Principal’s Message

Class of 2015
It has been an exhausting but very rewarding week for our Class of 2015. No doubt they will be looking forward to a couple of days rest before hitting the books again in preparation for those examinations. The Farewell to Year 12 Social was one of our best in recent times. It was great to see the students’ initiative and inventiveness in their costumes and the behaviour and attitude of all was exemplary. Some frivolity on Thursday morning was mostly tasteful with an admirable demonstration of our senior students’ ability to determine boundaries. Junior students and staff also enjoyed the morning with most escaping with their dignity intact.

The Glade Barbeque on Thursday afternoon was under threat during the day as storm clouds and rain rolled through intermittently. Fortunately the weather was kind enough for a lovely evening spent with staff and senior students.

The students treated the staff to a beautiful breakfast on Friday morning before preparing for their Final Assembly. At the time of writing this bulletin, staff students, friends and families were gathering for the official final school assembly, and anticipating the announcement of the new leaders for 2016.

Congratulations to the Class of 2015!

Term 4
Please note that students have been alerted to some minor changes to their assessment schedule for Term 4. This was made necessary by the opportunity to conduct a camp for Year 8 boys. This camp will be an exciting and valuable experience for these boys and it is expected that all of the boys will attend.

All year groups will be completing assessments early next term and completing this year’s curriculum by the end of Week 5. Week 6 heralds the beginning of the new academic year, with students progressing to their new classes, new curriculum and perhaps even new teachers. Mr Greentree has committed to having the 2016 timetable up and running, ready for this rollover, which has been one of the real features of Dorrigo High School since 2012.

Holidays
Wishing all members of our school community a safe and happy holiday!
Mr Bleakley

Important Dates
October
5.......... Public holiday
6.......... Students and staff return to school
7.......... Year 6 into Year 7 Parent Information
........... Evening
12......... HSC begins
8 - 13 .... Year 8 assessments
12 - 16 .. Year 7 assessment week
19 - 23 .. Stage 5 assessment week
21......... P&C meeting, 5.00pm

Year 6 into Year 7 Parent Information Evening
Parents of Year 6 students coming to Year 7 next year are invited to attend an information evening in the school library on Wednesday 7 October from 5.00pm to 6.30pm. For further information please contact 2016 Year 7 Adviser Mrs Kay Atkins at school on 66572001. The first transition morning for Dorrigo PS and Ebor PS will be Friday 9 October 8.45am to 11.00am. Dundurrabin PS and Mt St John's School have a prior commitment on that day so will come on Friday 16 October, 8.45am to 11.00am.

Have Your Say!
Parents still have the opportunity to participate in the Tell Them from Me survey. The survey is open until 16 October and may be accessed online at https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com the username is parent16957 and the password is Dor8453. Please take the time to complete this 15 minute anonymous survey, the information gained from your participation is valuable feedback. Access to a computer is available at school if you need it.

Uniform Orders
Order forms are available from the office. A good range of the new uniform items are on display in the office foyer. Students are welcome to try them on to help with ordering correct sizes. Please note payment must accompany the order or alternatively include details of the Direct Debit, if paid by bank transfer.
If you have shirts or blouses that you would like to have embroidered with the school logo, this is available for $7.50 per garment.

A P&C representative will be in the school each Wednesday to collect orders and distribute uniform received.

It is important to note that no family, or student, will be disadvantaged or discriminated against if they continue to wear the current uniform. The full transition process is expected to take a couple of years.

**Food Technology Requirements**

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**Scholarships**

All students who are applying to university or to college are encouraged to actively seek out scholarships. Too many institutions tell me that many scholarships are left in the bank because no one has applied for them!

**Hospitality**

AHA NSW are giving away $20,000 to both a male and female from regional NSW to use towards studying at Blue Mountains International Hospitality Management School. Applications close for the scholarship on 25 September. See the website for further details http://www.bluemountains.edu.au/2015/08/bmihs-announce-scholarship-for-regional-students/ Contact Elaine.Robertson@ahansw.com.au or 02 8218 1877

**Music and Performing Arts**

AMPA Scholarship Showdown is now open. The yearly scholarship is once again open to all year 12 students. Entrants will be in the running to receive a full scholarship for an undergraduate degree worth $50,000. Entries to the AMPA 2016 Scholarship showdown can be made via our website http://www.ampa.edu.au/index.php/scholarship-application. Entries close October 26.

**Allied Health**

Undergraduate Allied Health Scholarships now open SARRAH are pleased to announce that the Undergraduate (Entry-Level) Scholarships (Allied Health) are now open for 2016. Scholarships administered by SARRAH are funded by the Australian Government Department of Health.

Should you need assistance with applying for any of these scholarships please see Mrs McQueen.

**Dorrigo Youth Clinic**

There will be no youth clinic during school holidays. We will be back on Wednesday 7 October 2015.

The Clinic is a place where young people aged 12 to 25 years can access free help for a wide range of issues, from a simple cold to sexual health checks, sports injuries, drug and alcohol advice and emotional health issues.

Clinic hours are 1.00pm till 5.00pm on Wednesday afternoons usually by appointment but we do have spaces if you just want to drop in. Appointments can be made through the Bellingen Healing Centre by phoning 6655 0000.

**Highlanders Season Awards**

A successful North Coast Football season for the Dorrigo Highlanders Club was celebrated last weekend with senior and junior award presentations. Over 100 players from 5 to 7 year old Miniroos through to senior men and women took part in the season playing across the North Coast region from Macksville to Corindi. The Club’s reputation of strong teams and individual talent was enhanced by the grand final performances of the Women’s Cedars and the 14 girls Bluegums with our junior teams also playing strongly to keep up some great win/loss rates for the season.

The Highlanders Team of the Year and Player of the Year awards were also presented with the Team of the Year awarded unanimously to the 14 Girls Bluegums. The Player of the Year vote was strongly contested with a popular nomination for Mens Player Ken Lettice. In the end, the Player of the Year could not be separated with the depth of the talent in the Women’s team making it difficult to reach a final decision. The Player of the Year was awarded jointly to Rachel Devine and Tina McRae.

The Highlanders Club now takes a well earned break before planning for the 2016 season begins in February. All our teams will look to grow their player base next year and are keen to welcome new players – young and old – give it some thought over Summer!
Dorrigo Folk and Bluegrass Festival 23 - 25 October 2015

Written Poetry Competition
We are inviting young residents of Dorrigo and surrounds to participate in the festival by writing a poem about life on the Plateau. We encourage rhyming verse but this is not compulsory. There are two sections, under 12yrs and 12 - 17yrs. There will be a first, second and third place awarded in both sections.

A trophy will be awarded to first place getters and the opportunity to read your poem at The Poets Breakfast, which is held on Saturday morning of the festival at The Heritage Hotel, hosted by Jason Roweth. Entries are to be posted to: Jason Roweth, 27 Stabback Road, Millthorpe, NSW, 2798 or by email to jasonroweth@me.com closing date is 9 October 2015. We look forward to your participation.

About Jason:
Jason Roweth has spent the last 20 years as a singer and musician with a passion for Australian traditional music. He is also an accomplished reciter and among others he has won The National Folk festival Reciter of The Year Award and National Folk Festival Yarn Spinner. We are delighted to have Jason on board for 2015 and encourage our local youth to help continue the very Aussie tradition of Bush Poetry.

Basic Introduction To Canoeing
September School Holidays for 12 – 16 year olds
Day one 4hr:
Basic introduction to equipment and your boat, river safety, dangers on the river, reading the water with basic hydrology, self-rescue

Day two 4hr:
Learning basic strokes, manoeuvring your boat, entering and leaving eddies, finish with a 4km river run

Day three 4hr
River trip

$130 for the three days with all safety equipment and boat supplied with a qualified guide/instructor
Maximum of six per group. Contact the Nymboida Canoe Centre for bookings and details info@nymboidacanoecentre.com or 66494155.
Cabins and Camping available: www.nymboidacanoecentre.com

School Holiday Fun
Bellingen Eel Fishing Competition - Monday 21 September to Sunday 27 September.
Daily winners plus Major Prize & Trophy. Weigh in each afternoon at 5pm sharp in the park at the Northern end of Bellingen Bridge.
Entry fee $2 (under 16), $5 seniors
Enquiries - phone Wal Tyson on 6655 1072

Mountain Top Swap Meet and Car Boot Sale
It’s like a giant garage sale! Dorrigo RSL Sub Branch is holding their swap meet on Sunday 4 October 2015 at Dorrigo Show Ground. Gates open 8.00am, set up from 2.00pm Saturday 3 October. Entrance fee: Adults $5.00 Families $15.00 Children under 12 free. Seller sites included in entrance fee.

ALL GOODS WELCOME. Buy, swap or sell anything and everything. Breakfast and lunch available from 7.00am on Sunday 4 October.
Sorry, no private food or drink stalls or raffles.
Contacts: John Newby 66578077 or jadonoz@bigpond.com Bob Denner 66571145 or 0429406535 rdenner@bigpond.net.au

Design and Technology Major Projects
More photos of the fabulous variety of the major projects submitted by the Senior Design and Technology students.
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