Mount Clear Band
Thank you to Mount Clear’s Band for their enlivening concert last Friday afternoon. All students really enjoyed their display of musical skills and are looking forward to continuing on their own musical journey. Thank you to Jon Dally for organising this exciting partnership and to Scott Mangos for bringing his talented Year 9-12 students to our school.

Science workshops
Yesterday we had many experiments being conducted thanks to an enthusiastic visiting team of Science students from Melbourne University. Hair fringes were thrown into the air, a short-cut to ice-cream was found and many other fun activities took place in the name of Science. I would like to thank Melbourne University’s team for attending our school and Simon Mansbridge for organising such an engaging workshop much enjoyed by our students.

Mock interviews
Last week our Year 9 and 10 students took part in mock interviews designed to enhance their understanding of interviewing skills. I am confident this experience will help them with future applications and interviews and I would like to thank Andrew Stephen for organising such a valuable activity.

Farewell Miss Hill
Congratulations to Nicole Hill on being appointed at Lake Bolac P-12 for 2019. Nicole has contributed to our school in a variety of ways, notably through her excellent teaching skills leading our students to very pleasing English results. We wish Nicole all the best in her future position.

Well done
Congratulations to Harley Pobjie who won a pool voucher as part of the Walk to School drawing competition awarded by the Shire. I was also very pleased to receive a Certificate of Appreciation for our Grade 5 and 6 students regarding “their exemplary behaviour and conduct as well as level of respect during their visit to the Museum of Australian Democracy” in Canberra.

Raffle
This is a reminder that we welcome donations of Christmas-related items for our Christmas raffle which will be drawn on Presentation Evening. We are relying on your generosity to have a couple of hampers for the evening. We thank you in advance for your donations which can be left in the office by Friday 14th December.

Valerie Lobry
Acting Principal

Calendar of Events

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Mr Smith’s Maths Problem of the Week

Congratulations to Alex Poole-Yr 6 who gave me the first correct answer to last week’s problem. Last week’s question was: What number am I?

If I double this number, then add 18 to it, then divide it by 6, then subtract (take away) 7, I am left with an answer of 5. ANS: 27

This week’s problem is: What number am I?
I am a number less than 50. When I divide this number by 2, 3, 5, 6 and 10 I always get a remainder of 1 (one left over).

Students Of The Week

Riley Thurrowgood for doubling numbers.
Harley Pobjie for his great reading.
MacqLit Literacy

Dr Seuss’ told us “You can find magic wherever you look. Sit back and relax, all you need is a book.” Reading, of course, is the key to unlocking the magic of books. Derrinallum P-12 College is using several methods to boost the reading levels of students. The MacqLit program is one approach being used.

MacqLit is an explicit and systematic reading intervention program used to boost the reading levels of some students. The program is delivered to small groups of students by Mrs Ellis three times each week. The program focusses on phonemic awareness, phonicics, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension. It is created by the same group that has made the one-to-one program MultiLit which is also used at Derrinallum P-12 College. The ‘MacqLit Program’ has been found to complement students’ learning in the ‘Sounds Write’ program, which has been used in Mrs Johnstone’s and Miss Grills’ classrooms this year.

Students build a sense of achievement as they move through the MacqLit lessons and levels, receiving certificates for their achievements. The lessons are being reinforced by the inclusion of literacy games at the end of most lessons. The games are custom made by Mrs Ellis to reinforce the skills being taught in each lesson. A new favourite game among students is “Last Card,” a reading version of the classic UNO card game.

Mrs Ellis looks forward to continuing the MacqLit program in 2019.

Mock interviews

Our Year 9/10 class has eagerly participated in mock interviews over the past week. This task provides students the opportunity to learn the mechanics and art of interviewing for positions of employment. Participants learn the importance of presenting themselves in a positive manner before a prospective employer, and develop communication skills that will help them in future “real life” interviews. Well done to all students involved.

Andrew Stephen

Science Incursion - Melbourne Uni

This week our senior primary and secondary students had the opportunity to participate in a Science incursion hosted by Science undergraduates from the University of Melbourne. In the first session, students witnessed, and some even volunteered to be part of, various demonstrations. Crowd favourites were definitely the vacuum cannon and viewing sound waves through fire. In the second session our students tested household products for their acidity or alkalinity and finally they had the opportunity to make ice-cream in a bag. Everyone was well behaved and seemed to really engage with the activities and demonstrations in both sessions. Many thanks to the University of Melbourne for coming to our school and providing our students with such a good opportunity.

Simon Mansbridge

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