We've had another great week at Dorrigo Public School. What a great way to end the school year!

Last week the scripture teachers hosted a Christmas service at the Uniting Church. The majority of our school attended this lovely service. We sang carols, listened to the Christmas story and watched a puppet play. A big thank you to our scripture teachers for organising this event. We hosted a lunch today for our volunteers to say thank you for all that these wonderful people have done for our students this year.

Our Year 6 students did a fantastic job with their mini fete. It was lots of fun! We had lots of smiling, happy faces, some which were face painted. All stalls ran well, with lots of winning tokens being swapped for prizes. Well done Year 6. Our Year 6 students (with the help of Dawn and Christine) have also painted some games onto the concrete outside the Stage One area. You have been very busy!

Last week we held our Kindergarten Graduation Assembly. It was great to see so many mums, dads, Nans and Pops at this special assembly. Thank you Miss Jones for preparing your students for this event and a big congratulations Kindergarten.

Congratulations also to our Drumming Group. Our students played at the Dorrigo Community Carols last night and gave a brilliant performance. A big thank you to Vivian Hoskins, our school chaplain for coming to weekly rehearsals and always helping out. We are all looking forward to doing some more drumming in the new year.

Finally, I'd like to thank all students, staff, parents and community members for all of your support during 2013. Our students have achieved great things and have had the opportunity to participate in many different events. Some of these were mentioned at our Awards Presentation today.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you all in 2014.

Tanya Bajda
Principal

Mini-Fete

On the 12 December Year 6 held a mini-fete. We raised $937.70. There were lots of stalls such as the beauty parlour, buckets of fun, white elephant, guess the lollies, stretch the snake, sock wrestling and lots more.

Everyone had a great time and won lots of prizes. Year 6 organized all the stalls and did lots of work to make the mini-fete successful.

Riley

Calendar – Term 4

Week 11
Tues 17/12  Yr 6 Farewell 5:00 pm
Wed 18/12  Big Day Out
Thurs 19/12  Staff Development Day
Fri 20/12  Staff Development Day

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Week 1
Tues 28/1  Staff Development Day
Wed 29/1  Years 1 – 6 resume school
Kindergarten Best Start appointments
Thurs 30/1  Kinder Best Start appointments
Fri 31/1  Kindergarten’s 1st day

Week 2
Fri 7/2  Swimming Carnival

Week 4
Fri 21/2  District Swimming Carnival
**Table Tennis Tournament**

The Stage 1/2 Table Tennis has finally drawn to a close after 10 weeks of fierce competition. Representatives from Stage 1 and 2 participated in weekly Table Tennis heats to bring us to the semi and grand finals which were held over the past two weeks. Jason and Darcy met at the grand final with the aim of being the first to reach 21 points. The game was close right up to the last shot, however there can only be one winner and Darcy received the title with a final score of 21 - 17. The boys displayed fantastic sportsmanship and huge congratulations go to both of them. All participants put in a great effort and developed their Table Tennis skills along the way.

**Miss Gibson**

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**Aussie Art**

The Australia Day Council of NSW is running an art competition which is open to all Australian primary school children with some great prizes.

All details can be found at http://www.aussievault.com.au/aussieart

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**Choosing school shoes**

Are expensive school shoes that best option for happy feet? Let’s face it. School shoes have never been at the cutting edge of fashion. In fact if you look at what your parents were wearing, the humble school shoe really hasn’t evolved much at all.

Tips for choosing shoes:

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**Lost Property**

If you are missing any items of lost property please call and collect from lost property as at the end of term all items remaining will be donated to charity.

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**Teach your children to be waterproof**

As temperatures rise, the risk of drowning increases too. Review these water-safety tips to help keep your family safe this summer.


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**Big Day Out Excursion**

Wednesday 18 December 2013

Our final excursion for 2013 will be on Wednesday 18 December. Please ensure that consent note and payment gets to the office by tomorrow.

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**Library Books**

Thank you to all those students who have returned their Library books. For those who still have outstanding loans please have a good look at home for all library books and return them to the yellow box in the Library.

Thank you

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**Mrs Sheppard, Librarian**

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