Principal’s Message
At the assembly this week students were reminded of the complexity of schools in the 21st century and the broad range of learning experiences that students have access to. The resources allocated to these experiences, and the organisational efforts of staff were identified. It was emphasised that the key focus was on enhancing the learning experience for the student.

Students were given some insight into the development of the curriculum, to the allocation of staff to extra duties and to student class placement procedures. It was pointed out to students, also, that in order for these rich learning experiences to continue, there needs to be a level of commitment from students. An area for improvement is certainly around the timely return of permission notes and money for excursions. There is often a short turnaround time from the time a student receives a permission note to when it is required to be returned to school. Sometimes this is unavoidable, especially in knockout sports and weather affected excursions. It is important for parents and carers to appreciate the degree of liaison and planning that goes into conducting an excursion. The school has an excursion approval process that considers costs, staffing implications, educational outcomes, risk assessments and travel arrangements. It is also worth noting that teachers volunteer for ‘extra’ duties to allow these excursions to take place. I remember hearing a parent making a comment to a teacher who was coaching a sports team that the teacher must have been enjoying an ‘easy day’ away from school. I wanted to point out that the teacher had spent hours of their own time training the team, submitting forms, applications and risk assessments, writing and collecting permission notes and preparing lessons for their classes back at school. At the end of the day the teacher collected all of the uniforms to take home and launder!

Dorrigo High School enjoys a long tradition of parent and community support for the provision of a quality school experience. Please support the school by encouraging students to return notes and monies in the appropriate timeframe.

2016 Learning Commences
A reminder to parents and carers that the 2016 timetable will commence on Monday. Timetables have been issued to students who will now be aware of their teachers, their classes and their rooms. Please note that the timetable will begin with day 6 (Monday Week B). Any individual timetable issues will be addressed on that day. Students and teachers are looking forward to an exciting and challenging new year of learning.

Mr Bleakley

Important Dates
November
9 ............ Rollover to new timetable
10 - 12 .. Yr 9 boys camp
............... Yr 9 girls program
11 ............ Remembrance Day
18 ............ P&C meeting, 5.00pm
25 .......... Round of Applause performance

Silver Merit Awards
Term 3 Silver Merit Awards were presented at the Assembly held yesterday. These awards recognise very good students who usually display 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
Leo Bosshard, Jackson Crebert, Rekkii Byrne, Drew Singleton, Christina Woods-Schepis, Bonnie Radcliffe, Lily Watson, Riley Gibbs, Jacob Reeves, Izaiya Kelly, Jessy Longbow, Tex Wood, Jude Court and Jett Davies.

Year 8
Samantha Stevens-Reidy, Will Date, Sara Foster, Jemma Beaumont, Logan Cochran, Chantelle Gear, Harley Quinn, Haylea-Anne Tarran and Matthew George.

Year 9
Patrick Murphy, Will Baff, Mattiah Beelitz, Solomon Court, Christian Ridley, Jay Munday, Chloe McGuigan, Torin Cook, Fergus McQueen, Kye Clements, Digby Frewen, Jordan Steele, and Jaiden Duck.

Year 10
Nikita Griffiths, Bree Davies, P J Singleton, Khai Steele, Alyssa Pitkin, Noah Watson, Frankie Smith, Louis Brennan, Bridget Hutchinson, Sage Linden-Flick,
Morgan Cook, Morgan Stevens-Reidy, Ryan Munday, Hayden Tarran, Darcy Johnson and Liam McAlpine.

Round of Applause
Students Music Performance

When: Wednesday 25 November
6.30pm start (not longer than 1 hour)
Where: Dorrigo High School Hall
Cost: $5 per person; $15 maximum per family

Food Technology Requirements

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Calling All Artists
There are two great opportunities for you to showcase your creative talents so get your entries ready!

- The Dorrigo Show is just around the corner and your art and craft entries can be submitted through the school. Remember to have flat works ready to hang by mounting on cardboard or attaching hanging wires. Each entry must be clearly marked with name, school, age and the section you wish to enter ON THE BACK of the work. Entry fee is 50c for each work. Maximum of 2 entries per student per section. Entries are due to me between Monday 16 - Wednesday 18 November or take them over to the showground yourself. See me for more details.

- The Bellingen Youth Art Prize is on from 12 - 18 December at the Nexus Gallery. The event is to promote youth art in the shire. Entries close 4 December. $10 entry fee per artwork. See me for the entry form.

We have made some incredible art this year. Get in and have a go. Show the community what you can do!
Ms Hogan

Vietnam is Getting Closer!
For those of you who don’t already know, four very excited teachers and seven even more excited Year 12 students are traveling to Vietnam in January 2016. Last Thursday night we met with Lindsay Kingsley and Amber Hill from Bellingen High School. They have recently returned from a similar trip and they came to share their travel tips with students, teachers and parents. They gave us some very useful and practical advice on cultural practices, dress codes and, most importantly, shopping for great bargains. We are all looking forward to this very enriching experience.
Ms Hogan

Canteen Roster

| Monday 9 November | D Atkins |
| Tuesday 10 November | S Wesche, A Van Leeuwen |
| Wednesday 11 November | Canteen closed |
| Thursday 12 November | P Singleton |
| Friday 13 November | D Newsome, C Chapman |
| Monday 16 November | L Lowe |

Helping Learner Drivers Become Safer Drivers
A free 2 hour workshop provided by NSW Roads and Maritime Services. The workshops provide practical advice about:

- The new changes to the Learner Driver Permit,
- The new Safer Drivers Course,
- How to use the Learner Driver Log Book,
- How to plan driving sessions,
- How to deal with difficulties that may arise during driving practice,
- The importance of giving the learner constructive feedback.

The workshops are designed to help learner driver supervisors plan the best on-road experience for learner drivers and include information about the current licence conditions for learner and provisional drivers, young driver safety issues and low risk driving.

Who should attend:
- Parents, friends or relatives who are/will be supervising drivers
- Learner drivers are welcome to attend if accompanied by their supervisor

The workshop will be presented by the Enterprise and Training Company (ETC) in partnership with Roads and Maritime Services (RMS). The next workshop will be held:

**Time and date:** Tuesday 24 November 2015
5:30pm – 7:30pm

**Venue:** Bellingen Youth Hub 2 William St Bellingen

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