



Whole School Attendance for Term 2, Week 7: 87.3%

Principal's Report

What a weird week that was. I have to tell you, I do not like remote learning purely because I don't enjoy being at work when there are no students around. It's only fun to be at the school when there are kids making noise and creating a buzz. Thankfully the lockdown was only short for us and we can try to get back to normal. Future lockdowns are always possible so please feel free to send any feedback to us so that we can make sure that we improve our practice should we need to go into remote learning again.

Remote Learning:

Well done and a very big thank you to all our families last week! Sadly, the kids have become great at just accepting the challenge that is remote learning and getting on with their work without making a huge fuss. We had almost a completely smooth transition from face-to-face to remote learning and back to face-to-face. The staff just dove in head first ensuring the best possible transition for the kids and the kids were great at playing their part too.

New lap tops:

Many students have been asking about when they can take their lap-tops home. We are still working to source enough laptops for the school to be able to restock the them before students take them home. Unfortunately, due to high demand it is very difficult to purchase lap-tops in large quantities. We are still working towards it and will hopefully have some in early next term.

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Derrinallum P-12 College Community Newsletter

Extra-long weekend:

Reminder to families that this Friday is a student free day for report writing and this has been tacked onto the long weekend to try to allow families to take advantage and get away. Hopefully restrictions don't stop you from enjoying a great long weekend!

School photos:

We do have school photos scheduled for Tuesday 15th June. This is the first day back after the extra-long weekend. I am looking into if we can still have our photos done at this time. Fingers crossed we can. I will let families know as soon as I can confirm either way.

Camps and excursions:

At this stage the Department are not allowing incursions or excursions. This puts a hold on our transition program and preparations for the State School Spectacular. School camps are permitted given that they are conducted in regional Victoria and only have one school attending. Our 3/4 class are scheduled to be at Kangarooie in Week Ten. We are going to hold off making a decision about attending this as long as we can, just in case the conditions change and we can in fact attend. If we can't we will work with Camp Kangarooie to see if we can re-book later in the year.

Bunnings BBQ:

We are looking for helpers to staff a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 19th June at the Delacombe store. The College will be using the profits from the BBQ to help subsidise the school camps and hopefully also go towards our playground project. If you can help out, can you please contact the general office.

Teaching position:

Some families would be aware that Alicia Summerfield has commenced her family leave. Unfortunately we have struggled to find someone to fill in for her whilst she is on leave. If you know someone looking for a teaching position with general classroom experience, please encourage them to contact me to discuss the opportunity.

School review:

With the lockdown last week, we had to cancel our final panel day for the school review. This day has been pushed back to June 23rd, which is Week Ten. We will let you know more as we progress with this.

School Policies:

Just a friendly reminder that we have a selection of our school policies available on our school website for easy access. However, you can access all of our policies by contacting the general office.

Sale of school assets:

The college has some assets which we no longer need that we will be looking to sell in the near future. We have the projectors from the classrooms, which we replaced with the interactive whiteboards, and will be getting rid of some items from the metal workshops. I will keep the community up to date about these. Please be aware that bigger items have a full process that we need to go through, so it may take a little while before we can list the items for sale.

Solar panels:

Over the weekend we had our solar panels installed at the school. These panels are as a result of a grant application we submitted in 2020. The panels are part of our efforts to make the college more environmentally friendly, helping us to reduce greenhouse gases.

Pump works:

Starting this week, the school will be having some more upgrades done. Our fire system, which is also a backup for the Derrinallum CFA, is having new pumps and boosters installed. If you are driving by the school you may notice the works being completed in the staff carpark between the main building and the indoor centre. Hopefully there will be no disruptions to the buses, who should still be able to use the bus track.

The weather hasn't been too bad as yet but they tell me that there is lots of rain on the way. Please remember to send the students into school with warm layers. Coats and beanies can be worn outside but not inside in the classroom. We also ask that you send students in correct footwear. School shoes can be black elastic sided boots but please not work boots. These track in mud and grass, causing a huge mess in the classrooms.

Have a great week. Stay safe!

Caitlyn Fitzgerald – Principal

Homework Club

Changes to Homework Club

The purpose of Homework Club is to provide direct assistance to students to help them complete homework and/or provide additional support or extension to students. Given the large number of students attending each week, the staff volunteers have found that we are not able to provide sufficient direct assistance to each student. For this reason, we have made changes to the way Homework Club will run.

Starting immediately, Homework Club will be split into two groups based on the year level of students. Each week Homework Club will only be open to one group. Further, Homework Club will only run from 3:30-4:00pm on the weeks that it is open to younger students. The groups and times are listed here:

- Group 1 – Year 6 and above only. Homework club running: 3:30pm-4:30pm
- Group 2 – Year 5 and below only. Homework club running 3:30pm-4:00pm

Homework club begins at 3:30pm, 10 minutes after school ends. We encourage participating students to use the time between 3:20pm and 3:30pm to get a snack, have a drink and go to the toilet, if needed. This way, they are fuelled-up and ready to get the most out of Homework Club.

Please contact me at the school if you have any questions or concerns.

Kristy Riley

Achievement Team Leader

Term 2 Homework Club roster

Week	Date	Teacher/Volunteers	Group	Time
Week 8	7 June	Kristy Riley and Simon Breatly	Group 1 – Year 6 and above only	3:30pm -4:30pm
Week 9	14 June	Queen's birthday public holiday		
Week 10	21 June	Simon Mansbridge and Kristy	Group 2 – Year 5 and below only	3:30pm -4:00pm



your photo day:
Tuesday
15th June 2021

1

School's choice

Your school has selected this group photo style.



2

Parent's choice

Choose a quality portrait pack to suit your family needs and budget.
(Pack Displayed: Premium)



2 x 10" x 8"
1 x 5" x 7"

2 x 7" x 5" (Back and white portrait)
4 x 5" x 3.5"

4 x 1.77" x 1.21"
2 x Portrait downloaded
prints quality

3

Extra choice

Select from our range of gift items and extras.
(Available Online)



3 x 2" x 1.4"
1 x Door hanger 10" x 4"

4 x Photo bag bags
3.4" x 2.5"

1 x Photo calendar 5" x 7"
3 x Photo bookmarks 8" x 2"

Parents, please remember...

On photo day, please send your child to school with:

1. A completed envelope (even if not placing an order or ordering online)
NB: Family envelopes can be picked up from the office before photo day
2. Best school clothes (clean is always best!)
3. Their best smile!

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Premier's Reading Challenge

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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

Join the challenge and see Mrs Marks in the Library if you have any questions.

OPEN UP A NEW WORLD

The Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge is led by the Premier with the support of former premiers.



To register, visit education.vic.gov.au/prc



Calendar Of Events - Term 2

Week 8	Week 9	Week 10
7th June	14th June Queen's Birthday - public Holiday	21st June Year 3/4 Camp begins @ Camp Kangarooobie
8th June	15th June School photo day	22nd June Year 3/4 Camp MWD Football/Netball
9th June Transition Day	16th June School Council Meeting	23rd June Year 3/4 Camp ends Corangamite Careers Expo
10th June	17th June WPPSSA Winter Sports @ Rokewood	24th June
11th June Report Writing Day – Student Free	18th June	25th June End of Term 2

Calendar Of Events - Term 3

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
19th July First day of Term 3	26th July	2nd August	9th August
20th July	27th July	3rd August	10th August
21st July School Council Meeting	28th July	4th August	11th August
22nd July	29th July	5th August	12th August
23rd July	30th July	6th August	13th August