



Derrinallum P-12 College

Community Newsletter



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Teamwork, Respect, Integrity, Empathy, Support



Principal's Report

Well done everyone! What a finish to a crazy year! This week has been absolutely action packed with activities and excursions all week. Students and staff have been flat out enjoying themselves after a long hard year of learning. Pat your selves on the back. You deserve it!

Thank you:

I would like to thank everyone involved in our school community for the tremendous support and levels of understanding this year. Thank you for the feedback and working with us to improve our teaching and learning programs, particularly in remote learning. We thank you for your patience as we navigated these uncharted waters.

Delay in uploading video:

I do apologise that I haven't yet uploaded the video for the recognition event. I've had a few computer issues that have prevented me from doing so. I think these may be sorted now, so I will get onto it as soon as I can. Families will be notified as soon as it's ready for viewing.

End of year raffle:

Thank you to those wonderful families and businesses that donated to the end of year raffle. We were most delighted with the sales for the raffle especially because we usually get most of our sales on the door at Recognition Night. The money raised will be going towards a new playground for the school.

Staffing:

I am so pleased to say that we are fully staffed moving into next year. This week we farewelled Mr Robbie and Miss West. Mr Robbie's contract has finished and we thank him for helping us out in Term 4 covering Mr Smith's maths load. Miss West will be moving to Ararat College in 2021 to teach Legal Studies and Cooking.

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We wish her all the very best for her career moving forward and we hope to keep in touch. She was a wonderful addition to the college this year and we thank her for all her efforts. We will be welcoming Mr Lachlan Green and Ms Philippa Allen to the team next year. I will make sure we share more about them with you next year, so you can get to know them.

Start to the school year in 2021:

The start to the school year will be staggered. Please note down the following start dates:

- January 27- teachers
- January 28 years 11 and 12
- January 29 years 7-10
- February 1 Foundation to year 6.

Office hours:

The office will close for the Christmas break at 4pm Friday 18 December and re-open fully Friday 22 January. I will be in the office periodically from Monday 11 January. If you would like to contact the school please email me and I will get in contact with you as soon as I can. All the dates will be noted in Compass as well as contact details.

Operations Guide:

At this stage the college is expected to operate under the same conditions as we do currently. This could change over the holidays and I will let you know if any changes impact students or families. However, we just need to see what COVID does over the break.

VCE results:

We are expecting to receive our ATAR results on the 30 December. This will be a strange time to get them but none the less, staff will be on board and ready to chat with the kids about their results. Certificates and official results will be delivered to the college and we will get these to the students as soon as we can.

Activities week:

Thank you to all the wonderful kids and staff who did such a great job during activities week. We have been really impressed with the behaviour and attitude of the kids. They have done a great job representing the college in the community. We were very happy to be able to offer the kids an action packed week to reward them for such a great effort this year.

Important dates in 2021:

School council approved the student free dates for 2021. We like to have this out as early as possible so that families can plan and take advantage of the long weekends. At this stage you can pencil these into your Calendar:

- Friday June 11
- Monday August 16
- Monday November 1

Thanks again for such a solid effort this year. What the students have achieved in such trying conditions has been amazing! Thanks again to the families for your support. We could not have done it without you! Have a great break and please stay safe! We looking forward to greeting you back next year. Let's hope the college isn't under water like it was this year when the kids came back.

Caitlyn Fitzgerald
Principal



Year 6 Celebration Day

Congratulations to our Year 6 students

We all wish you all the best in 2021.





Halls Gap Zoo





Calendar of Events - Term 1 2021

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5
25th January School Office opens	1st February	8th February	15th February	22nd February
26th January Public Holiday	2nd February	9th February	16th February	23rd February
27th January Teaching Staff return	3rd February	10th February	17th February	24th February
28th January Primary Students Testing Day Year 11 & 12 students return	4th February	11th February	18th February	25th February
29th January All students return Primary Students Testing Day	5th February	12th February	19th February	26th February