Principal’s Report

Upcoming dates
This is a reminder that next week, we will have a Pupil-free day on Wednesday 13th of September. This will allow staff to work on two critical elements of our new strategic plan: developing an instructional model and a more elaborate Peer Observation program. We also listened to feedback and will hold a second Information night for prospective and current secondary students. Key information about courses and electives will be given on the night and I would encourage anyone with children in the secondary end of the school to attend. This will occur on **Monday 18th September from 6-7 pm**.

Chrissy’s story
I hope you enjoy Chrissy’s latest short story this week as much as I did. Chrissy is a talented and skilled writer and her story reflects her unique style. Thank you to Chrissy for sharing her writing with us this week.

Staffing news
This week, we said goodbye to Bec, our Youth Counsellor, and wished her all the best for the upcoming birth of her baby. Bec and her therapy dog Zoe made a big difference to our students’ wellbeing and we would like to thank her for her excellent work in our school.

This week, we also farewelled Jack, our student teacher, and wished him well as he is about to start his teaching career. Thank you to Nicole Hill and Russell Moyle for mentoring Jack over the past eight weeks.

Active lunchtimes program
Well done to Liam who began his Active Lunchtime program for P-6 students this week. Liam has worked hard on getting a plan together for his School of Leadership school-based project. P-6 students came en-masse to the stadium earlier on this week to take part in active games, such as dodgeball. Students were consulted on what they wanted to play and then they gave it their all, with a lot of teamwork, running and laughter. Well done Liam, on delivering an engaging activity program for all P-6 students.

Valerie Lobry
Acting Principal

Reminder - Wednesday 13th September 2017:
- Curriculum Day - Student Free Day
- Parent/Teacher Interviews

Calendary of Events

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PIE DRIVE
All primary staff would like to thank the school and Derrinallum community for their support with our annual pie drive fundraiser. We successfully raised $450! Thank you!

MISS HILL’S WORD OF THE WEEK
The word for last week was ‘emacity’, which means a desire or fondness for buying.
This week’s word is ‘endured’.

Mr Smith’s Maths Problem of the Week
Congratulations to Alex Poole—Yr 5 who was the first person to give me a correct answer to last week’s question.
Last week’s question was: A football team won 11 more games than it lost. The team played 43 games. How many did it win?
ANS: 27
This week’s question is: In your sock drawer there are only 7 identical blue socks and 11 identical black socks. What is the smallest number of socks you can remove from the drawer in the dark so that you will be absolutely sure of having a pair of black socks?
Last Week’s Students Of The Week

P-1 - Lockie Lewis for success with addition and subtraction
2-3 - Marshall Howarth for developing maturity in his approach to all learning tasks
5-6 - Lachie Rowe for his great work on time duration

DEBATING— SIMON CAMERON

Throughout the course of this year I took part in a number of debating competitions in partnership with Brauer College in Warrnambool. It was a great experience allowing me to continue improving my skill level in debating into the future and included a number of great results throughout the year such as multiple victories in the Debating Association of Victoria A grade competition and more recently a victory in the Warrnambool Eisteddfod Debating Competition, with the added bonus of being awarded the Bruce Pritchard Memorial Medallion to members of the debate deemed the most competitive by the Adjudicator. I would like to thank Brauer College and Anne Knappett for inviting me to become part of their team for the last two years and encourage all students to have a go at debating and public speaking next year. Our school has had a proud history in public speaking and debating and I have enjoyed continuing this involvement with Brauer College.

VCAL COOKING CLASS

On Monday it was our second week with the Skipton Primary School Grade 5-6 students as part of our VCAL community service program where we are hosting cooking lessons. This will run over a four-week period. This week we made pizzas. The students were broken up into six groups of 4 where they worked as a team to create the dough. We also had to separately cater for one student who has a food allergy. She was given different ingredients and kept separated from the other students to prevent contamination of the ingredients.

We were very fortunate to have Councillor Angela Gowans join us for lunch. Paul Galea

Lunchtime art with Dayle - Our Finished Picasso Portraits.

Well done to all the students who came along and participated in the Lunchtime art program. Our topic focussed on “We can all be whatever we want to be - it’s ok that we’re all different”

Here are some of finished portraits.

FAST4 round robin doubles.

When: Sunday Sep 10th
Where: Derrinallum tennis courts
Time: 12.30 onwards
Cost: FREE
FREE BBQ
*FAST4 Tennis is the fun and fast way to have a hit with friends. 4 unique rules ensure there are no dull moments on court. Sign up with a mate, work colleague or family member for what is sure to be a fun day of tennis, on and off the court.
Come and have a fun afternoon with some laughs & friendly competition.
If you're interested in playing, please contact either, Steve 0407 519 139 or Kathryn 0409 721 875 or Simone 0417 114 624
Never Again

It was a bright day, and a half-demon female named Lucy had just got her driving licence. “Want to go for a drive?” For the subjects of the question, the answer was either going to be a yes or a yes. A scarred undead male sighed as he spoke for the pair. “Fine, we’ll go.” The brown haired lass nearby panicked as they drew closer to the rusty Volkswagen Beetle, fearing for their lives. “Chill, Joanna. We’ll be fine... I hope.” “Sorry, Robbie. Just jittery.” They hopped into the vehicle, and Lucy started the engine. Robbie was just about to note the lack of safety restraints, but they had already started off before a word could be said.

Moments later, they had completely left the road behind and were speeding down the side of a cliff. “Having fun?” Robbie and Joanna were way too busy screaming to answer the inquiry, clutching each other for dear life. The car shuddered as they went over rock after rock, with the full force causing all occupants to bounce within the Beetle. Lucy went off another rock before hitting smooth ground, which ended up not being as smooth for long. “Hold on, this is going to be bumpy!” The second the word left her lips, the whole car began jumping violently once again. One bump was sufficient enough to knock Robbie’s head off! Lucy then began swerving to miss trees, animals, and somehow people. This motion continued in the back, with Joanna falling into Robbie’s body and vice versa. This continued on until another warning came from the driver’s seat.

“Hang on tight! I’m taking a detour!” Robbie’s loose head landed in Joanna’s lap as he managed to catch a glimpse of what was to come. “If we don’t make it Joanna, please be glad to know that I love you and I always will.” “Me too.” The pair in the back shared final thoughts and exchanged wills as Lucy drove the car right over another cliff. This path led them through a portal, which occasionally pop up in Ghoul Valley, and created huge amounts of turbulence. Joanna and Robbie screamed once again as the group finally went into the portal. The shakes, shudders, rotations and flips of the vehicle were reflected in Joanna and Robbie’s weightlessness and collisions. Each collision knocked a bit of Robbie’s body clean off, while Joanna rebounded off of her beloved and into the cab.

It took what felt like a lifetime to arrive at their destination, at least to the passengers. Lucy turned off the car and shifted to look at her friends. “That was fun, wasn’t it?” Robbie was literally all over the car, while Joanna had gone a very dark green colour. She opened the door and revealed her lunch in the nearest bush possible. Robbie’s limbs moved to reconstruct his shattered body, his eyes being wider than normal. “Never, ever again. O.K? NEVER!”

By Chrissy Kirk