discrimination on the LQBTQIA+ community.
WE ARE GOING RAINBOW!

TIME & LOCATION

On the 19th of May, VCAL are running the IDAHOBIT Day at Derrinallum College.

DETAILS *To celebrate we will be doing the following: -*

- *Unveiling our giant progressive pride flag.*
- *Rainbow cupcakes.*
- *Face painting of the rainbow flag.*
- *Rainbow classrooms.*
- *Classrooms activities*

IDAHOBIT MAY 19

IDAHOBIT.ORG.AU

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Still Life:

A still life (plural: still lifes) is a work of art depicting mostly inanimate subject matter, typically commonplace objects which are either natural (food, flowers, dead animals, plants, rocks, shells, etc.) or man-made (drinking glasses, books, vases, jewellery, coins, pipes, etc.)

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Participate and Connect Community **EXPO**

THEATRE ROYAL CAMPERDOWN

Full day conference
Saturday 29 May
Engage with inspirational guest speakers
Open to community groups only

Community Expo
Sunday 30 May
Find like-minded people and try something new
Open to the public

Register via www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/PACC

CORANGAMITE SHIRE

REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT VICTORIA

Valuing Our Water photo competition

22 March - 27 May 2021

Win a Go Pro camera or tourist vouchers!

Enter our photo competition for your chance to share in around $3000 worth of prizes.

Students need to take a photo that captures how they value water in south-west Victoria.

More details: wannonwater.com.au

Entries close 27 May 2021.

Proudly sponsored by

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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Bray for his great improvement with his writing.

Ben for working hard with his reading.

Grade 5/6 for doing such a great job on the NAPLAN Testing.

Homework Club

Homework club will resume on **Monday 26 April** and will run each Monday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm until the end of Term.

Students attending homework club are reminded to notify Mrs Marks of changes to regular bus travel.

Week	Date	Teacher volunteers
Week 5	17 May	Kristy Riley and Simon Brearly
Week 6	24 May	Simon Brearly and Simon Mansbridge
Week 7	31 May	Simon Mansbridge and Kristy Riley
Week 8	7 June	Kristy Riley and Simon Brearly
Week 9	14 June	*Queen's birthday public holiday*
Week 10	21 June	Simon Mansbridge and Kristy Riley

Looking To Buy—Further Maths/Maths Methods Calculators

The school is looking to purchase a hand full of second hand *TI Nspire* calculators used in Further Maths and Maths Methods for our Year 9/10 extension and year 11 students to use.

We are offering $100 for calculators less than 2 years old and $50 for older versions. We are happy to consider purchasing calculators that have limited battery capacity or are in a warn condition.

Please contact Kristy Riley at the school for more information or if you have a calculator you would like to sell.

Calendar Of Events - Term 2

Week 5	Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
17th May	24th May MWD X-Country @ Mt Elephant Careers Expo Warrnambool	31st May GWR X-Country @ Deakin Warrnambool	7th June	14th June Queen's Birthday - public Holiday	21st June Year 3/4 Camp begins @ Camp Kangaroobie
18th May	25th May	1st June	8th June	15th June **School photo day**	22nd June Year 3/4 Camp MWD Football/Netball
19th May School Council Meeting	26th May	2nd June	9th June	16th June School Council Meeting	23rd June Year 3/4 Camp ends Corangamite Careers Expo
20th May	27th May	3rd June	10th June	17th June WPPSSA Winter Sports @ Rokewood	24th June
21st May	28th May	4th June	11th June Report Writing Day—Student Free	18th June	25th June End of Term 2

Calendar Of Events - Term 3

Week 1
18th September First day of Term 3
19th September
20th September
21st September
22nd September