Principal’s Message

Peer Support Camp
Congratulations to our Year 7 students, our Year 10 Peer support Leaders and dedicated staff who attended the camp at Scotts Head last week. During my visit I was once again struck by the obvious quality of the Dorrigo High School students and staff and the high regard that camp staff and local community members have for them. I am sure that there were some weary bodies returning to their families on Friday afternoon and some great stories to be shared.

Centenary of ANZAC
Early next term our community will be actively engaged in the local Centenary of ANZAC commemorations. There will be a number of opportunities for our students to be involved and we encourage them to embrace these important events. We are always well represented at both the Dawn Service and the March and Wreath Laying Service and this year our students will play a significant role in. The school’s ANZAC Service will be conducted at an assembly on Thursday in Week 2 of next term, all parents and carers are invited to attend.

Staff Development Day
The first Monday of Term 2, 20 April, will be a staff professional learning day, with students returning on Tuesday 21 April. There is a very full and engaging agenda including sessions on the school plan for 2015-17, strategies to promote student well-being, and the new teacher Performance and Development Framework.

Happy and Safe Holiday
School finishes on Thursday afternoon for the holidays. I hope all of our school community enjoy the break and that students return refreshed and ready to learn on Tuesday 21 April. In Term 2, our 3+3 students will be commencing the HSC component of their courses, while Stage 4 & 5 students will be challenged with assessment tasks and NAPLAN testing.

Mr Bleakley

Important Dates

April
2 .......... SRC garden clean up
......... Last day of term
20 .......... School development day, pupil free
21 .......... Students return to school
30 .......... ANZAC assembly

May
1 .......... Cross country
12 -14 .... NAPLAN tests
15 .......... Maths day at UNE
20 .......... P & C meeting, 6.00pm
27 .......... Athletics carnival

Cattle Yards
A huge thank you to our wonderful P & C who provided substantial support for the financing of the new cattle yards. These yards have improved the safety and handling of cattle immensely for students and cattle at Dorrigo High School.
Wingham Beef Week – 2015

Primary Industry and Agriculture students are busily preparing for Wingham Beef Week. Interested students will compete in a range of activities with many other schools and beef producers across the state. Activities include junior judging, junior paraders, beef appreciation, led and unled steer and heifer live judging and carcass competitions.

Participating students have been actively involved in the breaking in and training of 5 steers on the school farm. Students have also been developing their own skills so as to be competitive in all aspects of the competition. It is hoped that the school will have 2 heavy export steers, 2 medium weight domestic steers and 1 lightweight steer for the led and carcass classes at Wingham.

Four of the steers have been provided by local beef cattle producers and their ongoing support has been greatly appreciated. The producers that have supplied cattle for Wingham Beef Week include Mr David Troost, Mr and Mrs Jenny and Roger Pryce of the Brooklana Angus stud and Mr and Mrs Chris and Katrina Menzies.

Students have been issued permission notes which need to be into the office along with their first instalment by the 22 April 2015 which is the first Wednesday back next term. Students are being given updates on requirements and expectations as Wingham Beef Week approaches and parents are advised to seek clarification of information from their son or daughter attending the excursion as time progresses. Wingham Beef Week has been selected as a major excursion for Agriculture and Primary Industry students this semester due to its focus on educational activities for agriculture students. Parents can contact Mr Grace at Dorrigo High School for further information.

State Swimming

Dorrigo High School sent a small but determined group to swim at the Combined High Schools State Swimming. The competition was held at the Sydney Aquatic Centre in Homebush 26 to 28 March. Results from the meet as follows:

Rekkii Byrne
- 5th – 100m butterfly – 13yr girls final
- 25th – 200 freestyle
- 17th – 100m breaststroke

Amos Colburn
- 10th – individual medley – 17yr boys final
- 11th – 100m butterfly
- 15th – 200m freestyle

Libby Waugh
- 14th – 100m backstroke – 12yr girls
- 17th – 200m freestyle
- 26th – 50m freestyle
- 24th – 100m freestyle

15yr girls relay team came 11th. These results are against swimmers from all over NSW, what an excellent achievement for our students from one of the smallest High Schools in the state!

Food Technology Requirements

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Easter Buns

Year 9 and 10 food technology students have been very busy making Easter buns this week. By request, please find attached the recipe they use. The results are always very good, so why not give it a try?

Mountain Bike Success

What an awesome few months of riding. In February I travelled with the NIAS MTB Youth Development squad to Toowoomba for the Oceania MTB Championships and the last round of the MTB National Series. I competed and won the U15s Oceania XCO and finished second in the national round XCO.

I was pretty stoked with my efforts in QLD but I had to keep training and focused to get ready for the Australian National Championships. These were held in March in Bright, Victoria. Feeling a bit of pressure I sprinted off early in the XCO (long course cross country) race. I was pretty comfortably in front with a lot of adrenaline pumping through my body. I
decided it was a good idea to jump and pull off a massive whip. Turned out that I hit a tree, ate a lot of dirt and lost 6 places. So the race was harder as I had to work my way back up to the front ranks. It was a hard fought race and I ended up coming third.

The second race I competed in was the XCC. For those of you who are not mountain bikers, that’s code for ‘sprint as hard as you can for 20 minutes on a short obstacle course’. I managed to get 2nd in this race.

Thanks to all the support I have received from Dorrigo High School and members of the Dorrigo community with my mountain biking. 

Fergus McQueen

Thursday Study Club
All students are welcome to come along to the library at 9.20am on Thursday mornings to get some help with their school work.

If you have been set assignments to be done in the holidays, show up next Thursday, last day of term 1. This would be a great opportunity to get a head start on completing the task and leave your holiday time free to relax.
See you there.

Dorrigo Youth Clinic
There will be no youth clinic during school holidays. We are back on Wednesday 22 April 2015.

The 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 6655 0000.

Bellingen Show
The weekend of 9 & 10 May 2015 is the Bellingen Show. Displays, entertainment, pavilion entries and much more. Check the website www.bellingenshow.com.au for information. Why not get creative during the holidays and have something ready to enter?

Dorrigo Drama Club Kids on Stage
Happening in 2015 and there is a whole lot of song and dance about it! A Magical Mystery Tour by Pene Charles an all age production, so if you would like to sing, dance, act or be a part of the show in any other way be at the Old Gazette Theatre on Tuesday 21 April from 3.30 pm

Any questions please ring Dina Luciani 66572243 in the evening is best.

Bill Turner Cup
Last Wednesday 25 March Year 8 and 9 boys and girls participated in the Bill Turner Cup soccer at Bellingen. Both teams play well, the girls a great effort and the boys unlucky not to win. Congratulations to both teams for their sportsmanship and participation. Thank you to the parents who transported the players.
Letter to Parents

In May 2015 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 12-14 May 2015.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 15 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the Principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_support/index.html).
Between 2

Makes 12

Step 1 Ingredients
2 C Plain Flour
2 T Sugar
1 T Dry yeast
2 T Powdered milk
1 ½ C Warm Water

Step 1 Method
1. Place dry ingredients into a large bowl.
2. Add water and beat with wooden spoon for 5 minutes.
3. Cover bowl with plastic and leave in a warm place for 20 minutes.

Step 2 Ingredients
1 egg beaten with 2 T sugar
1 C Sultanas
2 T oil
1 ½ t Salt
1 t Cinnamon
3 C Plain flour - (one cup reserved in flour dredge for kneading)
pinch ground cloves

Step 2 Method:
1. Add remaining ingredients to mixture after rising has taken place mixing well (do not add the reserved flour)
2. Knead for 10 minutes, making sure that dough remains soft, use reserved flour for kneading.
3. Cut into 12 equal portions and mould into round bun shapes.
4. Put into high sided well greases tins. Set aside until double in bulk.
5. Pipe crosses using a flour and water paste.

Step 3
Turn out and brush with glaze consisting of: 2T sugar
2t gelatine
2T water
dissolved together