Principal's Report

I would like to thank all families who were able to attend our Community Barbecue on Monday night. VCAL students; Paul Galea, Peter Harmes and Luke Osborne were busy doing a great job at the barbecue. The trifle pictured in the last newsletter was delicious and eagerly awaited! Thank you to VCAL teachers, Rod Rantall and Ken Smith who helped organise the event.

On Wednesday, a Baked Potato Day was organised by the SRC to raise funds for a new water cooler. Thank you to School Captain, Simon Cameron who took the helm of this event.

On Wednesday, I attended a Regional Principal Forum in Warrnambool, which was an opportunity to meet our new Regional Director, Sharyn Donald. The theme of this forum was the sharp focus on Leading Teaching and Learning, the AITSL Leadership Framework and how we embed the Framework for Improving Student Outcomes using the Improvement Cycle and high quality data including Panorama reports. Sharyn is a highly energetic leader with a strong vision and I am personally looking forward to working with her to strive towards improved learning outcomes.

I would like to wish all the girls and ladies reading this newsletter a belated International Women’s Day, which took place on the 8th of March. I leave you with a few quotes from inspirational women, spanning centuries and countries:

“Let us pick up our books and our pens,” I said. “They are our most powerful weapons. One child, one teacher, one book and one pen can change the world.” Malala Yousafzai, I am Malala: The Story of the Girl Who Stood Up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban. Youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize recipient.

“Give a girl an education and introduce her properly into the world, and ten to one but she has the means of settling well, without further expense to anybody.” Jane Austen

“Nothing in life is to be feared. It is only to be understood.” Marie Curie, physicist and first woman to win the Nobel Prize.

Valerie Lobry
Acting Principal

Farewell Dr Sturmfels!

Long term staff member, Dr Michael Sturmfels, will be retiring from teaching at Derrinallum P-12 College at the end of Term 1, 2017.

An assembly will be held at the College on Friday 31st March, 2017 at 10.20am, followed by morning tea.

All welcome to attend.
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Mr Smith’s Maths Problem of the Week

Congratulations to Alex Poole for giving me the first correct answer to last week’s problem.

Last week’s question was: What number am I? I am a whole number between 10 and 99. When I add my 2 digits together, they add up to 8. My units digit is 3 times bigger than my tens digit.

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This week’s question is: A football team won 6 more games that it lost. The team played 16 games. How many did it win?

Miss Hill’s Word of the Week

Last week’s word was Mellifluous meaning pleasant sounding or musical to hear.

Last week’s prize still remains mine as no one gave the correct answer. This week’s word is – quintessential.

Students Of The Week

Campbell Greig for working hard in class.

Brody Harper for his great work in Maths.

Caitlyn Mulraney for her handwriting.

Corangamite Shire Youth Council Rainbow Run
Friday 3rd March 2017

Last Friday night Hannah Thompson and Jordyn Martin participated in the Corangamite Shire Youth Council Rainbow Run at Terang. Students from each secondary school in the shire help to organise the event. The run was a 2 km obstacle course, and at each station a different colour is sprayed on the participants so that they end up the colours of a rainbow. The local fire brigade sprayed the participants with water so the colour sticks, we were all very messy and colourful by the end of the night. Over 300 people came along to enjoy the fun of the run, which was followed by music and food vans provided.