Congratulations to the members of our 2015 P&C executive who were voted in at last week’s AGM. Details are in the P&C news. Thank you for accepting the nominations for these important positions within our school. We look forward to another great year of working together.

Over the past few weeks we have been collating the data received from students, staff and parents regarding the future directions of our school. From this information we have come up with our Vision Statement and three Strategic Directions which we will focus on over the next three years.

Our three strategic directions are: **Wellbeing** (student welfare), **Quality Teaching** (professional development) and **Engagement** (school and community partnerships). We will be working together to continue to provide a high quality education and engaging learning activities for all of our students.

There are many ways that we support the wellbeing of all of our students. All staff, teachers and administration staff, our School Counsellor, Mrs Felicity Ryan and our School Chaplain Mr Vivian Hoskins work together to make our school a safe and happy place for all. We are very fortunate to have such a great team. If you have any concerns about your child’s academic skills or social behaviour, please contact your child’s class teacher to arrange an appointment.

As part of the Dorrigo Folk and Blue Grass Festival, we will be hosting a concert next Tuesday 17 March by performers from South Virginia, USA. This promises to be a great concert. Our student council has organised a Crazy Hair/mufti day in conjunction with this event. Students are invited to get into the spirit by dressing up as ‘Country Girls’ and ‘Country Boys’. The cost of the visiting musicians is being covered by the school’s Event Fundraising fund.

This afternoon nine of our Year 6 leaders attended the Brisbane Leadership Excursion meeting at Bellingen Public School. This was an information session attended by all the students and teachers from the Bellingen Dorrigo Learning Community who will be heading to Brisbane next Thursday and Friday.

Tanya Bajda
Principal

**Calendar – Term 1**

**Week 7**

- Thurs 12 Mar  District Soccer Trials Urunga 12:30

**Week 8**

- Tues 17 Mar  MNC Soccer Trials, Coffs Harbour Crazy Hair Day Bluegrass Concert
- Wed 18   NSW Netball Cup, Coffs Harbour
- Thus 19/20  Brisbane Leadership Conference

**Friday’s Assembly**

Year K/1 will be conducting this week’s assembly. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend.
Canteen Roster

Week 7
Wed 11 Mar  Steffi E  Christine K
Fri 13 Mar  Candice C  Michael E

Week 8
Mon 16 Mar  Michele K
Wed 18 Mar  John and Louise M
Fri 20 Mar  Kerrie B  Cara R

Looking forward to school

Crazy Hair Day
This term on 17 March we are having a Crazy Hair Day and a Bluegrass concert so we would like everyone to dress up as a cowboy or cowgirl. We would like everyone to donate a gold coin for dressing in Mufti.

By Jonah, Harry Clio and Matilda

Easter Treats Raffle
Traditionally we have asked families to donate Easter treats for Easter Treats raffle prizes. Donations can be left at the office. 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. All funds raised will go towards fundraising for our larger excursions including our Big Day Out held at the end of each year. Attached is your book of 5 raffle tickets – cost $1 each. We thank you for your support.

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

Kindergarten/Year1  Southern  Layla
Year 1/2  Ruby  Harry
Year 3/4  Rebekah  Julian
Year 5  Liam  Tarra
Year 6  Matilda  Nick

Easter Hat Parade
On the last day of term, 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. Students are invited to be creative with colour and craft materials at home to design an Easter Hat to wear in their class parade in the hall. 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. This will be a great way to end the term.

Pony Club
In the afternoon of Friday 6 March Mum, James my little brother, my sister Jemma and I arrived at Nana Glen. The next day Jemma and I both did jumping with our horses. My horse’s name is Marco and Jemma was riding one of Dad’s friend’s horses, named Blondie.

The next day we had to do circles which included hack, 2 riders class, and pairs, as well as sporting activities. In the afternoon there was another jumping course. I knocked over one jump.

I was lucky enough to win a lot of ribbons. I love horse riding.

By Tia

Coffs Harbour Triathlon
Nicholas and myself went down to Coffs to do a triathlon. I did my race first. It was a 100 m swim and a 1 km run.

Nick did his next. He did a 200 m swim, 3km ride and a 2 km run. It was very tiring.

At the end there was a raffle for whoever went in the triathlon. The prize was a BMX racing bike.

Both Nick and I received a medallion for completing the course.

By Lachlan
P&C News

The P&C Association held their AGM last week and gratefully acknowledges the commitment of the following parents who have taken on positions for the coming year:

- President: Stefi E
- Vice President: Peter S
- Treasurer: Kerrie B
- Secretary: Michele K
- Finance Committee Rep: Stefi E
- Canteen Co-ordinator: Peter S
- Fundraising Rep: Renae C

Thank you to outgoing Treasurer Geoff L. Geoff’s time at Dorrigo Public School has now completed with his family moving on to High School. Geoff has been Treasurer for 9 years and has enjoyed giving his time across the school. Farewell Geoff and thank you.

The P&C Association is open to both parents and citizens who are interested in the school and its students. We did welcome some new faces at our meeting but more interested mums, dads, grandparents and neighbours are always welcome to bring new ideas and opinions to our meetings. Meetings are held at 5.30pm on the first Wednesday of each month for approx. 1 hour and are friendly and inclusive. Meetings are not held in school holidays. The P&C is open to changing the meeting time and day if another option would be more suitable for those wishing to attend.

Our achievements include managing Canteen and menu items, supporting Gymnastics, Drumming programs (through National School Chaplaincy Program), Musica Viva, Healthy Harold and much more. Please consider taking some to join us for our new year.

Chewing Gum

Students have been reminded that chewing gum is not permitted at school. Chewing gum once confiscated will not be returned to students. We ask therefore, that chewing gum be kept as an after school treat.

Harmony Day

This year Dorrigo Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Wednesday 25 March. Students will be exploring different festivals celebrated around the world. Students may also wear orange to school on this day as orange is the colour of Harmony Day.

Miss Jones
Co-ordinator

Children’s Fishing Workshops- Change of Date

Children 8-14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from Industry and Investment NSW.

The day runs from 10am-2pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, fish handling for catch and release.

Cost: $40 per child and includes rod and reel combination, shirt, hat tackle box and show bag – all to take home!

Bookings are essential – maximum 25 participants

Location: Bellwood Park, Riverside Drive, Nambucca.
Date: 9 April 2015
Booking Close: 6 April 2015

Location: The parking lot next to the Yacht Club (closest to the jetty), Coffs Harbour.
Date: 8 April 2015
Booking Close: 5 April 2015

Contact: Milan Duwenhocker-Lange
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Good Number Sense

Maths is a numbers game but for some students – and parents- the figures don’t add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.

Find out more: