Principal’s Message

Walcha

Preparations are under way for the annual exchange with Walcha Central School. This year marks the 50th anniversary of cultural and sporting exchanges between the schools. Walcha Central School has a new Principal, Mr Mark Hall, who has only been in the position for three weeks. He has expressed a commitment to maintaining the exchanges and is very excited to be a part of such a longstanding and successful initiative. Please encourage your child to become involved and to commit to the planned training sessions. The dates for the Walcha exchange are 23 - 25 June.

NAPLAN

Students in Years 7 & 9 will be completing their NAPLAN tests next week. Parents and carers are asked to ensure that students attend for these tests and that they are rested and well prepared. Dorrigo High School staff use the information that these tests provide to identify the strengths and weaknesses of both individuals and of groups of students. There is only one opportunity for students who miss the tests to complete them at a later time. This will be on Friday 15 May.

Merit Assembly

Congratulations to all the students who were presented with their Gold Awards on Thursday’s assembly. It was great to see some of our parents attend the assembly to support the students. It was also very encouraging that 57 students are currently at either Gold ‘outstanding’ or Gold ‘excellent’ level. The criteria for a student to be rated at Gold ‘outstanding’ is listed, below:
- Outstanding and proactive learner all of the time.
- Always has correct gear and equipment.
- Always ready for learning without having to be directed.
- Regularly participates in classroom discussions.
- Always on task.
- Always addresses teachers and students respectfully.
- Consistently punctual.
- Up to date with work and demonstrates personal best.
- Always honest.
- Displays the highest order of citizenship and relates well to others.
- Always models our core values.

Congratulations to the following students:

Mr Bleakley

ANZAC Poetry

Congratulations to the winners of the Dorrigo RSL Sub Branch ANZAC poetry competition. It is our pleasure to include them in this Bulletin. Well done Riley and Dominic!

Riley Gibbs - Year 7

The Days
The days, the days, battling for the role of the victor.
The days, the days, of seeing our fallen comrades decay in the sand.
The days, the days, of having food as slimy as a snails trail.
The days, the days, the only sound you hear is screaming the pitter patter of bullets on the ground.
The days, the days, missing our families and loved ones.
The days, the days, of thinking this is our final hour.
The days, the days, of our sanity crumbling in to a pit of despair.
The minutes, the minutes, of that fatal shot.
The seconds, the seconds, of our final breath...
Our Bravest Men
Our bravest men, now and then, we celebrate, and commemorate, the bravest, charge on that beach, those Johnny Turks out of reach. Our bravest men, now and then, were fighting a furious battle, to a deadly machine gun rattle, some couldn't find their land legs, as the gloating half-dead man begs, "I wish I could survive," As those Turks really thrive, on this final fatal battle. Our bravest men, now and then, fought for us with no regret, so now we say, Lest we forget.

Important Dates

May
12 -14.... NAPLAN tests
.............. Wingham Beef Week excursion
15.......... Maths day at UNE
18.......... MNC Cross Country Carnival, Grafton
18 – 22.. Yr 7 & Yr 8 assessment week
20.......... P & C meeting, 6.00pm
26.......... Athletics Carnival
27.......... Vaccinations

Walcha Interschool Visit
50 Years!
It’s time to organise to go to Walcha and this year it will be the 50th anniversary of the Walcha Interschool Visits, which is an amazing milestone. We will be leaving Tuesday 23 June and returning Thursday 25 June 2015.

Sporting teams are juniors, Yrs 7 to 9 and seniors, Yr 10 to Yr 12, except for rugby league which are Yrs 7 & 8, Yrs 9 & 10 and opens.

We will be competing in the following sports: Athletics, soccer, volleyball, touch football, netball, basketball, Oz-tag, rugby league, golf, tennis, lawn bowls, mountain biking, chess, debating, Battle of the Bands and possibly open league tag for girls. Something for everyone from this list.

Students will need to be in a minimum of 2 teams to attend the visit, 3 teams are preferred. We would like as many students as possible to attend. Arrangements have been made to move the social to Tuesday night to avoid clashing with the state of origin football.

Food Technology Requirements

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Training will begin next week, team nomination sheets have been organised and will be posted early next week on the sports noticeboard outside the print room. So now is the time to get involved and put yourself down for as many teams as you can. Let’s make this the biggest and best Walcha visit so far!
Wood Raffle
Congratulations to Debbie Locke who won the Year 11 fundraising raffle of a trailer load of wood. Just in time for the cold snap!

Special thanks to Peter Smith and family for providing the wood for the raffle. This has made a great contribution to our fundraising effort.

Ms Hogan

Canteen Roster
Monday 11 May K Colburn
Tuesday 12 May S Wesche, S Kelly
Wednesday 13 May Canteen closed
Thursday 14 May L Singleton, N Flick
Friday 15 May R Burley, H Kelly
Monday 18 May L Lowe, D Bodanski

Trivia Night
Presented by the Lion's and Leo's Club, a fundraising Trivia Night for the Dorrigo Men's Shed.

Saturday 23 May, 6.00pm at the Dorrigo RSL, sponsored by East Coast Property Sales.

There will be a magnificent handcrafted Bunya Pine coffee table raffled, as well as many other prizes.

Entry is $5 per person. Get a team of 6 - 8 people together or join a team on the night. A really fun night for all ages. See you there!

Dorrigo Show Schedule Cover
This year for the Dorrigo Show we are inviting all students to participate in a competition to create the cover for the 2015 schedule. Your design should be on an A4 page and in colour. Any theme depicting the Dorrigo Show will be considered. Competition is open to all students. The winning entry will also receive free entry to the show and a mystery package. Runner up will receive a mystery package. Entries close 29 May and can left at the school office.

NOOMA
A time of good food, fun and discussion for teenagers This Sunday 10 May 2015 from 5.00pm to 7.00pm at the Rectory 39 Kurrajong Street. Come along and ask your questions! Rev Mike 66572015 michaelaridge@outlook.com

School Zone Parking
Keeping Your Children Safe
Children are vulnerable road users. They are at risk in the traffic environment because of their size, their difficulty in judging speed and distance and the fact that they may behave unpredictably. Council is aware that some motorists are not obeying the laws that apply in and around school zones and the following information is provided as a reminder.

School Zone - A school zone is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40km/h. Between the ‘SCHOOL ZONE’ and ‘END OF SCHOOL ZONE’ signs you must obey the school zone speed limit.

No Parking Zone - You must not stop for more than 2 minutes in a No Parking area and you must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle.

No Stopping Zone - You must not stop your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb. Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop in this zone for the purpose of dropping off or picking up a passenger and your vehicle can not enter this zone at any time.

Bus Zone - This sign means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Double Park in School Zone - Double parking is when you stop your vehicle adjacent to a vehicle that is parked at the side of the road. You cannot pull up, to drop off, or pick up a passenger when you are adjacent to a parked vehicle.

Stopping on/near pedestrian or children's crossing - You must not stop your vehicle on a children or pedestrian crossing, or on the road within 20 metres on the approach to the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing.

Council officers regularly patrol local schools and will issue fines for breaches and offences to ensure the safety and well-being of all school students. Visit Council’s website at www.bellingen.nsw.gov.au or phone Council's Ranger on 6655 7300 for further information.