

Derrinallum P-12 College

Community Newsletter



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Integrity, Teamwork, Support, Empathy, Respect.

Principal's Report

Welcome Back

Welcome back for Term 2 and I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday break. This week our Year 7/8 students have been at Cape Bridgewater on Camp with Mrs Grant, Mr Ellington and Mr Moyle. Seven of our Year 5/6 students have been lucky enough to gain a place for Somers Camp and will return on Thursday the 23rd of April. We are also hearing excellent reports about the recent Japan Study Tour that 6 of our students and 2 of our staff participated in last term. Thank you to Danielle Blomeley for organising this once in a lifetime experience and to Mrs Blomeley and Mr Stephen for supervising the students.

Welcome

We are very excited to welcome a new student, Braydan Bilson (Year 8) to our College. We welcome Braydan and his family to our community and encourage them to make the most of the opportunities our rural school provides.

Legal Aid Sessions

In order to provide our students with relevant and accurate information, Legal Aid are conducting sessions for our Secondary students on the topics of Consent, Age of Consent, Sexting and Cyberbullying.

The sessions regarding Consent/Age of Consent will be held next Wednesday the 22nd of April

Period 1 - 9:00 am - 9:50 am - Years 9-12

Period 2 - 9:50 am - 10:40 am - Years 7 & 8

The sessions regarding Sexting and Cyberbullying will be held on Wednesday the 29th of April.

Period 1 - 9:00 am - 9:50 am - Years 6, 7 & 8

Period 2 - 9:50 am - 10:40 am - Years 9-12

I strongly urge all secondary students to take advantage of accessing this important information.

Presentation Ball

Congratulations to all of the students who participated in the Derrinallum P-12 College Presentation Evening on Friday the 27th of March.

The students were immaculately presented and thoroughly enjoyed the event. Many thanks to the group of dedicated parents who organised the event, to the School Councillors who assisted on the night and to the other staff and community members who also contributed. Well done everyone on a most enjoyable evening!

Health Promotion Update!

In the last newsletter I wrote about our involvement in the Achievement Program as a Key Improvement Strategy to improve student engagement and wellbeing.

The College will be distributing a short survey to capture parent feedback on a range of health topics. We ask that you complete the survey and return it to the school office by next Thursday the 23rd of April or bring it along to our school Athletics Day on Thursday. Your input will assist us in planning and identifying what areas we need to focus on.

If you have any further questions, feel free to contact Alan Coffey or Sandra Torney at the school or contact Nikita at the Lismore Health Centre on 5558 3000.

Lest We Forget

Next Saturday, April the 25th is the centenary of the ANZAC landing at Gallipoli during World War One. To honour this significant anniversary the College is inviting our students and their families to attend the Derrinallum Community Service at the cenotaph at 10.00 am on Saturday the 25th. I encourage students to attend in full school uniform and to meet me near the cenotaph at 9.45 a.m.

We are also once again conducting our own school commemoration of ANZAC Day on Friday the 24th of April at 9.30am and invite all community members to attend our range of commemorative activities.

Alan Coffey - Principal



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Calendar of Events

22nd April	Somers Camp concludes Consent/Age of Consent Sessions Year 7-12
23rd April	Derrinallum College Athletics Day - Whole School
24th April 25th April	ANZAC Ceremony - Whole School ANZAC Ceremony—Derrinallum @ 10am
29th April	Sexting/Cyberbullying Sessions - Year 6 -12
30th April	Grade 5 Young Leaders Day
1st May	Western Plains Athletics—Prep to Year 6
8th May	Western Plains Cross Country—Years 3-6
12th May	NAPLAN Testing—Years 3,5, 7 & 9
13th May	NAPLAN Testing -Years 3, 5, 7 & 9
14th May	NAPLAN Testing—Years 3, 5, 7 & 9
19th May	Year 5/6 Camp Howqua commences
20th May	School Council Meeting
22nd May	Year 5/6 Camp Howqua concludes

Lismore/Derrinallum Under 16's Football CHANGE TO ORIGINAL FIXTURES

Since the withdrawal of another junior team the games for the Under 16's have been changed from the original fixture. There will be three games played at a different ground to the rest of the Demons teams. The rounds that the changes apply to are as follows;

ROUND 4 May 2nd Under 16's play at TATYOON

ROUND 9 June 20 Under 16's play at WOORNDOO

Round 17 August 15 Under 16's play at LAKE BOLAC

On these days the juniors will start play at 9.45am!

If parents show their own club membership cards at the gate on the above dates they will receive FREE entry to the game.

ROUND 8 June 13 Under 16's play at Lake Bolac and so does the rest of the club, however the juniors will be playing Ararat that day.

The league has devised these changes in order to give the Juniors 18 games of footy. It is not ideal that 3 of the games are at a different ground to the rest of the club but it is the best outcome possible to keep the juniors going, and having a game each round. It might mean families have to consider car pooling (as they do anyway sometimes) in order to manage footy and netball at different grounds, but it is only 3 games out of 18 and they do not miss out on playing home games when the rest of the club is at home.

If you have any queries or questions please contact Locky Smith or Sharon Pyke.

Lismore Derrinallum FNC Memberships are available now;

\$50 Concession (student or pensioner)

\$70 Single Adult

\$150 Family

REGISTRATION PAYMENTS ARE ALSO DUE FOR YOUR FOOTBALL AND NETBALL PLAYERS IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY PAID.

\$25 Under 12's

\$45 Under 16's

\$70 Senior/Reserves

2015 - Term Dates

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

JAPAN TOUR 2015—Danielle Blomeley

JAPAN TOUR 2015—Ebony, Hannah and Liam

The Japan News

by The Yomiuri Shimbun

Hospitality infused with Kaga pride

By Rie Tagawa / Japan News Staff Writer

KANAZAWA — Tourists have been flocking to Kanazawa since the Hokuriku Shinkansen began operations last month. Once four hours away from Tokyo by train, the bullet train takes visitors to the central city of the Hokuriku region in about 2½ hours.

Some tourists may feel like they are not so welcome in Kanazawa as few salesclerks call out to customers from the shops here, which is common at other tourist spots. However, warm hearts can be found among local people once the visitor steps closer. Fortunately, such opportunities are increasing here.

“This geisha district is preserved for a long time and designated as a historical street,” said local volunteer guide Junjiro Matsuoka to a group of nine Australian students aged between 11 and 13 at the Higashi Chaya District in Kanazawa last month.



Matsuoka, 74, is a member of the Kanazawa Goodwill Guide Network (KGGN), a local volunteer group that offers English guides in Kanazawa free of charge. The group comprises about 100 members, who are sent to help tourists when requested.

KGGN was established in 1992 to offer foreign tourists the opportunity to enjoy Kanazawa and the traditional culture intrinsic to the city by welcoming them in English. During fiscal 1992, it conducted tour services for 51 foreign tourists, which increased to 906 in fiscal 2014, according to the group.

The Australian student group was introduced to KGGN through its travel agency, said Daniel Blomeley, 56, a teacher who headed the group. Matsuoka accompanied them from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., taking them to famous sightseeing locations, including Kenrokuen, one of the nation’s most beautiful gardens. Although his English was not perfect, students listened, rapt, to his explanations.

“His English was simple, and easy to follow,” said Riley Monahan, 11. “It was interesting because we don’t have old buildings in Australia.”

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By Hannah, Ebony and Liam.

Inter School Dressage

Derrinallum College – Presentation Ball

On the last day of Term 1, Eve and Pippa Britton went to the interschool dressage at Emu Creek Pony Club to represent Derrinallum P-12 College. The course included dressage which is to show that you can go fast, slow and round in circles and go in a straight line. Pippa got two 2nds and a reserve champion in her group. Eve got a 3rd, equal 6th and 9th in her group. There were 27 schools that competed and Derrinallum came 12th with 108 points but we only had two people for a team and we needed 3. We had a lot of fun from the whole day.

WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING:

Our Special Guests Michael Sturmfels and Robert Pemberton
Dance Instructors Mr Colin Langley and Mrs Yvonne Langley
Presentation Music Sue Reinheimer
Master of Ceremonies Kate Deppeler and Jon Dally
Photographer Amy Bree Photography (<http://www.amybreephotography.com>)
Entertainment Corey Smith
Design and Printing of Posters and Programs Diana vanderSon
Fundraising supporters Urquhart Motors (Geoff & Diane Henderson)
The community who supported our car wash, Darlington Speedway
Derrinallum Community Shop, Stella Cameron and Bianca Neil
Kudosvillas, Hepburn Springs – www.kudosvillas.com.au
Mrs Hovey, Derrinallum
The Flower Shop, Lismore
Scott Simpson, Lismore
Lismore Hall Committee
Supper and Presentation Night support: College Councillors & parents
Presentation Ball Parents for their work towards making this a memorable event for their children.
Special thanks to Kym Gordon for getting the ball rolling and organising fundraising events for the participants.

Students of the Week

Matthew Morrison for his great story writing on story bird.
Oliver Jackman for achieving the learning intention of comparing length.
Nessa Lewis for reading fluently.



Mr Smith’s Maths Problem!

The last week of Term one’s question was:
I am thinking of 2 numbers. When I add the 2 numbers, they equal 20. When I multiply (times) the 2 numbers, they equal 99.

What are the 2 numbers?

ANS: 11 and 9

For those who wish to get their mathematical minds thinking, try finding an answer to this week’s question:

