Principal's Report

Lions Youth of the Year
Congratulations to Year 10 student Simon Cameron, on winning the Public Speaking Award in the recent Lions Youth of the Year zone final.

Driver Reviver
Many thanks to everyone who assisted the Lismore and District Lions Club with the ‘Driver Reviver’ station during the Labour Day long weekend. Due to your generosity in donating your time in helping the Lions to provide this valuable community service, the Lismore and District Lions have presented a cheque for $600 to the College. These valuable funds will be put to good use by the School Council in providing opportunities for our young people.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Last year it was inspiring to see the number of parents and students participating in the Parent Teacher Interviews. The interviews will take place next Wednesday evening the 18th of March from 3.20pm to 6.30pm. Your participation sends an important message to your children that you value their education. If you are unable to attend this term and would like to discuss your child’s progress at school, please contact the College to arrange a time to meet with the teachers.

Cyber Safety
The following seven key messages from Michael Grose form the basis of an online safety strategy for young people.
1. Respect Others - Make your child aware that what they send can offend.
2. Think before you send – Remind your child cyberspace is a very public and permanent forum.
3. Treat passwords like your house key – Teach your child to keep passwords guarded at all times.
4. Block Bullies – Teach your child to block bullying messages.
5. Don’t reply to harassment – Bullies can retain proof of your response, which can further be spread around.
6. Save the Evidence – If your child is bullied they should keep the pictures and offending messages.
7. Tell someone – The insidious part of bullying is that young people on the receiving end often don’t seek help, as they think there’s something wrong with them.
For further information go to parentingideas.com.au

Staffing Update
Congratulations to Natalie Strachan on being successfully appointed to our recently advertised 0.4 EFT Education Support position. We look forward to Natalie’s contributions as part of our teaching and learning team.

Alan Coffey - Principal

Calendar of Events

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On Tuesday night, a very successful evening of Maths games and activities was held for families with students in Years 2-8. 41 people attended this evening, starting with a free BBQ, then moving on to a number of activities run by the secondary Maths staff and primary classroom teachers and concluding with all the students present receiving a show bag full of goodies.

The aims for the evening were:
- to get parents and students talking about Maths
- to show parents how they can help their children with Maths at home
- to show parents that Maths can and should be fun
- to show parents what technology and websites are available and, most of all,
- for parents to have some fun learning with their children.

Prize winners on the night were:
- Pip Britton – estimate the number of M & Ms
- Dillon Gordon – estimate the number of Minties
- Gary Poole - estimate the number of Jelly Beans
- Vicky French – estimate the length of the skipping ropes.

Some of the comments from participants were to do with learning with children and other families, how to incorporate Maths activities in the home, seeing what students are learning at school, the children were very enthused, and the teachers did a great job with all the activities.

Thanks and congratulations to all those who attended the evening. From the teachers’ perspective, it certainly looked like people were enjoying themselves and that all the parents were able to take at least one piece of worthwhile information home. A great night was had by all.

Ken Smith
Numeracy Leader.

Please note that we have changed our official bank account from ANZ to Bendigo Bank effective immediately. New details are:

Derrinallum College Council Official Account
BSB 633 000
A/c 1533 89853

Thank You To The Lismore Lions Club

I wish to personally thank the Lismore Lions Club for once again allowing our school to be part of the Labour Day Weekend Coffee Stop at Lismore. A special thank you to all families and staff that helped out over the long weekend, it was very much appreciated and a great success in raising $600. We have never had so many volunteers from the Derrinallum College community give up their time to help the Lions Club with this very important service encouraging drivers to take a break and revive before hitting the road again to reach their destinations. Thank you again and well done!

Narelle Uren

Will French, for showing a huge improvement in his spelling.
Mekenzy Dixon, for showing great learning behaviour when arriving late.
Biannca Neil, for doing well in Maths.

Mr Smith’s Maths Problem!

Last week’s question was:
There are 24 people playing in the park. Three quarters of them are wearing a hat. How many people are not wearing a hat?
ANS: 6 people

For those who wish to get their mathematical minds thinking, try finding an answer to this week’s question:
Joe and Dru have $51 altogether but Joe has $7 less than Dru. How much money does Dru have?

Winter Uniform

An order will be placed shortly for winter uniform. If you require a tunic or skirt, the order needs to be placed as soon as possible as supply can take up to 6 weeks. Please return the attached order form with payment by Wednesday 18 March. If you have any queries, please speak to Janette in the office.

Lismore Derrinallum Under 12’s Football Training

Under 12’s training will commence at Derrinallum on Thursday 9th April. If you are keen, you could join the Under 16’s training which started Tuesday 10 March.
Enquiries to Stuart Maslin 55970252 (Under 12’s)