Principal’s Message
Swimming Success
Congratulations to the Dorrigo High School Team for their performance at the Zone Carnival last Friday. It was great to see the level of support from parents and from within the team. Thanks also to Mr Peter Glyde, Miss Alexandra Fraser and Mr Ben Cole who assisted in officiating at the carnival and managing our team. The school is very proud of our swimmers, of their success and their wholehearted efforts.

We will be sending a number of students to the Regional Carnival in Kempsey next Tuesday and we wish them every success.

Further Success
It has been an exciting time for several of our students recently, who have achieved at an elite level. Please enjoy the reports, below, for details of the outstanding success of Katelyn Beaumont, Jemma Beaumont, and Cara Shirley (Class of 2015). This is further evidence of the amazing talent in our school community and the opportunities that students can access.

Mr Bleakley

Congratulations Jemma

Jemma was placed 5th in the judging but did not place in the paraders, she competed with 70 other competitors on the day. She also paraded her family’s stud Simmental cattle in the show competition on the Saturday. Great result Jemma against a large group of competitors.

Well Done Katelyn
A huge congratulations to Katelyn Beaumont for her contribution to the North Coast’s win at the state cricket titles last week. Katelyn accepted the role of an opening bat and really grew into the role over the week.

Katelyn has also been selected in the NSW Combined High Schools 1st X1. She also received an award as a first time representative in a Combined High Schools team. Well done Katelyn.

Important Dates
March
8........ Regional swimming carnival at Kempsey
.......... Shakespeare performance P5 & P6
16........ P&C Annual General Meeting, 5.00pm
16 - 18... Peer Support camp
21........ Tell Them From Me survey in the library
25........ Good Friday
28........ Easter Monday
30 – 1.... End of Preliminary Course Examinations

April
4......... State swimming carnival
5......... Science and Engineering challenge at
.......... Woolgoolga
7......... Scripture for Years 8, 9, 10
8......... End of Term
26........ Staff development day
27......... Students return to school
.......... HSC course begins
28......... ANZAC assembly

May
2......... Cross country
10 – 13.. NAPLAN tests
Great Work Cara
Cara Shirley’s 2015 HSC Design and Technology major project is now on display at the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, Powerhouse Museum, Ultimo.

Cara’s “Stable Lite” horse hood is an innovative product that incorporates an LED lighting system into a conventional horse hood which in turn, can improve the coat of the horse and extend the breeding cycle of a mare. The applications of this technology are numerous within the equine industry.

The exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum features a selection of exemplary works from 2015 HSC Design and Technology students with outstanding projects from Industrial Technology and Textiles and Design students. The exhibition is on display from 26 February to 8 May 2016. Great work Cara!

Fantastic Swimming Results
What wonderful ambassadors for our school were the students who participated in the Zone swimming carnival at Coffs Harbour. They all showed great sportsmanship and I have it on good authority that our team cheered the loudest. Overall our school team was placed 4th in the Zone and we now have 15 students going to the Regional carnival at Kempsey on 8 March 2016. Well done, fantastic individual and team results. Listed here are the events in which our students participated:

- Rekkii Byrne 7 individual and 4 relays
- Alice Capps 5 individual and 4 relays
- Harry Dickings 3 individual and 1 relay
- Harrison Darley 2 individual and 1 relay
- Libby Waugh 1 individual and 3 relays
- Hudson Hyatt 1 individual and 1 relay
- Maddi Dickings 1 individual and 3 relays
- Olivia Atkins 2 relays
- Jordyn Guest 1 relay
- Kassidy Guest 2 relays
- Mattiah Beelitz 2 relays

Jordan Steele, Rhys Pitkin, Drew Singleton and Clio Ridley make up the rest of our relay teams, which are the 16 year girls, open girls medley, 6 x 50m all age girls relay and 12 x 50m relay (6 girls and 6 boys). What a fabulous effort!

Mathsonline
The Mathematics Department would like to acknowledge the generous support of the P&C and announce that all junior students have access to mathsonline free of charge. A subscription to the site usually costs $197 for 12 months. The site provides video explanations of the concepts covered in lessons as well as many interactive and traditional exercises. Mathsonline will be used occasionally in class but students will also be able to access the site wherever there is an internet connection.

M Heaney
Head Teacher Mathematics

Vietnam
Over the last few weeks of the Christmas holidays, senior Dorrigo High School students and staff were fortunate enough to embark on a once in a lifetime adventure north of the equator. With the help of an organisation called Vietnam School Tours, Mel Hogan was able to put together and co-ordinate an action-packed schedule of immeasurable social, cultural, emotional and historical experiences to Vietnam. After an 8 hour flight from Sydney, we arrived in Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) to catch a connecting flight to the north of the ‘skinny’ county, landing in Ha Noi ahead of our first day of touring. The history and culture of the country did not go astray as we visited nine of the 14 museums/galleries in the first two days. We learnt about the significant and heroic figure of Ho Chi Minh (whose legacy to the county can only be likened to visionaries like Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela), and visited sights such as the Temple of Literature, the One Pillar Pagoda, the Presidential Palace and even the preserved remnants of Minh himself.
We were expertly guided around Ha Noi on foot and by bus, soaking up the culture and lifestyle by immersing ourselves in street markets and local cuisine. It’s safe to say that we quickly learnt that the WHS and food safety regulations of the markets within Australia operate at a slightly different level to that of third world Vietnam.

In saying that, over the course of two weeks, no one actually really got sick as students and staff alike kicked into their ‘street-smarts’ and erred on the side of caution. Crossing roads required a completely different approach however as pedestrian crossings are more like strips of white paint that serve no purpose, and as long as you dodge a bus or car, the plethora of scooters will dodge you. In essence, when crossing the road, confidence is key. This proved correct as throughout our entire adventure, only one accident was witnessed. Still in the north, we experienced the beauty of magical Halong Bay as we spent a day and night on the bay in an old, old wooden ship. Here we were treated to some more of Vietnam’s fine food as we cruised the bay amongst the cast. Unfortunately it wasn’t the picture perfect postcard day as we were showered with light sprinkles and fog. Strangely enough though, it made the scenery even more entrancing as we tried to search for gorillas in the mist – we found none.

Before we knew it, we were on a plane to Da Nang where we would bus it to our next port of call – Hoi An. Here we learnt even more about the war ravaged county, and the influence of the French. Although the French have long since left the Vietnamese, they left behind some trademark architecture and bakeries. The French flare coupled with the freshness of Vietnamese produce left us stuffed yet still wanting more. For four days, we were based in the Old Quarter of Hoi An, were everything went at a different pace to the big cities – except for Harrison and the girls in the shops and tailors.

All forms of clothing were fitted, rejected, amended, compared to other stores, decisions slept on for days, and then haggled to knock off a few thousand Dong here and there so that another garment could be afforded. What an experience! In our spare time, we visited a local business where we helped farm and water crops and offer our suggestions to business owners as to how to potentially improve the services being offered from farming, to education, to tourism, to advertising. Hopefully in the not too distant future, some of us can return and see our ideas and suggestions put into practice. With the little bit of time we had left over, we continued to sample the variety of teas, fresh smoothies and more amazing Vietnamese coffee. Some of us have definitely identified a few favourite coffee stores argued with a vast array of reasons why. But this fun was over all too soon as we had to wake at the crack of dawn again to make another domestic flight to Ho Chi Minh City. These flights
provided ample opportunity for Mr Donald to exercise his profoundness (identified by local businessman Jackie Tang) and mark Senior English Assessments at 30000 feet, and Miss Hogan to sift through and delete the multitude of holiday happy snaps on her camera in an attempt to create more space on her memory card to take more holiday happy snaps. Ho Chi Minh City proved to be the biggest and busiest destination of all, and definitely the most first world looking with an abundance of Chinese and Singaporean money flooding in to sponsor new buildings and precincts.

A highlight of this place was taking part in the ‘Race Around Saigon’ which modelled the ‘Amazing Race’ TV show, as we got to explore the city on foot and get a first hand experience of the city. Finley’s group won this challenge which can be attributed to the skills he developed in Mr Donald’s Senior Geography class last year #GeographyForTheWin… Going out for dinner again provided an opportunity for the ever youthful Mrs Harris to be mistaken for a high school student, and upon further contemplation, Mr Heaney was able to tick Vietnam off the list as he has now toured pretty much the entire Asian continent - a great challenge for our students to consider accepting as they have, without a doubt, been bitten by the travel bug. Although this was a school trip and therefore extremely tightly and professionally run, the students have been able to return to the lucky country of Australia not really as children anymore, but rather as slightly matured, hardened travellers who have developed a real life understanding and compassion for those in less fortunate situations than themselves, wiser and educated about the importance of history and the lessons we learn from both good and bad past events and people, and cultured in their appreciation and understanding of differences in lifestyles, ideologies and culture itself. A massive thank you must go out to all student and staff travellers, parents and community members who aided in helping this tour take place, and the people of Vietnam who educated all of us in ways that will never be forgotten. And on top of that, a final thank you to Mel Hogan who did the prep, and organisation, and stressing and paperwork to provide a truly unimaginable experience for all concerned. Mr Donald

Information for Students and Parents about HSC Provisions

The Board of Studies has a program to help students with practical support in their Higher School Certificate examinations. This practical support, known as provisions, assists students to read examination questions and to write their answers. Provisions include rest breaks and extra time. The use of any provision is not written on the student’s results.

Students may need provisions for:
• a permanent condition, such as diabetes or reading difficulty
• a temporary condition, such as a broken arm, or
• an intermittent condition, such as back pain when sitting for long periods.

It is not embarrassing to apply for or use provisions. More than 5000 HSC students apply for provisions each year. Provisions help students to show the markers what they know and can do.

Much of the evidence can be collected by the school, but the parents' role is welcome and needed. Parents help by talking with the school, describing the student's needs, and providing the school with medical or other reports.

Applications for provisions should be submitted by the school to the Board of Studies by the end of Term 1. Late applications are accepted for an emergency, such as a broken arm, until the time of the examinations.

If you think that you or your child may require support in completing the Higher School Certificate examinations, please discuss the matter with the Year Adviser, School Counsellor or Kay Atkins, Learning and Support Teacher.

Canteen Roster

| Monday 7 March   | L Lowe |
| Tuesday 8 March  | S Wesche |
| Wednesday 9 March| Canteen closed |
| Thursday 10 March| P Clements |
| Friday 11 March  | R Burley, C Chapman |
| Monday 14 March  | K Colburn |
### 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

### 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/](http://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.

### Tax File Number Application

The Australian Taxation Office (ATO) no longer processes tax file number application forms for secondary students.

**Applying for a Tax File Number through Australia Post**

Students can now apply for a tax file number (TFN) online and have their identity verified through an interview at a participating Australia Post Office. **Please note that Dorrigo Post Office is not a participating Post Office.**

Applying online and presenting proof of identification documents at a participating Australia Post Office is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information about applying online can be found at [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au).

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post Office will need to complete the application form **Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals** (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at [ato.gov.au](http://ato.gov.au).