



Welcome to new
teachers
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And
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Principal's Report

Welcome back! I hope that everyone has had a great break and are energised and refreshed ready for the new school year. What a great start to the year. We were so happy to be able to welcome the students back into normal schooling. Let's keep our fingers crossed that remote learning is a thing of the past and this year can be a normal one! Although we've had a very short week and we haven't actually welcomed our primaries back to the classroom yet, there has been plenty going on.

Welcome to students:

It's so lovely to have the students back in the school. I've been checking in with as many as I can to find out how their holidays were and what they got up. One of my favourite things about the start of the year is seeing how much they have grown. I almost felt over when Charlie Turner walked in on Thursday, he was up to mum Sally's shoulder! I'm thinking he might have his Uncle Tim's height. Another great thing about this time of year is getting to introduce our new students! As always we welcome new foundation students, we will have a photo in next week's edition. We also, however, welcome Seth grade 3, Will year 7, Scarlett year 8, Ella year 10. This has our enrolment numbers up to 80. Let's hope they continue to go up.

New Staff:

As well as our new students we are very excited to welcome Mr Lachlan Green (Technologies and PE) and Ms Philippa Allen (5/6 maths/integrated studies) to our teaching team. You'll will no doubt hear from them as the settle in.

Student Voice:

This year we will continue to be working on increasing the Student Voice around the school. This will not only strengthen the way in which the school operates but also engage the students more proactively in how they learn. We'll be increasing the say the students have and even getting feedback on teaching.

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COVID information:

Please be sure to check your compass accounts regularly. There will be posts about lots of things but here is where we will notify you about any changes around the school due to COVID. There are a few things that we'd like to parents to know. We will no longer be having a mid-day clean but rather an extended clean after school with additional disinfecting. Masks are not needed in the school but if students would like to wear one they are welcome to. They should wear them on the bus. Excursions and camps are going ahead at this stage.

Local excursions permission:

Many families will have received a local excursions permission form. If you could please sign and return, it will make life much easier at the school when we are organising excursions within the limits of the town. This form will need to be resigned each year. Families will still get notified of excursions.

Happening around the school:

At the moment we have painters on site which means we do have some furniture in the corridor whilst the staff lunch room is painted. You might also notice a scaffold at the indoor center. The laser lighting is being removed and replaced with tin which is non-combustible. This is a requirement for the building to be used as our shelter in place during a bushfire. I would love some feedback about if people think we should get a Derrinallum Indoor Sports Center sign placed once the new sheeting is finished. I like the idea but would love to hear what the community think.

VCAL/VCE:

The VCE/VCAL students have been participating in a number of sessions over the past two days designed to give them the best start to the year possible. The students have spent time with Mr Brearley going over the VCAL/VCE assessment policy. This was clearly outlined and explained. These have been sent home and need to be gone over with a parent/guardian, signed and returned to school. Please do this as soon as possible so we don't have to chase them.

Primary Testing:

Thank you very much to the families for bringing the students in for their testing. Conducting the testing at the start of year saves so much time and reduced interruptions to classes. The testing allows teachers to hit the ground running and be prepared for students when they arrive for class next week.

Family interactions:

We are so keen to get families back into the school and strengthen our connections. At this stage we have some plans about how we will do this but they aren't locked in yet. We will let you know as soon as we have locked in the details. If you have suggestions please don't hesitate to let me know and we'll see what we can do.

I look forward to having all the students back at school next week. Have a lovely weekend enjoying this crazy weather.

Caitlyn Fitzgerald - Principal

Draft Annual Privacy Reminder

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Please take time to remind yourself of the school's collection statement, found on our website www.derrinallump12.vic.edu.au

For more information about privacy, refer to: [Schools' Privacy Policy — information for parents](#). This information is also available in nine community languages:

Amharic, Arabic, Dari, Mandarin, Somali, Sudanese, Turkish, Urdu, Vietnamese.

Welcome to 2021



Calendar of Events - Term 1 2021

Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6
1st February	8th February	15th February	22nd February	1st March
2nd February	9th February	16th February House Swimming Sports @ Lismore	23rd February Investiture - 2.30pm	2nd March
3rd February	10th February	17th February	24th February	3rd March
4th February	11th February	18th February	25th February	4th March WPSSA Swim Meet Skipton
5th February	12th February	19th February GWR Swim Meet	26th February	5th March MWC Swim Meet