Principal’s Message

Higher duties
I would like to acknowledge the manner in which several teachers have stepped into ‘higher duties’ positions recently. Ms Marden (relieving Principal), Ms Locke (relieving Deputy Principal) and Mrs Perry (relieving Head Teacher English) have all made an enormous contribution to the leadership and management of the school. The time relieving in higher duties also provides a valuable opportunity for teachers to expand their personal leadership skills in preparation for the next step in their careers. Mr Heaney will be on leave for a short while this term and I would like to congratulate and thank Mrs Atkins who will be relieving as Head Teacher.

Course Selection Stage 6
The next few weeks are critical times for students currently in Year 10 and for those in the commencing year of their senior studies. The timeline for course selection has been published previously and the next important date is the information evening on 11 June. It is important, however, that prior to this event, students engage in the process of talking with teachers about the content and rigor of different stage 6 courses, and the impact of appropriate course selection on their long term aspirations and goals. English will be mandatory study for senior students next year and there are a range of courses designed to meet student needs. Please encourage your child to engage with the teachers of English so that their selection is the most appropriate one.

Principal for a Day
Catherine Burley accepted the challenge of being Principal for a Day on Wednesday and was able to get an insight on the role of a school leader. Catherine will contribute her version of the way the day unfolded, however, from my point of view it was an extremely valuable exercise. Having to explain policy and financial decisions to a student was a great way to evaluate whether student need is the main determining factor in the decision making process. Catherine participated actively in the school executive meeting and later commented on the amount of thought and attention to detail that went into some of the decision making. A journalist from the Coffs Coast Advocate contacted the school for feedback on the initiative and some of Catherine’s comments are repeated below:

• Wonderful insight into the duties the Principal performs ‘behind the scenes’.
• Very rewarding experience which I would recommend to anyone interested in viewing leadership in a different light.
• The variation in duties Mr Bleakley performed reinforced the sometimes ‘unexpected’ nature of leadership.

Mr Bleakley

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

July
13 ............Staff development day, pupil free
14 ...........Students return to school
15 ............P & C meeting, 6.00pm
17 ............Yr 9/10 Subject Selection book issued
21 ............Yr7 - Yr 12 Parent Teacher Evening
24 ...........Yr 9/10 subject selection choices due
Walcha Preparations

Students have been busily training most lunchtimes and recess for Walcha teams. The turn out for the junior and senior girls especially has been very promising. A reminder to students that they will need to be in 3 sports to go to Walcha. The athletics carnival counts as one sport. Lawn bowls and golf are now full. Team lists will be up by Tuesday 9 June. The introduction of league-tag for girls has seen training being moved to Tuesday afternoon with the assistance of the rugby league development officer.

The cost for the Walcha visit will be $70. This includes transport to and from Walcha as well as entry into the social. Notes have been handed out to most students with more to be handed out as new team lists are given to me. Notes need to be returned with money by Wednesday 17 June. Late notes cannot be accepted. The theme for the social is 1960s, think hippies, Austin Powers, mods, hairspray etc.

Students will need to have the appropriate safety equipment; football boots and a mouthguard for rugby league, football boots and a mouthguard for girls league-tag, no mouthguard no play. Soccer boots and shin pads for soccer. Soccer/football boots will not be needed for hockey as we are playing indoor hockey this year. Sports uniform will need to worn for the duration of the visit. Students must be in their sports uniform to catch the bus to Walcha as they are representing their school.

If there are any questions about the visit or any concerns about the billetting please contact me at school on 66572001.
Miss Alexandra Fraser

Cross Country Report 2015

The Cross Country carnival was run on Wednesday 6 May 2015. A new boys record for the short course was set by Fergus McQueen with a time of 12.38.47. Congratulations to the winning house which is Laws. First, second and third place in each age group are as follows.

Girls
12yr Libby Waugh, Hannah Sinclair
13yr Rekkii Byrne, Emma Webster, Kyanah Beelitz
14yr Annie Turnbull, Jemma Beaumont, Lily Watson
15yr Izabelle Hansen, Maddison Dickings, equal: Jorden Cochran, Mattiah Beelitz
16yr Tara Beaumont, Katelyn Beaumont, Olivia
17yr Taylah Watt, Savanna Harris, Jade Cochran
18yr Catherine Burley, Cara Shirley, Solveig Herb

Boys
12yr Jett Davies
13yr Simon Andrews, Josh Miller, Jackson Harrison Roberts
14yr Fergus McQueen, Blayk Bragg, Jude Court
15yr Ben Louis, Ethan Labza, Solomon Court
16yr Zac Oxland, Ryan Munday, Khai Steele
17yr Cody Beaumont
18yr Jarrod Edwards, Amos Colburn

A team of 18 students attended the Zone Cross Country at South Grafton Golf Course. 9 students out of the 18 from Dorrigo High School qualified for Regional Cross Country. Best results were Fergus McQueen 1st in 14yr boys and Rekkii Byrne 2nd in 13yr girls.

5 students are attending the Regional Carnival in Kempsey today Friday 5 June.

Well done to all the participants it was great to see so many students involved.
Mr Cole

To all Students and their Parents

The NAIDOC on the Plateau organising committee would like to extend to you a formal invitation to join the schools of the Dorrigo Plateau for our NAIDOC celebration.

The day will be an extravaganza of cultural activities including:

- Symbols in ochre
- Indigenous art
- Sand art
- Language
- Storytelling
- Indigenous games
- Dance

When: Friday 26 June 2015
Where: Dorrigo High School
Time: 9.30am - 3.00pm

We would like to acknowledge the Gumbaynggirr people, the traditional custodians of the land which we are upon and pay our respects to the elders past and present.
Biggest Morning Tea
Held on May 28 raised $366. Thank you to all who helped cook the delicious food and to those who generously donated. Special thanks to Nikita Griffiths for her help setting up the display.
Mrs Gaddes

Food Technology Requirements

| Week 8 | 7C | Pasta & Vegetables | Thursday 11 June  
| | Students need to bring 140g pasta and 1 cup pasta sauce | P5 & P6 |
| 9/10A | Public holiday | Monday 8 June |
| 9/10D Prac 1 | Chilli con Queso Dip | Tuesday 9 June |
| | Students need to bring corn chips and a selection of vegetables for dipping eg. carrot, cucumber | P3 & P4 |
| 9/10D Prac 2 | Russian Caramels | Friday 12 June |
| | Students need to bring ½ can condensed milk and 2T golden syrup | P5 & P6 |

| Senior Hosp | Public holiday | Monday 8 June |

| Week 9 | 7T | Design Task - Cookbook |
| | No practical lesson |
| 9/10A | Theory | No practical lesson |

| Senior Hosp | “Soup Restaurant” |
| | Working in teams |
| | Students need to bring ingredients as per food order sheets. |
| | ***Students are reminded that they require their uniform on both Tuesday and Friday |
| | Tuesday 16 June |
| | P3 & P4 |

Canteen Roster
Monday 8 June - K Frewen
Tuesday 9 June - Canteen closed
Wednesday 10 June - B Fell, N Flick
Thursday 11 June - Veeto
Friday 12 June - Monday 15 June - L Lowe

Scripture
Scripture for Yr 7 to Yr 10 is on Wednesday 10 June and will be a BBQ at lunch time. Anyone who would like a sausage sandwich is welcome.
Mrs R Burley

Senior Examination Timetable

| Wednesday 10 June | Thursday 11 June | Friday 12 June | Monday 15 June |
| VET Primary Industries 9.00am - 10.45am | Mathematics 2 Unit 11.05am - 1.10pm | VET Hospitality 9.00am - 10.45am | Business Studies 9.00am - 10.45am |
| Ancient History 9.00am - 10.45am | Mathematics General 11.05am - 1.10pm | PD/H/PE 11.05am - 1.40pm | Chemistry 9.00am - 10.45am |
| | Physics 11.05am - 1.40pm | Geography 9.00am - 11.05am |

- When not sitting an examination, students will follow their normal timetable.
- Examinations will be held in the hall.
- Supervision will be by class teachers.