

Derrinallum P-12 College

Community Newsletter



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Integrity, Teamwork, Support, Empathy, Respect.

Principal's Report

Welcome

We are very excited to welcome another new student, Harley Bilson (Year 12) to our College. We welcome Harley to our community and encourage him to make the most of the opportunities our rural school provides.

Legal Aid Sessions

The last of our information sessions presented by Legal Aid was held last Wednesday the 29th of April. The Year 6 to 12 students were provided with important information regarding Sexting and Cyberbullying. I'd like to thank the 2 lawyers, Susan and Tamara who shared the information with our staff and students and provided all of the students with a booklet on common legal issues for young people.

Lest We Forget

It was terrific to see so many of our students attend the Derrinallum Commemorative Service on Saturday the 25th of April. The School Captains, Christine Kirk, Riley Gordon and Josh Anderson, were fine ambassadors for the College as were the many other students who attended wearing their school uniform. It was great for the community to see so many students of the local State School participating in the event and distributing the Australian flags.

Further Debating Success

Our "D" Grade debating team continued the positive start to the year with a victory in Round 2 of the DAV (Debaters of Victoria) debating competition in Ballarat last Wednesday night. Hannah Thompson, Jordyn Martin and Simon Cameron were victorious over Saint Patrick's College 2. The topic was "That We Should Stop Celebrating Australia Day". Well done to all three students and thanks to Kasey Baird for being our time keeper.

Team Effort

On Friday the 1st of May the students, staff and parents of Lismore, Rokewood and Skipton Primary Schools participated in the "Western Plains District" Primary Athletics Day at the College. Once again the event was well-attended and an enjoyable day for young and old alike. A margin of 28 points separated the winners. Thanks to Mr Moyle and his team for the perfect weather and the excellent organisation of the event. Many thanks also to all of the parents and staff that assisted on the day and to our students who assisted on the day and to the SRC for the tasty hotdogs. Your help was certainly appreciated.

Alan Coffey - Principal



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Calendar of Events

1st May	Western Plains Athletics—Prep to Year 6
8th May	Western Plains Cross Country—Years 3-6
12th May	NAPLAN Testing—Years 3, 5, 7 & 9
13th May	NAPLAN Testing —Years 3, 5, 7 & 9
14th May	NAPLAN Testing—Years 3, 5, 7 & 9
18th May	Warrnambool Eisteddfod Whole Grade 2-6 Choral
20th May	School Council Meeting
26th May	Warrnambool Eisteddfod - Selected Students
27th May	Warrnambool Eisteddfod - Selected Students
28th May	Warrnambool Eisteddfod - Selected Students



VCAL Organised RSA & FS1 At Derrinallum P-12 College

C.F.T. International will be running Food Safety Level 1 and Responsible Service of Alcohol at the College on Tuesday 18th August 2015.

If you are interested in obtaining one or both of these certificates please contact Nicole or Gaye at Derrinallum P-12 College on 55976625 or complete the form below and return to the College by August 3rd. Times to be confirmed.

Food Safety Level 1 \$95
Responsible Service of Alcohol \$75

Please enrol me in: Food Safety Level 1 \$95
Responsible Service of Alcohol \$75
Total _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

This training will provide assessment of both skills and knowledge to the learners.

2015 - Term Dates

Term 1, 28 January to 27 March
Term 3, 13 July to 18 September

Term 2, 13 April to 26 June
Term 4, 5 October to 18 December

Year 7/8 Camp Bridgewater



On Tuesday 17th April all of the Year 7 and 8 students at Derrinallum College went to Cape Bridgewater for three nights for their annual camp. Students participated in a range of challenging activities that included abseiling, caving and sandboarding. The seal tour, canoeing and swimming were very popular activities that all students enjoyed. Students were also given the opportunity to relax around a campfire, test their bow and arrow skills in archery and watch a movie in the camp theatre. Overall, I am very happy to report that all students represented the school in a positive manner and they all appeared to have a good time at camp. Thank-you to all the parents for encouraging the students to attend this worthwhile camp. A special thank you to Mr Ellington for attending the camp and contributing to the positive atmosphere and to Mr Moyle for organising and taking the canoeing activity that students enjoyed.

Mrs Grant
Year 7/8 Coordinator.



Lost Property

Our lost property box is overflowing, if your child is missing some of their school uniform, please check out the lost property box next time you are in the school. Please make sure your child/children's uniform and other personal property is named so that found articles can be returned to their owners.

On The School Buses

Parents must advise the school Bus Co-ordinator of any changes to their child/children's bus travel. It is imperative that these changes are submitted in writing to the school library on the day of, or before students make any changes to bus travel to ensure the safety of students. If you are collecting your child/children from school, parents must sign their children out from the school office.

Students on the Dundonnell and Vite Vite Pura bus lines now have a seating arrangement which must be strictly adhered to until further notice.

Please find attached a copy of Change of Bus Travel forms for your convenience.

Gaye Robinson-Marks
Bus Co-ordinator



VCAL Class

This week in the VCAL Veggie Patch, we have been turning over the soil and preparing it for the new coming season of winter crops. This year we will be doing a lot of rotating crops so that we get a different variety of fruits and veggies and not just the same ones. We also are going to be bringing in some exciting garden ornaments to help make the veggie garden appetising for the primary school children and for the public. We also aim to have a bigger worm farm to help make fertiliser for the garden and we are getting some chooks to help weed the garden and produce eggs and a seat so that students and staff can sit and relax and enjoy the smell of fresh air.

As a VCAL group we would like to encourage more donations from the public like tools and seeds. We would like to welcome the coming seasons with joy and change the way that we as Australians live. As part of our crop rotations and different projects, we encourage more student of Derrinallum P-12 College to take on VCAL in Year 11 and 12. We are trying to make the point that growing your fruit and veggies is much cheaper and healthier than going to the big cities and buying them as well as buying fast food or takeaway. It starts with us to make the point and starts with us to make a change to society.



Our worms have outgrown their current accommodation and are looking for a new place to live!

The VCAL class would like to ask if there is anyone who has a spare bathtub lying around that they would like to donate to the College.

The plan is to transform the bathtub into a new, and larger, home for our worms and all the scraps that our students are collecting for them on a daily basis.

If you can help us out please contact Nicole Hill at the College on 5597 6625.



Students of
the Week

Pippa Britton for creating a detailed story graph.

Mr Smith's Maths Problem!

For those who wish to get their mathematical minds thinking, try finding an answer to this week's question:

I am a 2 digit number that can be divided by 2 with no remainder. My first digit is double my second digit. My 2 digits add up to 6. What number am I?

