Did you see the amazing Crazy Hair last week? Our students looked fantastic! It was great to see the vibrant colours and inventive ‘hairdo’ creations. Our school was transformed into the Outback with so many Country Cow Girls and Cow Boys. Martha and Jackson from The Wild Mountaineers performed many Blue Grass tunes, playing the fiddle, banjo, guitar and mandolin. Some of our students were lucky enough to dance with Martha. It was wonderful to see our students getting onto the spirit of the day.

I am very proud of our Year 6 leaders who attended the Leadership Conference in Brisbane with me on Thursday and Friday. Their responsible behaviour, enthusiasm and sense of fun made for a thoroughly enjoyable excursion. Approximately 3000 students attended the conference and listened to inspirational speakers such as Bindi Irwin (Wildlife Warrior), Ashton Coen (young man with cystic fibrosis), Juliette Wright (founder of Givit website) and James Norton (from Paper Planes). It was a great pleasure to supervise all of the Year 6 Young Leaders from our Bellingen/Dorrigo Community of Schools.

Today principals from the Dorrigo Plateau Community of Schools met at Dorrigo Public School with Mr Graeme Ross, our Principal Leadership Officer, to discuss our new school plans and ways in which we can provide quality learning experiences for all our students and best utilise the wide range of staff knowledge and expertise we have in our Learning Community. It is always good to meet up with Mr Bleakley, Mrs Keough and Mrs Winkel to share ideas and work on our strategic directions together.

Tanya Bajda
Principal

Calendar – Term 1

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

Week 10
Mon 30 Mar NAIDOC Day Meeting 4:15pm
Tues 31 Mar Easter Scripture Service 9:30am
Wed 1 April P&C meeting 5:30
Thurs 2 April Easter Hat Parade 9:15
School Cross Country 10:30
Social PM
Easter Treats Raffle
Fri 3 April Good Friday
Holidays

Term 2
Mon 20 April Staff Development Day
Tues 21 April School resumes

Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards
Congratulations to the following students who received a Bronze Award at the assembly on 20 March.
Zoe Cheyenne Imogen
Heather Rocco

Well done to Imogen, our 1st student in 2015 to receive a Senior’s badge.
Canteen Roster

Week 9

Wed 25 Mar  Anna G  Michele K
Fri 27 Mar  Sharleen L  Cara R

Week 10

Mon 30 Mar  Korina C
Wed 1 April  Renae C  Kerrie B

Assembly Awards

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

Kindergarten/Year1  Ryan Nicholas
Year 1/2  Ben Thomas  Marshall
Year 3/4  Lucas Rebekah
Year 5  Jarrah Isabelle
Year 6  Zoe Drew

Stage 3 Excursion to Sydney

Thank you to those who have already returned their note and deposit for this excursion. To enable the organisation and bookings to progress it is essential that the initial consent note plus deposit of $20.00 be handed to the School Office by Wednesday April 1.

Moving Into Year 7 in 2016

Expression of Interest forms for placement in Year 7 in 2016 were issued to all Year 6 students. Please ensure that completed forms are returned to the School Office by Wednesday 25 March 2015.

MNC Soccer Trials

On Tuesday Nick and I went to Coffs Harbour for the second soccer round of soccer trials. I had to go with Toormina because they did not have enough players for a team. I made it to the possibles/probables round and will go to the next level. Nick did not make it. We met new friends and had loads of fun.

By Cheyenne

A big thank you to our 2 representatives, Caitlan from Urunga and Cheyenne from Dorrigo, who played some strong soccer today. Both girls were chosen to play in the possible/probable round. Congratulations to Cheyenne Lowe who was successful in her selection into the MNC team. She will now go to the North Coast trials at Grafton.

By Cheyenne

Netball

On Wednesday the school Netball team went to Coffs Harbour to play netball for a day. We tried new positions and made new friends. We would like to thank Mrs Bingle and the parents for driving us down.

It was really hot. We had a bye because there was an accident on the road which held up some teams. We played 8 games. After the games we got cupcakes because it was Zaliah’s birthday. It was Clio’s birthday as well. We had a great day!

By Emma

Harmony Day

Harmony Day celebrates Australia’s cultural diversity and this Wednesday 25 March Dorrigo Public School will be celebrating Harmony Day. Students will be working in Stage groups and rotating through a range of activities related to cultural festivals from around the world. The school will come together for a presentation session at 1:30pm in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend this informal presentation.

Students are encouraged to wear orange on Wednesday as it is the colour chosen to represent Harmony Day and to show their support for cultural diversity in Australia.

By Emma

Years 3/4 marvellous tribute to ANZAC Day on show at 34 Hickory Street
Easter Treats Raffle

Thank you to those who have already donated treats for our raffle. 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.

Creative Kids
April school holidays

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All sessions offer some outdoor playful active time and the opportunity to explore clay and draw using a variety of mediums.

Small groups - $25 per child per session

Jenni Francis 66572625
jennifrancis2453@gmail.com
Diploma of Initiatic Art Therapy Diploma of Clayfield (Sensorimotor Trauma Release)

One-to-one clayfield sessions 2pm–4pm each day $50

Soccer is coming

The teams are set, training is underway and games are starting soon with boots on for all teams starting Saturday 18 April. The Dorrigo Highlanders Football Club has teams registered across all age groups from 8 years to open, boys, girls, mens and womens and for our up and coming stars it is MiniRoos in Dorrigo each Saturday morning. Check your school noticeboard for team details.

Players need to have all fees paid before taking the field to ensure cover for insurance. Please have your fees ready to pass on to your coach at training or organise for direct payment to the Dorrigo Highlanders account at BCU with the player’s name as reference. Payment enquiries can be made to Barb Webster 6657 2703.

Draws for all teams will be available online at www.northcoastfootball.com.au. Cancellations for wet weather are also posted to the website.

Keep an eye out for local football action at the Dorrigo Rec Ground. Come along to support our local teams, enjoy the talent of some faces you may know and grab something from our new season canteen.

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. 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.
Seasons of New England Market & Fair Day returns for ONE day in 2015, Saturday 28th March from 8am - 3pm at a NEW venue: Hampden Park (cnr King & Maitland Sts, Uralla).

With Hampden Park offering more fun for children, there will be pony rides with Harlow Park, a Tae Kwon Do demonstration, a range of games for kids to play, a paper plane throwing competition, giant dominoes and of course everyone is welcome to use the skate park and cricket nets just beside the park.

The Seasons Bar will also be operating from 10am-5pm, with a special live music performance from 3-5, after the market closes.

For further details please visit www.seasonsofnewengland.com.au, f : seasonsofnewengland, m : 0434 408 163, e : info@seasonsofnewengland.com.au

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.

Cross Country

Thank you to those parents who have offered to help on Thursday 2 April. We will be running the senior students first.

Kids Art Club 2015
Coffs Harbour Regional Gallery

The Kids Art Club focuses on supporting children’s natural impulses to immerse themselves in a creative process. The children will be introduced to different techniques and materials and to drawing, painting, simple graphic processes and three dimensional work.

Together with the 5 -12 year olds we approach art through play, imagination and the senses. The small groups allow for individual support and age directed work.

April School Holiday Program

Date:  Tues 7/04 & Weds 8/04
Time:  10.30 – 12.30, age 5 – 12 years
Cost:  $65 both days incl. materials
We will build weird and wonderful things out of clay, cardboard, foam board, paper, textiles, glue, tape, textas, pencils, charcoal and acrylic paints

School Term 2 Program
Starts 25/04
People and Portraits
We will look at the Archibald portraits and draw in the exhibition space. We will work with painting and collage to make bigger pictures of people.
Dates:  8 Saturdays 25/04
Time:  10.30 – 12.00
Cost:  $128 upfront or $18 per session
All materials included.

Bookings essential to Inger Lenau
0439 912 779  inger.lenau@gmail.com
www.ingerlenau.yolasite.com

Bellingen Autism Support Group

Perhaps you, someone if your family, or someone you know has been diagnosed with (or wonders about) Autism and Aspergers?

There is a newly formed group of individuals, families and service providers, who get together to have fun, relax, learn about, discuss and support each other around the topic of autism. Although based in Bellingen, you do not have to be from Bellingen to join.

If you are interested in learning and sharing with others then visit the Facebook group, Bellingen Autism Support Group, email bellingenautism@gmail.com, or maybe go along to a monthly get-together.