



Principal's Report

Good-bye Term 3

Well another term has come and gone but I have been both amazed and excited by the amount of learning that has taken place and the number of extra-curricular activities that have occurred.

We have seen numerous sporting events, several P-6 excursions, staff/student/parent surveys, mock interviews, Yr 10 Work Experience, very successful VCAL days and, of course, the departure of Mr Coffey to Rainbow P-12 College.

It certainly has been an extremely active and productive term. I would like to wish the VCE students the best with their studies over the holiday break and wish everyone a restful and peaceful break.

College Fitness Centre

Thanks to staff, students and some parent helpers for their work in laying about 140 gym mats during the week. The floor looks great now that it is completely covered with the mats. Some of the fitness equipment has been moved in and a few students have even been lucky enough to have a go on some of it. Plans are underway as to who will be able to use it and how often it will be open. Particular staff will be in charge of opening it on certain days of the week. Further details will be available early next term.

Footy Colours Day

Congratulations to Mrs McSween and the SRC on their organisation of today's Footy Colours Day. Many of the students dressed up in their favourite colours and some even dressed in the best colours (red, white and blue). No doubt there will be some great photos to see. What would we expect to eat on a day such as this? Hot dogs - they were cooked to perfection by SRC members. Well done everyone for a great day.

Ken Smith - Principal

5th October

First Day of Term 4

Derrinallum P-12 College

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Term Dates 2015

Term 1, 28 January to 27 March
Term 3, 13 July to 18 September

Term 2, 13 April to 26 June
Term 4, 5 October to 18 December

End Of Year Dates

Year 12	
Year 12 students finish	October 23 (Friday)
Year 12 English exam	October 28 (Wednesday)
Year 12 Biology, FM exams	October 30 (Friday)
Year 12 FM exam	November 2 (Monday) SCHOOL COUNCIL HOLIDAY
Year 12 Design, HHD exams	November 4 (Wednesday)
Year 12 VET Comm exam	November 5 (Thursday)
Year 12 Chem exam	November 10 (Tuesday)
Year 12 IT Applic exam	November 12 (Thursday)
Year 12 Dinner	November 13 (Friday)

Year 11	
Year 11 Exams	November 16-17 (Monday to Tuesday)
Year 12 Orientation	November 18-20 (Wednesday to Friday)
Year 11 students finish	November 20 (Friday)

Year 10	
Year 9-10 Exams	November 26-27 (Thursday to Friday)
Reports due in	December 4 (Friday)
Year 11 Orientation	November 30 –December 2 (Monday to Wednesday)
Year 10 students finish	December 2 (Wednesday)

Other dates	
SAT Design marks	October 5 (Monday)
Year 12 Indic grades	October 12 (Monday)
Biology excursion	October 13 (Tuesday)
Year 12 Unit 4 CW	November 2 (Monday)
VCE/VCAL Unit results	November 9 (Monday)
Year 9-10 Camp	November 17-20 (Tuesday to Friday)

OBSERVATIONS FROM A WELL-WORN DANCE SHOE

On Friday the 11th of September, the Year 9 students went to Camperdown to attend the second of this year's BRICKS (Building Resilience In Corangamite Kids) Leadership Days. The focus of this day was for our students to receive feedback and be able to network with community groups on strategies and resources to continue with the building of our tyre playground.

We started the day with a very confronting activity where students examined their passions, strengths and areas in need of improvement, which our students handled with a great deal of maturity.

Stella, Paul and Peter then prepared a short presentation on our playground and how it is already bringing benefit to the community with the recycling of the tyres. Their presentation went on to explain the research they have undertaken. Through surveying the Primary students, they are confident their design will be very popular whilst the investigation into the safe building and installation of the equipment will maximise safety for everyone when they are enjoying the playground.

When meeting with representatives from groups that were able to offer assistance to our playground, such as the Corangamite Shire, the representatives were full of praise for our project and offered excellent advice that Stella, Casey, Paul and Peter will in future weeks sift through and decide what they can learn from, whilst continuing work on our playground.

These leadership days have now been successfully followed up with our regular school sessions of BRICKS, where we have explored teamwork, project managing skills and positive esteem just to name a few, where each of us have been challenged with ideas and being at times brutally honest with ourselves as we discover what it takes to be a leader in today's community.

It has been refreshing to work with our four students in this setting and to see what they are made of, thank you all for your effort and dedication through the BRICKS Programme. Thank you to Angela Gowan for organising these sessions for us. Trevor Ellington.



Students of the Week

Campbell Greig for using excellent reading strategies.
Jaidyn Morrison for his great improvement in reading comprehension.
Cody Maslin for doing a great job with his symmetry work.

LOST PROPERTY BOX

There are many unnamed windcheaters, some jumpers, a pair of sneakers and drink bottles in the lost property. If you are missing an item please check out the box next term. Please name your uniform!

Work Experience by Jason Torney

On the 31st of August to the 4th September, I did work experience at Naringal Station. I was lamb marking, fencing and went around the feedlot cattle. It was a really good week and I learnt a few new skills. To top it all off, the weather was great. There was another 6 blokes working there. They were all really good to work with.



ACCOMMODATION SERVICES

Student Leader Name: Isaak Egan.
 Student Leader Secondary College: Derrinallum P-12 College.

A Voice from the Past

Isaak Egan, a 2013 graduate of Derrinallum P-12 College has been living in Bendigo in on-campus accommodation for the past 2 years and is currently studying Paramedicine/ Public Health Promotion at La Trobe University.

Since February this year, Isaak has been a Student Leader within the residential precinct, responsible for creating a positive community, supporting the successful transition of new students, and providing academic support for first year residents.

"Living on res is the best part of attending university", Isaak says. "Living on Res gives you the absolute best start to your tertiary education".

Accommodation Services Team Leader at Bendigo, Ms Meg. Driscoll, says that Student Leaders such as Isaak are not only excellent role models and sources of support for our 615 residents, but they also critically important in the provision of a supportive and respectful environment for our students who live and learn on campus.

"Student Leadership on res has allowed me to make many friends as well as expand my knowledge of leadership".



Mr Smith's Maths Problem!

There was no correct answer given to last week's problem.

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.

ANSWER: 4

This week's question is: If I add up all the numbers from 1 to 10, I get a total of 55. If I then take away all the numbers from 1 to 6 from 55, what answer do I get?