What a great week we've had at our Swimming School. The week started off very cool, but by Friday the weather was beautiful and all students were happy to be in the water, practising their skills. It's always good to see their confidence and Improvement.

Today all classes attended a Bush to Beach Water Safety session run by Surf Life Saving Australia. Louise, Peter and Isobel Lambeth from Ocean Beach Umina on the Central Coast spoke to our students about how to be safe in and around the water. This reinforced what is being taught in our Swimming School. Thank you for coming to our school.

I'd like to welcome two new students to our school. Jaxon has been working with the Kindergarten students in the K/1 class and Danyella has been working with the Year 2 students in the Year 2/3/4 class.

As you may be aware, our Year 6 students have been participating in Rock and Water, a program aimed at raising awareness of personal strengths and abilities and also developing self-resilience and strength. On Friday I sat in on a session where students discussed ways they can respond to peer pressure (people who try to get them to do the wrong thing). These skills will not only help them here in primary school, but also next year in high school.

On Friday I received 2016 Captain's nomination forms from a number of our Year 5 students. Some students handed their forms in early which showed great enthusiasm and organisation skills! This week I will be holding the interviews, with the captains speeches being presented to the school next Monday at 12:45. Good luck Year 5.

Have you been to the Dorrigo Spar Supermarket recently? Our Spruce up Dorrigo garbage bin has been placed out the front and looks great. Thank you to Mrs Carey and the Year 2/3/4 class for designing and painting the bin. It's a wonderful improvement, with these bins helping to brighten up our town.

A lot of our students have entered artworks craft, vegetables and cooking in the Dorrigo Show which is being held this weekend. It will be great to see their artistic talent on display in the main pavilion. Looking forward to seeing you there!

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Thank you to Friday's canteen ladies, Cara R, Kerry B and Katrina I for organising the iced water for our students at lunch time. With the temperature over 30 degrees in the playground, it was very welcome! Thank you for thinking of us.

Tanya Bajda
Principal

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Calendar – Term 4

Mon 30/11 Captains speeches 12:45
Yr 6 Farewell Meeting 3:30

Week 9
Wed 2/12 P&C meeting 5:30 pm
Thurs 3/12 Year 6 to Dorrigo High School all day
Parent Information Session 9:05 at Dorrigo High School Y6-7 Transition
Fri 4/12 K/1/2 to Guests Farm 12:30

Week 10
Tues 8/12 Mini Fete 12:00
Fri 11/12 Kindergarten Graduation 11:15
Mon 14/12 Volunteers Lunch 12 noon
Presentation of Awards 1pm
Tues 15/12 Yr 6 Special Assembly
Yr 6 Farewell
Wed 16/12 Big Day Out excursion to Big Banana
Canteen Term 4

**Week 8**
- Wed 25 Nov: Cassie M, Candice C
- Fri 27 Nov: Steffi E, Pete S

**Week 9**
- Mon 30 Nov: Renae C, Kar-Lee A
- Wed 1 Dec: Mel C, Michelle W
- Fri 2 Dec: Anna G, Katie D

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received merit certificates at last week’s assembly.
- K/Year 1: Josephine, Heath
- Year 1/2: Nate, Kyle
- Year 2/3/4: Fraser, Kassey
- Year 5: Kelsey, Joey
- Year 6: Bonnie, Levi

**Gold Awards**

Congratulations to Matthew who received a Gold Award at Fridays assembly. Gold Awards are presented to students for excellence in maintaining positive behaviours and attitudes.

Congratulations to Charlotte who received a Bronze Award at the assembly. Bronze Awards are presented to students for displaying appropriate school behaviour.

K/1 will be conducting the assembly this Friday 27 November at 11:15. Parents and community members are invited to attend.

Brighter Bins Thanks to Dorrigo Public School Artists

Year 2/3/4 students at Dorrigo Public School have added their artistic talents to brightening up the town’s central business area. This beautifully decorated bin has been added to a series produced by schools on the plateau. It is the seventh bin to be decorated in a project anchored by SpUD (Spruce Up Dorrigo) a sub-committee of the Chamber of Commerce. Schools on the Plateau were invited to decorate one bin each.

The result? A broad range of artistic skills and designs and every one bright and welcoming. Dorrigo Public School’s masterpiece has been placed outside Spar Supermarket in Hickory Street.

The bin was designed and painted under the direction of teacher, Ms Lisa Carey. The art work reflects the whimsical humour of many of the students.

A SpUD spokesperson said the thought and skill which went into the bin was indicative the children’s enthusiasm and knowledge of their local area.

Great work, Year 2/3/4!!

Viv and Tom Richter from Spar, Dorrigo are presented with “their” decorated bin by Year 2/3/4 students from Dorrigo Public School.

Library News

Please return all overdue library books this week. There is no more borrowing this term.
Sydney Excursion

In Week 5 Years 5 and 6 travelled on a train for 9 hours to go on our Sydney excursion.

When we arrived we walked up to The Rocks from Circular Quay. Once in our hotel we had a relaxing time before having dinner. After dinner we walked over the Harbour Bridge plus we got to high five a lot of people.

The next day we went under our apartment and did Pieces of the Past and after that we caught a ferry to Taronga Zoo. When we arrived we got into our groups of 10 and walked around. My favourite bit was seeing the elephants, giraffes, zebras and monkeys. We also saw some otters, hippos, lemurs and crocodiles plus a lot more. After we spent our whole day in Taronga Zoo we hopped back on the ferry. When we got back we walked around the Opera House and up the stairs. It was bigger than I imagined.

On Wednesday, which I though was the best day, we put our ponchos on and had a half an hour rainy walk to Darling Harbour. Once we were at Darling Harbour we went to the Aquarium, Wax Museum, Imax and to the Maritime Museum. At the Aquarium we saw so many fish and sharks. At the Wax Museum we saw Taylor Swift, Katy Perry, Justin Bieber, Angelina Jolie, Crocodile Dundee and so many more. They looked so real it was scary. After that we went to Imax and watched a space movie. The screen was massive and looked so real, and I fell asleep because the music was so relaxing. After that we had a short walk to the Maritime Museum. We got to go on the Endeavour and learn a lot about that. After that we got out of the rain and went inside the museum. Once in the museum we got to learn about Shackleton and how he survived. After that we got takeaway. After dinner we went up Sydney Tower Eye. We didn’t see that clearly because of the bad weather. Once we finished we walked back in the pouring rain.

On Thursday we walked to Sunrise. It was pouring and the wind was like a cyclone. Once we were at Sunrise we got to be on TV. After Sunrise we walked to State Parliament. In State Parliament we got to pretend we were politicians and argued about a “bill”. I got to be the Speaker of the House which was really fun.

After that we went to the Art Gallery of NSW, then after that to Anzac Memorial, St Mary’s Cathedral and the museum. We got to walk around the museum. Once we finished that we went to China Town. It was a long walk in the rain but the food was worth it. Once we had dinner we went to the Sydney Kings basketball game. I think it was one of the most fun times because we were on TV heaps and got to cheer. We all got to meet some players and we also met Heath Braxton from Home and Away. We got photos with him and chatted for a while.

After the game it was pouring and we had a huge walk back home and slept nearly straight away because it was 11 o’clock at night when we got back.

The next day we travelled back home. It was so much fun and we did so much. It was the best week ever despite the rain.

Matilda Year 6

Soccer Club BBQ helpers

The Dorrigo Highlanders Club is again involved with the Dorrigo Show and will be running one of the BBQ stalls at the Show this weekend to help with Club fundraising. We have some names on the roster but extra hands are always helpful to allow rest breaks and shift changes. If you can spare an hour or there to help with the BBQ this weekend then please contact Peter & Rosalie Smith 6657 5255 or Janine Plumbe 6657 2569.

Big Day Out – Excursion 16 December 2015

Big Banana

Consent notes for our Big Day Out Excursion were issued last week. Thank you to those who have already responded. If your child is unable to attend this excursion we ask that you let us know at the school office, so that our bookings can be finalised.
Cranes Courses

It’s been a busy time with most of the courses for the year coming to an end. However there are still some spaces available in the following workshops in the next couple of weeks.

Life with a Blended Family 2 day Workshop: 20 and 27 Nov – Maclean TAFE (Woombah St Maclean) 9.30am to 12.30pm

Tantrum Toolbox 1 day Workshop: 26 Nov - Urunga Neighbourhood Centre (Bonville St Urunga) 9.30am to 12.30pm

There is free child-minding on request. To register or for more details call Jo Duffy at CRANES on 66427257 or email jduffy@cranes.org.au

Christmas Family Night at Bunnings

Thursday 10 December 6-8pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun
- Santa’s little helper workshops
- Gift wrapping service
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments will be provided

For more information or ask one of our team in-store or visit www.bunnings.com.au

Colouring Competition – Bunnings

Bunnings Group Ltd is giving you the chance to win a $50 gift card or $50 worth of products in their Christmas colouring competition. There will be 3 winners at each store. All you have to do is colour in the Christmas scene and deliver it to your local warehouse by 6pm Saturday 19 December 2015. The winners will be drawn in-store on Sunday 20 December.

Further information and entry forms are available from the school office.

Megan Christmas Tree –
Saturday 5 December from 4 pm at the Megan Hall.

Please bring a present for Santa to give to your children (with name attached up to the value of $10) and

a plate to share and a donation to the hamper.

$10/family - All welcome - sausage sizzle, drinks, ice cream, games and races for all ages.

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Mini-Fete

Tuesday December 8

From 12:00 pm

The 5/6 Mini-Fete will be held on Tuesday 8 December, 12:00 onwards. This will be a major fundraiser for the Year 6 Farewell. Stage 3 are asking for your help with the following items:

* Donations of toys, books, games, plants and brick-a-brac for the White Elephant Stall. These can be sent in to school at any time. A great chance for a clean out!!

* Each Stage 3 student is asked to donate 1 bottle of soft drink to be used for the spider drink stall.

* Donations of cakes, biscuits/slices that can be sold in the “Coffee Shop” on the fete day.

BEST DRESSED TOY COMPETITION

50c to enter

Dress up your favourite toy and you could win a great prize!!

Bring your dressed up toy to the hall on Tuesday morning and then vote for your favourite during the Mini-Fete.

MUFTI

Students can wear mufti on Mini Fete Day — some activities will involve getting wet if the day is warm.

Please wear play clothes with sleeves.