



Whole School Attendance for Term 2, Week 5: 87.85%

Principal's Report

I tell you what! This week on Wednesday I smiled more than I think I have ever smiled in my whole life. I was just so proud and happy of the work that the VCAL students and supporting staff did on the IDAHOBIT Day. Not only was I happy with that work but I was fortunate enough to teach all the primary Performing Arts lessons. I just loved getting to watch the students practice their State School Spectacular and Iko Iko dances. It was so cool watching them all get into it. We have some great dancers but better than that, we had classes full of kids giving it a go! Although, I have had the Iko Iko song stuck in my head for 3 days now!

IDAHOBIT:

I will first recap our biggest event for the week- IDAHOBIT which stands for the International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, Biphobia Intersexism and Transphobia. I know that's a lot to take in and for some, it may be confronting and cause feelings of discomfort. Especially to think about small children learning about the topic. However, it's not. The students learn about creating an atmosphere of acceptance and taking a stand against discrimination. No matter what someone's differences may be. Our wonderful little school is one of the most progressive in the region with the work that we are doing and the topic does fit within the Respectful Relationships curriculum. The earlier we start teaching this acceptance, the better the world will be. As a school, we try to teach our students to take a stand against bullying, racism and sexism and this is just the same. It's about creating a safe place for those who may feel marginalised. It's about making a difference for our young people who may identify as a member of the LGBTQIA+ community or just connect to it through a family member or friend.

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Welcoming new students:

We were very excited to welcome Harry and Jack to the school this week. The boys have settled in wonderfully and we are very happy to have them. Well done to the students who have done a great job showing them around and making them feel at home.

School Council:

School Council met this week and discussed a number of items. We are starting to make a move on plans for a new playground for the primary students and would welcome any feedback or contribution. Brooke and I will be off to Lions next week to accept a donation towards the project. We are really excited to be working towards something that we know the kids will love. We are hoping to have a working bee to clean up around the back of the school for the high school students. The back garden is looking very neglected. The new mural has brought in some wonderful colour and freshened up the areas but it needs more work. Over the school holidays we will have the permanent exercise equipment installed, so a working bee would really spruce the area up!

Bunning BBQ:

The school has secured a date to host a Bunnings BBQ at the Delacombe store on Saturday the 19th of June. This is an excellent opportunity to raise some funds for the school. The profits will be split, contributing to both upcoming camps and the playground project.

School review:

I've discussed many times that we are in the process of the school review. Hopefully families got the message to say that the fieldwork day was conducted today, rather than the scheduled day next Monday. We were very fortunate to be able to accommodate the change and still get large levels of engagement from students and staff.

Thanks to the Ag class:

I have better pop in a mention to thank the 9/10 Ag class who jumped in to help the VCAL class clean up the yard for the unveiling of the mural on Wednesday. Without hesitation or complaint, they spruced up the yard in no time flat. I really appreciate it and hope you feel a sense of pride in how the yard looked for the presentation.

Attendance:

I am a little late to announce this, but after an extensive consultation period with the SRC it has been decided that the prize for the attendance raffle this term will be a \$100 voucher to Live Wire Park. What an awesome prize to win right before the school holidays!! There will be two prizes again. One for primary and one for secondary. Remembering that the prize goes to the student with the highest attendance for the term. If there is more than one student on the same level of attendance then a name will be randomly drawn. Please remember that the prize is for the number of days physically attended.

School buses:

A quick reminder that if your child isn't travelling on the bus, you are required to let us know. A note for Mrs Marks is great and there are templates for these in the back of the student diaries. We understand life gets busy and sometimes you forget, but letting us know does save us frantically looking for students at the end of the day.

AToSS:

The Attitudes to School Survey will be conducted with students in Years 4 to 12 next week. These are a really great opportunity for the school to collect data on the students' perceptions of the school. Since I have arrived, I have routinely used the data provided from the survey to inform decision making and it gives students a real opportunity to honestly and provide feedback on the progress of the school. The information from the data can't be traced back to individual students and we use the data to track trends rather than identify individual students.

Classroom Observations:

The teachers have been participating in peer observations this week and will continue to do them next week as well. These are opportunities to better our teaching practice by engaging in reflections of our own practice as well as learning from other teachers. For each session the staff pick a High Impact Teaching strategy as the focus of the observation. In each group there are 3 participants. Each member is observed teaching a class and observes two other classes. It is a great opportunity for the teachers to learn from each other and the studies show that this is a highly effective means of professional development.

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Meetings and contact with staff:

Please remember that we do encourage you to make contact with teachers if you think there may be issues for your child. You can make contact with teachers through the general office, just keeping in mind that they may have classes, so you may not get to speak to them at the time of your call. Simon and I will generally make ourselves available for meetings to discuss any concerns as soon as we can. Please remember that I am more than happy for families to email if you would like to discuss anything. I generally get back to families within a day. I am human though and, on some days my mind is like a sieve! So please don't feel bad for calling me again or emailing me if I don't get back to you quickly enough. I won't be annoyed!

I Can- Imagination Club:

Imagination Club kicked off today for the 5/6 class. This program has been made possible thanks to some funding we received through our partnership with Brophy. I'm sure we will see some of the action over the coming weeks.

Have a great weekend. Enjoy that sunshine before it disappears again! I will certainly enjoy getting to play netball in the sun. Hopefully the old bones won't ache as much after game if it's not raining! I'll still be watching my beloved Dees as they extend their winning streak to 10, whilst I try to study on Sunday. I am getting nervous! I'm a long suffering Demons fan and know that soon enough we'll face defeat. But until then, I will be basking in this unbeaten glory!

Stay safe!

Caitlyn Fitzgerald - Principal

OUTDOOR EDUCATION DAY



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IDAHOBIT WEEK



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STUDENTS OF THE WEEK



Matilda for copying,
creating and
continuing patterns.

Campbell for his
amazing robotics
understanding and
making a tectonic
plate.



Liam for his great
definition of chance.

Homework Club

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

Week	Date	Teacher volunteers
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	<i>Queen's birthday public holiday</i>
Week 10	21 June	Simon Mansbridge and Kristy Riley



Premier's Reading Challenge



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 17 September 2021.

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:

www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Calendar Of Events - Term 2

Week 6	Week 7	Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 1	Week 2
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 Kangarooobie	19th July First day of Term 3	26th July
25th May	1st June	8th June	15th June School photo day	22nd June Year 3/4 Camp MWD Football/Netball	20th July	27th July
26th May	2nd June	9th June	16th June School Council Meeting	23rd June Year 3/4 Camp ends Corangamite Careers Expo	21st July	28th July
27th May	3rd June	10th June	17th June WPPSSA Winter Sports @ Rokewood	24th June	22nd July	29th July
28th May	4th June	11th June Report Writing Day— Student Free	18th June	25th June End of Term 2	23rd July	30th July

Calendar Of Events - Term 3