Principal’s Message
Thanks P&C
At last week’s P&C meeting three school initiatives were supported with P&C funding. The maths faculty had a request for the purchase of a ‘Maths on Line’ licence which will enrich the maths curriculum and support students at school and at home. Access details will be communicated to students and families shortly. Also funded was an opportunity for all students (7 – 12) to experience a live interactive Shakespeare performance with the New Zealand Playhouse company. This will be a quality performance and an experience that is not often afforded to smaller, rural schools. The TAS faculty were funded to purchase some exciting technology which involves 360 degree digital photography. The Year 8 mandatory technology classes will be using this new resource initially but it has relevance and potential for many other courses.

On behalf of the staff and students I again thank the P&C for the ongoing support of our students and their learning. When you consider that the major fundraiser is our small canteen it is truly remarkable support. It is probably timely, also, to advertise the annual general meeting on 16 March and renew the call for helpers in the canteen. Please contact the school if you are able to assist.

The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey.

The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide the school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by 11 March. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

Mr Bleakley

Medieval Times
Over the past few weeks Year 8 and Ms Dawson have been learning about the past life in medieval Europe. We learnt about three important orders that took part in the Crusades such as, the Knights Templar, the Knights Hospitaller and the Teutonic Knights. The crusades were a series of battle by Christians from Western Europe to reclaim the holy land and the city of Jerusalem from the Muslims. We had a lot of fun taking part in this topic and learning about how different it is today, than it was back then. Madi and Kasey
Silver Awards
It was a pleasure to have 71 Term 4 - 2015 Silver Awards presented to students at the school assembly yesterday. To achieve this level in the merit system students regularly display the following:

- Being ready for learning
- Being punctual
- Being respectful
- Demonstrating personal best
- Participating readily in class
- Displaying good citizenship
- Being up to date with work
- Being honest.

Congratulations and well done to:

Year 8
Leo Bosshard, Rekkii Byrne, Jude Court, Jackson Crebert, Riley Gibbs, Kasey Guinn, Jack Horwood, Izaiya Kelly, Mitchell Labza, Jessy Longbow, Ally Menzies, Josh Miller, Bonnie Radcliffe, Jacob Reeves, Drew Singleton, Lily Watson, Christina Woods-Schepis.

Year 9
Jemma Beaumont, Danielle Suter, Harley Guinn Matthew George, Hudson Hyatt, Lucy Shaw, Eve Linden-Flick, Fox Darley-Brown, Haylea-Anne Tarran, Samantha Stevens-Reidy.

Year 10
Letitia Baff, Will Baff, Mattiah Beelitz, Kye Clements, Torin Cook, Jaiden Duck, Digby Frewen, Chloe McGuigan, Jay Munday, Fergus McQueen, Patrick Murphy, Christian Ridley, Jordan Steele.

Year 11
Tara Beaumont, Calum Bower, Louis Brennan, Toni Cardow, Sophie Colmer, Duncan Cranston, Lachlan Fritz, Nikita Griffiths, Tom Hansen, Bridget Hutchinson, Darcy Johnson, Ethan Labza, Liam McAlpine, Alyssa Pitkin, Frankie Smith, Noah Watson, Layton Young.

Year 12
Grace Capps, Edward Cleary, Jack Connellan, Harrison Darley, Brodie Ellem, Bella Garson, Savanna Harris, Aden Hitchcock, Andrew Jones, Lilian Macracle, Alex Maddern, Griffin Mears, Ruby Munro.

Important Dates
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
30 – 1.... End of Preliminary Course Exams

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!

Talk soon. Talk Often
The school has recently received copies of the NSW Health resource booklet Talk soon. Talk Often. A guide for parents talking to their kids about sex. ‘The resource is a great companion to the PDHPE curriculum, and aligned with the recently released Department of Education document ‘About sexuality and sexual health in NSW government schools, March 2015’. The booklet enables families to extend classroom learning without fear of awkwardness about language and challenging questions. Talk Soon. Talk Often is a supportive tool for families in the development of happy, healthy and confident young people. It aims to establish open and honest communication from early in childhood, with a focus on personal development and self-esteem’. (J. Heslop, HARP 2016)

The PDHPE faculty are currently examining the booklet and will use the resource to help guide discussion within sexuality and sexual health programs. If you would like a free copy of the booklet, please contact the school and orders can be placed. For an online version of the booklet access the weblink below.

Ms Dawson

http://healthywa.wa.gov.au/~/media/Files/HealthyWA/Original/Sexual-health/TSTO_V2.ashx
Food Technology Requirements

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Rangers Representing for Northern Province Rugby Union
Congratulations to Dorrigo Rangers’ players, and both past and current Dorrigo High School students, Duncan Cranston, Ben Louis and Aaron Rigney (Bellingen HS) who have been selected for the Northern Province Rugby Union u/17s, as well as past student Blayk Bragg who was selected for the North Coast u/15s team to participate in the 2016 Junior Gold Cup Rugby Union Competition. Mr. Donald is also keeping an eye on their development and performances as assistant coach to the squad.

The boys have made it through trials and a series of camps held over the summer in Coffs Harbour to earn their positions in the 25 man squads for North Coast 15s and a 17s Northern Province squad covering a region from the Queensland border south to Foster, including the New England region.

The squads are halfway through the competition matches now where they have played Brisbane South at Ballymore Stadium with the 17s going down in the final seconds 25 – 20, neither team deserved to lose, and this weekend coming home strong to defeat Sunshine Coast 20 – 19 in another hard fought nail-biter. Both squads have three more fixtures remaining where they will take on Central Queensland on 5 March 2016 at The Armidale School, and a double header in Ballina against Western Australia and Gold Coast on 12/13 March 2016. The boys have all stood out in their respective positions so far and are wished all the best for their remaining matches as they endeavour to be fit and inform prior to trials for NSW Country Champs in the next couple of months.
Mr Donald

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
| Monday 29 February | K Colburn  |
| Tuesday 1 March    | K Frewen   |
| Wednesday 2 March  |            |
| Thursday 3 March   |            |
| Friday 4 March     | M Troost, S Duckett |
| Monday 7 March     | L Lowe     |

Can You Help?
There are some vacancies on the canteen roster from now until the end of term. If these days are not covered, the canteen will be closed. We would really appreciate it if you could help on any of the following days:

Thursday 10 March
Thursday 17 March
Thursday 24 March
Tuesday 29 March
Thursday 31 March
All of Week 11, 4 – 8 April

If you are able to help on any of these days please advise Pete Singleton by email: peter@foodsure.com.au or leave a message at the office.

Youth Group
St Stephens Youth Group starts again this Sunday 28 February 5.00pm -7.00pm in the Church Hall. Fun, games, food and friendship. Years 7 to 12 all welcome. For more info contact Robin Burley 66572741.
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.

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.play afl.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 bellobudge@bigpond.com.

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.

Artist Callout!

This year will be the debut of the Youth Arts Exhibition, and we want you to join us! Our space is open for entries from anyone aged between 12yrs and 21yrs and has 3 separate age groups for prize giving ($150 each) as well as a people’s choice award ($50).

Each artist will be able to enter up to 10 works with a $10 entry fee per piece. All money from these entries is to be donated collectively along with any extra donations to Beyond Blue, an amazing organisation which works to better the lives of those living with depressive and anxious disorders.

Entries close on Tuesday the 15 March 2016, entry forms are to be sent to P O Box 450 Dorrigo NSW 2453.

Delivery of works is between 9am and 2pm on Sunday 20 March 2016 to the Dorrigo Community Centre.

More details and entry forms can be found at www.dorrigo.com/dorrigo-youth-art-exhibition/ Entry forms also available at the school office.

The exhibition will be open from 24 March until 2 April, in conjunction with the Creative Mountain Arts Exhibition. The grand opening and prize giving will be on Wednesday evening 23 March.

Would you like to be a Referee?

Are you 14 years or older?

NCF Referees is running a course for new Referees:

Where: Coffs Comets Leagues Club, Stadium Drive Coffs Harbour
When: Sat 5th & Sun 6th March 2016 (9.00am to 3.00pm each day)
Cost: $80 (Which includes – Flag, Whistle, Cards, 2016 law chart, workbook, manuals and presentation by qualified instructor.
Registration: contact Jason Hillier on 0419 215 970, or email your name, age, address and contact details to refadmin@northcoastfootball.com.au

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.

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.