

Derrinallum P-12 College

Community Newsletter



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June 4th, 2015

Integrity, Teamwork, Support, Empathy, Respect.

Principal's Report

Long Weekend

Just a reminder that this Friday, the 5th of June is a Pupil Free Day and Monday the 8th of June is the Queen's Birthday Public Holiday. Please enjoy your long weekend and we look forward to seeing all of the students back safe and sound on Tuesday the 9th of June.

Well Done

I'd like to express my appreciation to all of the students who participated in the recent Warrnambool Eisteddfod. For many of our students it was the first time that they have participated in this event and they enthusiastically embraced the opportunity. The number of students participating this year was increased to provide more of our students with the opportunity to develop their public speaking/performing skills. I look forward to next year when the students can build on the skills and knowledge they learned this year.

Facelift

The School Council would like to invite parents to join with them to 'brainstorm' ideas to enhance the northern side of the school grounds. Once we have captured these ideas we will work with a consultant to develop a master plan for the redevelopment of this underutilised area of the school. The 'walk around' will take place on Wednesday the 17th of June at 4.30pm.

2014 Annual Report to the School Community

School Council will present the 2014 Annual Report to the School Community at 7.00pm on Wednesday the 17th of June. The Annual Report is prepared to inform parents and the wider school community of the school's successes, activities and achievements throughout the year.

Please contact the College for a copy of our 2014 Annual Report, view it on the school website or you are welcome to attend the presentation evening in June.

Employment Opportunity

We currently have advertised on Recruitment Online the Student Wellbeing Coordinator Position. The position is for 15.2 hours per week as a Classroom Teacher /Student Wellbeing Coordinator for Term 3 and 4 this year. Alan Coffey - Principal



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Calendar of Events

5th June	Student Free Day
8th June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
10th June	DAV Debating Ballarat - Selected Students
17th June	Facelift - Walk Around
18th June	Mid West Round Robin - Year 7-12 Students
22nd June	Primary Golf - Terang
25th June	Derrinallum P-12 College Open Day - Whole School
26th June	Last Day Of Term 2 - 2.30pm Dismissal

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

Warrnambool Eisteddfod - Miss Hill

Over the past few weeks we have had a record 50% of Derrinallum College students participate in the Warrnambool Eisteddfod for 2015. Each and every student deserves a big 'pat on the back' for their preparation and effort on the day.

Our primary students from Grades 2 to 6 participated in the Choral Speaking event. Mr Dally's 2/3 Class entered into the competition for the first time this year and had lots of fun and I'm sure they learnt lots too. The 4/5/6 class were awarded 2nd place and came away with the \$20 prize. Well done to all our primary students!

Our secondary students entered into numerous events, with Poem for Two and Poetry Reading again being a popular choice. There was tough competition from numerous other schools and while none of our Year 7 & 8's won a place prize it was, however, a great opportunity to watch others and receive feedback on their work.

A special mention goes to Simon Cameron for coming 2nd in the Impromptu Speech, 2nd in the Poem Written by Competitor and 3rd in the Prepared Speech in the 16 Years & Under section. A great effort!

A very special thank you must also go to Jayson Thompson and Julie Cameron for transporting our students to and from the events. Without such support many of our students would miss out on this opportunity.



Health Is Wealth Day

On September 1st 2015, the VCAL Class will be holding a 'Health Is Wealth Day' at the college. Community members are invited to come along and take part in the activities on offer, including free blood pressure, blood sugar and hearing test that will be performed by a health professional. These tests will be available to the school and wider community members.

Ambulance Victoria will be presenting their 'Get Linked' program to our senior students whilst our junior students will take part in a workshop presented by Country Care Dental on good dental hygiene. South West Health will also be involved in the day and provide information for our senior students on mental health.

The aim of the day is to promote good health practices and highlight the importance of having regular health checks to maintain good health for us all.

Our guests will include Costal Hearing, South West Health, Ambulance Victoria, Country Care Dental, a personal trainer and much more, along with a surprise celebrity guest.

A three course lunch will be available for purchase which will include a delicious healthy soup, scrumptious healthy burger and a yummy healthy dessert, orders will go out early next term.

All are most welcome and we hope you will take advantage of the free tests that will be on offer along with a Health Is Wealth show bag.

'GOOD HEALTH IS WORTH MORE THAN GOLD - HEALTH IS WEALTH'

Technology - Mr Ellington

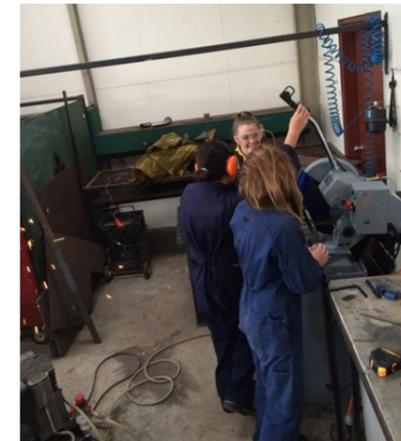
Derrinallum P-12 College put its newest investment in the technology area into service this week. The college purchased a new cold cut metal saw to improve student safety, accuracy, their skill base and confidence by using machines that they will be required when working in industry. This new saw replaces an old friction saw that, by nature created sparks and was therefore prohibitive for students to use.

Students are already using this new saw after completing the safe operating licence and receiving a demonstration in the proper use of the saw. The results in accuracy and learning confidence are already evident as students appreciate the opportunity to work autonomously and not having to wait for a teacher to cut their material for them.

"Once all the students are competent with the use of the saw, this will enable me to teach the skills required in Metalwork rather than complete the arduous task of cutting steel, enhancing the curriculum and improving students' skills in areas such as welding and assembly of their projects".

Our senior students are already tackling some large projects such as Dog boxes for utes, trailers and even a bucking bull used for bull riding practice. Without the new saw they have had to work at lunchtimes, recesses and even after school to complete these projects. At the top end of the school the saw will have a dramatic impact of the tight timelines experienced by the VCE Product and Design Technology students', who themselves are tackling some large projects such as cattle crates, chicken and rabbit houses and outdoor table and chairs, one of which will be using stainless steel, so accuracy will be paramount to the success of this project.

"I would like to thank the School Council for supporting this venture and I invite you all to buy a ticket or two in our upcoming raffle to help raise funds



Mr Smith's Maths Problem!

Last week's question was: What number am I?

If I multiply (times) this number by 3 then add 3 to it, I get an answer of 24.

ANS: 7.

This week's question is:

How many numbers do I have to add up until I get an answer of **91** if I start with number 1 and keep adding up all the next numbers?

For example: $1 + 2 = 3$ (I added 2 numbers to get an answer of 3)

$1 + 2 + 3 = 6$ (I added 3 numbers to get an answer of 6)

$1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10$ (I added 4 numbers to get an answer of 10)