Principal’s Message

Last night, Year 10 students and their parents and carers attended a very informative evening about transition to the senior school and the subject selection process. Students in Year 10 are about to take an important step in determining their futures. Parents and carers are in a position where, although they want to provide as much support and advice as possible, the rules have changed since they were in a similar position. In the not too distant past students in Year 10 either went directly into the workforce or pursued tertiary education. The choices were quite clear and well defined. Today things have become more complicated because of:

- the changing nature of the workplace
- the raising of the school leaving age to seventeen
- the decline in the number of apprenticeships available
- the diversity of courses available
- the wide variety of course providers
- the use of new technology in course delivery
- a growing emphasis on skills rather than knowledge.

The students of today will be required to fulfil roles in the workplace that have not yet been created. Today’s students may expect to have several significant career changes during their working life. Their attitude to permanency, security, debt and commitment are all likely to be quite different to what our generation were used to. The nature of goal setting for the long term and short term has also changed.

In order to maximise the course choices for a small cohort of students, Dorrigo High School has implemented an innovative approach to senior studies. The 3+3 curriculum model provides students with greater opportunity to pursue relevant course choices. Last night’s meeting explained the rationale for introducing this model and detailed some of the implications for students currently in Year 10.

So, the message for students and parents is that they should embrace this opportunity to look carefully at what options are available to help them achieve their goals. Students should commit to researching the best option for them and evaluate what they are prepared to commit to achieve these goals. They understand the implications of their decisions, and then commit to a decision. The Dorrigo school community want to support you in this process.

The support and encouragement of parents and carers is a key factor during this time.

Michael Bleakley
Principal

Our School Captains, Catherine and Cody travelled to Sydney to meet the Governor General.

Important Dates

June
17 .......... P & C meeting, 5.00pm Note time change for this meeting only
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 ......... Yr 7 - Yr 12 Parent Teacher Evening
24 ......... Yr 9/10 subject selection choices due
Canoeing Championships

Last weekend Khai and Jordan Steele and Ben Louis attended the Combined High Schools 2015 Canoeing Championships held on the Nymboida and Clarence Rivers. Schools were represented from Sydney to the Qld border and participated in events over four days. Competition was strong this year and we did pretty well.

5k Down River
Khai U16 1st place
Jordan U16 3rd place

Whitewater sprints
Khai U16 1st place
Ben U16 3rd place

Whitewater slalom Team Event
Khai, Jordan and Ben U16 1st place

Flat water sprints (Clarence River)
Khai U16 2nd place

Thanks to Nathan for helping us.
Khai, Jordan & Ben

Canteen Roster

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| Week 9          | 7T          | Design Task -    |
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| 9/10A           | Theory      | No practical      |
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| **Students are reminded that they require their uniform on both Tuesday and Friday** |

Health Care Plans

We are currently reviewing support for students with health care needs. If your child has any health conditions which require medication or support at school please contact Mrs Atkins at the school to discuss the appropriate plan to support your child.

Cross Country Team

Congratulations to our Cross Country Team who represented the school at the Regional Cross Country. Congratulations to our 4 runners off to State – Fergus McQueen, Rekkii Byrne, Cody Beaumont and Catherine Burley.

Youth Worker

Tamie will be away 17 and 24 June, 1, 8 and 15 July. She will be back on 22 July. If you wish you can contact Eliza on 0437460856.
Wingham Beef Week – 2015

What a great event! Seventeen interested agriculture and primary industry students and five steers travelled to Wingham showground recently to compete with 300 other students and 20 schools and beef producers from across NSW and QLD. Students competed in a range of events including junior judging, paraders, herdsperson, beef appreciation and steer/heifer and carcass competitions.

I was very proud of the manner in which our group worked as a team from setting up their campsites to the preparation of themselves and their steers for competition. It was a shock for some to be woken at 5am in the morning to clean stalls, wash, shampoo, blow dry, clip, groom, feed and water the school steers in preparation for the 8am start of competition. Although very nervous some students led cattle in competition for the first time. It was great to see these same students maintain control, composure and professionalism whilst handling their animals in paraders classes amongst a huge contingent of very experienced student cattle handlers. It is worth noting that some age groups had up to 70 students competing at any one time.

Our successes included the following in their respective age groups.

Junior Judging – Kadesha Lawson 3rd, Michelle Krishnan 2nd, Jesse Tosh – was included in the final 15 finalists across all age groups from an estimated 260 students.

Beef Appreciation – Holly Newsome – 1st place in the primal and retail cut identification class from an estimated 70 to 80 students.

A number of DHS students also scored very highly in various categories of the beef appreciation competition.

Agriculture Quiz – Jesse Tosh - Finalist
Junior Paraders – Jemma Beaumont – a finalist among a very competitive and experienced group of paraders. Jemma continued on from her recent success at the Bellingen Show where she gained first place in her age division. Jesse Tosh also achieved a first place and champion parader overall at the Bellingen Show.

Belinda Hobbs Award – Jesse Tosh – highly commended. In this competition a student is nominated to represent their school and is interviewed by a panel of judges.

Led Steer and Carcass Competition – Our 2 export steers (comprising of an Angus and a Charolais x Murray Grey) achieved excellent carcass scores of 81 and 78 respectively. The steers achieved near maximum points for marbling, fat cover, fat distribution, fat colour and meat colour. Students had all 5 steers looking magnificent for presentation in the ring.

The following students are to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour and commitment toward the event and for being magnificent ambassadors for Dorrigo High School and the Dorrigo community.

Grace Jones, Sam Sangster, Kadesha Lawson, Jesse Tosh, Brodie Ellem, Duncan Cranston, Khai Steele, Callum Bower, Darcy Johnson, Holly Newsome, Shanlee Duckett, Mattiah Beelitz, Annie Turnbull, Michelle Krishnan, Jemma Beaumont, Hudson Hyatt and Sarah Foster.

The school had tremendous community support to enable students to participate in such a worthwhile educational and social experience at Wingham Beef Week. A huge thank you to the following members of our local community for making it all possible. Pat, Chris and Katrina Menzies for providing an Angus steer for the export class. David Troost and the Brooklana Angus stud (Roger and Jenny Pryce) for providing our 3 lighter steers, Steve Beelitz for cattle transport, Wards Butchery for student training and Mrs Harris for her caring and competent support of students.

Agriculture and primary industry students are now eagerly awaiting and preparing themselves and the lighter steers for competition at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza held at Scone in early Term 4.

Allan Grace

Dorrigo Show 2015

~~~~~~~~Its not to early to start ~~~~~~~

Taking photos for the photography section.
Making jams and pickles for the Jams and Preserves Section.
Building a model plane, train or lego for the Model section.
Great prizes to be won or just to show your families your entries in the Pavilion.
Get creative kids there’s a category for all your great projects.............
Mattiah and ‘Bonsai’

Jesse and ‘Lake’

Wingham Beef Week

Grace checking out the ‘form’ guide

Brodie and ‘Barry’

A quick snack for the girls!

Sarah and ‘Blake’

Khai and ‘Bonsai’