There has been a lot of great learning happening in our school!

Kinder/1 have been doing some great work in their reading groups, using lots of different strategies to complete their literacy tasks. They have also been looking at different types of celebrations, those events we celebrate in our families and also those that are celebrated around the world.

Year 1/2 students have been learning about symmetry, investigating symmetry in nature and also in shapes. These students have done a great job developing their independent work skills.

Year 3/4 are doing some good work on their ANZAC Day theme. The classroom is decorated with their poetry and art, some of which will be entered in the Dorrigo ANZAC Day competition.

Year 5 students have been busy conducting science experiments based on solids, liquids and gases. I’m very interested to read their final observations and conclusions.

Year 6 have continued to write and edit their narratives based on the theme of Fantasy. While I visited the room, I read some wonderful descriptions of landscapes and mythical creatures. These will make great reads!

It’s always fantastic to see our students busily working and engaged in their learning. Great work Dorrigo!

This week we have a busy week planned, with the Blue Grass Concert and our Student Council Crazy Hair Mufti Day tomorrow, the Girls’ Netball on Wednesday and our senior leaders heading to Brisbane on Thursday and Friday. I’d like to thank all of the teachers and students for preparing for these events.

Thank you also to all of our students and teachers for their ongoing flexibility and cooperation, especially during the wet weather. On Friday after spending lunchtime outside under sunny blue skies, we needed to head indoors for sport in the afternoon. Mrs K and our Year 6 students organised a variety of different tabloid activities which worked really well. Our Year 6 leaders demonstrated some excellent leadership skills. Well done Year 6.

Tanya Bajda
Principal

Calendar – Term 1

Week 8
- Tues 17 Mar MNC Soccer Trials, Coffs Harbour
- Wed 18 Crazy Hair Day
  Bluegrass Concert 11:00 am
- Thus 19/20 NSW Netball Cup, Coffs Harbour
  Brisbane Leadership Conference

Week 9
- Wed 25 Mar Harmony Day 10:30 am
- Thurs 26 Mar PSSA Swimming State Swimming
Canteen Roster

Week 8
Wed 18 Mar  John and Louise M
Fri 20 Mar  Kerrie B  Cara R

Week 7
Mon 23 Mar  Candice C  Beth R
Wed 25 Mar  Anna G  Michele K
Fri 27 Mar  Sharleen L  Cara R

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 10:30 am 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.

Stage 1 Sport

Throughout Term 1 Kindergarten and Stage 1 have enjoyed PE Sport sessions. Kindy have been exploring gross motor activities in the hall while Year 1 and Year 2 have been working on ball skills with Miss Atkins.

On days when the weather has not allowed for outdoor games Stage 1 have enjoyed combined dance sessions in the hall.

Representative Soccer

On the 11 March Nick and I went to Coffs Harbour for Soccer Trials. My position is midfield or striker. Tomorrow we will go to Coffs Harbour to trial out for the next level.

Cheyenne

Last Wednesday Cheyenne and I participated in the Mid North Coast Soccer Trials. We both made it to the next level. We had a lot of fun. We both made new friends.

Our next trial is the Mid North Coast Zone Trials which is an all-day event to be held in Coffs Harbour tomorrow.

By Nick

Assembly Awards

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

Kindergarten/Year1  Skye  Lacey
Year 1/2  Jasmine  Hayden
Year 3/4  Tyler  Kassey
Year 5  Matthew  Nick
Year 6  Lachlan  Allan

Crazy Hair Day - Reminder

Tomorrow, 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
DORRIGO RSL SUB BRANCH

CENTENARY OF ANZAC

This Year’s ANZAC Day will commemorate the Centenary of the Landing at Gallipoli on the 25 April 1915. Our ANZAC Day is on the Saturday after Term 2 commences.

The Dawn Service will commence at 5.30am at the Dorrigo Monument.

The March & Wreath laying Service will commence at 11.00am with the march from the Dorrigo Memorial RSL Club. There are some changes to the Order of March this year. The Dorrigo schools contingents will be towards the head of the march, and the schools will end up in Cudgery Street behind the Veterans Group near the bus shelter.

A feature of this years’ Service will be a re-enactment of a World War 1 Recruiting March with Dorrigo High School students taking part with vintage vehicles and horse drawn vehicles. Families and members of the public are invited to dress in period costume and line Cudgery Street and welcome these Marchers to the Monument. Dorrigo Dramatic Club has items of period clothing for hire.

After the March, young marchers are invited for refreshments at the Dorrigo Recreation Pavilion, NOT the Girl Guide Hall as in previous years.

For further information contact Bob Denner on 6657 1145 or rdenner@bigpond.net.au.

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2015

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) for this year is now open. This challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for students through quality literature. Many of the PRC books are available in the school library for the students to borrow.

K-2 students can read the books on their own, read them with someone, or have the books read to them. They must read a total of 30 books, 5 of which can be personal choice books. Year 3-6 students must read the books on their own and they need to read a total of 20 books, also 5 of which can be of personal choice.

The challenge must be completed by Friday 21 August 2015.

Mrs Booth

Easter Treats Raffle

Thank you to those who have already donated treats for our 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, following the Cross Country. All funds raised will go towards fundraising for our larger excursions including our Big Day Out held at the end of each year. Last week we attached 5 raffle tickets – cost $1 each. We thank you for your support.

Nippers Presentation

On Sunday I went to the Nippers’ Presentation and received two medals for being first in events like flags, water activities and swimming.

I received a certificate for Surf Awareness. I like Nippers because I get fit and have fun.

By Julian

Friday’s Assembly

Year 5 will be conducting this week’s assembly. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend.
RU Registered?

The start of the rugby season is getting very close and training is now in full swing. The final date for registration forms to be in and paid for is Tuesday 31 March.

Any players in the Under 14 team wanting to play in Dorrigo’s first game of the season (and be eligible for U13 & U14 MNC representative selection,) on the 29 March at Crescent Head, MUST be fully registered before the 24 March. New players are still welcome to join – come down to the Rec Ground on Tuesday’s after school to see if rugby’s your thing.

If you have any queries contact Pete Singleton on 66576061 or peter@foodsure.com.au

Cross Country

Thank you to those parents who have offered to help on the day. We will be running the senior students first.

2015 Future Tahs Camp

8 weeks of training in only 4 days, 1 coach to every 10 kids

Tiny Tahs
Ages 6-10 2 day camp
April 13-15 9am-3pm (Rego 8:30 am)
Daily Drop off/Pick up required
Packed lunch included
Sports Pack included $149

Future Tahs (live in)
Aged 11-16 4 day camp
April 12-15 Full boarding in shared rooms
All meals included $549

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Fun, enjoyable and rewarding experience, learning the Waratahs Way
Sports pack includes: Future Tahs Backpack, Ball, T-shirt and hat

Register now at NSWRugby.com.au (closes Monday 6 April)

Register now for MiniRoos Soccer

It’s now time to register for MiniRoos Soccer with the Dorrigo Highlanders Football Club. MiniRoos is a smaller version of soccer that provides boys and girls aged 5 - 7 with a fun introduction to the world game of football. MiniRoos is designed for kids; it is all about having fun, learning new skills and making life-long friends. The size of the field, the ball and goals all assist with the development of skills and techniques in our younger players.

MiniRoos play in Dorrigo each Saturday morning (there is no travel away at this level) and enjoy an after school training run each week……just like the big kids!! Play for our MiniRoos will begin after the Easter holidays.

Get online now to nominate your MiniRoo – head to www.myfootballclub.com.au and select “Register Now” from the homepage. MiniRoos need to be turning 5 this year to play and all new MiniRoos receive shin pads and a ball to get them started. For further details please contact Rosalie Smith on 6657 5255 or Barbara Webster on 6657 2703.