From My Desk…

It is hard to believe that we are in the last week of Term One! What a busy, action packed term of learning and sporting activities it has been! At the end of term, it is always rewarding to reflect on the term’s achievements, opportunities and extracurricular activities. This term our school community has been involved in the following:

* Student Leadership nominations and elections including School Captain, House Captains & JSC representatives
* Two week intensive swimming program at the Lismore Pool supported by trained swim teachers Kate & Haylee
* House Swimming Sports
* Grade 5/6 Student Leaders Congress @ Warrnambool
* Clean Up Australia Day supported by Lismore Land Protection Group
* 3-6 Interschool Swimming Sports @ Skipton
* School Council elections
* 5/6 Art display at COPAC in Colac – thanks to Miss Jess our wonderful Art teacher for displaying our students’ work!
* Harmony Week celebrations
* PFA fundraising including catering at local clearing sale & footy tipping competition
* Grandparents/Special Friends day
* 3-6 Victorian Space Science Education Centre incursion @ Derrinallum College
* Melbourne Arts Centre Excursion (tomorrow)
* JSC Easter dress up day (Friday)
* JSC Easter raffle (drawn Friday)

In addition to this, staff have been involved in professional learning opportunities including two full day workshops with Cathy Sproal, literacy specialist and a ‘Sounds Write’ cluster meeting, learning and sharing our phonics journey. I attended a conference on Student Voice in Melbourne that will lead our work in professional learning community meetings. I have also attended two network meetings and an Area Forum. All of these opportunities help us to continue to grow and develop and demonstrate our commitment to lifelong learning.

Thanks to staff, students, parents and the local community for your contribution towards our school throughout Term 1. Each of you help ensure the programs and opportunities we provide at Lismore are many and varied.

NAPLAN Online 2019

Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are involved in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy). Since last year, NAPLAN began transitioning from a paper-based test to an online assessment platform which involves students completing the tests utilising a computer or tablet device. NAPLAN Online delivers numerous benefits including:

* a ‘tailored test’ design that adapts to correct and incorrect student responses providing a more precise understanding of student achievement;
* innovative use of technology, including a more engaging test design and a wider range of item types;
* the extension of the ‘test window’ to two weeks, allowing schools greater opportunity to schedule the tests at times that suit them best and increasing student participation.

As part of the transition process our school will be conducting NAPLAN Online from this year. Planning towards this change commenced last year which included staff training and the school being involved in the NAPLAN Online Readiness Test. Last Thursday, our Year 3 and Year 5 students were involved in a nationwide Co-ordinated Practice Test designed to test the reliability of the system and for us as a school to assess our readiness for the May testing period. No results or reports were produced from this practice test.
A public demonstration site of NAPLAN Online is available at www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/publicdemonstration-site and we certainly encourage students to become familiar with the platform via this site. Today a brochure has been sent home to all families of students in Year 3 and Year 5 that provides some additional information. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Michelle Anderson or myself. For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

EASTER CELEBRATIONS
This Friday our school will celebrate all things Easter. Junior School Council are encouraging students to wear something Easter themed and have decided to provide a prize to the best-dressed girl and boy. The prize will be awarded at assembly on Friday afternoon. There will also be an Easter egg hunt during the day. Students will parade their costumes at assembly and the Easter raffle will be drawn. Thanks to everyone that donated to our raffle, we have many great prizes to draw. Please note assembly will be at 2:10pm with an early dismissal of 2:30pm for the last day of term.

Wishing everyone a restful holiday period and wonderful Easter celebration. I look forward to welcoming you back in Term 2. Stay safe!

Jess Kattwinkel

F-2 Term 1 Overview
The students in the F-2 classroom started this term with a positive attitude and a willingness to learn. We welcomed 5 new foundation students into our classroom. I have been very proud of our grade 1 and 2 students who have been fantastic role models to our new students.

The students started the year by focusing on the first 20 days of reading and writing, this allowed them to engage in discussions surrounding classroom rules, procedures and expectations. Once we had set our expectations and procedures, the students were ready to dive into their learning.

The students are really enjoying our Sounds Write program and are starting to transfer their knowledge into their reading and writing. Sounds Write is a phonics-based approach that begins with letters and the phonemes (sounds) those letters represent. It then focuses on blending the phonemes into known words. Our foundation students have also been working on their fine motor skills as an important step in the writing process.

Our mathematics program has involved many hands on learning experiences including counting, sorting and classifying.

I am looking forward to Term 2 where we will continue to develop important literacy and numeracy skills through targeted learning activities. What a great term we have had!

Mrs Evans :)

3-6 Term 1 Overview
Hard to believe we have come to the end of term yet when we look back at what we have achieved there is quite a lot. We have elected new school leaders, completed our swimming program, house swimming sports and interschool swimming sports. Grades 5 and 6 attended the Young Leaders Congress in Warrnambool and we have begun a project to try and improve the health and wellbeing in our community. We have celebrated harmony week, welcomed grandparents and special friends into the school to show case our work. We have continued to foster our relationship with LADADC and Derrinallum College by visiting both places and working together.

We are finishing the term with an excursion to Melbourne to watch Billionaire Boy which we have been reading in class and finally on Friday an Easter themed dress up day.

In English this term, we have studied procedures and narratives and this week students are completing and publishing their narrative. We have engaged in a touch-typing programme, Sounds Write program, reading groups and writing groups.

In Maths this term we have been learning about addition, subtraction, times tables and the concept of time.

Looking forward to a great Term 2!

Mrs Anderson :)
Young Achievers

F-2 Class - Rehanna for displaying persistence and patience with her handwriting. Well done!

3-6 Class - Zak for the confidence he has been displaying in class. Zak is willing to ask lots of questions and take on all advice he is given to help him in his learning. Well done!

Respect Responsibility Excellence Persistence

Dates to Remember

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Secret Society  By Alani

It’s 2:58am. I have 2 minutes to get out before I get trapped. I was in my neighbour’s house where there was a thick coat of dust on everything, the house was just so creepy and old. Steve, the old man who used to live there, was a soldier in the Australian Army for about 40 years. He used to tell me stories about it but he died when I was only 7 years old, however nobody knows how. Since my parents were detectives, they were the ones who were put in charge of investigating his death. Strangely enough, one night during the investigation they never returned home. Once I got home, I laid down in bed and thought maybe it wasn’t a good idea to follow in my parent’s footsteps and become a detective. Except my boss has told me that I had to find my parents before I leave. I don’t want to. I don’t know what to do.

1 Month Later

I haven’t gone to work in a month but I haven’t been fired yet, which was why I wasn’t going to work in the first place. I found a new job, I start tomorrow. Before I start I need to resign from my job as a detective. I walk into the police station and go into my boss’s office and announce in a very loud and firm voice, “I QUIT!” Later that night I creep into my neighbour’s old spooky house. I walk slowly down to the basement. Then whilst I am exploring it, I find a hidden door behind a cupboard that I had never seen before. I could see light coming through the cracks. I open up the door and can’t believe my eyes. My parents, Steve (my neighbour) and a bunch of other people are sitting around a table like they are attending a meeting. They go on to tell me that this is the “United Nations Underground Secret Society Headquarters” and there are tunnels that lead to every country in the world.

The Date  By Breeana

Bursting with excitement Lola ran out the door! She had a date on the beach with her boyfriend James!

When Lola got to the beach, James was nowhere to be seen. She looked for his brown hair and beautiful freckled face. She couldn’t see him so she decided to ring his phone, she heard his phone but she still couldn’t see him. Then she remembered she had his phone from last night from when they went to the movies. Lola had forgotten her own phone and borrowed his to call her mum to come get her after the movie. He said to keep it until their date tomorrow. Lola began to wander the gigantic beach looking for him, but still he was nowhere to be seen. Where is he? She started to worry, she didn’t know what to do. She was desperate for help so she called the police and they were there in a flash. Lola explained to them what had happened. The police said, “Go home and rest, we will be in contact with you when we have more details.” She headed home and on her way she saw her best friend Lily. Lola asked her if she had seen James. She said no, not since last night. Lola kept walking.

When she finally got home she couldn’t believe her eyes, standing at the door was James! Lola said to him “Weren’t you meant to be meeting me on the beach?” She went inside and called the police to tell them she had found James! What a relief it was.
COMMUNITY NEWS

LISMORE PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

Walk or ride
Food is available for purchase and $5 per person entry fee

FUNDRAISER FOR MAX URENS GO FUND ME PAGE
@ HTTPS://WWW.GOFUNDME.COM/BTAZ-HELP-MAX-KICK-CANCERS-BUTT

Starting point Lismore Coffee Break stand
11am

6TH OF APRIL

FREE FILM
Ewan McGregor
Disney
Christopher Robin
Camperdown Theatre Royal
Thursday 11 April
Doors open 1pm
For 1:30pm start
Food & Drink available for purchase

GSODA Junior Players

SPECIAL INVITATION TO AUDITION

The GSODA Junior Players Musical Theatre Workshop has opportunities for several extra boys this year. The workshop begins very soon and we would welcome contact from any boys who would like to be considered. GSODA Inc. will be holding a special audition session on Saturday 6th April. Please contact Louise at workshop@gsoda.com.au or ph: 0404 139 998 for more information. You need to be from 10 to 13 years of age.

Please note: Girls from 10 to 13 are also more than welcome to contact Louise.

NetSetGo- a fun and netball skills based program for girls and boys 5-10 years.

Program commences: Wednesday 1st May
5pm-6pm
Derrinallum Rec Reserve
$72.00

Please register online http://netsetgo.asn.au/ and nominate Lismore Derrinallum as your club. Follow the registration prompts.