Farewell Mr Rantall!
I would like to congratulate Rod Rantall on gaining a new position in Stawell starting next term. Rod has been with us for two and a half years and he is greatly appreciated by students, parents and staff for his professionalism, kindness and great role-modelling. We will miss him and wish him all the very best in his new school. Please note that Kristy Riley will be the 7/8 Coordinator for the remainder of the year.

Congratulations Liam
I would like to congratulate Liam Maslin who is joining our School Council as a Student Councillor. Liam has already demonstrated leadership capabilities and I am confident he will be a fantastic voice for our students. Well done, Liam!

Busy term
I would like to thank all staff as it has been a busy term with our Open Day, excursions, camps, sporting events, NAPLAN, the GAT, wellbeing/fundraising events such as the Biggest Morning Tea and Yoga Day, just to mention a few. Staff enjoyed a well-deserved outing last night and celebrated what has been a busy and focussed term.

End of Term
We finished the term today with a Pyjama Day as a fundraiser for Asthma Australia. Thank you to students who participated and to Andrew Stephen, Sandra Torney and Dayle Smithwick for organising the event. Their efforts meant the school was able to donate $100. Hotdogs were distributed to reward students for having such a good term in the classroom. Students revelled in wearing their night attire and they definitely enjoyed the experience. Ken Smith wore the biggest slippers I have ever seen and a few fluffy robes made an appearance. I would like to wish students, families and our staff a safe and relaxing break.

Valerie Lobry
Acting Principal
On the 22nd of June, our Grade 3 to 6 students participated in the Winter Round Robin sports day hosted by Rokewood. It was a great day for the sports with the sun shining brightly. The footballer’s played four quarters before lunch and then another two quarters afterwards. They played standard school rules and were umpired by Mr. Mansbridge and a Rokewood parent. The standout player for the combined Derrinallum, Lismore and Rokewood side was Will French, his determination was clearly evident. Miss Linda Grills and Mrs Hilliard of Rokewood ran the T-ball. These students also took part in competitions such as vortex throwing, kickball and a strategy tag game called carnivores and herbivores. Mrs Sanderson had the pleasure of witnessing the Derrinallum girls play fantastic netball. Their skill level and agility proved to be quite a spectacle. Their previous training experience had obviously left them in good stead. The girls had the opportunity to play many games and always showed good sportsmanship. To sum up, it was a great day and thank you to everyone who either competed or assisted with the day.

Simon Mansbridge

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On Friday our students had the chance to participate in a Yoga session with Marg Shearn. Students thoroughly enjoyed the class which taught poses of mindfulness and techniques used to look after their mind and bodies.

Dayle Smithwick

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Our final day of BRICKS was last Friday, June 22nd. The students learned about the importance of communication, including learning to read body language and understanding what ‘empathy’ is. The Year 9/10 students are now planning their very own ‘I know your face, but not your story’, working on portraying their very own messages, connecting themselves to their family, friends and the community.

Dayle Smithwick

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Yesterday some students from Years 5-9 went to Mortlake to participate against Mortlake, Hawkesdale and Lake Bolac in 9-a-side football and 5-a-side netball. The day was meant to be for students in years 7-9 but we were fortunate enough to gain the services of 3 Primary students to join our netball team. Even though the other teams were bigger and faster than ours, the girls never gave up and tried hard all day. Ezrah Walsh was the leading goal shooter for the day and Anna French won the Most Valuable Player award for our team, which was voted on by the umpires. In the first game of football against Mortlake, we played very well and won 40 to 28. Hunter, Ned and Jacob were the goal scorers and Hunter and Ethan were our better players. In the second game against a very fast and strong Hawkesdale side, we lost 84 to 14. Wilson and Ned were our goal scorers and Ethan and Wilson were our better players. The teamwork displayed in our third game against Lake Bolac was the best for the day and we ran out comfortable winners 123 to 29. Hunter and Ned kicked 6 goals each, Riley scored 3, Jacob scored 2 and Wilson and Audrey scored 1 each. The Most Valuable Player award went to Hunter Thompson. Thanks very much to Kasey Baird and Max Uren for their great umpiring on the day. The sportsmanship and camaraderie displayed by our players was second to none and they should be very pleased with their efforts.

Ken Smith