Congratulation to all of the students who have achieved their Bronze awards. At last week’s assembly I handed out over 50 awards which was fantastic! To acknowledge the efforts of all of the students who have achieved their Bronze awards this year, I will be taking them over to Heritage Park to have their recess. Weather permitting, Stage 1 Bronze award winners will be going on Tuesday afternoon, Stage 2 on Wednesday afternoon and Stage 3 on Thursday afternoon. The Variation to School Routines (Walking Note) covers consent for these excursions.

Did you hear about our Gymnastics lessons? Our first lessons for the term started last week with all classes enjoying leaping, balancing and climbing on and over the equipment. Thank you Stefanie for running this great program for us. I’d also like to thank Sim Milla for training our Rugby Union team at lunchtime. Our senior boys enjoyed running around and working on their skills.

Last week, all K-6 students were given an exercise book cover donated by our P&C, thank you P&C! There were many designs from which to choose. Our P&C meeting will be held this Wednesday at 5:30pm in the staffroom*. All parents and community members are very welcome to attend. Don’t forget that our Mother’s Day Stall will be held this Thursday. Thank you to those families who have donated items and who have volunteered to work on the stall.

This Friday our Cross Country team will be competing in Bowraville. I’d like to wish all of our runners the very best of luck!

Tanya Bajda
Principal

Friday’s Assembly
Year 1/2 will conduct the assembly on Friday 8 May at 11:15 am. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend.

Calendar – Term 2

Week 3
Wed 6 May Parent Information Session 5:30 followed by P&C meeting
Thurs 7 May Mothers’ Day Stall
Fri 8 May District Cross Country Bowraville

Week 4
Tues 12 to NAPLAN
Thurs 14 May NAPLAN

Oops! We had a typographical error last week. Please note correct time for P&C meeting is Wednesday 6 May at 5:30pm.

Opportunity Classes 2016
Applications are now open for students seeking Year 5 entry into an opportunity class in 2016. Opportunity classes cater for high achieving Year 5 and Year 6 academically gifted students. Parents normally apply when the students are in Year 4. The closest public school to Dorrigo with an opportunity class is Toormina HS. Parents must apply online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. Further information is available at our front office.
Canteen Roster

Week 3
Wed 6 May Kerrie B
Fri 8 May Michael E Candice C

Week 4
Mon 11 May Lisa L

Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Bronze Award at the assembly on 1 May. Bronze Awards are presented to students for displaying appropriate school behaviour.

Abbie
Zac
Imogen
James
Hayden
Liam
Ava
Lacey
Layla
Skye
Caitlyn
Max
Eucla
Lincoln
Callan
Julian
Kassey
Isabelle
Vanessa
Melyn
Matthew
Nicholas
Liam
Mikayla
Max
Ivy
Holly
Nicholas
Nate
Fred
Marshall
Harry
Cassandra
Linsay
Mia
Jasmine
Kelly
Ruby
Charlie
Teegan
Lucy
Jack

Stewart House Donation Drive

An envelope for Stewart House Donation Drive was attached to last week’s Newsletter. For just a $2 donation you can be in the running to win a family holiday worth $4,000 to a destination of choice.

Please return donation envelopes to the school office by Friday 15 May.

Mothers’ Day Stall – Reminder

We still need donations for our Mothers’ Day Stall which will be held on Thursday 7 May. Donations of items (biscuits, slices, jams, baked goodies plus knick knack and treat items) should be left at the school by Wednesday 6 May to allow time for sorting, pricing and set up. Items prepared ready for sale – in a jar, on paper plate, cellophane or gift wrapped – are a great help and timesaver.

Thank you to those who have offered their help to set up on Wednesday and help with the stall on Thursday. We could use some additional helpers. If you can spare the time please let us know at the school office.

Remember to save some gold coin or loose change ready to send to school with your children on Thursday 7 May. Each class will have individual time to attend the stall.

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. 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.

If paying the levy presents a problem for you please contact the Principal in confidence, as Student Assistance Funds may be applied.

We look forward to receiving your payment in the near future.
Nationally consistent collection of data on school students with disability

Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability. Better data will help the Government plan for students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities will provide data to the Australian Government from all NSW public schools in such a way that no individual student or school will be able to be identified. In this way, we will ensure the privacy and confidentiality of all students.

All information is protected by privacy laws which regulate the collection, storage and disclosure of personal information. Information about the Australian Government’s Privacy Policy can be found here: http://education.gov.au/condensed-privacy-policy. Information about the NSW Government’s privacy policies can be found here: http://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/


If you have any questions about your child being included in the data collection please be aware that this will be discussed at the P&C meeting Wednesday afternoon at 5:30 pm.

Dorrigo Show 2015

It’s not too early to start ~~
Taking photos for the photography section
Making jams and pickles for the Jams and Preserves Section
Building a model plane, train or lego for the Model section

Great prizes to be won or just to show your families your entries in the Pavilion.

Get creative kids there’s a category for all your great projects………..

See special competition information on next page.

ANZAC DAY MARCH AND WREATH LAYING SERVICE – 25 April 2015

Congratulations to the students who represented the school and marched in the parade on ANZAC Day.

Mikayla     Hanna
Sierra      Ava
Lacey       Ryan
Caitlyn     Nicholas
Marshall    Nate
Lucy        Hayley
Jamison     Samuel
Zaraha      Lincoln
Fraser      Julian
Lachlan     Eucla
Poppy       Kyra
Tia         Kassey
Shelby      Melyn
Isabelle    Zaliah
Max         Nicholas
Angus       Liam
Matilda     Clio
Bonnie      Hannah
Jonah       Harrison
Jason       Allan
Rhys

Enjoying the break

NEW SERVICE

IMMUNISATION CLINICS
For Babies and Children

First Thursday of the Month

Beginning Thursday 7 May
CWA Rooms (Child Health Clinic)
10am to 12 noon

Appointments: Phone 0428101659

A FREE Service conducted by Child Health Nurses
Child and Family Counselling

Child and Family Counselling is a free service for families with children 12 years of age or younger. The Counsellors work with both children and parents to make a difference. Counsellors are qualified in Social Work or Psychology.

Access the service by phoning (02) 6656 7200. A counsellor will return your call to discuss your concerns and any assistance that is available.

Outreach to Bellingen and Dorrigo is on Thursdays.

Child and Family Counselling may help when a child is:

- Engaging in dangerous or risky behaviours
- Self-harming or threatening to do so
- Fighting with other children lots
- Does not appear to be coping
- Angry a lot or acting out
- Fearful and distressed
- ‘Out of control’
- Withdrawn, worried or sad
- Defiant
- Having difficulty adjusting to things that have happened in their life

OR when a parent/carer would like help managing

- A child’s challenging behaviours
- Or there is conflict between the parent/carer and child

Dorrigo Show Schedule Competition

This year for the Dorrigo Show all students are invited to participate in a competition to create the cover for the 2015 schedule.

Your design should be on an A4 page and in colour. Any theme depicting the Dorrigo Show will be considered. Competition is open to all students. The winning entry will also receive free entry to the show and a mystery package. Runner up will receive a mystery package. Entries close 29 May and can be left at the school office.

School Zone Parking – Keeping your Children Safe

Children are vulnerable road users. They are at risk in the traffic environment because of their size, their difficulty in judging speed and distance and the fact that they may behave unpredictably. Council is aware that some motorists are not obeying the laws that apply in and around school zones and the following information is provided as a reminder.

School Zone – A school zone is the area around a school with a speed limit of 40km/h. Between the ‘School Zone’ and ‘End of School Zone’ signs you must obey the school zone speed limit.

No Parking Zone – You must not stop for more than 2 minutes in a No Parking area and you must remain in or within 3 metres of the vehicle.

Bus Zone – This sign means that in the direction of the arrow or arrows you are not allowed to stop your vehicle unless you are driving a bus.

Double Park in School Zone – Double parking is when you stop your vehicle adjacent to a vehicle that is parked at the side of the road. You cannot pull up, to drop off, or pick up a passenger when you are adjacent to a parked vehicle.

Stopping on/near pedestrian or children’s crossing – You must not stop your vehicle on a children or pedestrian crossing, or on the road within 20 metres on the approach to the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing.

Council officers regularly patrol local schools and will issue fines for breaches and offences to ensure the safety and well-being of all school students.