Principal's Report

I would like to welcome everyone back to school after what I hope was a restful break. What a wonderful first week we have had! The school is buzzing with anticipation for the year to come…

I would like to welcome our new students:
- Violet, Nathaniel, Xaviea, Fletcher, Charlotte, Kelvin, Lockie, Caitlyn, Landon and Wednesday (Prep)
- Audrey, Ezrah and Ethan (Year 7)
- Imogen (Year 9)

Welcome also to new staff members Ms Riley (Humanities), Mr Mansbridge (Maths and Science) and Mrs Parker (who shares Mr Dally’s class).

Earlier this week, teachers completed their CPR training and other preparation tasks prior to students coming back to school on Wednesday. On Wednesday morning, students first got organised (lockers and diaries) and we had a short assembly to welcome new students and staff.

Our 10 new Preps are energetic and already getting used to their new routine. They are already very good at colouring and writing their own name down.

On Thursday, House meetings took place and I would like to congratulate the following students:

Banongill/Larra House
- Senior House Captains: Simon Cameron and Stella Cameron
- Senior House Vice-Captains: Max Uren and Rachael Collins
- Junior House Captains: Kelly Hill and Anna French

Gala/Titanga House
- Senior House Captains: Peter Harmes and Maggie Turner
- Senior Vice-Captains: Paul Galea and Kylee Spillman
- Junior House Captains: Matthew Spies and Emily Thurrowgood

Please note that our investiture will take place on Thursday 9th February in the Foyer at 10am. Our Swimming Sports will be held on Friday 10th February for all students at the Lismore pool.

I would like to commend all students for their excellent start to the year. As a school community, we are all looking forward to witnessing their achievements and progress.

Valerie Lobry
Acting Principal

From 2017, Youthsaver accounts can be opened online by parents who bank with CommBank, as well as those who don’t. Accounts can be opened from a mobile, tablet or desktop device so parents will have the flexibility of opening the account from home at their own leisure. For all new accounts opened online where you have selected to participate in School Banking, a School Banking welcome pack will be mailed to your home address, including their Dollarmites deposit wallet and book.

If your child/children would like to get involved in the School Banking program and don’t have a Youthsaver account, there are two simple ways for parents to open one:

Online
Visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking and click on the link to open the Youthsaver account.

In branch
Visit any Commonwealth Bank branch and our friendly staff will assist.

Parents will need to bring along identification for themselves and their child, like their Driver licence and their child's birth certificate.

Note: Paper-based applications for new Youthsaver accounts are no longer our preferred method of account opening for School Banking.

School banking day at Derrinallum P-12 College is each Tuesday. Students must bring their Dollarmites PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2017.

An information package regarding 2017 Parent Payment Charges was mailed to all families mid December 2016. We would appreciate return of the 2017 Charges form (included in the information package) together with payment by 28 February 2017.

PRIMARY PARENTS please note:
- Kids in the Kitchen fee will not be charged as the program has been altered for this year.
- Year 4/5/6 Woodwork charge should read Primary Woodwork and is applicable to all primary students.

SECONDARY PARENTS please note:
- TEXT BOOKS will be allocated to students on receipt of the Text Book Levy payment of $80.

We appreciate that families may sometimes experience financial difficulties in meeting payment requests. Families who do not have an immediate capacity to pay are able to enter into alternative and confidential payment arrangements with the school.

Payment may be made by regular weekly or fortnightly deposits into your family account.

Thank you to those families who have already paid.

PARENT CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2017.
On The School Buses

Aitken Bus Lines have updated their fleet of buses. Three new buses have begun their service as school buses this term and are equipped with all the latest mod cons including seat belts. Students will be required to wear their seat belts whilst travelling on the school buses at all times.

As always, all students making a change to their bus travel for any reason, must provide a note to the School Bus Co-ordinator, in a timely manner before any changes take place. If for any reason, your child/children, both primary and secondary, are intending to get on or off the bus at a different stop to their normal stop, change buses or will not be travelling home on the bus, but being collected by a parent/guardian or emergency contact, please provide a note signed by a parent/guardian. Without signed permission, students will be unable to make these changes. This rule will be vigorously enforced this year, be prepared to receive a phone call if we do not have a signed bus note for any changes. If we are unable to make contact with you, your child/children will be sent home on their normal bus. This rule is in place for the safety of your child/children.

Bus drivers are not responsible for changes to student travel and cannot be requested to drop bus travellers off the bus at stops other than their normal stop unless advised by the School Bus Co-ordinator.

Your assistance is required to ensure that all students are safe. In an emergency situation, it is impossible for the school to know where students are if a note has not been provided for students to make changes to their travel. Thank you to those parents who always provide a bus note for bus travel changes.

Form 1: Application for Permission to Travel

Transport Victoria’s ‘Application for Permission to Travel’ on a school bus form is required to be completed and signed by both parents/guardians and students and returned to the College by Monday February 6th, 2017. Students will be unable to travel on a school bus if this form is not completed and returned by this date. Thank you to those parents/guardians who have lodged their application to travel on a school bus at the College already.

A copy of the form can also be downloaded from the school website at www.derrinallump12.vic.edu.au or contact the school office on 55976625.

Gaye Robinson-Marks
Bus Co-ordinator

The 2017 Prep Class - What We Like To Do At School!

Xaviea likes playing with friends at school.
Kelvin doesn't know what he likes about school.
Fletcher likes playing in the sandpit.
Landon likes eating and doing art work.
Lockie likes playing with Nessa outside.
Charlotte likes swinging on the monkey bars.
Violet likes writing at school.
Wednesday likes learning and playing outside.
Nathaniel likes eating and building with blocks.
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Lockie likes playing with Nessa outside.
Charlotte likes swinging on the monkey bars.
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Welcome to our new staff members:

Kristy Riley
Lisa Parker
Simon Mansbridge