What a great night! Thank you to all those parents who attended our recent Meet and Greet. It was a great opportunity to share class timetables and information about class units of work but also to answer questions and discuss focus areas. I’d like to thank our hardworking staff for preparing for the night, our enthusiastic senior students for running the social in the hall and our wonderful P&C for running the BBQ and canteen. It was a great team effort.

Don’t forget that our next P&C meeting will be the AGM on 4 March at 5:30pm in the staffroom. We always have good meetings, with lots of discussion, sharing of ideas and laughter! It’s a great way to hear about what is happening in our school. All parents are very welcome to come along. We hope to see you there.

Thank you those parents who have offered to come into the classrooms to help out with activities such as Reading Groups and Sight Words. We always love having parents and community helpers in our school. If you would like to help out in the classrooms, we ask that you please talk to your child’s class teacher about when would be a most suitable time. This will help with the smooth running of the classroom and will ensure that the class teacher has the opportunity to prepare an appropriate educational activity for you to do with the students.

Welcome back Mrs K. It’s great to have you back. Mrs Kovacevic will be teaching the Year 6 class while Mrs Phelps is on leave.

Last week we had a visit from Constable Snow, our Police Liaison Officer. She spoke about a lot of topics such as Road Safety and Cybersafety, but also asked our students about the effects of vandalism and graffiti in our local environment. The students decided that they would prefer councils spend money on upgrading local facilities, rather than spending money on fixing them and cleaning them up.

In regards to social media, it is important to note that Facebook is for students/young adults over 13 years of age, and Kick for students or adults over 17 years of age.

Our Drumming and Recorder Groups have started, with the students asking if we can have more rehearsals! Ms Montes has also started choir and guitar rehearsals. It's great to see (and hear) the wonderful enthusiasm and motivation.

I’d like to thank Dorothy in our front office who types up the newsletter for us each week and emails copies out into the community.

Tanya Bajda
Principal

Calendar – Term 1

Week 5
Thurs 26 Feb  MNC Swimming – Coffs Harbour

Week 6
Wed 4 Mar P&C AGM 5.30pm

Week 7
Mon 9 March Leaders Pre-Conference Meeting
Tues 10 Mar District Soccer Trials Urunga 12.30
Fri 13 March RL Trials Urunga

Friday’s Assembly
Year 3/4 will be conducting this week’s assembly. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend.
Canteen Roster

Week 5
Wed 25 Feb  Louise and John M
Fri 27 Feb  Caritta C  Leanne S

Week 6
Mon 2 Mar  Lisa L  Anna G
Wed 4 Mar  Cassie M  Katrina I
Fri 6 Mar  Renae C  Michele K

Assembly Awards

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

Kindergarten/ Year 1
Nate  Lacey

Year 1/2
Chad  Jack

Year 3/4
Sarah  Lachlan

Year 5
Toby  Cameron

Year 6
Cheyenne  Kyran

Principal’s Class of the week Year 1/2

Settling in for the year ahead

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club is open on Monday and Thursday. All students from Kinder to Year 6 are very welcome to have a healthy breakfast for 20 cents. This is such great value! Volunteers from the Anglican Church offer this service with the help of donations from some of our local businesses.

Notice of AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Dorrigo Public School Parents & Citizens Association will be held Wednesday 4 March, 5:30pm. The following business will be conducted:

- confirmation of minutes
- presentation of reports
- election of office bearers.

Members of the school community are invited to attend. Please note that all positions will be declared vacant. A nomination is required for the position of Treasurer. Michele Kellett (Secretary)

Sport is always fun

Anglican Church Sausage Sizzle

Just a reminder of our family sausage sizzle with fun and games, Saturday 28th February from 4-6pm at the Anglican Church hall. All welcome.

Regards
Rev Mike

PSSA Cricket Trials

On Tuesday 10 February I went down to Macksville for PSSA cricket tryouts. First we showed the judge our bowling. Then he picked a couple of batsmen to bat. Finally he picked the “possibles” and “probables”. Sadly I didn’t make it but I had a great time. I want to thank Vicki for taking me down and for the encouragement from my family and friends.

Rocco
**Netball**

On Tuesday we finally held our Netball tryouts for the upcoming Schools Cup round robin carnival. As a result we have a team consisting of Hannah, Clio, Matilda, Bonnie, Melyn, Cheyenne, Emma, Shelby, Zaliah and Annie. Congratulations girls, and best of luck next time to those people who tried out but didn’t quite make it; it was an extremely hard decision to make. The Schools Cup will be held in Coffs Harbour on Wednesday the 18 of March.

Also making Netball news, Dorrigo Social Netball will begin on Thursday March 5 from 6pm at the Dorrigo Recreation Grounds. This year Dorrigo Netball Club is going to be running two 12 week competitions. If you are turning 12 or over this year and interested in playing, registrations are being taken now. Registration forms are available from Emma at NAB Dorrigo or from Ashlee Follett at Dorrigo Pharmacy. Fees include juniors (12yrs- 17yrs): $60.00, and 18yr + are $80.00. Registrations and fees need be returned by Thursday the 26 February.

**Mrs Bingle**

**Free Dental Care**

Did you know that all children aged 0-17 years are entitled to free dental care? To be eligible all you need is a current Medicare Card. No Health Care Card required. For an appointment please call: 1300 651 625.

**District Swimmers**

Well done to all the people who went to the District Carnival on Monday the 16 February. Well done to the people who gave it their best but didn’t make it through to the next level: Zahara, Rebekah, Lincoln, Eucla, Bonnie, Hayley, Isabelle, Poppy, Cameron and Asher.

Well done to all the people who made it to Zone: Rocco: 2nd 100m Freestyle, 2nd 50m Freestyle and 2nd 50m Backstroke. Melyn: 2nd 100m Freestyle, 2nd 50m Freestyle and 4th 50m Breaststroke. Zaliah: 3rd 50m Breaststroke. Max: 2nd 50m Backstroke, 1st 50m Fly and 4th 50m Breaststroke. Harry: 2nd 200m IM, 1st 100m Freestyle, 1st 50m Backstroke, 4th 50m Breaststroke, 1st 50m Fly and 1st 50m Freestyle. Jonah: 2nd 50m Breaststroke

Well done to the cheer squad; you were great!!

Also, a big thankyou to all the wonderful parents who used their spare time to drive all the children down to swim.

By Melyn and Zaliah

**District Swimming Carnival – 1st Timers**

I went to the District Swimming Carnival on Monday. I went in 2 races, the 50m freestyle and the Junior Relay. I was nervous but I had a great time. It was good to have Rebekah, Poppy and Zahara there as well. It was the first time for us representing our school at swimming.

Hayley
Year 1/2
Indigenous Athlete Talent Search

The Indigenous Athlete Talent Search will be run on Thursday 5 March 2015 by the Sydney Swans Academy at Cex Coffs International Stadium.

Current Sydney Swans players will also be involved in the session to be held the day before they play the Brisbane Lions in Coffs Harbour. Please note that transport will be available from certain key places at Yamba/Maclean, Grafton, Port Macquarie and Kempsey as long as registrations are received in advance.

This is a fantastic opportunity for any indigenous student that shows athleticism whether they have a current interest in Aussie Rules or not. Please spread the word far and wide and encourage interested parties to phone 02 9339 9150 or email academy@sydneyswans.com.au to register or gain further information.

Stage 3 Excursion

Planning is underway for the Stage 3, Year 5 & 6 excursion to Sydney which will take place in Term 4, 2015. To be considered eligible to participate in this excursion we will need to be confident that all students will display appropriate behaviour. Students will need to have consistently maintained good behaviour at school, both in class and in the playground.

The cost of the excursion will be in the region of $400 - $450. Students will be invoiced for the cost of the excursion, within the next few weeks, once bookings have been finalised.

Payment for this excursion can be made either in full or by instalments, starting immediately.

Workbook Levy

Each year a levy is requested to cover the cost of workbooks for students, Portfolio folders and incidental craft items for class use.

This year the levy has been set at $30 per student and your family invoice is attached to this newsletter. Please make payment in an envelope marked “Workbook Levy” to the school office as soon as possible. Payments may be made either in full or by instalments.

Student Banking

A reminder that by making 25 deposits or more during 2015 students’ names will automatically be entered in the draw to win the major prize of a trip to Disneyland California.

Friends and Cousins

Dorrigo Public School, a great place to be.