Principal’s Message

Education Week

This week public schools in NSW celebrate Education Week which is an opportunity to acknowledge all that is great about public education. It is an opportunity for teachers to reflect on why they choose to teach in public schools and to renew their commitment to helping young people develop the knowledge, understanding, skills and values required to be successful life-long learners.

There were several events and performances in the last week that exemplify why we are so proud of the staff, students and community of Dorrigo High. Some of these were identified on Thursday’s assembly and covered a diverse range of academic, sporting, cultural and community achievement. It was fantastic to see 70 students acknowledged for reaching the Gold level of our welfare system and they will also enjoy the merit barbeque.

This newsletter contains a report about the Education on Show concert in Bellingen on Tuesday evening but does not sufficiently acknowledge the contribution of our music teacher Ms Beth Richards. Her skill and her commitment to the creative and performing arts at Dorrigo High School is outstanding and her contribution to this week’s performances was much appreciated by the entire Bellingen Dorrigo Community of Schools.

School Photos

Please ensure that students attend on Tuesday for the school photos and that they present in appropriate school uniform. Students are to give their envelopes and payment directly to the photographers on Tuesday, and not to the school office.

Student Interviews

Students currently in Year 10 and the Commencing HSC year are encouraged to accept the offer of an interview with Mr Bleakley or Ms Marden about their goals and their curriculum choices for their next year of study. Parents and carers are encouraged to participate and a suitable time can be negotiated to suit most families. Many students have indicated that they are happy with their courses, however, it is advisable to ensure that the pattern of study selected aligns with your goals for the future.

Michael Bleakley

Important Dates

August
4……….School Photos
10 …….. SRC nominations open
11 ……. Love Bites program for Year 10
17 - 20 . Trial HSC
19 …….. P & C meeting, 5.00pm
20 ……..Come and Try Day

September
3 ……… Yr 7 - Yr 10 Scripture
4 ……… SRC nominations close
9 ……… P & C Mountain Mind Trivia
10 …….. SRC elections
16 …….. P & C meeting, 5.00pm
18 ……. Last day of Term 3

Gold Merit Awards

Term 2 Gold Merit Awards were presented at the Assembly held this week. Students receive these awards for always or consistently displaying the following:
Being ready for learning
Being punctual
Being respectful
Demonstrating personal best
Participating readily in class
Displaying good citizenship
Being up to date with work
Being honest.

Congratulations and well done to:

Year 7
Kyanah Beelitz, Leo Bosshard, Georgi Boutell, Madison Kelly, Brooke Knox, Joshua Miller, Shellby Osland, Sophie Ridge, Libby Waugh, Emma Webster, Hannah Sinclair.

Year 8

Year 9
Alice Capps, Nakia Colburn, Solomon Court, Alexandra Cranston, Maddison Dickings, Shanlee Duckett, Izabelle Hansen, Ben Louis, Julia Sangster, Zoe Webster.

Year 10
Year 11
Grace Capps, Jade Cochran, Jessica Eburn, Brodie Ellem, Savanna Harris, Matilda Lynch, Alex Maddern, Ryan Masters, Nellie Sibanda, Breeanna Smith, Taylah Watt, Finley Wilson.

Year 12
Mitchell Beumont, Tahnee Beelitz, Catherine Burley, Jessie Byleveld, Solveig Herb, Brianna Rose, Samantha Sangster, Cara Shirley, Matthew Sommers, Jesse Tosh.

As a reward for their hard work and commitment to learning, these students and students who received a Gold Merit Award in Term 1 are eligible to attend the Gold BBQ. Thank you to the P & C for their continuing sponsorship of this BBQ.

SRC Report
The SRC has recently introduced a “Keeping our School Clean” Scheme to encourage students to be more responsible with their rubbish in the playground. Students can be rewarded by staff when seen putting their own rubbish or someone else’s rubbish in the bin.

The SRC will draw 1 student’s name from the “Keeping our school clean” box each week. This student will receive a $5 canteen voucher. Congratulations to the following students for displaying a commitment to keeping our school clean:

Week 2 winner: Sophie Ridge
Week 3 winner: Jude Court

The SRC will be supporting Jeans for Genes day again this year. On Friday 7 August students are encouraged to wear jeans to school and to bring along a gold coin donation. Last year the SRC raised $116. We would love to raise a little more this year.

The SRC would also like to promote the “Lace it Up” for homeless Youth initiative. Lace it Up is a new program designed to raise awareness of youth homelessness in Australia. Students and families who would like to support the cause are encouraged to access the website below and purchase a pair of blue shoe laces and wear them during the week on Monday 3 – Sunday 9 August. The SRC will run the initiative in combination with Jeans for Genes day next year and will have laces available for purchase from school.


Education Week on Show
The performances of students of Dorrigo High School were extremely well received at the Bellinger Dorrigo Learning Community “Education on Show” Concert on Tuesday night. The Bellingen High School hall was packed to the rafters providing our performers with an audience size far greater than they are used to seeing. Ten schools from the local region entertained the crowd with a huge array of genres including singing, dancing, jazz and rock bands, string orchestras, and circus acts. The Dorrigo High School singing group were very melodious and convincing in their rendition of ‘Seasons of Love’ and the Stage 5 music class rocked it out with a fantastic version of Killing Heidi’s “Mascara”. Our school captain, Catherine Burley, contributed to the overall quality of the evening, speaking clearly and articulately as one of the MCs for the evening. There has been lots of positive feedback about the fine achievements of all concerned with the concert. Thank you to the students for their massive efforts in preparing their pieces and performing so beautifully. Thank you also to the parents and staff who came to support us or helped in so many ways. What a wonderful way to celebrate Education Week and public education generally.

Ms B Richards - Music Teacher
The annual Dorrigo - Walcha interschool visit occurred in Week 10 of Term 2. 91 students, 8 teachers and Mr Bleakley braved the weather to head out west. The weather that greeted us was deceptively warm! Walcha had arranged a very special welcome ceremony to celebrate 50 years of the visit. A message stick was passed to our school from the aboriginal students; this will then be passed back and forward as a new tradition. We were welcomed by a student that played during the first visit 50 years ago.

After our arrival BBQ we got down to business. The athletics carnival was our first event. Although our students ran, jumped and threw their very best we only managed to win one age group. After school we had the inaugural mountain bike challenge, after a very exhausting hour on the track, Walcha again came out victorious. Senior girls soccer and senior boys softball were also played after school, Dorrigo won both of these events.

Basketball was held on the Tuesday afternoon after school as well. We were well and truly beaten in all 4 games. Our teams never gave up and kept running until the last whistle. Wednesday was a new day and we were all very keen to win some events.

Results were varied on Wednesday. Wins in chess, golf, boys tennis and junior girls softball were highlights. Alice Capps catching a high ball in the out-field to win the junior girls softball game was a hold your breath moment. Our teams played valiantly all day with great sportsmanship and enthusiasm.

Wednesday night was battle of the bands and the social. Our bands were amazing!!!!!! Congratulations to all the students who participated and a big thank you to Ms Richards for coordinating this activity. One of the highlights of the evening was the Principal of Walcha Central School performing for us, he was fantastic. Mr Bleakley is already in training for next year.

Thursday saw most of the rugby league and league tag being played. Our 7/8 boys and senior boys league teams demolished their rivals in games that involved big hits and skilful plays. Adam Garson thundering down the sideline in the opens game was a sight to behold. The introduction of league-tag as a new sport for girls this year was a major excitement for our girls. After training for 3 weeks with Jessie, our rugby league development officer, our girls were well prepared. The junior girls went down 2 tries to nil and the senior girls defended nearly all of the first half to only go down 1 try to nil. A great performance from all girls involved.

At the closing ceremony our captains planted a “Lone Pine” pine tree to commemorate the 50 year visit. We also heard from various past students who had also played in the first visit and cut a ceremonial chocolate mud cake. We didn’t win the visit, but had a great time trying.

The spirit with which games were played over the three days was exceptional. Our students were well mannered and good sports. Many new friendships were made with students from Walcha, especially those who offered their homes to billet our students.

A very big thank you to Mr Cole, Mrs Harris, Ms Hogan, Mr Donald, Mr Glyde, Ms Richards, Mr Heaney and Mr Bleakley for coming over and staying and coaching various teams, also to Mr Grace and Ms Dawson who coached teams but did not come on the visit.

Miss Fraser
Invitation to Parents
As a new initiative to support families, interested parents are invited to join us next Thursday 6 August here at school for an informal get together and catch up. This will be the first of regular get togethers over the coming weeks. It is planned that there will be a different speaker each time. At our first get together Open Arms Care have indicated that they will be in attendance to provide information about the services and support they can offer. Please join us for a cuppa and a chat next Thursday between 9.30am and 11.00am in Room 24. Call Mrs Atkins if you need further information.

Food Technology Requirements

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Fun, food and discussion for teenagers, Sunday 9 August, 5.00 - 7.00 pm at The Rectory 39 Kurrajong Street. All Welcome. For more info contact Rev Mike 66572015 or michaelaridge@outlook.com.

Canteen Roster

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FREE Fireworks Spectacular

Come along on Saturday 8 August to Bellingen Showground and enjoy FREE Fireworks and family fun.

Glow sticks, Food and Drink will be on sale from 4.30pm.

Bring your parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends and neighbours along and have a great night.

Rug up and don't forget your chair and blanket.

Lion Wal Tyson
Bellingen Lions Club
Phone: 66551072