What a great day! Our Harmony Day celebrations were fantastic, with each class participating in a range of creative, cultural activities based on festivals from around the world. I'd like to thank Miss Jones for her hard work organising the day and all of our staff and students for their great enthusiasm and participation.

I'd like to thank our staff for their wonderful work and commitment to providing a top quality education for all of the students in our school. There is a lot of work that goes on ‘behind the scenes’ to make our great school what it is. I’d like to say thank you to all of our teachers for not only preparing daily lessons, but also providing our students with so many extracurricular activities. There has been a lot of great learning during this term!

I’d also like to say a big thank you to Mrs Felicity Ryan, our School Counsellor who has done a brilliant job supporting our students during Term 1. As Mrs Ryan will be returning to Sydney, next term our new School Counsellor will be Mrs Kylie Vesperman. We’re looking forward to working with Mrs Vesperman.

Last Thursday Mrs Bingle and I attended training on the new Performance and Development Framework for teachers. This new process takes the place of the Teacher Assessment and Review Schedule and will be based on staff goals which will incorporate the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers. Our teaching staff will be looking at this framework in further detail early next term.

Just a reminder that this Thursday, the last day of this term, we’re holding an Easter Hat Parade, our annual School Cross Country and will have a School Social in the afternoon. Thank you to all of those families who have made donations to the Easter Raffle, have bought raffle tickets and have volunteered to help at the Cross Country. This will be a great way to end Term One. Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday.

Wishing all members of our school community a safe and happy holiday.

Tanya Bajda
Principal

Calendar – Term 1

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Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Bronze Award at the assembly on 27 March.

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Wishing all members of our school community a safe and happy holiday.

Tanya Bajda
Principal
Canteen Roster

Week 10
Wed 1 April  Renae C  Kerrie B

Term 2
Fri 24 April  First day for canteen

Assembly Awards

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

Kindergarten/Year 1 Max Hanna
Year 1/2  Jamison Kelly
Year 3/4 Daniel Tia
Year 5 Charlie Deckllen
Year 6 Clio Jonah

Stage 3 – Excursion to Sydney

Planning is underway for our Stage 3 excursion to Sydney 2-6 November 2015. Please remember that the initial Consent Note together with $20.00 deposit is due on Wednesday 1 April.

K/1 Homework

This week K/1 homework will consist of home reading and sight word practice only. There is no need to return homework folders on Thursday as you may wish to continue with your child’s reading log over the holidays. Homework folders may be returned to school for reading logs to be checked at the beginning of next term.

Dorrigo School’s Unique Tribute to “The Boy Soldier”

This unique Anzac Day project by Year 3/4 students at Dorrigo Public School now has pride of place in the town’s main street.

It is an emotive tribute to the Australian Boy Soldier, Jim Martin who somehow made it to Gallipoli though he was only 14 years old.

Jim spent four months in the fighting before dying of typhus at the age of 14 years and nine months.

The project, one of several being undertaken by students at the school, is in response to a challenge issued by Dorrigo Sub Branch of the RSLA.

Under the direction of teacher Lisa Carey, students approached the Jim Martin story from an unusual and poignant perspective.

Their tribute comes in the form of personal view of Jim’s mother’s writing desk, sometime after she learns of his death.

A large copy of Jim’s embarkation photograph, hand drawn by Tia is on the wall, “a letter home to Mum” composed by Alyssa lies on the desk and there are personal items of his mothers and memorabilia scattered about.

The floor, part of the wall and window are carpeted by more than 100 carefully handmade crimson Flanders Poppies.

The display, set up during the weekend at 34 Hickory Street already has attracted considerable interest.

Easter Treats Raffle

Thank you to those who have donated treats for our raffle. You are reminded that all tickets need to be returned by Wednesday 1 April. Each class will have an Easter Treats prize and there will also be an overall prize winner – so that means there will be six prizes to be won. The raffle will be drawn at assembly on Thursday 2 April, following the Cross Country.

International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

If your child in Years 3-6 wishes to participate in the ICAS Digital Technologies competition please ensure that application and entry fee of $4.00 reaches the office by 2 April 2015.
Primary School Sport Association
Knockout Competitions – Soccer

At the end of 2014 we submitted our school entries for 2015 in the PSSA Knockout competitions. Teams were entered in the following events –

Boys Football (Soccer)
Girls Football (Soccer)
Girls Netball
Boys Rugby League

The 1st round of the Soccer Knockout needs to be played by 8 May 2015 – Week 3 Term 2. We are in the process of team selection and ask that any Stage 3 (Years 5 & 6) student who wishes to try out for the soccer team submit their name to Mrs K by Wednesday 1 April. If we have insufficient player interest we will withdraw from the competition.

At this stage we are also seeking interest from Stage 3 students who may be interested in playing Rugby Union – names to Mrs K asap.

Harmony Day Recipe used for Roti and Dahl

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Easter Hat Parade

On Thursday 2 April, we have planned a fun Easter and Sports themed day. In the morning we will be holding an Easter Hat Parade for all students. Parents and community members are very welcome to attend. The Hat Parade will be held at 9:15 am.

At 10:30am we will be starting our annual Cross Country Carnival and in the afternoon we will be holding a school social.

ANZAC Display

Students in Years 3-6 will visit the special ANZAC Display at the Dorrigo RSL Club on Tuesday 21 April. 3/4 at 10am, Yr 6 at 11 am and Year 5 at 1 pm.

Students will walk to and from the RSL accompanied by their teacher. The Variation of School Routines note (walking note) signed earlier in the year covers consent for this event.

Harmony Day

On Wednesday 25 March Dorrigo Public School held Harmony Day celebrations. It was a fantastic day learning about the festivals that different cultures from around the world celebrate. Stage 1 students focussed on Chinese New Year making rattle-drums, one of the oldest and most traditional toys in China and; Diwali, India's ‘Festival of Lights’, creating *rangoli* which are a symbol of welcome.

Stage 2 and Stage 3 students rotated through three activities based on a Turkish dance festival, making ‘mosaic’ bowls using mandala patterns; Hana-Matsuri, Japan’s Floral Festival, creating flower artworks using a printing technique to make blossoms and; Diwali, focussing on the feasting side of the Indian celebration, making roti (flat bread).

We concluded our Harmony Day celebrations with an informal presentation in the hall, each class presenting their activity to the rest of the school.

Miss Jones

Bellingen Library Commemorates Centenary Of Anzac

To commemorate the centenary, Bellingen Library will be hosting a special display of photographs, books, militaria items such as a heliograph, telescope, morse code unit, lighthorse equipment and a 1943 Blitz Wagon WW2 army truck. Thanks to the generosity of popular locals Moira and Kevin Franklin, these items will be on display in the library during the Easter school holidays up until ANZAC Day on 25 April. From 10.30am on Thursday 16 and Friday 17 April, Moira and Kevin, dressed in period military costume, will be giving a talk in the Bellingen Library about the period between the declaration of World War I in 1914 and the first convoy of Australian troops from Albany in Western Australia.

Please contact Bellingen Library on 6655 1744 for more information.
Leadership Conference

On Thursday and Friday the 19 and 20 March our school leaders Jonah, Harry, Matilda, Clio, Kyran, Rhys, Bonnie, Kain and I made our way up to Brisbane for a Leadership Conference. Our speakers were Mike Martin, Juliete Wright, Bindi Irwin, Coen Aston, James Norton and our host Megan. The theme was ‘Get Started’.

Mike told us about the science behind leadership and much more. Juliete is the founder of ‘Givit’. Givit is a website charity that allows you to give things that other people need and you might not want. The website failed twice but she never gave up. She taught us that to believe in your own opinion and to keep trying. Bindi, well Bindi is a 16 year old and she is already following her dreams which are to be like her father, Steve Irwin. Her dad, Steve was a great person and she wishes to be just like him, a great leader. She taught us to believe in your dreams and much much more. Coen came out of hospital just to have a chat with us. Coen has the disease cystic fibrosis. In the morning he has 20 tablets and once again at night. Coen is the most inspirational person I have ever met. He is such a champion and he never gives up. I learnt how fortunate I was compared to Coen.

James Norton is behind the movie ‘Paper Planes’. He showed us some of his designs and flew some around. It was great to learn some things about the movie and him.

We had so much fun and we were all well behaved considering we were in a stadium with another 3,000 kids. We were all allowed to purchase a halogen pin as well.

We thank staff at Bellingen Primary for organising, Mr Mulligan, Mrs Mulligan and Miss Bajda for supervising and of course, our bus driver, Tom for taking us there and back. This was an unforgettable opportunity and it all helped with our future as leaders.

Easter Scripture Service

Students who attend School Scripture lessons will participate in a Special Easter Scripture Service at 9:30 on Tuesday 31 March. Students will walk to and from the Anglican Church, accompanied by teachers. The Variation of School Routines (Walking Note) covers consent for this event.

Coffs Harbour War Memorial Pool Scholarship Application

Coffs Harbour War Memorial Pool is introducing an innovative concept to its training program. The aim is to produce quality swimmers who will be trained under the guidance of our head coach. They are calling for interested applicants from a swimming pool or surf club background to apply for one of two fully paid twelve month training packages.

This scholarship is open to swimmers in two age categories:
* 10 year olds - 12 year olds and
* 13 year olds – Opens.

Applicants must live in Coffs Harbour or its surrounding districts. Please apply in writing stating your past achievements and personal best times for 2014 and 2015. The pool management and Swimming Head Coach will make a final decision to interview and select the successful applicants.

Application forms are available from the School Office.

Dorrigo Drama Club Kids On Stage is happening in 2015...and there is a whole lot of song and dance about it!!

A MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR by PENE CHARLES is an all age production, so if you would like to sing, dance, act or be a part of the show in any other way the be at the Old Gazette Theatre on Tuesdays from 3.30 pm beginning 21 April.

Any questions please ring Dina Luciani 66572243 in the evening is best.

Holiday Activities at Dorrigo Library

Wednesday 8 April 11 am – CD weaving - using old Cd’s and wool, create some colourful hangings.

Wednesday 15 April 11 am – Sun Catchers – using paper plates, contact and leaves, create some magical sun catchers

Bookings Required—6657 2234