



### Whole School Attendance for Term 2, Week 9: 94.4%

## Principal's Report

The sun is shining and guess what that means? Our new solar panels are creating energy for the school. Although installed last week they weren't switched on until this week when the inspector gave them the all clear. The solar panels are examples of more work that College is doing to be more sustainable, reducing costs and minimising our impact on the environment through efficient resource use. I can't wait to see what kind of a difference we are able to make once the sun starts shining more regularly.

#### Bunnings BBB:

Tomorrow, the School Council are running at Bunning's BBQ at the Delacombe store. This is an excellent fundraising opportunity as the money will come from outside of the school community, which means we can potentially raise a lot more. We will be using the funds raised to help offset the cost of camps for families and also, hopefully, some will go towards our playground project. Thank you in anticipation to those wonderful parents and staff that help out through the day. I must give an extra special mention to Brooke, who has done so much work organising the volunteers and the food and equipment. I have been very busy the past couple of weeks and have hardly had to lift a finger because Brooke and her supporters have done the ground work. I thank you all immensely.

#### School Council:

School Council met this week and discussed many important topics and granted approvals for things to happen around the school. The council are trying to think outside the box about how we can get things done. Please remember that your contribution and ideas are always more than welcome, so please feel free to speak with School Council members about them. Just to jog your memory, School Council members are;

Parents- Brooke Grieg (President), Karlie Tucker (Vice President), Sam Horner, Sarah Lewis, Corinne Maslin, Jess Niblett, Staff- Daniel Missen and Alicia Summerfield –Owers (currently on leave)

Students- Christine Krik and Audrey Ringe

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# Derrinallum P-12 College Community Newsletter

## **Staffing:**

We are very excited to welcome back Erin Connor next term. Erin will be returning from family leave and will be working two and half days a week. She will mostly work in the 5/6 room but may venture around the school as needed as well. We also welcome Lisa Parker who will be officially filling in for Alicia Summerfield-Owers whilst she is on Family Leave. Lisa has been filling in part time to help us cover Alicia but will take the role on full time for the rest of the year. Many will know Lisa, as she worked here a few years back which gives her an excellent head start as she takes on the MYLNS role.

## **Semester 1 reports:**

We are working very hard on the Semester 1 reports at the moment to have them ready for distribution next week. You will notice that they look different to the old reports. We are changing to ongoing reporting so that students and families get feedback in a faster manner and families can know how their child is progressing in real time, rather than waiting to get a report at the end of the semester. The new style of reporting will take staff a little while to get used to, so please understand that these reports are a little bit of a test run. We hope that they are more valuable to families and keep you better informed of your child's progress throughout the year. Please remember that unless you returned the paperwork to request a hard copy we will be posting the reports electronically through Compass. Please don't stress, you can always request a hard copy of the reports if you find it difficult to access or read your child's report electronically.

## **AIP monitoring:**

This week I met with Michelle Miller, our acting SEIL, and two other local Principals to discuss our progress against our Annual Implantation Plan (AIP). The AIP is the strategic plan that provides the school with the intended direction and goals for the year, and are instrumental in guiding our processes. Initially, when I sat to review our progress and enter the commentary, I was concerned that we had not made much progress, however, as we had our discussion about the goals, I realised that we had indeed made much more progress than I had realised. This was a wonderful opportunity for me to discuss our ideas with the other schools and get some insight into what they are doing. I think we are making great progress.

## **Something BIG is coming:**

Keep your eyes peeled because the Engagement Team have something we think is a little bit fun coming up next term. We don't want to give anything away just yet and you'll have to wait until after the holidays to find out what exactly we are up to!

## **Principal mentoring:**

I think it's really important for me to keep learning about being a principal so that I can do a good job here. As most of you would know, this is my first appointment as a principal and I am constantly learning things about the role. It is a wonderful job, which I love doing. True, there are some parts that a principal would rather not do, but it comes with the job and so you just have to get on with it. In my learning journey as a principal I have been working with Karen Turner who is a retired principal. She is very experienced and still very enthusiastic about leadership within schools. I've been meeting with her once or twice a term to discuss our progress, reflect on my own practice and troubleshoot topics. The experience has been invaluable to me and has allowed me to learn a lot.

## **Working Bees:**

The School Council would really like to organise a working bee for around the school, but we understand that it is challenging trying to find a time around weekend commitments that suits people and the weather! School Council have come up with an idea that we would like to try. We are going to post a list of small jobs that could be done around the school that families or community members might like to do at a time that suits them. We'll keep you updated and share the list as soon as we can get it sorted.

## **VCE classroom upgrades:**

I have my fingers crossed that next term, when the VCE students return, they'll have a freshened up VCE room, complete with new carpet and paint. Hopefully this creates a better atmosphere for learning and gives the students a space that they feel proud of.

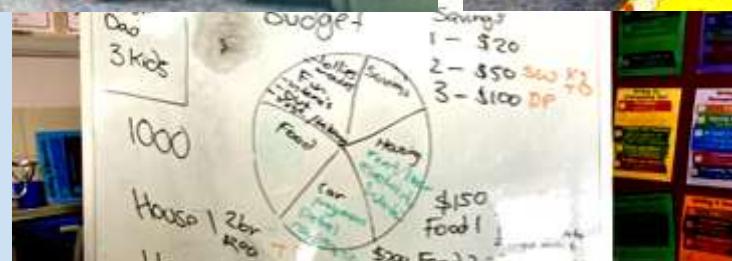
Have a wonderful weekend! If you happen to be near Bunnings, do drop in for a delicious snag!

Caitlyn Fitzgerald  
Principal



## Year 5/6 Maths

Students in Year 5 and 6 have been learning about money and budgeting in Maths. On Thursday, Kirra, Tarryn, Sophie and Daisy made a weekly budget for a family of five. They had to decide how much of their fixed income to spend on housing, food, a car and savings. For each category of spending (housing, food etc), students had to choose between an expensive, mid-range and low cost option. They had to make difficult choices, as their income was not high enough to choose all of the luxury or mid-range options. Any money leftover could be set aside for spending on fun activities. Each of the students used a pie graph to represent their spending decisions. Ms Riley



## Homework Club



Term 2 Homework Club roster

Week	Date	Teacher/Volunteers	Group	Time
Week 10	21 June	Simon Mansbridge and Kristy	Group 2 – Year 5 and below only	3:30pm -4:00pm



### On The Buses

#### Things to remember:

School Bus Travel is a shared responsibility!

- Be at your stop 10 minutes before your pick-up and drop-off times, the bus cannot wait for you.
- A note is required for any changes to bus travel.
- Students over the age of 12 and adults must wear a mask on school buses.
- Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated:
  - Swearing
  - removing your seat belt, changing seats whilst the bus is in motion
  - Being loud
  - Distracting the driver



Please remember that our drivers must sometimes drive under difficult conditions and in all kinds of weather.

The school bus service is a privilege and not a right.



# SAME DAY NOTIFICATION OF UNEXPLAINED STUDENT ABSENCES

## Contact details

*There are times when we will need to contact you, including on the day if your child is absent and you haven't informed the school as to why. Do we have your most up to date contact details? If not, please contact the school on 5597 6625 so we can update our records. Please include parent/carers' name, address, phone numbers, email address and emergency contact details. Please remember to contact the school if any of these details or your circumstances change.*

## Notify the school of your child's absence

*Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.*

*Please remember to call the school on 5597 6625 or email at [Derrinallum.p12@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Derrinallum.p12@education.vic.gov.au) early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.*

*For further information on the processes and procedures our school uses to record, monitor and follow-up student attendance and absence please read our Attendance Policy on the Derrinallum College [website](#).*

## Same-day notification of unexplained student absences

*Our school will text you as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and you haven't notified the school as to why. If you are notified by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by texting 0427 016 460 to let us know where your child is. If we cannot reach you because we don't have your correct contact details (i.e.: message notification fail, disconnected number), then we will make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school, where possible, on the same day of the unexplained absence.*

*Please remember it is your responsibility to contact us to provide an explanation for your child's absence from school, and where possible, please inform us in advance of upcoming absences.*

*For further information on the processes and procedures our school uses to record, monitor and follow-up student attendance and absence please read our Attendance Policy.*

**Save this number!** Our school uses text to contact parents/carers as soon as practical on the day on an unexplained student absence. Save this number 0427 016 460 into your phone so you know it is the school contacting you if you receive a text.

## New Attendance Requirements

*If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible **on the day of absence**, by text message or phone call.*



*Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.*

*From the end of Term 2 2018, all Victorian government schools are required to contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained student absence. If your child is absent on a particular day and you have not contacted the school to explain why, the absence will be marked as unexplained.*

*This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.*

*The Derrinallum P-12 College Attendance Policy which outlines the school's processes and procedures for monitoring, recording and following-up of student absences is available upon request.*





# Senior secondary certificate reform

Victoria is transforming the delivery of senior secondary education with the introduction of a single senior secondary certificate that will offer greater access to quality vocational and applied learning pathways for all students. The senior secondary education reforms aim to provide access to education and training that is relevant, engaging and that delivers in-demand skills for the future world of work, ensuring that students can access education that leads to employment.

Next year students will still be able to enrol in either the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning (VCAL) or the Victorian Certificate of Education (VCE). The following year, in 2023, VCAL students will be enrolled in the new VCE Vocational Specialisation or the new foundation pathways certificate which will be introduced to replace Foundation VCAL.

The VCE Vocational Specialisation will be recognised internationally, be valued by employers and will build on the strengths of VCAL including providing:

- flexible timetables that allow students to study at school, TAFE and work
- opportunities to experience real-life workplaces
- subjects that will build students skills and prepare them for life after school
- greater access to high quality VET learning, either in school, a neighboring school or a local TAFE

The new certificates are part of a suite of 38 reforms recommended in the *Review into Vocational and Applied Learning Pathways in Senior Secondary Schooling* (the Firth Review) to lift the quality and perception of vocational education and help more students access high-quality applied learning programs.

## Course selection in 2022

We are supporting all students in their course selections for 2022 and are providing the following advice and information to students considering a VCAL pathway.

If students are studying VCAL in 2022 they will transfer into the VCE Vocational Specialisation with credit for completed VCAL subjects in 2023. In 2023, students will continue to study Senior VCAL subjects in the new certificate as part of the implementation process. At the end of 2023, these students will be awarded the VCE Vocational Specialisation if they meet the requirements.

Students who are studying Foundation VCAL over multiple years, including in 2022, will transfer into a new foundation pathways certificate in 2023 with credit for completed subjects. These students will study the new foundation subjects and graduate with the foundation pathways certificate.

This approach provides assurance and clarity to current Year 10 students some of whom will be among the first cohort to receive a VCE Vocational Specialisation certificate in 2023.

The following diagram sets out the senior secondary pathways for students commencing the VCE or VCAL in 2022.



## Enrolment options



\* Note: Students can also move between certificates

If you would like to talk further about these changes please contact, Simon Brearley. To learn more about Victoria's senior secondary certificate reform, you can email the [Senior Secondary Reform team](#).

## *Students Of The Week*



*Ava for striving to achieve  
and improve reading and  
counting.*



*Byron for settling into  
Derrinallum P-12 College.*



*Daisy, Kirra, Sophie and Tarryn for working so well in maths with  
Ms Riley.*

# Sista Towns

Please join us for:

# Paint & Graze

***Let's connect, reconnect & build on strengthening our community.***

**\$65 per person**

Step by step painting lesson (everything provided)

Delectable grazing platters

Glass of champagne on arrival

Drinks at bar prices

**Sunday, August 8 from 2:30pm**

**Lismore Football Club (Social Rooms), Seymour Street, Lismore**

Strict numbers apply so get in quick.

RSVP with payment no later than July 18 to

Siobhan 0439 330 539 or

Sim 0417 114 624

***All ladies welcome***

***Pay to secure your paints***

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Teamwork Respect Integrity Empathy Support

# Premier's Reading Challenge

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](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc)

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

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



To register, visit [education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://education.vic.gov.au/prc)



Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
12th July First day of Term 3 <b>POSTPONED</b>	19th July 26th July	2nd August 9th August	2nd August 9th August	16th August <b>Student Free Day</b>	16th August
13th July 20th July	27th July	3rd August 10th August	3rd August 10th August	17th August	17th August
14th July 21st July	28th July School Council Meeting	4th August GWR—Winter Sports	11th August School Council Meeting	18th August	18th August
15th July 22nd July	29th July GWR X Country	5th August 12th August	5th August 12th August	19th August	19th August
23rd June MWD Football/Netball	Corangamite Careers Expo	23rd July 30th July	6th August 13th August	20th August WPSSA Llanberis	20th August
24th June 25th June End of Term 2	GWR X Country				

### Calendar Of Events - Term 3

Week 10	Week 11
21st June Year 3/4 Camp begins @ Camp Kangaroobie <b>POSTPONED</b>	
22nd June MWD Football/Netball	
23rd June Corangamite Careers Expo	
24th June GWR X Country	
25th June End of Term 2	
Week 12	Week 13
16th July School Photos (new date)	
17th July 30th July	
18th July 6th August	
19th July 13th August	
20th July WPSSA Llanberis	

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