First of all, I would like to welcome back everyone for what promises to be another exciting term.

This week, the Year 9s have had the BRICKS program, designed to increase resilience in young people. I would like to thank Angela Gowan (Youth Development officer at the Corangamite Shire) and Bree Huggins for organising and presenting on the day. Students had a very positive experience, which is described in greater detail in this newsletter.

As our school moves towards modernising our timetabling and attendance processes, staff attended a training session this week for the new online tool we will soon start using, Compass. I am personally excited about this move instigated by Jackie Dullard and Janette Devlin as I have worked with a similar system before and fully appreciate its capabilities.

Please note that letters have also been sent out to families and guardians regarding updating contact and emergency details as well as key attendance information, to be returned by the 26th of July.

This week, I had the pleasure of attending the Progress Society Meeting, which was another opportunity to meet the local community. Thank you to Vicky French for offering to introduce me to this very active group.

I would like to thank the Bendigo Bank Cobden Branch ($1000) and The Eel Skinners and Duck Pluckers Ball Committee ($1000) for their generous donations towards the Northern Development Project. In addition to this, I would like to thank the Lismore Lions Club for kindly donating $200 towards our very successful VCAL Ambassadors program.

Valerie Lobry
Acting Principal

**Calendar of Events**

- **21st July**  
  P-6 Scienceworks excursion
- **2nd August**  
  Year 9/10 Ag Class—Sheepvention @ Hamilton
- **10th-12th August**  
  Traffic School Charlton - Year 9/10 students
- **16th August**  
  Maths Competition—registered students
  Year 7 vaccinations
- **17th August**  
  Year 9/10 Ag Class –Marcus Oldham excursion
- **22nd August**  
  Book Fair—Book Week
- **26th August**  
  Year P-6 Life Ed Van visit
- **26th August**  
  WPPSSA Round Robin - primary students
- **1st-2nd September**  
  Year 9/10 Sport Class-Canoe Trip @ Lower Glenelg River
- **9th September**  
  Eureka Athletics - selected primary students
- **15th September**  
  MWD Round Robin - Years 7-9
- **16th September**  
  End of Term 3 - 2.30pm dismissal
- **3rd October**  
  Start of Term 4
- **3rd-7th October**  
  Grade 5/6 Canberra Camp
- **10th-11th October**  
  Year 3/4 Sovereign Hill Camp
- **21st October**  
  Last day for Year 12 Students
- **26th October**  
  Year 12 Exams begin
- **1st November**  
  Melbourne Cup Day—Public Holiday
- **4th November**  
  WPPSSA Round Robin - Years 3-6
- **11th November**  
  Year 12 Exams finish—Graduation Dinner @ Ballarat
- **20th December**  
  End of Term 4 - 2.30pm dismissal

**MSP Photography - School Photos**

The following photos can be purchased from MSP Photography:
- Banongill/Larra House Captains
- Casual Year 12 Photo
- Gala/Titanga House Captains
- Music
- Principal and School Captains
- School Captains
- SRC
- VCAL
- Year 12
- Year 12 and Preps

Photos can be viewed in the school library, please see Mrs Marks. Photos are 25cm X 25cm and cost $18 each.

Order forms are also available from the library. Orders must be returned to the school office complete with full payment by Friday 22nd July, 2016.

This year at the Lismore Art Craft & Garden Event, held Aug 27th & 28th, we will be including a judged Traditional Floral Arrangement, all ages, and a Floral Saucer, 12yrs and under competition. Entry is free and entries are to be delivered to the Lismore Community Centre between 3pm and 4pm on Fri 26th Aug. More info - Lorraine Graham, 0407875102.
Students Of The Week

Huirun for using reading strategies and her great reading work.
Dillon Gordon for continually helping others with the computers.
Huizi Li for an excellent comic story.

What The Tanabata Festival Is About—LOTE

Tanabata, or the Star Festival, is held on the evening of July 7th. The festival traces its origins to a legend that the Cowherd Star (Altair) and Weaver Star (Vega), lovers separated by the Milky Way, are allowed to meet just once a year—on the seventh day of the seventh month. Children and adults write their wishes on narrow strips of coloured paper and hang them, along with other paper ornaments, on bamboo branches placed in the backyards or entrances of their homes. They then pray hard that their wishes will come true. The Tanabata festival is thought to have started in China. It was transmitted to Japan during the feudal period and combined with traditional local customs to become an official event at the Imperial court. Commoners soon began observing this festival, with different localities developing their own distinctive ways of celebrating. In Tokyo, most people now decorate bamboo branches with just the narrow strips of paper that carry their wishes. At some elementary schools, pupils attach their wishes to a huge bamboo branch, and others put on skits about the legend of the Cowherd and Weaver Stars.

Sendai (Miyagi Prefecture) and Hiratsuka (Kanagawa Prefecture) are particularly famous for their elaborate Tanabata displays. Shopping arcades in these two cities feature huge decorations that are sponsored by local shops, which try to outdo one another in the size of their displays. Some areas of Japan celebrate Tanabata a month later, on August 7th, since this is closer to the seventh day of the seventh month on the traditional lunar calendar. Such communities frequently perform the services for Bon, a period in mid August when deceased relatives are thought to return, together with the ceremonies for Tanabata. As Tanabata approaches, decorated bamboo branches can be seen all around the neighbourhood, signalling that summer has finally arrived and that summer vacation is just around the corner. In LOTE we had to make decorations and paper wishes and a poster. The decorations we made were a paper purse to save money, paper streamers to remember the woven princess and paper fish nets to remind everyone to stay neat and tidy. We wrote our wishes on coloured paper and then tied them on a bamboo branch.

By Sky-Renee Davidson

BRICKS

On the 14th of July 2016, Year Nine students from Derrinallum P-12 College participated in the ‘BRICKS’ Program. The ‘BRICKS’ Program is an early intervention and preventative program to recognise and strengthen the personal assets of young people in the Corangamite Shire. ‘BRICKS’ is a program which aims to improve the emotional resilience of adolescents. It’s a collaborative approach that integrates a number of sectors, local government, health services, youth services and local secondary schools. The program has a student-centred approach and provides an opportunity for young people to develop their own skills and self-awareness around anxieties, mental/physical health and overall wellbeing. ‘BRICKS’ assists in building on an individual’s capacity to “bounce back” from a situation and knowledge of how to better manage their own pressures/choices/expectations.

Student Comments:
“Today was a spectacular day. BRICKS was an eye opener, to realise we do so much without thinking consciously.”
“Today was a really good fun day. I learned a lot. We worked really well with team activities. I would like to have more days like this”.
“Good, free food, chilled setting. I learned about a mix of stuff”.

BRICKS

“Building Resilience in Corangamite Kids”

Northern Development Update

We have been fortunate to receive a grant of $1,000 from the Eel Skinners and Duck Pluckers BNS Ball, and we thank them for this. It is fantastic that a number of local organisations have been generous in providing funds to our school. These funds will make our hard earned fundraising money stretch a little further and ensure the Northern section of the school has more trees and seating for our students to utilise every day.

Mr Smith’s Maths Problem of the Week.

Last week’s question was: 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.

Ans: 42
This week’s question is: What number am I?
If I double this number then add 1 to it, I get an answer of 19.