A huge thank you to our guest speaker, Kylie Butler, who enlightened all our students about Elephants and Bees on Tuesday. Kylie kindly gave up her whole day and travelled from Melbourne so we could have this fundraiser. She ran three sessions during the day for students and a community event in the evening. It was fantastic to see how inquisitive primary students were about the topic and what they were able to write and remember afterwards. Kylie herself was very surprised at how much of the information they absorbed. The evening event was very well attended and with Kylie such a natural speaker, everyone listened carefully and many questions were asked. The evening finished with a high quality light supper cooked during the day by our primary students. I would like to thank our entertainers for the evening, Sky Davidson, Matthew and Jaidyn Morrison. Thank you also to Sandra Toneys, Gaye Robinson-Marks and Janette Devlin as the organising committee as well as staff, students and community members who supported the event and created a real buzz. All funds raised ($163) will go towards our Breakfast Club.

Congratulations to our Business Manager, Janette Devlin on a very successful financial audit last week.

All staff updated their anaphylactic knowledge this week, an important part of our duty of care.

Please note there will be a Book Fair at the school from the 22nd to the 26th of August, with everyone welcome to come and purchase books. This will complement activities surrounding Book Week.

I would like to wish all students and staff a safe and enjoyable break after what has been a long term. I am looking forward to seeing everyone refreshed next term!

Valerie Lobry
Acting Principal
Greater Western Cross Country

On Monday 6th June Derrinallum P12 College had 6 students travelled down to Warrnambool to represent Derrinallum P12 College in the Greater Western Zone X-Country final.

The performances of our students were as follows;
Matthew Morrison – 12 YR Boys - 33rd overall from a field of 61 competitors with a time of 11.55.36 (3km). This was a personal best time for Matt. Well done.
Riley Gordon – 13 YR Boys – 67th from a field of 84 with a time of 12.37.24 for 3km.
Kasey Baird – 14 YR Girls – 66th from a field of 69 in a time of 15.55.22 for 3km.
Jeremy Jackman – 14 YR Boys – 81st in a time of 14.55.87 for 3km.
Fred Galea – 15 YR Boys – 61st from a field of 67. No times were recorded for this event due to a technical hitch.
Simon Cameron – 17-20 YR Boys - 34th from a field of 41 with a time of 21.56.98 (5km).

The top 10 competitors for each age group qualified for the state finals and whilst our students did not reach this goal they nevertheless performed to the best of their ability on the day. Well done.

Thanks also to Mirelle Temple and Zac Gellie for transporting the students to and from Warrnambool.

Russell Moyle
Sport Coordinator

Mid West Complex Football-Netball

On Wednesday 22nd June students from Year 7-9 travelled to Mortlake for the annual Football-Netball competition.

The netball team played 2 games and the football team one full game.

In the Netball, Derrinallum played on the A grade side of the draw this year which was a great challenge for them. In their first game of netball, Derrinallum was up against Mortlake. We put up an awesome effort, and shot many goals and the score was very close at ¾ time, however Mortlake played better in the final quarter and outscored us overall.

Then in the second game we played Hawkesdale. The Hawkesdale team was very good as they all play together on a Saturday, however our team played well but in the end were well beaten.

Overall, our better players for the day were Kasey, Ebony, Hannah and Kylee with Kasey being awarded the player of the day for Derrinallum.

Well done to all our girls for their excellent participation and thanks to Fiona Noone for her umpiring, organising and coaching on the day.

In the football, Derrinallum combined with both Mortlake and Hawkesdale and then these two teams played a full match of 4 x 20 minute quarters.

Max and Fred played with Hawkesdale and Riley, Liam and Hunter played for Mortlake.

The game itself was an excellent one with all students being pretty evenly matched from both sides and the game being played in an excellent manner. Peter Harmes umpired the match for the day so well done to him for doing this.

Overall, the Hawkesdale team won 66 points to 32 with all participants being involved in the play.

Derrinallum’s best player for the day was awarded to Max Uren – well done Max.

Russell Moyle
Sport Coordinator

Northern Development Update

The first plants are in!! Thank you to Leslie Brown & Warren Wallace for helping to put the first group of plants in the ground, the area is looking better already. Thank you also to Morrison Brothers for the use of their forklift and delivering the recycled plastic material that will be used to build the seating, to the school.

Early next term we will be having a working bee to finish off the planting etc in the area, if anyone has some Gazanias they no longer want, donations would be appreciated.

Mr Smith’s Maths Problem of the Week.

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

If I double this number, then add 8 to it, then divide it by 4, then subtract 3, I get an answer of 1.

Ans: 4

This week’s question is: What number am I?

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.