Principal’s Message
This being the final bulletin for 2015 I would like to wish all of our school community the very best for the holidays. I hope that everybody enjoys the opportunity to relax, recharge the batteries and spend some quality time with family and friends.

All students return on Thursday 28 January. Students in Years 8 - 12 will resume the courses they commenced in mid-November this year, while Year 7 students will be having their first official day in high school.

2016 will be another challenging and exciting year. Consolidating the reforms initiated by the Department of Education will be a priority, together with maintaining focus on our school goals of delivering quality teaching and learning for all students.

I would like to thank all of our volunteers, our P&C, our parents and carers, our fantastic staff and wonderful students for their contribution to making Dorrigo High School such a great place to work and to learn.

Mr Bleakley

A Helping Hand
On Thursday 3 December, volunteers from the senior CAFS class assisted with the setting up and catering for the Dorrigo Support Centre annual Christmas lunch at the community centre.

This was the fourteenth year our school has helped.

The students worked very well as a team and were efficient in their roles. We cooked and plated up over 100 lunches all to the sounds of Christmas carols being sung in the hall.

Santa made a visit and our students were given a small gift as well as the senior citizens of the plateau.

I would like to thank the following students for their efforts on the day, including all of the washing up. Breanna Smith, Ruby Munro, Nellie Sibanda, Taylah Watt, Toni Cardow, Violette Yerneaux, Bella Garson and Lilian Macrae.

It is always a pleasure to take our senior students to help out at this annual community event.

Mrs Cotton

Dorrigo Show Report - 2015
Many students from Dorrigo High School participated in the Dorrigo Show and helped to make what was yet another very successful community event. Agriculture students participated in a range of activities including the following.

Canteen Closed
Please note that the canteen will be closed all of next week.
The junior beef cattle judging competition and beef cattle paraders competition were hotly contested with a number of public and private schools competing. Students from family studs also competed. A number of Dorrigo High students made it to the oral section of the judging finals including Kadesha Lawson, Jesse Tosh, Mattiah Beelitz and Jemma Beaumont. Jemma Beaumont achieved an outstanding result taking out the prestigious champion judge award overall. Haylea-Anne Tarran, Sara Foster and Simon Andrews also competed admirably on the day.

Kadesha Lawson gained valuable experience assisting Sue Francis from the Onward Murray Grey stud as did Logan Watson assisting Bill and David Gibson with an Angus heifer. The school would like to thank these studs and Darren and Lisa Beaumont for allowing students the opportunity to work on their cattle.

Tahnee Beelitz and Andrew Jones did a magnificent job assisting with many duties in the beef cattle section of the show.

Grace Jones and Lilian Macrae put in many hours preparing a very professional display board of Dorrigo High School involvement in Wingham Beef Week and the Scone Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza which generated a lot of interest in the cattle pavilion. Catherine Burley worked tirelessly preparing and exhibiting her family’s Jersey dairy cattle with Catherine taking out the Junior dairy cattle paraders competition.

One of the most popular venues at the show is the animal nursery with many agriculture students involved in looking after the animals, pets and visitors to the nursery over two very long days of the show. A number of the animals exhibited in the nursery are bred and raised on the school farm as part of agricultural studies at Dorrigo High. The following students put in a magnificent effort with some students putting in more than a 12 hour day for both days and are to be congratulated on their community spirit and very keen interest and love of animals.

Grace Jones organised the nursery and led by example over the 2 days. She was ably assisted by Alex Maddern, Mattiah Beelitz, Shanlee Duckett, Chloe McGuigan, Sara Foster, Haylea-Anne Tarran and Hugo Lynch.

Many thanks to Max and Chris Grace who provided a calf for the nursery, Grace Jones for providing Pippa the dog, Booma Goats of Tyringham for the provision of a number of adorable goats, Justin Murray and Toby Gibson for supplying pigs, Alicia and Robert Miller for the provision of kittens and Lisa and Darren...
Beaumont for the provision of a cat and kittens. Alex Maddern provided cute and cuddly rabbits for the nursery. Chris Menzies and Dorrigo Public School very generously supplied Gazebos for the display.

Grace Jones added to her already mammoth contribution in the animal nursery by judging the junior pet show competition on the Sunday. She was assisted in the presentation of ribbons and prizes by Savanna Harris and Haylea-Ann Tarran.

A number of junior girls also volunteered their time and services on Friday to assist ladies in the main and luncheon pavilions in preparation for the show. By all reports they did a magnificent job and the ladies really appreciated the girls contribution. They included Julia Sangster, Libby Waugh, Chloe McGuigan, Mattiah Beelitz, Kyanah Beelitz and Shanlee Duckett.

Simon Andrews and another Year 8 students were busy making a photographic record of the various events taking place on the Friday afternoon.

Agriculture students were also successful in the farm produce section of the pavilion gaining first place for best eggs and garlic.

My apologies to anyone that I may have inadvertently forgotten to mention, however, you can be assured that your contribution was very much appreciated.

It is great to see more students over the past few years from Dorrigo High being involved in the Showperson competition. This year saw Tahnee Beelitz, Lilian Macrae, Shanlee Duckett and Taylah Watt participate with distinction. Such events are powerful for building confidence and community spirit in our future leaders.

Congratulations to all those involved in what was a magnificent achievement in cooperation, effort and team work toward another outstanding Dorrigo Show.

Allan Grace

Round of Applause

Dorrigo talent was well and truly on exhibition as our new musical concert Round of Applause coincided with the Dorrigo Show week. Students from Year 8 through to Year 12 put their hands up to be part of this amazing musical extravaganza. The range of musical styles presented was impressive – from one Year 8 student effortlessly playing a beautiful Baroque piano piece, to cleverly crafted contemporary ballads by Alice Capps, Nakia Colburn, Zoe Webster, Izzy Hansen and Matilda Lynch, the sweet sounding vocals of Olivia Atkins, Breanna Smith, Grace Capps, Taylah Watt and Ruby Munro, a little indie folk for contrast in the form of “Ho Hey” and our raging rock band Kylan Garson-Fell, Christian Ridley, Torin Cook and Fergus McQueen playing “Lithium” at high volume.

I am unable to name everyone here, so to ALL of our performers, you deserve a huge “round of applause” for your wonderful, entertaining
performances, and for the way in which you conducted yourselves throughout this project.

Thanks also to our extraverted MCs, Katelyn Beaumont and Drew Singleton, who kept everyone and themselves giggling through the evening. The stage hands, Maddie Dickings, Jack Watt and Kye Clements worked tirelessly throughout the day and evening making sure instruments and props were on hand, turned on, tuned up and ready. Sol Court ensured nobody escaped the spotlight and Ms Hogan caught all our antics on film! The audience were very supportive both in delivering accolades to our performers and in contributing to our fundraising efforts. We raised over $500 for the music department and much of these funds will go towards new microphones, stands and leads.

Ms Richards

Vietnam Here We Come!

By the time you read the next bulletin we will have been on our amazing trip to Vietnam, recovered from the jet lag and be ready to share our adventures with you all. Seven Year 12 students (Finley Wilson, Harrison Darley, Breanna Smith, Matilda Lynch, Jessica Eburn, Jade Cochran and Taylah Watt) and four teachers (Mrs Harris, Mr Donald, Mr Heaney and Ms Hogan) will leave for Vietnam in January and take part in an educational and cultural tour of the country.

The planned activities include visits to a small primary school and an orphanage where we will donate sporting equipment and money to assist the local children. Thank you to those of you who have supported our fundraising events that have enabled these donations. Some of the other highlights will include an overnight stay on a junk in Halong Bay, experiencing a crawl through the Cu Chi tunnels of the Viet Cong, witnessing everyday life on the Mekong River and taking part in a traditional cooking class in Hoi An. It is a jam-packed, fun-filled itinerary that is sure to provide a truly unforgettable experience.

Ms Hogan

Dorrigo Youth Clinic

There will be no Youth Clinic during school holidays and during February 2016. We will be back on Wednesday 2 March 2016.

The Youth worker Tamie will be around after 15 January 2016 and can be contacted on 0429839473.

The Youth Clinic is a place where young people aged 12 to 25 years get free help for a wide range of issues: from a simple cold to sexual health checks, sports injuries, drug and alcohol advice and emotional health issues. Clinic hours are from 1.00pm till 5.00pm on Wednesday afternoons usually by appointment but we do have spaces if you just want to drop in. Appointments can be made through the Bellingen Healing Centre by phoning 66550000.

Have a safe and happy Christmas.

Christmas Anglican Services

Sunday 20 December 2.00pm - a Service of Lessons and Carols at Deervale Union Church.

Thursday 24 December 5.00pm - Children's Service with Nativity play by our Youth Group and Holy Communion.

Thursday 24 December 11.00pm - Midnight Communion.

Friday 25 December 9.00am - all Age Christmas Celebration with Communion.

Sunday 27 December 9.00am - first Sunday of Christmas Agape Informal Communion.