Principal’s Message
Parent / Teacher
Thank you to those teachers, parents and carers who accessed the opportunity to meet last Tuesday in our school library. I received many positive comments during the three hours and the atmosphere in the library reflected respectful relationships and a commitment to the children in our care. During the course of the meeting, and subsequently, I had discussions with staff and parents around this question – “if participation at Parent Teacher evenings declines over time, is that a good sign, or bad?” There was a variety of opinions, ranging from:

- our small school community have very good access to teachers, there are many less formal opportunities to discuss a student’s progress, so P/T interviews are not necessary
- the format of five minute interviews is unproductive and provides unhelpful feedback
- our parents don’t value the impact of their involvement in a student’s learning
- the interviews are too teacher dominated
- the interview date is poorly communicated and/or the students are not cooperative in making appointments

Please feel free to communicate your opinion and to make suggestions about how the school can work more effectively with you to enhance your child’s learning. As stated in previous bulletins, there is much research indicating the power of this commitment from teachers and families.

Staff Changes
Most of our community are aware that Andrea Hitchcock is on leave whilst addressing a health issue. We wish her well in her recovery and look forward to her returning to school soon. Ms Yasmin Maher has been relieving in the TAS faculty and Mrs Robyn Cotton has been supporting Mrs Hitchcock’s Year 10 students. Mr David Mayo is also commencing a short period of leave. He is being replaced by Mr Wayne Hutchinson, and Mr Peter Glyde will be the relieving Head Teacher Secondary Studies. We also welcome back Mrs Liz McQueen from a short period of leave.

Mr Bleakley

Important Dates
February
26.......... Zone Swimming Carnival

March
1.......... Welcome to Year 7 Social
2.......... Year 7 vaccinations
16.......... P&C Annual General Meeting, 5.00pm
16 - 18 .. Peer Support camp
25.......... Good Friday
28.......... Easter Monday

Merit Assembly
Congratulations to all the students who were presented with their 2015 – Term 4 Gold Awards at the assembly last week. It was great to see some of our parents attend the assembly to support the students. It was also very encouraging that 46 students achieved the Gold ‘outstanding’ or Gold ‘excellent’ level. The criteria for a student to be rated at the Gold ‘excellent’ level is listed, below:

- Consistently excellent student.
- Has correct gear and equipment.
- Ready for learning.
- Participates in classroom discussions.
- Remains on task.
- Addresses teachers and students respectfully.
- Punctual.
- Usually up to date with work and demonstrates personal best.
- Honest.
- Displays good citizenship and relates well to most students.
- Models our core values.

Well done to:
Year 12
Finley Wilson, Taylah Watt, Breanna Smith, Nellie Sibanda, Matilda Lynch, Grace Jones, Jessica Eburn.

Year 11
Khai Steele, PJ Singleton, Zac Oxland, Bree Davies, Katelyn Beaumont, Olivia Atkins, Leah Sinclair.

Year 10
Zoe Webster, Jack Watt, Julia Sangster, Nakia Colburn, Izabelle Hansen, Shanlee Duckett, Maddison Dickings, Alexandra Cranston, Solomon Court, Alice Capps.
Welcome to Year 7 Social
On Tuesday 1 March the SRC will be holding the Welcome to Year 7 Social between 7.00pm and 10.00pm. The theme Year 7 have chosen is 'Hippie', so dress groovin' and get movin'! There will be a competition for the best dressed on the night, the winner will receive a $5 canteen voucher. Tickets cost $4 each or $6 for a family of 2. Hope to see you all there!

Food Technology Requirements

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P&C Annual General Meeting
To all parents and carers at Dorrigo High School

You are invited to the Annual General Meeting of the Parents & Citizens Association (P&C) of Dorrigo High School. The AGM will be held on Wednesday 16 March 2016 at 5.00pm in the school administration building.

Being part of the P&C is a great way to stay in touch with what is happening at your child’s school and have your ideas heard.

Your children’s schooling experience relies on a close partnership between child, parent and teacher, and the P&C continues to provide and encourage this ever valuable cooperation.

Peter Lynch
P&C President

Canteen Roster

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Student Absence Advice
Attached to this Bulletin is a slip that may be used to request a leave pass, explain a student’s late arrival or absence from school. A note must accompany a student when they return to school after an absence or the time away will be recorded as unexplained and appear on their semester reports. If you require more slips, please ask at the office.

Dorrigo Youth Space
Now open on Friday afternoon from 12.00pm to 5.00pm. Pool table, table tennis, art activities, food and drinks all available. Come along and bring a friend.

Bellingen AFL
Join the Bellingen Bulldogs Junior AFL Football Club in 2016. Boys and girls aged 6-15 years are invited to join the fun and learn new skills playing AFL footy.

Bellingen Bulldogs JUNIOR AFL F.C.

Matches are held on Sunday mornings and weekly training happens on Tuesday from 3.45pm at Bellingen High School. Sign up at our registration day at Burdett Park in Fernmount on Sunday 28 February from 10.00am – 11.30am and receive your 2016 footy kit. Or register online at www.playafl.com.au. (Just enter your postcode or look up the Bellingen Bulldogs FC, then follow the prompts). More club info can be found at www.bellingenbulldogs.wordpress.com or contact Club President Budge Bihary on 0411720593 or belloudge@bigpond.com.

Our First Messy Church!
St Stephens Hall 4.00pm – 6.00pm this Sunday 21 February. Come and join us for food, crafts, fun and worship. Pancake tea provided! Theme is Messy Lent. More details ring Rev Mike 66572015.

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.
What a Great Day!
Students and staff enjoyed a fabulous day at the swimming carnival on Wednesday 3 February 2016. A report of results will follow soon. Thank you to Mrs Mellon for taking the photos, a wonderful record of the day’s activities.
Dear Teacher,

On __________________________ (date/s) my child _____________________________________________________.

Was absent □ Needs a leave pass □ Arrived late □

Time: _______________________________ (for leave pass or late arrival) because of:

☐ sickness (saw Doctor _____________________)
☐ appointment with ____________________ (medical, dental, other)
☐ family holiday
☐ for another reason which I would like to talk to the school about
☐ other (please say what) ______________________________________

Parent/Carer Signature: __________________________________________

Date: ____________________________

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