Last week I attended the North Coast Primary Principal's Association Conference in Coffs Harbour. This was an excellent conference, with approximately 120 primary principals listening to top quality speakers and participating in a wide range of workshops related to the education of our students.

Key note speakers included Winter Olympic Freestyle Aerial Skiing Champion, Alisa Camplin (OAM). Alisa spoke of the importance of having goals and focusing not only on the end product, but also what you need to do to achieve your goals.

The Surfing Scientist, Ruben Meerman, presented evidence that showed that contrary to popular belief, 'life really is getting better'. He also emphasised the importance of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) in our classrooms as our students may one day solve big scientific problems and find the cure for diseases such as cancer.

The important message to remember is that our students can achieve great things if they are know what they want (have goals), work hard but also enjoy what they are doing.

I'd like to thank Mrs Phelps for taking on the role of relieving principal while I was out of the school and also for hosting the Sydney excursion meeting on Thursday afternoon.

I was asked at our recent P&C meeting to clarify why we are focusing on The Alert Program and using our Tools for Learning. Student Wellbeing, including all aspects of student welfare (such as Learning and Support and Behaviour, Discipline and Character Education) is a focus for all Department of Education schools. A new Wellbeing Framework was released this year. In addition, when developing our School Plan, we, the staff, parents and students decided that a Student Wellbeing focus would be one of our school strategic directions. We also heard the concerns of parents at our P&C meetings and our Student Welfare Update meeting.

Visible Learning is also another way that we are introducing our students to the importance of self-regulation and taking responsibility for their own learning and behaviour.

Welcome to a new student to our school. Mika has been working with Year 1 in the K/1 class. I'd like to welcome back Miss Jones and thank Mrs Burke for all her work with the K/1 class while Miss Jones has been on leave.

I'm looking forward to meeting with parents at this week’s parent teacher interviews on Thursday afternoon.

Good luck to our Athletics team who are competing this Friday. We hope you do your very best!

Tanya Bajda
Principal

Calendar – Term 3

Week 5
Thurs 13/8  Parent Teacher interviews
Fri 14/8  MNC Athletics Coffs Harbour

Week 6
Mon 17/8  School Spell Off 12:45

Week 7
Tues 25/8  Book Week Parade 10:30
Wed 26/8  Mufti Day
Canteen Gravy Roll Day

Enjoying the Concert!
Canteen

Week 5
Wed 12 Aug  Cassie M  Renae C
Fri 14 Aug  Michael E

Week 6
Mon 17 Aug  Michael E  Katrina I

Canteen special day
Wednesday 26 Aug – Gravy Roll – order from below.

Assembly Awards

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

Kindergarten/Year 1  Layla       Zac
Year 1/2  Charlie   Ebony
Year 2/3/4  Poppy    Lincoln
Year 5  Liam     Asher
Year 6   Matilda        Rhys

Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Gold Award at the assembly on 7 August. Gold Awards are presented to students for excellence in maintaining positive behaviours and attitudes.

Cheyenne  Imogen
Jonah   Kain
Levi   Harrison
Rocco   Rhys
Nicholas  Marshall
Mia

Congratulations to the following students who received a Silver Award at the assembly. Silver awards are presented to students for maintaining positive behaviour.

Matthew  Hayley
Samuel  Evan
Fraser   Macgyver
Allan

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

Bellingen District Learning Community Concert

On Tuesday 28 July 2/3/4 students and 3 students from Year 6 performed in the Bellingen Dorrigo Learning Community Concert for Education Week. A boy from the Bellingen High School showed us the chill room. We watched the others do their practices and we did ours too. When it was time for the concert there were a lot of parents and guardians in the audience. We thank Miss Montes for taking us to Bellingen and teaching us the songs. We can’t wait until we go next time. We enjoyed ourselves.

Kahlia, Rebekah and Alyssa Year 2/3/4

Friday’s Assembly

Year 1/2 will conduct the assembly on Friday 14 August at 11:15 am. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend.

Special Canteen CHICKEN & GRAVY ROLL Order – for Wed 26 August

Please return by Fri 21 August

Name .................................................................  Class ..............................

I will have ............... Chicken & Gravy Roll/s @ $3.50 each. Payment enclosed.
Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher interview will be held this week on Thursday 13 August. If you have not already completed the Interview appointment request form please consider doing so as we do encourage parents to take this opportunity to meet with their child’s teacher.

Heart & Soul – Spiritual Art Prize & Exhibition

Heart&Soul, a new Art Prize and Exhibition celebrating spirituality will be held in Bellingen. Coinciding with the Bellingen Music Festival and Markets, artists are invited to explore their spiritual longings and “the music of the soul”.

Hosted by the Bellingen Uniting Church, over $2,000 in prizes is being offered to entrants in three categories: Primary students, High School and Adult entrants. Renowned local artist, Richard Campbell, will judge the show.

19-27 September, 10am-3pm, Bellingen Uniting Church
Opening & prizes - 19 September, 9.30am
Artists’ Forum - Sunday 27 September 9.30am

Further details & entry form:
http://www.heartandsoul.space

Complaints and Compliments

At Dorrigo Public School we encourage feedback and welcome ideas and suggestions.

If parents/community members would like to make suggestions, have concerns or make complaints, there are set procedures the Department of Education has in place. There are also guidelines set out in the P&C Handbook.

If after speaking with the child's class teacher, the Assistant Principal and/or Principal, parents are not satisfied with the outcome, there are suggestion/complaint forms available at the front office. There are set procedures the Department of Education follows to address the issues raised on these forms.

Please note, personal attacks, harassment, swearing or behaving inappropriately towards students and/or any school staff, be it in person or via email or social media (on Facebook etc), may result in the imposition of an Inclosed Lands Act. That is, the principal may impose conditions or restrict entry to the school.

School Spell Off

Our school Spell Off will be held on Monday 17 August 12:45. In class Spell Offs will be held during this week.

Gymnastics

For Week 7 only Gymnastics will be on Monday 24 August.

This will be a busy week:

Mon 24/8 Gymnastics
Tues 25/8 Book Week Parade 12:30
Wed 26/8 Mufti Day and Chicken and Gravy Roll day at Canteen
Fri 28/8 North Coast Athletics Lismore

Dorrigo Library - Children’s Book Week

Children’s Book Week runs from Saturday 22 August to Friday 28 August. The Link for Children's Book Council of Australia website http://cbca.org.au/index.htm This site gives you:
- a list of the Shortlisted Books for 2015,
- ideas for Book Week activities
- links to authors information

Bellingen Shire Libraries are holding a colouring competition for Children's Book Week. Entry forms are available from the school office. Please return completed entries by 17 August to the school office or to the Library by 21 August, any arriving after that time will not be displayed.
Vaccination Information Night
Tuesday evening 6pm 18 August at Dorrigo Drama Club. Discussion on the new government changes for vaccinations commencing January 2016. This will remove family payments to families if individuals are not completely vaccinated to the government’s schedule.

Risk? Benefits? What is the best protection for your child?
Health professionals will review of a range of vaccination options and discuss some of the latest news and information on vaccines.

- Tea, coffee and handouts provided, plus lots of links for more information.
- Invited guests include Naturopath Andrew De Ward and Doctor Horst Herb.

Please come to this important free night that affects the entire population. For more information call Michael on 0413221890.

P&C News

Monday Sewing, Craft & More
The P&C has received a generous offer from some mums and grandmas to co-ordinate a Monday sewing and craft group. Sewing, appliqué, knitting and crochet are all on the list with small individual projects in mind including masks, face washers, bags and decorated jeans to name few.

With school production to be held this term the focus will be on costumes and production items. In term 4 we will start with individual tasks and projects.....so, time to dig through the boxes and baskets at home for any unwanted fabric, wool, buttons and bits to help us get a craft box started. The Monday group will be open to all students in all stages. Keep an ear out at morning messages for our first group.

Special Canteen Day – Wed 26 August
It’s a new term.....time for another special canteen day. On Wed 26 August we will have a special canteen day with Chicken and Gravy Rolls – shredded chicken and gravy on a long bun for $3.50. The normal canteen menu won’t be available on this day but lunchtime purchases of drinks, ice creams and snacks can be made. Please pre-order using the newsletter form to help us organise chicken and buns.

Father’s Day Stall
Our Father’s Day Stall will be held on Fri 4 September with each class given some time during that morning to shop for the special men in their family. Please mark the calendar and save some loose change for the morning. It’s not too early to start popping some knick knacks aside ready for the day or to think about cooking some biscuits, slices or jams. Items for the stall can be left at the school now with cooking items left on the Thursday before. We will need some helpers to sort on Thursday and sell on Friday morning.

Canteen Forum, Sawtell – Wed 9 September
Mid North Coast Health have organised a canteen forum to be held at Sawtell Public School on the evening of Wed 9 September. The Life Life Well @ School forum will discuss achieving a healthy and profitable canteen, fresh fundraising ideas, school success stories and sustainability issues. This may be of interest to our canteen volunteers, or to other parents or new families in the school who are interested in joining our canteen helpers. All participants receive a resource pack. A BBQ is also available on the evening. Please leave a message at the school office by Mon 31 August if you would like to attend so RSVP can be made.

Canteen Orders for families
If finding change in the morning is difficult then please fold your family canteen orders together with bulk payment made in one bag.

Library News

Book Week is fast approaching! The theme for this year is ‘Books Light Up Our World’. To celebrate we are having a book parade during Week 7 where students are asked to dress up as their favourite character from a book, either real or imaginary. This parade will take place on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> August at 10:30am.

There will be 2 competitions. One for students to design a bookcover and the other for students to match a staff member with their favourite song. I will talk about this during Library lessons tomorrow.

Mrs Booth

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