Scone Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza

Eleven enthusiastic beef cattle handlers travelled to Scone recently to participate in the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza. This event is huge and attracts many colleges, private, independent and public schools from across the state and into Queensland. Many beef cattle studs and farmers also compete. In the paraders competition alone our students were competing against 760 other students with similar interests. Our agriculture and primary industry classes have been preparing 4 steers for the competition for many months putting in many hours of their own time during and after school and during weekend and holiday time.

I was immensely proud of how our students competed throughout the competition working as a team to prepare the school steers and themselves to a very high standard of preparation and exhibition. Our senior group consisting of Jesse Tosh, Kadesha Lawson, Grace Jones and Lilian Macrae led by example encouraging and teaching the junior group new knowledge and skills over the 4 day event. Our junior group consisted of Shanlee Duckett, Mattiah Beelitz, Hudson Hyatt, Sara Foster, Brooke Knox and Kyanah Beelitz. It was great to see some students competing for the very first time. The behaviour and attitude of the group was outstanding as they competed in paraders, judging, team events, meat appreciation, herdspersons, led steer and carcass competitions. They were marvellous ambassadors for Dorrigo High School and the Dorrigo community proving once again that despite our small population Dorrigo High School and its community can compete competitively with the best of them.

A huge thank you to Steve Beelitz for transporting the steers to Scone. Also to Chris Menzies for supplying his trailer for the trip. These events would not be possible without the marvellous support of producers in the area who supply beef cattle for students to train, prepare and compete with. Mr & Mrs Roger and Jenny Price from Brooklana Angus Stud and Mr David Troost supplied steers that performed exceptionally well in the carcass competition. Their steers scored highly in relation to fat cover, meat colour, fat colour, muscling, yield, eating quality etc. More importantly their animals provided agriculture and primary industry students the opportunity to develop skills and knowledge of the beef cattle industry at a deeper level that would otherwise not be available to students without their wonderful support.

Students are more enthusiastic than ever and are looking forward to competing at similar events in 2016. The school is in the process of sourcing good quality steers and heifers that may be suitable for competition next year. If you feel that you may be able to support the school in this very worthwhile endeavour please do not hesitate in contacting Mr Grace at Dorrigo High School to discuss various options that may be available to you in the supply, donation and/or other arrangements that may be possible in the supply of steers and heifers for competition. It is a great way for farmers to get valuable feedback on their animals in relation to carcass attributes and breeding programs. Mr Grace
Important Dates
November
25........ Round of Applause performance
26........ Yr 7 - Yr 10 scripture

December
14......... Whole school presentation of awards, at 11.00am
15......... Well Done excursion
16......... SRC training day
16......... Last day of school for students
15......... P & C meeting, 5.00pm
16......... Staff development day, pupil free
17......... Staff development day, pupil free
17......... Last day of term

Science in the Bush
Last Thursday 5 November, 27 Year 9 and Year 8 students travelled to Armidale to the University of New England (UNE) for the Science in the Bush day. We were very lucky to obtain funding from both the University and from Mrs McQueen to cover the cost of the bus. Over 300 high school students attended this day. Our students had four sessions throughout the day.

Session 1 was a forensics workshop about fingerprinting and determining unknown substances.

Session 2 was an amazing science show where every science experiment you ever wanted to see was performed. From roses in liquid nitrogen, exploding balloons and colour changing bottles.

Session 3 was about wounds and how our body heals and the importance of healing and especially don't pick at your scabs they are very important at sealing a wound site and aids in the healing process. During this session students applied scientific techniques to create their own wounds.

Session 4 was a hands on chemistry lab. Students made slime, nylon, performed flame tests and watched more liquid nitrogen experiments.

All students who attended the day were given a quiz to fill in, with some very hard questions. A highlight for our school was coming first and second in this quiz. Julia Sangster won an I-pad mini for coming first and Zoe Webster won a gift pack for second place.

All students had an excellent day. We would also like to thank Dave Saunders from Orara High School who organised for us to share a bus with them for the travel over and back.

Miss Fraser

Food Technology Requirements

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Year 7 and 8
Laser-tag and Waterslides
Last Friday 6 November, 47 students from Years 7 and 8 descended to the Big Banana for a big day out. First up was the laser-tag. Year 7 boys and girls versed each other and then they played as classes. Year 8 played as two random teams. Lots of tactics were involved during these games.

After laser-tag we went to the new waterpark. The four slides there are awesome and the students (and the teachers) had a great time. A highlight was Mr Glyde zooming to the very end of the Kamikaze slide, Mr Donald and Mr Cole just didn't quite emulate this achievement.

All the students had a great time.
Miss Fraser

Careers
What is coming up?
I have invited guests to talk to students about the industry they work in. If you are not in the classes that are 'targeted' simply let me know that you are interested so that you can join in.

26 November, Maggie Cairns will be speaking to students about the industry she represents which includes remedial/sports massage for those who are interested in sports health. For those interested in stage make-up she will introduce courses to get you into that field. Beauty therapy is also covered in this presentation. Maggie has offered our students a personalised tour of the Trendz facility to explore courses, I will be organising an excursion for interested students early next year or attend the open day on 28 November, see details below.

10 December, the agriculture students will be introduced to Theresa O’Connell who will be speaking to them about the industry she represents and the career pathways available in the Agriculture sector.

We will be showcasing the police recruitment process early next year as well as the defence force recruitment team.

If you would like to see and hear from a representative about a career pathway or future jobs in the sector/industry you are interested in, let me know.

Parents do not hesitate to contact me regarding your child’s future pathway at elizabeth.mcqueen1@det.nsw.edu.au

Recommended websites:
www.myfuture.edu.au
www.jobjump.com
www.myfuturefinder/une.edu.au

Trendz Open Day
Saturday 28 Nov 2015, 10.00am - 2.00pm
Please join us at our new premises where you can:
- enquire about upcoming courses
- meet our team of educators
- talk with existing students
- receive careers information
- sample free treatments

Please RSVP to attend and for all event information please contact Maggie Cairns on 0414519809 or maggie@thespiritofspa.com
Trendz Beauty & Training, 23 Park Avenue, Coffs Harbour. (02) 6652 3696

Careers in Health
Students interested in pursuing medicine and some other health related courses need to sit the UMAT on 27th July 2016.
https://umat.acer.edu.au

Canteen Roster
| Monday 16 November | L Lowe |
| Tuesday 17 November | K Frewen |
| Wednesday 18 November | B Fell |
| Thursday 19 November | R Burley, C Chapman |
| Friday 20 November | |
| Monday 23 November | K Colburn |
Round of Applause!

Held at
Dorrigo High School's Hall

Tickets
$5 per head or $15 for family

Held on
Wed. 25th
Novembe

Starts
6:30 pm

Is a music night for the whole family with Dorrigo High School students performing.