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Integrity, Teamwork, Support, Empathy, Respect.

Principal’s Report

Resilience workshops
Thank you to Loretto Blundell who organised a Resilience workshop for our Year 4-8 students this week. A big thank you also to Sonia Van Kempen who applied successfully for the necessary funding. Loretto spent time with students, giving them strategies to build their resilience in a fun way. She also ran a workshop for parents and an additional session for staff where we talked about our next steps into 2019, including adopting a common language around resilience.

Wombats
It was our pleasure to host baby wombats this week during a visit by wildlife rescuer Christina. They are very cheeky and playful indeed and students loved having the opportunity to learn about them and to have a closer look. This was a rare opportunity so we are very thankful.

Exams
The Year 12 exams have come to an end this week and we are now looking forward to celebrating Stella and Casey’s achievements tonight at their Graduation Dinner. We would like to wish both girls all the best in their future endeavours. We would also like to thank our exam supervisors for the wonderful job they have done over the last 2 weeks.

Principals’ Conference
I have been at the Great South Coast Principal Network Conference for the past two days, aiming at developing a shared understanding around our brand new Community of Practice. Ours will be focussing on enhancing Student Voice throughout our schools, with a very direct and positive impact for Derrinallum P-12 students.

Kinder Visitors
On Wednesday we had the pleasure of hosting a visit by next year’s Foundation students who will be starting their Primary schooling at our school. By all reports, the students had a wonderful morning and are looking very keen to return for their next Transition day on the 28th November.

Valerie Lobry - Acting Principal

Lunch Time Activities – Table Tennis Tournament

The Table Tennis Tournament continued this week, with round 2 matches almost complete. It is clear that many staff are taking the tournament seriously, with several seen practicing over the last few weeks. The practice seems to be paying off, as a number of students were knocked out by staff this week. Congratulations to Mr Smith for knocking out Cody Maslin, Mrs Devlin for knocking out Liam Harper, Mr Stephen for knocking out Ned Uren, Mr Mansbridge for knocking out Kasey Baird and Mrs Johnstone for knocking out Liam Maslin. Good luck to Max Uren, the last remaining student in the competition. Kristy Riley – 7/8 coordinator

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Mr Smith’s Maths Problem of the Week

This week’s question is:
I am an even number less than 100
My 2 digits add up to 15
My 2 digits multiply to give an answer of 56
What number am I?

Students Of The Week

Brody Harper for a great result in spelling in On Demand testing. Madison Mulraney for doing her personal best in the wellbeing workshop.

Lockie Lewis for writing questions with correct openings and punctuation.

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Wombat Visit - Grade 3/4

Today Chris brought in three wombats. Their names were Aria, Bean and Peanut. Here are two facts that we learnt: Wombats have square poo and they are strong. Wombats can also be fat.

By Hamish

On Monday at school a lady came in and her name was Chris. She brought in wombats called Aria, Bean and Peanut. They were so cute. We learnt a lot like wombats can run 40km per hour and boys have love heart shaped testicles. Wombats do not drink cow's milk, they drink wombat’s milk. When wombats are babies they sleep on their back with their legs in the air.

By Tarryn

Wombats!

Today, Monday Chris came in. She had two wombats in her hands and one in her bag. She told us lots of information. She told us wombats can run up to 40km per hour but not for a long time. She also told us she is their mum. We got to pat them.

By Kirra

Mystery Box Cook-Off Challenge

This week, students had a Mystery Box Cook-Off Challenge as a part of their cooking. The teams were all very creative with their final product; shepherd’s pie, meat lovers pizza, mixed berry pie and chocolate mousse. It was all very delicious.

Miss Hill

Year 9 & 10 Agriculture Elective – Bingham’s Harvesting Excursion

This week our Ag Elective class went to Bingham’s Harvesting. Tim Dunne is the farm manager of the property and he kindly showed us around. The students had the opportunity to look at many different harvesting tractors and associated equipment, all of them massive in size. After having a look at the main sheds with the currently used machinery, we were invited to have a look around Dan Bingham’s “museum” of tractors. All of these tractors are fully functional, the oldest was brand new in 1938. The students also got the opportunity to sit in one of the header machines whilst Tim explained how they work. The students all enjoyed this excursion, thanks to both Tim Dunne & Dan Bingham for having us.

Simon Mansbridge – Ag Elective teacher

Remembrance Day ceremony

Congratulations to the Year 9/10 class who planned, organised and ran a very successful Remembrance Day ceremony on Friday 9 November. The students, who have been studying World War 1 in their Humanities class, were responsible for all aspects of the ceremony. This includes choosing what should be included in the ceremony, inviting other classes and members of the community, preparing and creating a brochure to be handed out to guests, requesting a CD containing Remembrance Day music from the Department of Veterans Affairs and researching, writing and delivering a commemorative speech. On the day of the ceremony all members of the class were actively involved in delivering the ceremony, with roles including greeting guests, presenting a speech or poem, lowering and raising the flag and coordinating the wreath laying. The class also prepared the morning tea that was served on the day, after writing a proposal including estimated costs, which was approved by Ms Lobry. The junior school captain, Will French, is also to be congratulated for his involvement in the ceremony.

It was excellent to see the students work so constructively together in order to deliver a well-considered and cohesive ceremony.

Kristy Riley 9/10 Humanities teacher.