Principal’s Message

Mountain Mind

Mountain Mind 2015 was another successful venture and an enjoyable evening for the large crowd. There were 13 teams and the scoring was competitive. Congratulations must go to the placegetters – The Wi wingits (1st), The Trivia Newton-Johns (2nd) and The Spice Girls (3rd). The ‘100 Club’ winners were Bernadette Fell ($50), Melissa Harrison ($30) and Allison Clements ($20). The lucky door prizes were won by Libby Waugh and Nakia Colburn.

The general knowledge questions proved to be effective in separating the teams as did the music questions and the round that focussed on Dorrigo History. It appears that the Dorrigo community is adept at identifying animal skins and movies, as most teams scored well in these categories.

Any ideas on how the annual event can be further enhanced would be most welcome. Use our Facebook page or contact any member of the P&C to give constructive feedback.

Many thanks to all who contributed to the success of the evening, especially our co-hosts Catherine Burley, Matilda Lynch and Griffin Mears, and our chief judge and scorer Pauline Farrell. At the end of the evening Dorrigo High School P&C President, Peter Lynch, thanked all of the other staff and community members who contributed to the evening. I won’t mention them all in this bulletin; however, it was an impressive list and demonstrates a real commitment from the school communities.

Design and Technology Major Works

Our senior students D & T projects have been on display during this week for the visiting BOSTES assessors to allocate their marks. Please take the opportunity to view these outstanding works and appreciate both the final products and the design process. Details of how you can access this opportunity are in this bulletin.

Year 12 Farewell Week

One of the most anticipated weeks in the school year is approaching as we farewell our Class of 2015. This group will finish formal schooling next Friday and begin their final preparations for their HSC examinations.

Their final week will include many opportunities to reminisce and celebrate and will include the Farewell Social, the Glade barbeque, a breakfast barbeque and a formal Farewell Assembly. The Year 12 students have also had a meeting with the Principal to negotiate what rules may be relaxed for them in their final week. All students were reminded on Thursday’s assembly that any latitude granted would be for Year 12 students only, and that other students are to continue to observe school rules. Students were also told that their right to be safe at school would be maintained.

We are very proud of our Class of 2015 and wish the absolute best for their exams. It is also important to acknowledge that the remainder of our senior students in the 3+3 model (aka Year 11) will also be finishing on Friday in preparation for the same examinations. They, however, will recommence for their final year on 9 November.

Mr Bleakley

Important Dates

September
16.......... Social
.............. P&C meeting, 5.00pm
18.......... Yr 12 Formal Assembly
.............. Last day of Term 3

October
5.......... Public holiday
6.......... Students and staff return to school
12.......... HSC begins
8 - 16 .... Stage 4 assessment week
19 - 23 .. Stage 5 assessment week
21.......... P&C meeting, 5.00pm
Day of the Dead
The 9/10 Visual Arts students have been familiarising themselves with some of the practices associated with the Mexican tradition known as the Day of The Dead. On Monday we held a photo shoot of an amazing face painting session where the class either painted or modelled interpretations of traditional sugar skull designs. The results were outstanding!

Uniform Orders
Students wanting new uniform garments for Term 4, please note that an initial uniform order will be placed on Thursday 17 September 2015.

Please have all Uniform Order sheets returned to school office by Wednesday 16 September to ensure these items will be available on the return to school.

One order form per student, order forms were distributed last week, more copies 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.

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.

Help Needed
There are a number of days next week that the canteen will have to be closed because we do not have anyone to work.

Canteen Roster

| Monday 14 September | Canteen closed |
| Tuesday 15 September | K Frewen |
| Wednesday 16 September | Canteen closed |
| Thursday 17 September | Canteen closed |
| Friday 18 September | Canteen closed |

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

Have Your Say!
Parents have the opportunity to participate in the Tell Them from Me survey. The survey is open until 16 October. A flyer with the username and password was sent home last week or contact the school office. Please take the time to complete this 15 minute anonymous survey, the information gained from your participation is valuable feedback and gives parents the chance to:

- Share their views on the school’s support of student learning and behaviour.
- Provide the school with valuable insight into its students’ practices and activities at home.
- Reinforce communication between parents and the school. Access to a computer is available at school if you need it.
### Food Technology Requirements

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### Mountain Top Swap Meet and Car Boot Sale

Swap meets are community events where people come together to buy swap and sell goods, such as car, truck, tractor and bike parts, general household and personal items, sporting goods and all manner of bric-a-brac. They are also often referred to as car boot sales. 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 4th. 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

Our Senior D& T Major Design Projects are currently on display. They will be available to view in Room 8 from now until Wednesday morning. Students with their teachers and community members are most welcome to come and inspect them. We will also have the display open Monday and Tuesday after school until 4pm.

We had 18 projects this year, with one of the largest cohorts of students studying this course ever. Projects had a huge scope from Samantha Sangster’s ‘Agri Garden’ a landscaped area at the ag plot, to Harrison Darley’s ‘Ezy Turn’ a quad bike steering system and Cara Shirley’s ‘Stable Lite’, a hood for equestrian horses and many, many more.

So please come for a visit to look at both the projects and design folios. Sign in at the office at any time during school hours and until 4pm on Monday and Tuesday.

Mr Mayo, Mrs Cotton and I would like to thank the parents and the community for your support of these projects.

Andrea Hitchcock