Thank you to Mrs Phelps who was Relieving Principal and to Miss Gibson for taking Year 2/3/4 and Year 6 while I was on leave and attended the NSW PPA State Conference.

At the conference, the Premier of NSW, Hon. Mike Baird and the Minister for Education, Hon. Adrian Piccoli addressed over 500 Principals. We listened to speakers such as Simon Breakspear who discussed the future of learning and educational innovation. Other speakers who shared their leadership and personal stories included Rosie Batty (2015 Australian of the Year), Group Captain Catherine McGregor AM (Strategic Advisor to the Chief of the Air Force) and John Foreman OAM (Musical Director and Composer). This was an excellent conference, with all speakers having very powerful messages about the important role our teachers, schools and communities have in the lives of our students.

This is an exciting term, with preparation for a number of events well underway.

Mrs Phelps, Mrs K and Ita have been very busy finalising the last minute details of the Stage 3 Sydney excursion. As you are aware, it takes a lot of time and effort to organise this major excursion. I'd like to thank these staff members for their hard work planning this event. I hope all teachers and students have a wonderful time!

School grandparents and grandfriends are invited to visit the school on Friday 30 October at 10:15 to share in some exciting activities. Looking forward to seeing lots of grandparents and friends on Friday.

Tanya Bajda
Principal
Canteen Term 4

Week 4
Wed 28 Oct Michelle W Cassie M
Fri 30 Oct Pete S Sarah M

Week 5
Mon 2 Nov Caritta C

Assembly Awards

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

K/Year 1  Lacey         Mikayla
Year 1/2 Cassandra  Fred
Year 2/3/4  Tia                       Callan
Year 5 Charlotte              Liam
Year 6 Allan                Hannah

Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Gold Award at the assembly on 23 October. Gold Awards are presented for excellence in maintaining positive behaviours and attitudes.

Emma           Decklen
Francis        Max
Cameron        Heather
Nicholas       Allan

Congratulations to Paris, Vanessa, Logan and Louie who received a Silver Award. Silver awards are presented for maintaining positive behaviour.

Swimming

On Saturday 24 October Zaliah and Melyn went to the 27th Annual Sawtell Explosion Swimming Carnival.

Zaliah competed in the 50 butterfly, 50 breaststroke, 100 breaststroke and 50 freestyle.

Melyn competed in 100 backstroke, 100 breaststroke, 50 backstroke, 50 freestyle and 100IM.

We both achieved PBs in all of our events. We would like to thank our mums for diving us down and Geoff Eastwood for coaching us. Rekkii also swam and Mikayla came to cheer us on.

Melyn and Zaliah

Living Safely with Dogs – Take a Bow K/1

We were fortunate last week to have a visit from Leanne and a dachshund named Ellie, as part of the Responsible Pet Ownership program.

K/1 and 1/2 were the lucky classes who visited the presentation. Students learned many things about caring for their pets and dogs in particular.

Ellie was a great hit with all students and was ready for a big sleep following the presentation. Leanne complimented Miss Jones on K/1’s behaviour, saying that they were the best behaved class that she and Ellie had the pleasure of addressing in her many visits to schools over the past 5 years.

Well done to all!

School Photo Day – Wednesday 28 October

Parents are reminded that the school photographer will be here on Wednesday this week. If ordering photos we ask that photo envelopes be handed in at the school office by tomorrow, Tuesday 27 October.

Students are asked to come to school dressed in clean, presentable school uniform so that all can look their best on this special day.
Application for Year 7 selective high school placement in 2017 – Government primary schools

You can find a copy of the Information bulletin for primary schools on the intranet at https://detwww.det.nsw.edu.au/publicschoolsns/w/school-programs/selective-high-school-placement

Please request the booklet: Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in 2017 if you are interested.

No paper application forms are printed – applications open online on 13 October 2015. Applications will not be accepted after 16 November 2015.

• Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement
• Applications for entry in 2017 can be made online between 13 October and 16 November 2015.
• All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Placement Test to be held on Thursday 10 March 2016.

Have you forgotten to pay the Workbook Levy?

Don’t worry there is still time. The Workbook Levy is set at $30 per student and helps to cover the cost of Maths Assessment books, Handwriting books, school made work booklets, exercise books, student portfolios and purchase of interesting craft and art materials etc.

Thank you to those who have already paid. We are mindful of the many claims on the family budget and would like to remind those still to pay that payment of the Workbook Levy may be made at the school office at any time, either in full or by instalments.

School Swimming Program

Water Confidence lessons for all students in Kindergarten and Year 1 and the Special Swimming Scheme for all students in Year 2, together with eligible students in Years 3 to 6, will be held at Dorrigo Swimming Pool starting on Monday 16 November 2015.

Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the Special Swimming Scheme.

Thank you to those who have already returned their consent notes and payment for pool entry. If you feel that your child would benefit from participation in the Swimming Scheme please request a consent note from the school office.

Kinder Orientation

We welcomed 16 bright shiny faces to our Kindergarten transition program on Wednesday. Our new Kinders have enjoyed learning all kinds of new things about coming to big school. The group has explored our school to make sure they know where all the important places are. We found the Kindergarten Room, the Canteen and the Computer Room and even got to play follow the leader in the playground. Our new Kinders were introduced to the Interactive Whiteboard and counted in different ways. They finished their visit by making their very own speckled frogs.

Well done to our special visitors and I’m looking forward to seeing you again on Wednesday.

Sessions will continue each Wednesday 10:30 to 11:30. Parents are reminded that the Parent Information session will be held on Wednesday 11 November.

Mrs Carey
Anglican Church

Sunday 1 November at 10am our All Age service for all the family.

Oh when the saints! - a look at what it means to be a saint as the church celebrates All Saints Day - All Welcome

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

Dorrigo Preschool and Open Day

FETE

Saturday 7 November 9am – 2pm
BBQ

Face Painting Live Music Market Stalls
Activities Games Treasure Hunt

“Magical Mystery Tour” by Dorrigo Drama Club’s Kids on Stage

“Magical Mystery Tour” was written by Pene Charles, retired principal/teacher and friend. And what a tour we have been on: singing, dancing, acting and generally having a great time together. All of the cast are aged between 4 yrs and 14 yrs! I love to see the growth in the kids' confidence from start to finish of the production season. It’s about giving everyone a go.

So what goes on in “A Magical Mystery Tour”? Aubery is stuck in a computer game with all the clues being Beatles songs (lots to sing along to!!). There are plenty of hazards on the way: viruses, anemones who aren't so cute, and lots more! So give yourselves a treat and support the kids by coming along, sitting back, and smiling all the way through!

Performance dates are:
30 October, 7pm
31 October, 4pm
1 November, 2pm
7 November, 4pm
8 November, 2pm

Bookings at Dorrigo Wholefoods, 66571002.

Dina Luciani Director.