Principal’s Message
Final Assembly and New Leaders 2016

Our Class of 2015 were farewelled prior to the holidays with a formal assembly held on Friday 18 September. It was great to see students and their families celebrating this significant milestone together and acknowledging the journey to date. They have made a tremendous impact on this school and we wish these fine students the very best in the HSC examinations, which commence next week.

The assembly also marked the announcement of the newly elected school leaders for 2016 and congratulations are extended to:

School Captains
Matilda Lynch and Harrison Darley

School Vice Captains
Taylah Watt and Griffin Mears

They will do a great job and we all look forward to working with them in their new roles. The elected SRC representatives for 2016 were announced on this Thursday’s assembly and they are:

Year 7
Drew Singleton, Jacob Reeves, Sophie Ridge, Georgi Boutell, Emma Webster

Year 8
Dominic Beaumont, Annie Turnbull, Jordyn Guest

Year 9
Mattiah Beelitz, Zoe Webster, Maddison Dickings, Alice Capps

Year 10
Katelyn Beaumont, Olivia Atkins, Louis Brennan, Frankie Smith, P J Singleton

Year 11
Grace Capps, Lilian Macrae, Finley Wilson, Breanna Smith, Jessica Eburn, Jade Cochran

Indigenous representatives
Savanna Harris, Sara Foster

The induction for our new school leaders will be held early in 2016 when the Year 7 representatives have been identified. Again, congratulations to all the elected leaders.

We also take this opportunity to wish all of our HSC candidates the very best for their examinations. It is important to acknowledge that both our ‘graduating’ cohort and the ‘commencing’ cohort will be sitting their exams, and that the commencing group will return to school on 9 November to begin their second, and final, year of senior school at Dorrigo High School.

We trust that students have used the vacation period wisely and are well prepared to perform at their best.

Congratulations

Cara Shirley represented the school and the State at the National Inter School Equestrian Championships last week. She achieved a place in the top 10. An outstanding result with 100 riders competing from the NSW team and about 450 competitors over the week. Congratulations to Cara, not only for a great result but also for managing to juggle her HSC studies at the same time. Well done!

For those that took an interest in NRL grand final day, I hope you had the opportunity to watch Dylan Edwards in action for the Panthers in the Under 20s Holden Cup grand final victory. Dylan was a member of the Dorrigo High School Class of 2013 and played a significant role in the win against the Sea Eagles, kicking five goals and performing solidly in general play. Dylan is regarded as one of the fittest and most dedicated players at the Panthers and has played in every Holden Cup game this season in a range of positions. It is great to see that Dylan is continuing to demonstrate the qualities necessary to be successful in this highly competitive arena and we wish him the very best as he pursues his dream of playing in the NRL.

Mr Bleakley
Important Dates

October
12......... HSC begins
8 - 13..... Yr 8 assessments
12 - 16... Yr 7 assessment week
14 - 16... Yr 8 boys camp
19 - 23... Stage 5 assessment week
19.......... League Tag Gala at Coffs Harbour
20.......... Yr 7 geography excursion
21.......... P&C meeting, 5.00pm
22- 25.... Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza at Scone

Have Your Say!
Parents still have the opportunity to participate in the Tell Them from Me survey. The survey is open until 16 October and may be accessed online at https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com. The username is parent16957 and the password is Dor8453. Please take the time to complete this 15 minute anonymous survey, the information gained from your participation is valuable feedback. Access to a computer is available at school if you need it.

Food Technology Requirements

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Year 6 Transition Days for Your Diary
Friday 16 October, 8:45 - 11.00am (Dundurrabin PS and Mt St John’s PS)
- Guided tour of the school (peer support leaders)
- Peer support activities
- Recess in the playground

Thursday 29 October, 8.45am - 1.00pm
- Year meeting and ‘reading the timetable’
- Period 2 Peer Support activities
- Periods 3 and 4 in class

Monday 16 November, 8.45am - 3.15pm
- Full day of lessons (catch bus to and from school)

Thursday 3 December, 8.45am - 3.15pm (students)
- Parents 9.00am - 10.45am in the Hall
  - ‘Official’ DEC Orientation day for parents and students
  - Peer support activities - periods 1 and 2
  - Lessons - periods 3 and 4
  - Swimming - periods 5 and 6

For further information phone Mrs Kay Atkins - Year Adviser on 66572001 or by email on dorrigo_h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Canteen Roster

| Monday 12 October | L Sinclair, A Van Leeuwen |
| Tuesday 13 October| M & S Ridge               |
| Wednesday 14 October| Canteen closed          |
| Thursday 15 October| L Singleton              |
| Friday 16 October  | M Troost, S Duckett      |
| Monday 19 October | F Fritz, L Lowe          |

Nooma - A Discussion DVD for teenagers - fun, food and time to ask questions and discuss life and faith. Sunday 11 October 2015, 5.00pm - 7.00pm at The Rectory 39 Kurrajong Street. All welcome.

The Cranks & Sprockets Introduction to Mountain Biking
Starting in October 2015 the Coffs Harbour Cycle Club will be hosting a weekly skills session aimed at kids (aged 6+) who have never or rarely ridden off road. We will be learning basic skills like braking and cornering, leading onto more advanced skills for the older kids throughout the term. We will be running two sessions a week, one based in Sawtell (Thursdays) and one in Dorrigo (Tuesdays).

The Junior Development program is designed to:
- Attract and encourage boys and girls in the sport of mountain bike riding.
- To promote cycling as a sport within the Coffs Coast Region and surrounding district.
- Offer a pathway into mountain biking as a sport (especially to those whose parents are not riders).
- Promote a healthy lifestyle in the juniors and their families.
- Provide guidance, training and a development pathway for talented riders to prepare them for racing at a higher level.

Session Dates
Dorrigo - Tuesday 13 October - 1 December
4.00pm - 5.30pm

Session Guidelines
- All participants must have a valid MTBA Dirtmaster or junior membership
- All participants & their families/carers must always act in a responsible and safe manner. Anyone who is deemed as acting in a way that may endanger their own or others safety will be asked to leave the session.
- All development leaders have a valid working with children check & first aid certification.

For more info please see http://coffscoastmtb.com.au or contact Rowena Stockton on 0408947024.