Principal’s Message
Mr Bleakley is on long service leave. I have been enjoying my stint as Relieving Principal. Ms Locke has been relieving Deputy Principal and doing a fantastic job. NAPLAN tests took place last week. Mr Dave Mayo did a great job administering the tests. He arranged for those students who missed tests to complete a catch up test on Friday. As mentioned in last week’s Bulletin, teachers commended our students on their behaviour and application during the tests. This week is assessment week for Stage 4 students. Stage 5 completed their assessment week in week 3 and Year 9 and 10 teachers have moved into the reporting phase.

Dorrigo High School has been successful in applying for a number of grants to fund special projects. Congratulations to all those involved in putting the applications together.

The first grant we received is for the Integrated STEM Project. This project develops an interdisciplinary approach to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in Stage 4. The application was initiated by Miss Alexandra Fraser and finalised by Mr Bleakley and Mrs Kay Atkins. Our school has received $12,000 to implement a project that involves a common unit of work to be taught across Science, TAS (Technology, Engineering) and Mathematics in Stage 4. This could include designing a hydro-electric plant or an environmentally friendly house. We feel this will enhance student engagement and enable our students to make meaningful connections between the curriculum and the world around them. Four members of staff are attending a conference in Sydney Thursday and Friday this week to plan and map out the implementation of the project.

The second project is a Rural and Remote Schools initiative that involves our Community of Schools (CoS) and focuses on Gifted and Talented students in Science, Technology Engineering and Maths. The project title is Energy for Future and Beyond. I would like to acknowledge Mrs Kay Atkins for her effort in putting the application together. Our CoS has been granted $12,000.

The third grant was initiated by the CoS Principals with the support of Graeme Ross from DEC Leadership and Development. This project has as its’ focus enhancing teaching and learning and leading the coaching model. Our CoS has been granted $10,000 to develop the project.

Our Athletics carnival is coming up on Tuesday 26 May. Unfortunately, we experienced some vandalism at our school a couple of weekends ago that caused damage to the oval and the gate. We are hopeful that the damage will be rectified before the carnival but we have provisions in place to relocate some of the events to ensure student safety and are very much looking forward to our carnival. It’s always a great day.

Ms Marden
Relieving Principal

Important Dates

May
26 .......... Athletics Carnival
27 .......... Vaccinations
28 .......... School captains to Sydney to meet the .......... Governor of NSW

June
8 .......... Public holiday
10 .......... Yr 7 - Yr 10 scripture
10 - 12 .. Mid course HSC examinations
11 .......... Parent information evening for 2016 .......... senior students
17 .......... P & C meeting, 6.00pm
23 - 25 .. Walcha interschool visit
26 .......... NAIDOC Day

University of New England
Year 8 Mathematics Day
Four of our Year 8 students travelled to Armidale early last Friday morning to participate in the University of New England Mathematics Society’s inter-school competition. Sixty four schools from around New South Wales attended, all keen to show their skills and, yes, having fun solving mathematical problems.

The day is divided into separate activities of problem solving, traditional mathematics, brain teasers and even some “maths trivia” to finish the day. An important element of the day’s competition was team work.
All schools undertook the problems as a team of four. Some larger schools had two teams. Morning tea and lunch were provided by UNE.

Dorrigo High School was represented by Hugo Lynch, Georgia Kelly and Dominic Beaumont in this yearly event in Lazenby Hall at UNE Armidale. These students were excellent ambassadors for our school. They looked smart, performed well and were well-mannered and polite.

Professor John Pegg from the University’s School of Education, who has hosted this day for twenty years, is known world-wide for his research, creation and implementation of programs for education. Indeed he has educated many mathematics teachers, myself included. He was ably assisted with organisation by Ms Ann Parnell. Thanks to all involved especially Professor Pegg, Ms Parnell and of course our students.

Mr Steve Wood

**Hospitality Class Caters for VADEA Teachers**

On Thursday 14 May, the senior VET Hospitality class catered for 30 visiting teachers for morning tea and lunch.

The group chose items and prepared them in their classes and then set up the tables and assisted with the service of the food and afterwards cleared tables and cleaned up and reset room 12.

This was a great opportunity for the class to use the skills they are learning in class and to work as a team on a real event with real time constraints.

Thank you to Matthew Sommers, Alex Maddern, Griffin Mears, Hunter Wood, Grace Capps, Zoe Supple, Ruby Munro, Tianna Smith, Bella Garson, Samantha Sangster, Catherine Burley and Jen Baff and to the Visual Arts students who also helped, Frankie Smith, Leah Sinclair, Tara Beaumont, Bridget Hutchinson and Alyssa Pitkin.

Also thank you to Mrs Pat Atkins for her help with shopping and organising.

Mrs Cotton and Mrs Hitchcock

**Tax File Number Applications**

Students over 13 years have the opportunity to apply for a Tax File Number (TFN) through the school. This needs to be done before the end of this month. Students can pick up a form at the office. The application will only need to be made once, your TFN follows you for the rest of your life!

Please take advantage of this opportunity, the tax office will be changing this process shortly, students will then have to apply through a cooperating post office in Coffs Harbour.
A Gaggle of Artists
Last Thursday, 28 visual arts educators arrived at Dorrigo High School to engage in a very unique conference day. The teachers came from as far as Kempsey, Maclean and Glen Innes to participate in a day where knowledge and ideas were shared to enhance the learning and engagement of students. Exciting programs were presented by experienced teachers and opportunities were provided to play with new art materials. I would like to thank the army of helpers I had to prepare the art room for our visitors, the amazing caterers from the senior Hospitality class, Mrs Cotton, Mrs Hitchcock, Miss Pat and Di and Michelle who transformed and polished the art rooms until they shone. It was a wonderful day and I was proud to be able to showcase our school.

Ms Hogan

News from your P & C
Whether you are a parent, carer, guardian, or member of the Dorrigo community, we believe the Dorrigo High School P & C plays an active and important part in our students welfare. We encourage you to come along to our regular monthly meetings to meet other enthusiastic members of the Dorrigo High School Community. Last night’s meeting was again a jam-packed event of P & C and school activities. Below are just some of the topics discussed.

Uniform Review
Following from last year’s uniform survey, a sub-committee of the P & C in conjunction with the SRC and staff have been holding regular meetings investigating various options. Last week, a range of options were presented to the SRC from which we’ve had some very positive feedback. There is presently considerable momentum and enthusiasm to update uniform for a partial implementation next year with full implementation starting 2017. As Principal Mr Bleakley has previously noted in this newsletter, there are a number of Departmental requirements to fulfil before a new uniform can be adopted by a school. Please be assured that your P & C is working hard to make any new uniform appealing, cost effective, available and as future-proof as possible. Particular thanks must go to parent Mandy Hansen for all her exceptional effort in obtaining sample clothing.

Textbooks
To meet the demands of the new curricula, your P & C has assigned almost $15,000 for the purchase of new textbooks. This is a very tangible example of the benefits your P & C brings to education at Dorrigo High School.

Motivational Fund
The P & C raises funds through the purchase of beef cattle. The cattle are offered free agistment and care by our P & C Treasurer (and parent) Peter Singleton. Funds raised are used by the school for motivational activities for the students. We are keen to promote student camps and encourage the use of these funds to assist facilitate such activities.

School Canteen
The single greatest income generator for the P & C is the school canteen. Please patronise it as much as possible, especially through lunch orders. We are also always wanting helpers. Being a canteen volunteer is a great way to get a hands-on glimpse into the operation of the school which directly benefits the students. New volunteers are always matched with experienced people so it’s a great learning environment. I would like to thank all canteen volunteers and particularly thank the primary canteen organisers being Dorothy Everingham, Andrea Hitchcock, and Peter Singleton.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself or any other member of the P & C should you wish to discuss any related matter.

Peter Lynch 0428 426 520
P & C President

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### 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!

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**Photos from Wingham Beef Week**

Report to follow.

Photos taken by Samantha Sangster