Welcome back Stage 3 students, Mrs K and Mrs Phelps! It is great to have you home safe and sound. It’s wonderful to hear your stories and I’m looking forward to seeing all of your photos. Some of our students saw your smiling faces on Channel 7’s Sunrise last Thursday morning.

A very big thank you to Mrs Phelps and Mr and Mrs K for providing this amazing experience for our students. As we are all very aware, overnight excursions present a lot of additional work and responsibility for our teachers. We are very fortunate at Dorrigo PS to have dedicated teachers who are willing to go the extra mile for our students. Thank you also to Mrs Courtice for going to Sydney and helping our teachers.

Last week five of our local Principals met here at Dorrigo Public School with our Director Mr Glenn Pleasance. We discussed staff Professional Development Plans and how these fit in with our School Plans. It is always great to be able to meet and talk about what is happening in all of our schools.

Over the weekend I attended the Dorrigo HS Year 12 Formal and Awards ceremony. It is always a privilege to be able to present students with their special end of High School achievement awards. I’d like to wish these students all the very best for their future.

This week I will be hosting a parent information session for the families of our new Kinder 2016 students. I will be sharing information about our school and the wonderful opportunities we provide for our students. This will be at 10:30am on Wednesday 11 November while the 2016 Kinder students will be working with Mrs Carey. If you know of any students who plan to come to Dorrigo PS in 2016, please contact the office for an enrolment form.

One of our wonderful cleaners, Betty T, has decided to retire. We would like to thank her for her many years of looking after us, turning on the heaters each morning and keeping our school clean. We wish her all the very best.

Tanya Bajda
Principal

Calendar – Term 4

Term 4

Week 6
Wed 11/11 Remembrance Day

Week 7
Swimming program starts
Mon 16/11 Yr 6 to Dorrigo High School
8:45 to 3:10

Week 8
Mon 23/11 Bush to Beach Surf Lifesaving
9:30 3-6
10:30 K-1

Enjoying the trip to Sydney

Upcoming Events
Fri 20/11 School Captains nominations due
Mon 30/11 Captains speeches
Tues 8/12 Mini Fete
Fri 11/12 Kindergarten Graduation 11:15
Mon 14/12 Volunteers Lunch
Presentation of Awards 1pm
Tues 15/12 Yr 6 Special Assembly
Yr 6 Farewell
Wed 16/12 Big Day Out excursion
Canteen Term 4

Week 5
Wed 11 Nov Michele K Kar-Lee A
Fri 13 Nov Louise and John M

Week 7
Mon 16 Nov Korina C Jenny D

Assembly Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received merit certificates at last week’s assembly.

Kindergarten/Year 1 Ivy Dylan
Year 1/2 Leo Harry
Year 2/3/4 Tye Rebekah
Year 5 Tyler
Year 6 Allan

Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards
Congratulations to Abbie, Lacey and Imogen who received a Gold Award at the assembly on 6 November. Gold Awards are presented to students for excellence in maintaining positive behaviours and attitudes.

Congratulations to Dylan who received a Silver Award at the assembly. Silver awards are presented to students for maintaining positive behaviour.

‘Out of the mouths of children ….’ A little bit of political correctness was missing when Year 2/3/4 students spoke at the Grandparents’ Assembly. The audience received the comments in good part and there was much laughter during the presentation.

What is it like to grow old?

Allyssa:
Everybody in our class talked about what it would be like to grow old and here are some of the thoughts we came up with.

Even though you get wrinkles, feel old and grumpy there is always someone there to cheer you up.
Your hearing gets worse and you walk slower.
When you get old your hair goes grey and you get to lay around a lot.

Fraser:
You get to have lots of fun when you’re feeling energetic but sometimes you get worn out. It would be fun and annoying at the same time.
If I had wrinkles I would call them happy lines.
Your face starts to get wrinkles and your bones get weaker but you’re happy.
I think being old would be a good think because you get to have naps whenever you want.

Kahila:
Old people are always funny.
When you have your nanna naps you will always have really good dreams.

Getting old means you have to get false teeth and you grow a turkey neck.
You grow wrinkles on your face from being happy and you have to wear glasses because you’re your eyes don’t work so well.
Your body parts get weaker, your hearing goes and you need a walking stick because you walk slowly.

1/2 will be conducting the assembly this Friday 13 November at 11:15. Parents and community members are invited to attend.
What would it be like if you were Grandmas or Grandpas?

Rebekah:
It’s Grandparents’ day and our class has been talking about our wonderful grandparents and the fun times we have had with them. We talked about the favourite times we have shared with them. Here are some thoughts about what it would be like to be a Grandma and Grandpa.

Sam:
I think being old would be good because you get to see your grandchildren all the time. When I get old I’m going to play Lego with my grandchildren and give them lollies. I will be a joyful Grandpa.

Kyra:
I would be a crazy and happy Grandma riding on my scooter and speeding down the hills.

Lincoln:
It would be fun to be a Grandpa because you get to play bowls. When I’m a Grandpa I will give lollies to my Grandkids and I will sit down and watch the football and cricket and get angry with the TV.

Sarah:
The good part about being a Grandma is when you always get hugs and kisses from your grandkids. Just because you’re old doesn’t mean you can’t get excited about your birthday and get presents.

Poppy:
It would be good to be a Grandma because you can sit on the couch all day and eat chocolate. When my gran kids get home I would give them $20 each to spend at the shops.

Hayley:
If I was a grandma I would be happy and full of joy all the time and tell all my stories about growing up. I would love playing bingo with all my friends.

Eucla:
If I was a Grandparent I would be a happy fella. I would tell stories and sneak lollies to my grandkids. I would play footy with all the old men and then I would have to have a nanny nap. I would be an interesting Grandparent.

Rebekah:
I think it would be fun having grandchildren and getting gifts from them. I would always greet them with a hug. I would be a cool grandma and take my grandchildren shopping for the coolest clothes. I will be the best funkiest Gran in town.

Enrolling at Dorrigo Public School in 2016

We have reached the time of year when we need to prepare for 2016 and are looking at formation of classes.

If you intend to enrol your child at Dorrigo Public School we ask that you contact (66572097 or dorrigo-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au) the school to organise the necessary paperwork.

Water Confidence and Swimming Lessons – Reminder

Our annual Swimming School starts on Monday 16 November and will run for two weeks. Thank you to those who have already returned consent note and payment. Particular thanks to those who have volunteered to assist in the pool. We could not offer this program to our students without you. Kindergarten and Year 1 will be having Water Confidence lessons starting at 9:15 Monday to Friday. Year 2 students and selected students in Years 3-6 will be involved in the Special Swimming Scheme. The scheme focuses on Year 2 and 3 students and also provides for non-swimmers in Years 4 to 6.

If your child in Year 3 to 6 is not a confident swimmer (ie. Unable to swim 25m confidently, unaided in deep water) please request a consent note from the school office so that he/she can be included in this valuable program.

Swimmers will need to remember to bring their swimming gear including – swimmers, towel, goggles, suitable footwear to walk to and from the pool and a bag in which to store their clothing at school whilst they are at the pool. It is recommended that students apply sunscreen – we have SPF30, Cancer Council sunscreen available at the school.

Spot the wax works!
Section 11: Student Art Section

Chief Steward: Miss K Betts
Entry Fee: $0.50

Entries: Wednesday 18 November – Friday 20
Limit of 2 entries per student per class.

Rules and Regulations:
- Artists are advised (optional) to present 2D works mounted on a very thin sheet of cardboard or thick paper, providing a 2cm frame around each piece. This will assist stewards in minimizing damage from pinholes and stickers used in the display process.
- All exhibits to be the work of the Exhibitor and not to have won a prize at a previous Dorrigo Show.
- Exhibitors must ensure that all articles in the Picture and Project sections can be easily hung. Heavy exhibits must have hooks or wire attached.
- Any class may be divided into two or more sections at the Stewards discretion, if warranted by number of entries.
- Each exhibit must be clearly marked with Name, School, Age, and the Class to be entered on the back not the front.
- All exhibits to be with the stewards by 5 p.m. on Friday before the show.
- Floral saucers to be at the Pavilion by 9 a.m. Friday of the Show weekend.
- Late entries will not be judged and may not be displayed due to space limitation receiving late entries without notice results in a lot of double handling and wasted time of volunteers. The courtesy of notification of late entries would be appreciated. Entries after 20th November will not be accepted.
- Art will be judged as soon as entries closed and before works are hung. Works may not necessarily be hung beside other works in the same category.
- All care will be taken, but no responsibility will be taken for entries.
- All exhibits are to remain on display until close of show 4.30pm. No exhibit may be removed without the stewards' authority.

Preschool aged Children

1. Painting and Drawing
2. Cardboard Toilet Roll Farm Animal
3. Decorated Party Hat
4. Any other craft

6 and Under

5. Painting and Drawing
6. Necklace for Grandma – to be mounted on cardboard
7. My Pet Rock
8. Any other craft
### Magical Mystery Tour

Congratulations to the many students who participated in Dorrigo Dramatic Club’s ‘Kids on Stage’ A Magical Mystery Tour for 5 performances over the past 2 weekends. Well done to Director, Dina Luciani and her many helpers – they managed to get the best out of all performers and produced a colourful, lively show that had something for everyone – acting, singing, dancing and lots of fun on stage.

### Safe Food Handling Course

ETC is holding a Safe Food Handling Course in Dorrigo for anyone wishing to hold this certificate. Whilst it is not mandatory for canteen workers to hold this certificate, it does provide them with formal training in food hygiene practices etc.

The course will be held Tuesday 24 November at 9:00 am and will run to approx. 1 pm.

Cost $100 per person
Venue to be confirmed once numbers are set
To enrol please call Dorrigo ETC 66595552 or drop into the office in Silversmith Arcade.

### ZooWhiz Home Access Discount Cards Expiry Date

Just a reminder about the ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Cards. These cards were recently distributed to school families as part of the Community Subscription Plan. They allow greatly discounted access to www.zoowhiz.com. They expire on 31/12/2015. If they are not used by this date the cost per child will revert to $89.95 instead of the discounted rate of $29.95.

Through the Community Subscription Plan our school now has full access to ZooWhiz (www.zoowhiz.com) during school hours for FREE. ZooWhiz is the new, intelligent, automated online learning system that enables you to partner with our school to further support your child’s progress in maths, spelling, word skills and reading.

### Stage 3 Excursion to Sydney

Welcome back to our Year 5 and 6 students who spent last week exploring and enjoying many venues in Sydney. They were weary travellers by the time they got back to Urunga, by train. Highlights were many – those being talked about today were the visit to the Zoo, the Kings Basketball game and meeting a ‘Home and Away’ star.

We await the full report in next week’s Newsletter.