Principal’s Message
The first full week of the school year has been successfully negotiated. It has been very encouraging to witness the enthusiasm and commitment of our students to their studies. This is often a feature when students return after an extended holiday period and the challenge is to maintain this effort for the whole year. It was also encouraging that the attendance at Wednesday’s swimming carnival was very good. The staff is to be congratulated for the effort they made to ensure that all students were adequately catered for, regardless of their ability level. Mr Peter Glyde, having his first attempt as Carnival Manager, did an excellent job and was blessed with the assistance of a number of our parents and carers who fulfilled vital roles as officials. It is a great feature of the Dorrigo school community that school staff, parents and carers jointly contribute to provide the best for our students.

Congratulations to those swimmers who have been successful in qualifying for the Zone carnival and to those who emerged as age champions. I know there were some long standing records broken and I look forward to reading the reports on these results.

Congratulations are also in order for Katelyn Beaumont who will be representing North Coast at the State Girls Cricket Championships in Bathurst next week. Katelyn is an outstanding cricketer and student, and we wish her every success in Bathurst.

Parent Teacher Evening
Parents and carers are urged to do all that they can to ensure that they get access to their child’s teacher at the parent / teacher interviews on Tuesday 16 February. The interviews provide a vital link which reinforces the power of teachers and parents working together. Students have been issued with appointment sheets, however, if for some reason they are reluctant to initiate this process, please contact the school for assistance. In a small community, many parents feel they have excellent opportunities, outside of these formal interviews, to discuss their child’s progress with the teachers. Other parents, however, prefer the convenience and formality of the scheduled interviews. Regardless, there is overwhelming evidence that a student’s academic success and wellbeing is greatly enhanced when schools and families communicate well, and work collaboratively to support their students.

Mr Bleakley

Important Dates
February
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
16 - 18 .. Peer Support camp

Food Technology Requirements

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Are you able to help?
Thank you to the parents, carers, grandparents and friends who have volunteered to operate our canteen during this term. There are still a number of days later in the term that need to be filled, so if you have a little spare time to offer it would be appreciated, contact Peter Singleton by email: peter@foodsure.com.au or leave a message at school.

Your day on canteen runs from about 9.45am to 1.45pm, with a break between recess and lunch of 90 minutes. Volunteering on canteen is a great opportunity to see your child in their school environment, maybe meet some of their friends, and to have a bit of an idea of what a school day looks like. Please consider offering some time, we would love to see you!

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Dorrigo Highlanders Football Club
Soccer Registration now open
Dorrigo Highlanders Football Club registrations are now open for the 2016 soccer season. Registration can be completed online at www.myfootballclub.com.au – just select “Register Now” from the home page.

Information days will be held in the coming weeks to assist new players and accept payments but online registration can be completed now. You don’t have to pay online, just select the email invoice option for payment later on when your team is finalised.

Please remember to:
- Register by Wednesday 24 February so teams can be allocated (8 years and over).
- Register early – a late fee of $25 applies for registration made after 24 February close date (excludes 5 - 7 years Miniroos).

Prompt refunds will be made in the event that players cannot be placed in a suitable team.

The club is looking forward to filling teams from 8 years to senior and all ages in between for boys, girls, men’s and women’s teams. New players can also join up on-line.

The North Coast Football competition season will kick off with the first round on Saturday 2 April. The Miniroos, for 5 to 7 years, will commence on Saturday 30 April. You can sign up for Miniroos if you turn 5 anytime in 2016. For more information contact registrar Rosalie Smith on 6657 5255 or treasurer Barbara Webster on 66572703 or email: dorrighighlanders@hotmail.com.

Dorrigo Rangers Rugby Union Club
Player, coach and manager registration for the 2016 Rugby season will be held on Thursday 11 February at the Dorrigo Recreation Ground from 4:00 pm to 6:00pm.

All ages are welcome!!! It’s going to be another exciting year of Rugby. Sausage sizzle and merchandise available too!!

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

The Youth Clinic is a place where young people aged 12 to 25 years get 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 from 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 66550000.

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.
This term, Shakespeare has taken centre stage in the Dorrigo High School English/Drama Faculty. As English/Drama teachers, we are passionate about our literary heritage, and we have taken up two rare opportunities to pay homage to the great man himself. **Coming March 8th** we have two spectacular opportunities visiting the school as part of our *Afternoon with Shakespeare* faculty initiative.

**“The Seven Ages of Shakespeare”** is a live and captivating performance by acclaimed actor and director of the CHATS theatre Company in Coffs Harbour- Shirley Barnett. The piece “... aims to present Shakespeare’s life through the prism of this famous speech from ‘As You Like It’”. Shirley is a passionate and accomplished theatre practitioner- and a passionate Director and teacher of the Arts, with a wealth of professional experience. We are relishing the opportunity to work with her, and looking forward to her wisdom in the relaunch of our dramatic arts program at Dorrigo High School. The actor accompanying her for this performance is Richard Bickhoff, who has played many Shakespearean roles with distinction. These two programs are set to breathe life into our curriculum in the way that Shakespeare would have wanted- live and on stage. It couldn’t come at a better time- with our Senior Advanced English Class, having just begun their comparative study of Shakespeare and our Year 10 group exploring textual connections between Shakespeare’s “Othello” and contemporary piece “O”.

The Australia Playhouse is coming on the same afternoon, with a visiting production which has received rave reviews so far. This synopsis says it all:

> **“Shakespeare: As You Write It** is a hilarious interactive tribute to the plays of William Shakespeare. Three fantastic actors will collaborate with the audience to create a brand new Shakespeare play. To achieve this they will have to look under the hood with the audience and see what makes Shakespeare tick. What makes a tragedy a tragedy? A comedy a comedy?...

> To build a new play we must first understand the building blocks that Shakespeare used. Scenes, similes, soliloquies, and sword fights. Poetry, prose, and iambic pentameter. All mixed together in a witches’ brew of theatre. All but one hour’s traffic on your stage”

We can’t wait for the afternoon... things are a buzz with excitement in the English faculty at DHS!!!
KEEP CALM AND COMMUNICATE

Are you struggling to communicate with your teenager?

Free Workshop

Tuesday
22nd March
9.30am – 2pm

@ The Bellingen Youth Hub
Corner of William and Church Streets

Workshop covers:
- Understanding your child’s emotional development
- Dealing with conflict
- Effective communication
- Managing Stress
- Mindful Parenting

*Morning tea, Lunch & Childcare provided

*Bookings essential limited numbers—Ph 0429 839 473

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THE TEENAGE BRAIN STORM

Free Workshop

Tuesday 29th March
9.30am-12.30pm

@ the Bellingen Youth Hub Corner of William and Church ST

Workshop covers:
- Changes in the adolescent brain
- Understanding mood swings
- Why peer pressure is so powerful
- Keeping your cool with the angry teen
- Adapting to the changes in the relationship with your child

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