Derrinallum P-12 College

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Integrity, Teamwork, Support, Empathy, Respect.

Principal's Report

Have Your Say

The Parent Opinion Survey will be distributed next week to randomly selected families to complete and return to the school. The surveys are totally confidential and provide valuable feedback on many areas of school operations. I ask you to take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will contribute to the future management and organisation of our school.

Last year we had a 66% return rate which was down on the previous year's result of 76% and we would like to improve on that result.

As an added incentive to complete the survey, if you return your survey, your family will go into the draw for one of five $20.00 gift vouchers.

Please return your completed survey to school by Monday the 3rd of August.

Thank you for taking the time to participate, your assistance is greatly appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact Ken Smith if you have any questions or queries about the survey.

New Wellbeing Coordinator

I would like to introduce to you our new Wellbeing Coordinator, Celia Rous. Celia is at the College on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for the remainder of the year. Celia will be delivering educational programs to improve student emotional, social and behavioural wellbeing. We wish Celia all of the best in her new position.

Secondary Pathways Evening

Once again this year we are holding a Secondary Pathways Information Evening for parents and students at 6.00pm on Wednesday the 12th of August. Staff will present information regarding the range of pathways available for our secondary students. Everyone is welcome to attend, especially parents of years 7 to 12 students.

On Display

The College has donated a glass display cabinet and some art easels, to the History Rooms to assist them in presenting some of the many artefacts that they have on display to the community. I feel this small contribution to support a valuable community group of volunteers, reflects the support the school community has towards the work the group does.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 26th August is the date set for the Parent Teacher Interviews. The meetings are a great opportunity for parents to discuss the progress of their children with teachers.

If at any time you wish to contact one of your child's teachers to discuss your child's progress please contact the school to arrange a suitable time. If you have an enquiry about your child, at any time, contact the Classroom Teacher first and then if necessary the Year Level Coordinator.

The Year Level Coordinators are;

Prep – 6	Mr Dally
Year 7/8	Mrs Grant
Year 9/10	Mr Gellie
Year 11/12	Mr Sturmfels

Facelift

If you were unable to make the 'walk around' it is not too late to collect an A3 map of the school grounds from the front office and draw or write your ideas on the map and leave it at the front office. Members of the School Council will meet early in August with a consultant to capture these ideas and commence developing a 'Master Plan' to enhance the school grounds.

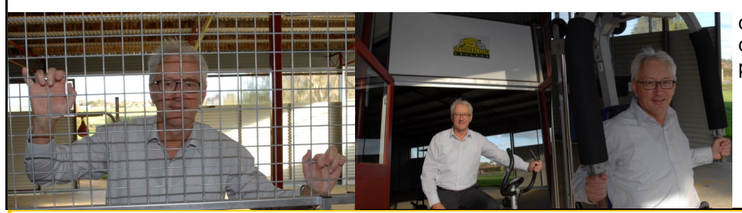
Sayonara/Auf Wiedersehen

I am writing my last newsletter article for Derrinallum P-12 College many years earlier than I had imagined. As you are aware, I have accepted a new position as Principal of Rainbow P-12 College, starting Monday the 27th of July.

It has been a difficult decision for me to make considering the friendship, loyalty and dedication shown to me by you and the progress we are making in school improvement.

We are blessed with wonderful students, dedicated staff and supportive parents so it has been a difficult decision for me to leave at this time, however, I have the opportunity to continue doing the work that I love and living in a climate I am more familiar with.

In the words made famous by the Swedish philosophers, ABBA "Hasta Manana 'til we meet again. Don't know where, don't know when".



Thanks for all of the support you have shown the College during my time as Principal and it is vital that everyone continues to support Ken Smith and the team and promote the school and state education.

Alan Coffey - Principal

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Calendar of Events

25th August	Life Education Van - Prep-6
28th August	Western Plains Winter Sports Rokewood—Year 3-6
1st September	VCAL 'Health Is Wealth Day' - Whole school and Community members welcome to attend.
9th September	Halls Gap Landcare Excursion with Lismore Primary School - P-6
10th September	Music Concert Night - Music Students Primary

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:_____

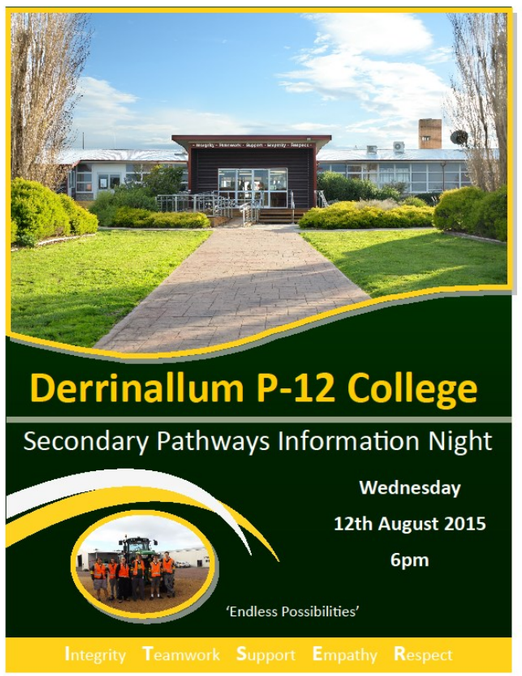
Email:_____

Phone:_____

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

Term 1, 28 January to 27 March
Term 2, 13 April to 26 June
Term 3, 13 July to 18 September
Term 4, 5 October to 18 December

Secondary Pathways Information Night



Health Is Wealth Day

Tuesday September 1st, 2015
Derrinallum P-12 College invites you to attend the
VCAL 'Health Is Wealth Day'
@ Derrinallum P-12 College, Campbell Street
Derrinallum
Commencing 10am
All Welcome

'Good Health Is More Wealth Than Any Man Needs'

Be part of this special day
Have your Blood Pressure taken
Get your hearing checked
And much more
FREE!
A delicious lunch will be available for sale

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Woolworths Earn & Learn is back and it is now easier than ever to earn valuable resources for your local primary school, secondary school or Early Learning Centre. Derrinallum P-12 College supports all local business, but we know there are times when you shop at Woolworths. Last year more than 14,500 schools and Early Learning Centres benefited from the program, boosting supplies in classrooms, libraries, music rooms, gymnasiums and science labs. **It's simple to participate.** From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator or through an online order and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at your local school or at your local Woolworths.

We can then redeem your Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers for valuable education resources for our school. A sticker card is attached for your convenience.

List of Open Day Date, 2015

Below is a list of Open Day dates for universities this year which I encourage senior students to attend. Please check the relevant website or see me for more information. This is not a full list – smaller institutions will have their own Open Days as well.

Australian Catholic University
August 9 (Melbourne)
August 30 (Ballarat)

Deakin University
August 2 (Warrnambool)
August 9 (Geelong, both campuses)
August 23 (Melbourne)

Federation University
August 30 (Ballarat & Gippsland)

La Trobe University
August 9 (Melbourne)
August 16 (Bendigo)
& other campuses

Longerenong College
August 9 (Longerenong)

Monash University
August 1 (Peninsula)
August 2 (Caulfield & Clayton)
& Information Evening - August 13 (Geelong)

RMIT University
August 9 (City/Brunswick/Bundoora)

University of Melbourne
August 16 (Parkville)

Victoria University

My Teaching Exchange in South Korea is almost over. I have been here for three weeks now. The first week was spent travelling and visiting many beautiful places in this country. We started in the capital Seoul, which is a busy modern city. We also saw the mountains, stayed in a village of traditional homes, explored World Heritage listed sites, and visited Busan, which is the second largest city and a bustling international port.
I am now on exchange at Jeonggum Elementary School. It is a very small rural school with only twenty-four students. I didn't expect to find such a small school in Korea but in this area, there many schools around this size. The school has five classroom teachers and is very well resourced. I am with the Year 4 class – one teacher and four students! The students study Korean and all the usual subjects. It has an amazing English program and as well as regular English lessons, they have their Science lessons in English and videoconference classes from America three times a week. The students are very confident and want to speak English and this has certainly made the exchange easier. In my time here, the students have also had "special" classes provided by outside teachers and these have included robotics, global change and art. I was pretty impressed to see students making mini robots operated by smart phones. I have also had to do some teaching and my lessons have been about Australia and Australian animals. The students don't know much about Australia and are very interested to learn more.
So far, this has been a wonderful experience and I am enjoying every moment of my time here.

Mr Smith's Maths Problem!

Last week's question was: If I am up in a coconut tree throwing coconuts on to the ground, then selling them for ten cents each, how many coconuts do I need to sell to buy a book worth $30? Answer: **300.**

This week's question is: If a person's car has 20 banana peels in it and they take up one-quarter of the car's space, how many more banana peels will it take to fill the inside of the car?

Students of the Week

Tarryn Docherty for her excellent use of reading strategies.
Jaidyn Morrison for working extremely hard in reading groups.
Jayden Tonks for working hard to master his subtraction.