Dear Dorrigo Public School Community,

What a wonderful Week 2 we’ve experienced!

On Tuesday Year 5 and our captains joined our community of schools at Bellingen for a Leadership Day. All children enjoyed the day and learnt the skills necessary to become a good leader.

On Wednesday sixteen smiling, enthusiastic youngsters joined us for their first official visit to ‘Big School’. They were introduced to some of the people and places at Dorrigo Public School, taking home a book to remind them of their visit. We hope we see them all again this Wednesday.

Year 6 were involved in their first Rock and Water activity on Friday, where they learnt about respect, and participated in several trust and focus activities.

At our assembly we celebrated this week’s successes including our pleasing results in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) English, Writing and Maths Competitions and Year 6 shared several science experiments demonstrating properties of light.

Everyone is busy learning the basics as well as:

K1 and 1/2 are exploring living things, growth and change. Year 1/2 are impatiently waiting for the silkworms to grow.

Years 2/3/4 are researching and comparing the religions of the world, currently interested in Buddhism.

Years 5/6 are looking at Australia’s Global connections. You may be surprised to learn the diverse geography of a pencil.

Miss Montes is preparing all classes for our next Musica Viva concert in Week 10.

Sue Phelps
Relieving Principal

Calendar – Term 4

Term 4
Week 3
Thurs 22/10  Yr 2-4 Constable Snow – Bullying and Threats

Week 4
Wed 28/10  School Photos
Thurs 29/10  Yr 6 to Dorrigo High School 8:45-1pm
Fri 30/10  Grandparents/Grandfriends Day 10:15

Week 5  Stage 3 Sydney Excursion

State Representation on North Coast Athletics Team

Liam returned from Sydney at the weekend having proudly represented Dorrigo Public School last week as a member of the North Coast Athletics team at the State Athletics Carnival. Liam’s event was the 13 years 100m. Mum, Dad and brothers, Daniel and Thomas all travelled to share the experience.

Liam reports that he did not have the best of starts but managed to regroup and came 4th in his heat. The whole experience was great and Liam felt proud to be there representing Dorrigo. There were a number of para athletics events on the program which were really cool to see.

Well done Liam. All at Dorrigo Public School are proud to have you represent us.
Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received merit certificates at our last assembly.

- K/Year 1: Haydan, Max
- Year 1/2: Ebony, Chad
- Year 2/3/4: Lincoln, Braydan
- Year 5: Matthew, Decklen
- Year 6: Zoe, Liam

Years 2/3/4 will be conducting the assembly this Friday 23 October at 11:15. Parents and community members are invited to attend.

Canteen Term 4

Week 3
Wed 21 Oct Sharleen L Renae C
Fri 23 Oct Cara S Lisa L

Week 4
Mon 26 Oct Renae C Aimee D

Special Canteen Days

Our special canteen days have been popular helping to add to our canteen fundraising.

We cooked over 100 sausages for our sausage sizzle on the last day of Term 3 and last week prepared 57 hot dogs for our hot dog day.

Term 4 is a busy one but if we can find another day towards the end of term around all the activities that are planned we will try to have one more special canteen day before the end of term.

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Cooking with Steffi

Year 5 students are looking forward to beginning an exciting new program which will see us cooking with Steffi E on Wednesday afternoons. Cooking is a fantastic life skill which allows students to put into practice the mathematics, reading, comprehension and even science concepts taught to them. We will be aiming to incorporate our garden into our cooking also, once it has had a chance to catch up after Winter.

For our first session, on Wednesday 28 October, we will be making an assortment of dips and lemon cordial in preparation for Grandparents Day in Week 4. If there are any parent volunteers that would be able to help us out for our first few sessions, we would greatly appreciate your assistance.

Also, as we are just starting out with our cooking, we would like to ask for any donations of items such as peelers, graters, can openers, flippers, whisks, mixing bowls, baking trays, or anything that may be able to assist us. These will begin our stock of cooking apparatus and would be greatly appreciated.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) English, Writing and Maths Competitions

Congratulations to the students who were awarded certificates at Assembly on 16 October for the English, Writing and Maths Competitions.

English

- Merit: Melyn, Cameron
- Credit: Tom, Zaliah
- Participation: Lincoln, Rocco, Isabelle, Hannah

Maths

- Distinction: Clio
- Merit: Cameron, Isabelle
- Credit: Lincoln, Tom
- Participation: Julian, Lachlan, Melyn, Zaliah, Rocco, Cheyenne

Writing

- Distinction: Isabelle
- Merit: Zaliah, Cameron
- Credit: Melyn, Matilda
- Participation: Lincoln, Tom, Hannah

School Photos

MSP Photography will be here on Wednesday 28 October 2015. Please return envelopes as soon as possible.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Gold Award at the assembly on 16 October. Gold Awards are presented for excellence in maintaining positive behaviours and attitudes.

Haydan, Max
Zac, James
Brenan, Chad

Congratulations to Ryan and Elle Rae who received a Silver Award. Silver awards are presented for maintaining positive behaviour.
CSP (Community Subscription Plan) Reminder – Home Access Cards

Our school’s Home Access Cards have been extended to Saturday 21 November 2015.

Leadership Day at Bellingen

On 13 October we went down to Bellingen for the day. The bus trip was long but lots of fun. When we got there the teachers introduced each other.

For the first activity we had to put ourselves into a line according to our birthdays but that was too hard so we just did it in months, which was much easier. Some months didn’t have enough people so they joined another month.

Then we talked about communication and did an activity where we had to pass a 20c coin on the back of our hands to the next person to the end of the line, then we did the same thing hand to shoulder.

At recess we had 25 minutes which flew past but we liked the break.

Afterwards we brainstormed leaders and their qualities in our groups.

Then we had lunch and played basketball with some of the students from the other schools.

After lunch we dressed a person in our group with newspaper and masking tape. It was a space theme and our person was an alien. We had to communicate and cooperate as a team to make this activity work.

All in all we had a really good time. We would like to thank all the teachers, especially Mrs Mulligan for organising the day, and to Mr Hudson, our bus driver.

Nick O. Ryder and Joey (Year 5)

Grandparents/Grandfriends Day
Friday 30 October 2015

Grandparents and grandfriends are warmly invited to visit our school on Friday 30 October at 10:15am. We will start activities in the hall with several presentations from the children. We will then proceed to the library for a shared reading time. Grandparents/friends are very welcome to bring a book to share with students. The morning will culminate with morning tea in the hall/courtyard.

We look forward to shared learning and activities on this special day.

Students in all classes will be cooking on Thursday afternoon. If you are able to assist with the cooking please phone the school 66572097.

Year 6 – Baby/Toddler Photo

In preparation for end of year activities Year 6 students have been requested to bring in a baby or toddler photo of themselves. The photos are to be handed in at the school office – they will be scanned and the originals will be returned to students.

Year 6 – Light

On Friday Year 6 conducted the assembly. The topic was Light. Four people shared their experiments. Zoe did hers on ‘Why we can see a rainbow in a bubble’, Kain and Harry did theirs on eyes, Kryan did his on electricity and Liam C did his on ‘What makes white light’. Everyone did a very great job. Well done all these people.

Bonnie and Allan Year 6

Our Alien – Leadership Day
Rock and Water

On Friday Year 6 had 2 people called Tamie and Cindy come to our school to teach us about Rock and Water. Rock stands for being solid and standing up for ourselves. Water stands for staying calm and not being the bully.

First we sat in a circle and talked about what Rock and Water is. We also talked about if we could have too much or too little, Rock and Water.

Then we had to get a partner and one of the partners had to breathe calmly and the other partner had to try and make the person that is calm and strong laugh. It was really hard and the person that tried to make their partner laugh found it really embarrassing.

The next thing that we did was to get a partner and one of the partners would have to stand on the inside of the circle facing their partner. Then you had to put your hands on your partner's hands and try to push each other off balance. The trick was to breathe calmly. That game was called sticky fingers.

We all had a great time and enjoyed ourselves. Tamie and Cindy will be coming for the next 6 weeks to teach us some more Rock and Water.

Clio Year 6

Dorrigo Preschool and Open Day

FETE

Saturday 7 November 9am – 2pm

BBQ

Face Painting    Live Music    Market Stalls
Activities      Games
Guessing Competitions    Treasure Hunt

Hockey

We have been very lucky to have Phil Jackwitz, the North Coast Regional Coaching Coordinator, visiting us for the past two Fridays to work with some students to develop their skills in hockey. In week 1 the students were introduced to the sport and worked on open and closed dribbling, pushing and tackling. In Week 2 we further developed these skills and were then able to put them into practice when we played a short game. Everyone had a lot of fun with students showing off a lot of skill and finesse on the hockey field.