We have a busy week this week, with our students participating in lots of end of year activities. Tomorrow, Tuesday, we have a Musica Viva Concert where I’m sure sounds of the tango will be echoing through the hall. This performance will be followed by our Christmas Scripture Service then our Year 6 Mini Fete. Year 6 students will visit all classes first thing tomorrow to sell the mini-fete tokens. Students are reminded to bring their money so that they will be able to participate in the fun activities.

On Thursday last week Year 6 students attended their last High School transition day. On Wednesday I took our new Kinder students for their last primary school transition session. It was great that both groups felt comfortable in their new school environments.

At this stage we anticipate having five classes at Dorrigo Public School in 2016. If you are aware of any students who are intending to enrol at our school, please contact the office for an enrolment pack.

As part of our end of year evaluation process and preparation for 2016, I am sending home a survey, asking for your feedback on our 2015 focus on Learning and Wellbeing. We value your input and ask that you please return the surveys by Friday 11 December.

I'd like to thank all families and community members who have supported our school through the the Amart Allsports Community Benefits Program. Mrs K and I were able spend over $800 on new equipment for our school. We bought equipment that we can use during inside PE, sport and lunch sessions including an indoor basketball hoop, soft wahu balls, baseball bats and balls and an air hockey table and fussball table to add to our table tennis table.

I recently hosted a Bellingen Place Based Planning meeting with local health care professionals and Family and Community Services officers. We discussed how we can work together to help our children and families in the Dorrigo area. This included the need for regular health services such as speech therapy and occupational therapy in Dorrigo.

We would like to thank all of the many volunteers who have assisted in our school this year. Next Monday we would like to show our thanks by providing a special lunch at 12 noon. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Tanya Bajda
Principal

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Calendar – Term 4

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Congratulations Kindergarten

On Friday 11 December at 11:15am we will acknowledge the achievement of our Kindergarten students at a special Graduation Assembly in our school hall. Parents and interested community members are warmly invited to this assembly.
Canteen Term 4

Week 10
Wed 9 Dec Cara R Sarah M
Fri 11 Dec Louise M John M

Week 11
Mon 14 Dec Christine K Katrina I
Wed 16 Dec Big Day Out – Canteen Closed

Assembly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received merit certificates at last week’s assembly.
K/Year 1 Dylan Haydan
Year 1/2 Kelly Mia
Year 2/3/4 Belle Sarah
Year 5 Isabelle Max
Year 6 Gabrielle Rocco

Gold Awards

Congratulations to Ryan, Dylan, Macgyver, Samuel, Eucla, Tyler, Logan, Drew and Liam who received a Gold Award at Friday’s assembly. Gold Awards are presented to students for excellence in maintaining positive behaviours and attitudes.

Cooper, Nicholas and Bowyn received a Bronze Award at the assembly. This award is presented for excellent behaviour and attitude at school.

Our Excursion to Plateau Farms

On Friday 4 December K/1 and 1/2 went to Plateau Farms to learn how vegetables are grown and processed. We travelled there on Graeme Hudson’s bus. We were very noisy because we were so excited. At the farm we were shown the different stages of growth of broccoli, kale, silver beet, cabbage and potatoes. We saw machinery that was used to help the worker. We ate fresh cabbage and experienced the cold of the cooler room. We were treated with slushies and chocolate. It was yummy.

We would like to thank Anna and Steven Guest and Graeme for kindly taking us to and around the farm. We had a great time and really enjoyed ourselves.

Leo Year 2

Breakfast Club

Special thanks to Dorrigo Bakery for the donation of bread for Breakfast Club and thanks to the dedicated band of volunteers from the Anglican Church we are able to offer toasted, healthy, nutritious breakfast snacks to our students on Monday and Thursday, for just 20c. Children can elect to pay on the day or put their name in the Breakfast Club book and pay later.

At this stage of the year we are asking for a gold coin donation from those students who regularly avail of the Breakfast Club. Please hand your donation in at the school office.

Library News

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.

Hand Foot and Mouth Disease

We have been advised that there have been diagnosed cases of Hand Foot and Mouth Disease in our community. We will continue to encourage all students to practice good hygiene, eg wash their hands after uses the bathroom and to cover their mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing.

Big Day Out – Excursion 16 December 2015

Big Banana

Consent notes for our Big Day Out Excursion have been issued. Thank you to those who have already responded. We ask that consent notes be returned by Friday 11 December.

Dorrigo Library

Holiday Activities

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Possible DVD copies of Cruzin Through Music

We have been investigating ordering copies of the Cruzin through Music, School Production DVD for parents to purchase. If you would be interested in ordering a copy, can you please fill in the slip below, and return it to the school office.

DVD copy of Cruzin Through Music

I would like to order .......... copies of The Cruzin Through Music DVD at a cost of $10.

Student: .................................. Class: ......................

Amount enclosed...$............... 

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Parent Signature                      Date

Acknowledgement:

Carols by Candlelight Sunday 13 December

The Scripture Group from Dorrigo Public School has been invited to perform at the Carols by Candlelight at St Stephen’s Anglican Church on Sunday 13 December 2015. There is a free sausage sizzle at 6pm followed by carols at 7pm. Please sign and return the consent note which was last week so that we know how many students will be attending.

Taking a break!

Bellingen Vacation Care
21 December 2015 – 22 January 2016

Who - Open Arms Care Inc. OSHC Services is a community based organisation. That means they are a Not for Profit service.

What - They provide the local community with quality accredited childcare in a safe and nurturing environment for primary school age children (K-6).

When - Vacation Care 7am to 6pm

Where - St Mary’s Primary School, Park Street, Bellingen

The Program:
Our program provides children with developmental opportunities that are focussed around the children’s interests, abilities and needs. Our daily program also offers creative arts, life skills & physical activities, imaginative play, construction, individual, group activities and lots of fun.

The Staff:
The Educators at Open Arms Care Inc. OSHC Services provide a diverse and inclusive environment that fosters all children’s developmental abilities and self-esteem. Educators are professional and strive for excellence within the service environment, whilst working together as a team. Our accredited services are supported by University and TAFE educated staff.

The full program and booking information is available from the school office or on Bellingen@openarms.org.au telephone 0408 057 944

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Mini-Fete

Tuesday, 8th December from 12:00pm

- White Elephant
- Water Bombs!
- Messy Treasure!
- Mini-Golf
- Stretch the Snake!
- Face Painting!

And lots more!

Tokens 4 for $1
Will be sold in class on the day
Non-uniform day
Some activities may involve getting wet!