Principal’s Message
Happy New Year to all members of our school community. The school has had a very smooth start to 2016. Staff gathered on Wednesday and shared their holiday experiences prior to getting stuck into some quality professional learning. There was a variety of adventures and achievements to report on, however, it was difficult to outdo the stories from the Dorrigo High School Vietnam tour. The four teachers and seven students had a fantastic time and we look forward to more stories from their trip. Our wonderful careers adviser, Mrs Liz McQueen, featured in the Australia Day celebrations becoming an Aussie citizen, Fergus McQueen and Cara Shirley featured in the Dorrigo Australia Day awards by being nominated for Junior Sportsperson of the Year, and former student Dylan Edwards was awarded Sportsperson of the Year. We also received news that Cara Shirley from our class of 2015 has had her major work from HSC Design and Technology selected for the Shape 2015 exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum. Congratulations to all.

The staff professional learning on Wednesday targeted a number of the goals from our School Plan, and the sessions were facilitated by our own teachers. Mr Glyde started the day with a workshop on using Google Apps for learning. Mrs Atkins alerted teachers of the new and returning students who have individual learning needs. Ms Marden led a session where teachers shared their experiences from the workshops they attended at the Wellbeing Conference in December, and Ms Locke facilitated a session where teachers shared strategies that they use in their classrooms to engage all students, and to ensure that every student in the class has the opportunity to access the curriculum. Some innovative teaching strategies were shared by Mr Cole, Mrs Perry, Mrs Harris, Mr Donald and Ms Dawson.

Students returned on Thursday which is traditionally our school assembly day. This provided an opportunity to welcome everyone back and share some of the good news stories from the break. Students quickly commenced classes after the assembly which is one of the advantages of our 3+3 structure. There was no need to distribute new timetables, introduce new teachers or establish new class groups. Learning picked up from where we left off in December. We also welcomed our ‘new’ Year 7 students who, despite several visits last year, are having their first official day as Dorrigo High School students.

The staff at Dorrigo High School are looking forward to a really positive and enjoyable year and are committed to working with students and their families in ensuring that every student has access to quality teaching and learning. Parents and carers are encouraged to contact the school at any time to discuss their child’s progress. There will be scheduled, formal opportunities to facilitate this – the first one being the Parent / Teacher evening on Tuesday 16 February.

Mr Bleakley

Important Dates
February
3...........Swimming carnival
11.........SRC Induction Assembly
.............Gold Merit Awards
16...........Parent / Teacher evening
17...........P&C meeting, 5.00pm
26...........Zone swimming carnival

March
2...........Year 7 vaccinations
Swimming Carnival
The Dorrigo High School swimming carnival for 2016 will be held next Wednesday 3 February at Dorrigo pool. The events will start at approximately 9.00am. Students are asked to go directly to the pool on this day. Students will be admitted to the pool from 8.45am.

School carnivals are wonderful opportunities for students and staff to interact in a relaxed way, help to build self-esteem and foster new social groups. Our carnivals have both competitive and non-competitive activities, and enable students to gain points for their respective school house groups even if they do not win. Students are encouraged to wear their house colours, Drummond – yellow, Laws – green, Page – red.

Participation is the key and we hope that all students have a great day at the pool. Entry is $2 or you can show your season pass. So bring your towel, a hat, shirt, plenty of sunscreen and enjoy the day. The Zone carnival will be held on Friday 26 February 2016.

Food Technology Requirements

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<td>Coconut and Yoghurt Fruit Salad</td>
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Housekeeping

- Should you need to get a message to your child during the school day please do not hesitate to phone the school, we are happy to make sure that the message is delivered. Students are not permitted to have mobile phones turned on during lessons.

- Students may use the telephone in the office to phone home for urgent and important matters, however, we do not consider forgotten homework/assignments, PE uniform or making social arrangements an urgent or important matter, sorry.

- If you would like to receive the bulletin by email, please supply your email address to the office so that you can be included in the distribution list.

- Please remember to send a note to school with your child when they return from being absent.

Unexplained absences are shown on school reports.

- If you receive an account from the NSW Ambulance service for treatment or transport that your child has received while at school, please send the account in to the office and we will finalise it. The school has ambulance cover which will be used for these accounts.

- Students are encouraged to order their lunch at the office before school. Please note that the canteen is closed each Wednesday.

- If you have been receiving a Private Vehicle Conveyance Subsidy for your child in Year 6, you will now need to complete another application form to continue the subsidy for them in high school. Forms are available from the office.

Year 7 Vaccinations
North Coast Area Health will be here on Wednesday 2 March 2016 to give Year 7 students vaccinations. This is a great opportunity to keep immunisation up to date. If students are absent on the day, they will have to go to the local Doctor to catch up. Students will be given Gardisil (HPV) and Boostrix (diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough) vaccinations. Permission notes will be sent home shortly.

Mrs Cotton

Uniform
P&C representatives have been kept very busy with orders for the updated school uniform. At present there is on hand for purchase, a reasonable stock of polo shirts, cotton shirts and blouses, shorts and light weight jackets. Size 16 polo shirts are currently on back order and are not expected in until mid February. The next order for items not available on hand, will be placed on 22 February 2016, so it would be good to start thinking about winter jackets, long pants and jumpers. Order form and sizing chart are available on the school website or from the office. A comprehensive range of uniform is available in the office to try on to help with sizing.

Dorrigo Youth Clinic
We will be back on Wednesday 2 March 2016. The Youth Worker Tamie will be around after 15 January 2016 and can be contacted on 0429839473.

Creative Mountain Arts Exhibition
Artists and craftspeople of the Dorrigo Plateau are invited to submit works for the 2016 Easter exhibition. Closing date for submissions is Friday 4 March 2016. Entry forms are available from the office. The exhibition will run from Thursday 24 March to Saturday 2 April in the Dorrigo Community Centre, opening 10.00am to 4.00pm.