Principal’s Message
Community Meeting on ‘Ice’
It was very encouraging to see the strong attendance at the Tackling ‘Ice’ in our Community information evening on Wednesday and particularly pleasing to have such good representation from our school. Attendees appreciated the opportunity to get accurate information about this drug and the initiatives available to combat its damaging influence.

The point that made an impression on me, however, was that while methamphetamine use is certainly an issue, it is currently impacting on about 2% of the community. Alcohol related abuse has an impact on 46% of the community. I came away with a renewed commitment to provide students with the skills to make appropriate lifestyle choices/access to the support they need to develop these skills.

There were a number of support agencies represented at the meeting who are able to provide further resources and information including the Australian Drug Foundation. Their contact details are T: 1300 85 85 84 or Website: www.druginfo.adf.org.au.

Mountain Mind
The organisation for this year’s Mountain Mind trivia and social evening is well underway. This event is the major fundraiser conducted by our P&C, in partnership with the Dorrigo Primary School P&C. More importantly, however, it is a great opportunity to have an enjoyable evening of entertainment, novelty and fun.

Mountain Mind will be held on Wednesday 9 September from 6.00pm in the school hall. Last year we had over 20 tables of participants who engaged in a range of activities, suited to all ages and interests. There are fliers advertising the event around the town and around the schools which provide further detail. Get a group together and contact the school to make a booking. Table groups should comprise 6-8 people but individuals or smaller groups can be accommodated onto tables. We will certainly accept bookings on the night if places are available. Last year we were nearly at the capacity for our school hall.

There will be some refreshments available but participants are encouraged to bring their own supper to share on their table. We look forward to seeing you on the 9th!
Mr Bleakley

Tournament of Minds
On Sunday August 23 the Tournament of Minds team went to CHEC to compete in the Regional Finals of the competition. There were both primary and secondary schools from the whole Mid North Coast area attending.

Our team consisted of Olivia Atkins, Maddie Dickings, Alexandra Cranston, Izabelle Hansen, Emma Webster and Chrissy Woods-Schepis. They had written a very creative and clever performance piece for the Social Sciences Challenge which was called ‘You are the Weakest Link - Goodbye’. In this challenge they had to choose and research three historical figures from a list and only one would survive the challenge on a reality TV show. They chose Florence Nightingale, William Shakespeare and Leonardo Da Vinci. Florence was eliminated first and then Leonardo won!! The team had a very creative take on the consequences of deleting these figures from history.

On the day one of our members was sick and valiantly performed in the long term challenge. The remaining 5 students undertook the spontaneous challenge. At the end of the day, Dorrigo High School team members received a Spirit of the Challenge certificate, due to misadventure and undertaking their challenge in difficult circumstances. (There was also a last minute mix up with scheduling to contend with).

Armidale High School had four teams in each of the four areas of Challenge. Each of them won their field.

We had a great time preparing for the competition. Many thanks to these wonderful and enthusiastic students and the teachers and parents who supported them.

Yvonne Evers - TOM Facilitator

Mr Bleakley
Important Dates

September
3............ Yr 7 - Yr 10 Scripture
4............ SRC nominations close
3 - 5...... State Athletics Carnival
8 - 9 ...... D & T Major Work marking
9........... P & C Mountain Mind Trivia
10........... Captain nominees speak on assembly
.............. SRC elections
16........... Social
.............. P & C meeting, 5.00pm
18........... Yr 12 Formal Assembly
.............. Last day of Term 3

October
5............ Public holiday
12.......... HSC begins
12 - 16... Stage 4 assessment week
19 - 23 . Stage 5 assessment week

2015/2016 SRC Elections
Nominations for the 2015/2016 SRC opened on Monday 10 August. Students who would like to become involved with the SRC have been encouraged to collect a nomination form from Ms Dawson, the SRC notice board or the office. Nominations are open for School Captains and Vice Captains, Year and Indigenous representatives.

Nominations will be closing on Friday 4 September. Students nominating for Captains will deliver their speeches on assembly on Thursday 10 September. Following the speeches year groups will be escorted to the library to complete the election process for Captains and Year representatives.

I strongly urge those students that are passionate about developing their personal leadership skills and making positive contributions to their school to nominate for the next term of office.
Ms Dawson - (SRC Coordinator)

Food Technology Requirements

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The Partners in Learning

Parent Feedback Survey
Parents will receive a flier in the next week explaining the Tell Them From Me survey. Also included is a website address and user name and password that you will need to access the survey. Please take the opportunity to complete this 15 minute anonymous survey, the information gained from your participation is valuable feedback.

Careers
Fair Work Ombudsman Young Workers and Students

"What's Uni Like?" - Open Online Course
Students 14 to 22yrs of low socio economic backgrounds. Participants build pre-tertiary achievement levels and explore aspects of the transition to university. It addresses the key areas of academic writing and reading, student expectations, digital literacy and online learning skills. Free and self-pace, go to [http://www.whats-uni-like.edu.au](http://www.whats-uni-like.edu.au). I have sent this link to all Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students.
Looking for A Job?
Employers’ advice for young people! Many young people find that going from school to a job is tough. The good news is that many employers understand this and have suggestions for young people on how to improve their chances.

What are the most important things that employers look for?
Employers look for a number of things when recruiting young people, especially:
- A positive attitude and willingness to work
- Motivation and enthusiasm
- Someone who is prepared to learn and take direction
- Punctual and dependable
- Respectful to colleagues and customers
- Loyal and prepared to stay in a job for an acceptable period of time.

Mrs McQueen - Careers Adviser

You are Invited!
Dear Parent
We have designed our family service especially for YOU! Families and children who are new to church and want to worship in an informal and relaxed way. Next week our teenagers are doing a play and your kids from little teddies are singing a song called “I’m Special”.

Hence I am specially inviting you to join us to support our children and young people as they help to lead our worship. I hope you will join us on Sunday 6 September 2015 at 10.00am followed by a “beaut” morning tea in the hall if you can stay afterwards.

Blessings in Jesus
Rev Mike Ridge, Rector
66572015 michaelaridge@outlook.com

You’re invited… Mountain Mind

Mountain Mind 2015

A quiz night for the Dorrigo community

6pm Wednesday 9 September 2015
at Dorrigo High School hall

Bring your own supper
Tea & coffee provided
Adults $6, Kids $3
Prizes to be won!

Get your friends together
and book a group table for 6 to 8 people
by visiting the school office or phoning 6657 2001.
Individual or part table bookings also welcome.

Presented by Dorrigo High School & Dorrigo Public School P&Cs