Congratulations to our Soccer team and well done to those students who represented our school at the Bellingen Writers Festival. It’s always great to hear wonderful reports about your enthusiasm, effort and behaviour. A big congratulations to Cheyenne who did extremely well at the Cross Country last Friday.

This afternoon, principals from our Dorrigo Plateau Community of Schools met together to discuss various topics such as our school strategic directions including our staff Professional Development Plans. We were fortunate to have Ms Fran Pellini, our district Assistant Principal, Learning and Support, come and discuss the National Disability Data Collection process and how this affects the students in our schools.

During the week, most classes were given the opportunity to talk about, or write about what is worrying them and what makes them happy at school and at home. Often students don’t like to tell but are very happy to write. Students discussed the difference between ‘dobbing’ and reporting and the importance of always feeling safe at school and at home. We ask our students to tell us when they feel unsafe and we seek the support of families in encouraging their children to do this.

A lot of our students said they feel happy when they get to hang out with their friends, both at school and at after school activities. They are happy when their friends stick up for them and they like to spend time with their families.

Thank you to those students who have volunteered to be part of Mrs K’s dance groups. As you may be aware, Mrs K gives our students the opportunity to perform in additional dance items in our School Production. These dance groups rehearse during lunch time. Thanks Mrs K!

Good luck to our Rugby Union students who are competing in the North Coast Union trials today.

A copy of our student welfare implementation procedures document will be sent home in the near future. This will hopefully give parents an understanding of the behaviour welfare strategies being implemented at school and what it means when your child gets a ‘Green Slip’, or when your child receives an award on our positive rewards system.

Tanya Bajda
Principal

Calendar – Term 2

Week 8
Wed. 10/6 NC Rugby Union Trials South Grafton
Fri. 12/6 Assembly 11:15

Week 9
Mon. 15/6 ICAS Writing Competition
Tues. 16/6 ICAS Spelling Competition
Wed. 17/6 Update P&C Meeting 5:30 pm
Fri. 19/6 Athletics Carnival – High School Oval

Week 10
Wed. 24/6 ICAS English Competition close
Fri. 26/6 NAIDOC – Dorrigo High School

Assembly Awards

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

Kinder/Year 1  Caitlyn  Hanna
Year 1/2  Sam  Jack
Year 2/3/4  Sarah  Lachlan
Year 5  Joey  Ryder
Year 6  Hannah

Class of the Week
Principal’s  Year 1/2
Gymnastics  Year 1/2
Canteen
A decision was made at last week’s P & C meeting to temporarily close the Canteen to allow time to investigate and solve the mouse issue that we have been experiencing recently. Until further notice students will need to bring all their lunch and recess requirements each day.

Additionally there will be no further Breakfast Club until the matter is resolved.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause, and are hopeful that we will soon be able to resume the wonderful service provided by our P & C Canteen and Breakfast Club volunteers.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards
Congratulations to Ebony, Sam and Hayley who received a Bronze Award at the assembly on 5 June. Bronze Awards are presented to students for displaying appropriate school behaviour.

Congratulations to the following students who received a Silver Award at the assembly – Fred, Marshall, Nate, Angus, Nicholas and Kyle. Silver awards are presented to students for maintaining positive behaviour.

NAIDOC DAY
With the end of term approaching, final preparations are underway for our annual NAIDOC Celebrations to be held on Friday 26 June. Dorrigo High School is the venue for this year’s event. All parents and community members are invited to come along. Your invitation is included in this newsletter. We would love to see you there.

Soccer Report
On Tuesday 2 June Harry, Rhys, Lachlan, Louie, Levi, Eucla, Daniel, Luke, Lachlan, Kyran, Nick, Cheyenne and myself went to Urunga to compete in the PSSA Soccer Gala Day. This was held to cover the first two rounds of the Knockout Competition.

We played three games, against Bellingen, Urunga and Macksville. We won 1 but went down in the other 2. We tried our best but sadly didn’t make it through to the next round.

A huge thank you to Andrew Pand Michelle C for coaching us, and thanks also to Michelle for the half-time oranges. Thank you to the parents and teachers for driving us and to Mrs. Carey for organising the team.

Liam Year 6

Dorrigo Show Schedule Competition
Closing Date Extended
This year for the Dorrigo Show we are inviting all students 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. The new closing date is June 17 and entries can left at the school office.

Friday’s Assembly
Year 1/2 will conduct the assembly on Friday 12 June at 11:15 am. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend.
P&C Meeting Update

Our meeting last week was well attended with some detailed discussion on a range of issues – thank you all for your input. Completed meeting minutes will be circulated before the school holidays but the following will help keep you up to date on some of our discussion.

The canteen closure was considered necessary given the recent, and regular, evidence of mice. The P&C has exercised its duty of care and closed the canteen to allow the school’s Asset Management Division to fully investigate.

A large collection of student photos is taken throughout the school year for use in the newsletter, on the website and through the school. A request had been made at a previous P&C Meeting that the best of these photos be distributed to families. At the beginning of each year the school seeks permission to use students’ photos for articles such as the school newsletter, Annual School Report, newspaper articles etc. in order to promote school events. The Department of Education Legal Branch has advised that these photos remain the property of the school and should only be used for these specific purposes. It was noted that families can update their “permission details” with the school if their wishes regarding the use of a student in photos, newsletters or school website changes. Comment was also made regarding the taking of photos at school events and the posting of photos on social media sites – please be mindful of others when photographing your child.

School behaviour and disciplinary policies were outlined by staff prompting a detailed discussion. It was considered by all members of the parent body present at the meeting that current discipline policies are not being administered consistently. It was also considered that behaviour across Stages needs to be addressed. A concentration on removing elements of harassment, intimidation, and lack of respect was requested, with openness towards reporting, discussion and acceptance that there are issues of concern. It was also requested that the current behaviour and discipline policy be distributed to all families. An overview of behaviour programs at other schools is also being investigated. A meeting to update progress on these issues has been set for Wed 17 June at 5.30pm.

Due to the canteen closure P&C Committee has chosen not to proceed with the planned Potato Social at this time. We welcome the opportunity to reward the many students who consistently demonstrate positive behaviours and look forward to rescheduling this event in the near future.

Athletics Carnival

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Year Six Green Thumbs

Year Six students have replanted the school vegie gardens with leafy winter greens.

Zoe, Allan, Imogen and Heather, previously, had cleared away the last of the summer plantings and prepared the soil for new seedlings.

Organic Broccoli, Cabbage and Cauliflower are on the menu and, according to Zoe, we should be harvesting in about 90 days.

Meantime, the gardeners will be watering and weeding occasionally and making daily visits to the garden to locate and remove all green caterpillars!

The vegie garden is in its fifth year and is part of the Chaplaincy in Schools program.

Sport – Stage 2 and 3

Training for the Athletics Carnival will continue to be the focus of Friday afternoon sport sessions for Years 3 to 6 for the remainder of term.

Tennis and other sport selections will resume on Fridays in Term 3.

The NAIDOC on the Plateau steering committee would like to extend to you a formal invitation to celebrate NAIDOC Week with the schools of the Dorrigo Plateau.

The day will be an extravaganza of cultural activities including

- Symbols in Ochre
- Music
- Storytelling
- Indigenous Art
- Language
- Indigenous Games
- Sand Art
- Weaving
- Dance

WHEN: FRIDAY 26 June 2015
TIME: 9:30 am –3:00 pm
WHERE: DORRIGO HIGH SCHOOL

We would like to acknowledge the Gumbaynggirr people, The traditional custodians of the land which we are upon, and pay our respects to the elders past and present.