Principal’s Message
Fantastic Community Support
A few months ago Dorrigo High School Agriculture teacher, Allan Grace, made a request to the school's finance committee for funding to purchase new technology to support the delivery of agricultural studies and VET primary industries at Dorrigo High. The case presented was sound. There was no doubt that the equipment would greatly enhance the learning experience for students. A high percentage of students access these courses during their time at DHS. The school's finances, however, are limited and were committed in other areas and it was not likely that the request could be supported. Mr Grace was advised to approach the P&C and what resulted from that approach is testimony to all that is good about this school and its community.

The P&C, largely through the efforts of the treasurer Peter Singleton, has secured the support of Dorrigo's BGA AgriServices and Gallagher Animal Management to donate the technology to the school. Mr Grace’s original request was for a set of scales to weigh and monitor our livestock. The equipment supplied to the school far exceeds his original expectations. Dorrigo High students now have access to the latest technology, consisting of load beams, weigh scales and electronic ear tag readers. This will allow students to electronically identify and weigh each beast in the herd. Data collected can be transferred wirelessly to the schools network where full analysis of the herd’s growth and development can be conducted. The technology uses “RFID” chips which are embedded in ear tags for large animals such as cattle. However, the RFID chips are very small so can be embedded in other devices more suited to particular animals, such as chooks, turkeys, sheep.

The equipment, valued in excess of $6000 was presented to P&C President Peter Lynch on Thursday’s assembly by Mr Trevor Rose from BGA AgriServices and Mr Darren O’Reilly from Gallagher Animal Management Australia. On behalf of the students at DHS I thank these companies for the outstanding contribution they have made. I also thank the P&C for their efforts in securing the donation and their own financial contribution. The students at this school will benefit greatly from being able to engage in an exciting and meaningful way with the latest innovations in the agriculture industry.

Mr Bleakley
**Important Dates**

**October**
22 - 25... Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza at Scone
28........... Vaccinations for Year 7

**November**
2 - 6....... Yr 10 Gold Coast excursion
3........... HSC examinations finish at DHS
6........... Yr 12 Formal
9.......... Rollover to new timetable
18......... P&C meeting, 5.00pm

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**Gold Merit Awards**

Term 3 Gold Merit Awards were presented at the Assembly held this yesterday. Students receive these awards for always or consistently displaying the following:

- Being ready for learning
- Being punctual
- Being respectful
- Demonstrating personal best
- Participating readily in class
- Displaying good citizenship
- Being up to date with work
- Being honest.

Congratulations and well done to:

**Year 7**

**Year 8**
Dominic Beaumont, Riley Cochran, Jordyn Guest, Georgia Kelly, Michelle Krishnan, Hugo Lynch, Eve Linden-Flick, Lucy Shaw, Danielle Suter and Annie Turnbull.

**Year 9**
Alice Capps, Nakia Colburn, Alex Cranston, Maddie Dickings, Shanlee Duckett, Jack Watt Izabelle Hansen, Julia Sangster and Zoe Webster.

**Year 10**

Year 12 students had their Gold and Silver Merit awards included in their portfolios presented at the formal assembly last term.

Gold awards - congratulations to: Mitchell Beaumont, Tahnee Beelitz, Solveig Herb, Catherine Burley, Jessie Byleveld, Jesse Tosh, Samantha Sangster, Cara Shirley and Matthew Rees.

Silver awards - congratulations to: Cody Beaumont, Amos Colburn, Jarrod Edwards, Kadesha Lawson, Zoe Supple and Brianna Rose.

Year 11 students were presented with Gold and Silver Merit awards at the year meeting held at the end of last term.


Silver awards - congratulations to: Savanna Harris, Aden Hitchcock, Andrew Jones, Lilian Macrae, Griffin Mears and Nellie Sibanda.
Tamworth Interschools Equestrian Challenge

Last week Jemma Beaumont and Cara Shirley travelled to Tamworth to compete at this event. The event was held at the Tamworth Equestrian Centre with its indoor arenas, excellent stable complex and undercover areas. This was fortunate as the weather was very hot and dry.

Jemma’s results were:
3rd in the 75cm A2 Jumping event for riders over 13 years. Jemma was riding against students older than her but rode consistently well in all rounds to place 3rd. 2nd in bend, bottle race 3rd in Diamond Flag, 4th in the Bonfield Bounce, Polebend and 5th in the Pony twist.

Congratulations Jemma on excellent results in a wide variety of events.

I do not have Cara’s results as yet as she is sitting her HSC examinations at the moment. I will report these when I have them.

Both Jemma and Cara are off to Grafton this weekend to compete in the Challenge there.

Congratulations girls on your continued effort and results. Our school is very proud of your equestrian achievements.

Mrs Cotton

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A Magical Mystery Tour

"A Magical Mystery Tour" was written by Pene Charles, retired principal/teacher and friend. What a tour we have been on: singing, dancing, acting and generally having a great time together. All of the cast are aged between 4 yrs and 14 yrs! I love to see the growth in the kids' confidence from start to finish of the production season. It's about giving everyone a go.

So what goes on in "A Magical Mystery Tour"? Aubery is stuck in a computer game with all the clues being Beatles songs (lots to sing along to!!). There are plenty of hazards on the way: viruses, anemones who aren't so cute, and lots more! So give yourselves a treat and support the kids by coming along, sitting back and smiling all the way through!

Dina Luciani - Director.

Performance dates are:
Friday 30 October, 7pm
Saturday 31 October, 4pm
Sunday 1 November, 2pm
Saturday 7 November, 4pm
Sunday 8 November, 2pm

Bookings at Dorrigo Wholefoods, 66571002.

Year 7 Vaccinations

Next Wednesday 28 October Year 7 will receive the following vaccinations: Varicella (chicken pox), Boostrix (tetanus) and the 3rd dose of Gardasil. It is important that students attend on the day to make sure that their immunisation is up-to-date.

Mrs Cotton

Gemma Beaumont and Mrs Cotton
Year 7 Rainforest Study
On Tuesday 20 October, Year 7 as part of our Geography course conducted a tour of the Dorrigo National park. Students have been learning about rainforests in class and it was an excellent opportunity to visit our own and find out about not only the environment but how we had interacted within over many years.

We were supported by Ranger Lesley Green who was able to provide many facts and details about this wonderful site in our backyard. Students walked from the Rainforest Centre and made their way down to Crystal Falls and returned to the Glade picnic area.

We finished the tour with lunch in the Glade before an exhausted group made their way back to school.

Our enormous thanks go to the National Parks and particularly Lesley Green for their participation and contribution to making our visit such a success. Also thanks to Ms Marden, Mrs Perry and Mrs Mellon for helping on the day.

Ms Locke

Year 8 Boys Camp - Platypus Flats
Last week, Year 8 boys went on a camp with teachers from school and three mentors from the local community. Some of the activities were designed to challenge us, get us to solve problems and bring us together as a team. The camp started at Cascade Environmental Centre where John McQueen ran us through some trust building, getting in touch with nature and sharing our thoughts and feelings with the group.

From Cascade, we headed to Platypus Flats and set up camp. Everything from cooking meals, cleaning up and getting involved with different challenges gave us the chance to work as a team and get to know everyone better. The most enjoyable activity was trying to boil a cup of water on a bamboo raft made from scratch with no matches. Sitting around the campfire each evening was a good way to get to know our class mates and mentors better.

The weather was great and we were often visited by some of the local reptile population. Besides the slight worrying about ticks, leeches, lace monitors and black snakes, the camp went off without any problems.

All the Year 8 boys would like to give a big thank you to Dave Hitchcock, Peter Lynch and Bob Denner for organising such a good camp. It was a really good experience and we would love to do it again.

Simon Andrews and Mr Mayo