Congratulations to our Athletics Team for your efforts last Friday. I’ve heard wonderful reports about your achievements.

Congratulations also to all of our students who competed in the Dorrigo Public School Spelling Bee today. We were very proud of the way you stood up in front of the audience and tried your very best. Thank you to Mrs K for organising this event.

It was great to see so many mums and dads at our recent parent / teacher interviews. This was a good opportunity to talk with you about your child's progress. If you missed these interviews, our class teachers are always happy to meet with you. Please contact the office to arrange an appointment.

At last week’s staff meeting, our teachers met with teachers from Dundurrabin and Hernani and local district office staff to talk about what our students think makes a good learner. As there were a lot of similarities across the three schools, we will be meeting again to talk about how we will teach our students the many different ways they can become better learners and take more responsibility for their learning.

For the past week, our classes have been trialling another Tool for Learning. We have been using Hoki stools (a stool with a round base) instead of classroom chairs to help stop students swinging on their chairs. We hope to order some of these stools for our classrooms this week.

Thank you to all of the volunteers from the Anglican Church who run our Breakfast Club. On Monday and Thursday mornings our hall is filled with the delicious smell of warm toast.

Thank you to Vivian Hoskins, our Chaplain for working with some of our senior students. It’s great to see the smiling faces during your activities!

Tanya Bajda
Principal

Calendar – Term 3

Week 7
Mon 24/8 Gymnastics
Tues 25/8 Book Week Parade 10:30
Wed 26/8 Mufti Day
Canteen Gravy Roll Day
Fri 28/8 North Coast Athletics Lismore

Week 8
Mon 31/8 Literacy and Numeracy Week
Thurs 3/9 Mastermind 9:30
Friday 4/9 Father’s Day Stall

Week 9
Wed 9/9 Canteen Forum

Week 10
Tues 15/9 Production – Matinee 1pm
Thurs 17/9 Production 5pm
Canteen

Week 6
Mon 17 Aug  Michael E  Katrina I
Wed 19 Aug  Melanie C  Michelle W
Fri 21 Aug  Louise M  John M

Week 7
Mon 24 Aug  Korina C

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  Dylan   Caitlyn
Year 1/2  Hayden     Teegan
Year 2/3/4  Evan  Sarah
Year 5  Joey   Emma
Year 6   Bonnie

Principal’s Class of the Week     Year 5
Gymnastics Award     Year 1/2

Friday’s Assembly

Year 2/3/4 will conduct the assembly on Friday 21 August at 11:15 am. Parents and community members are most welcome to attend.

Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Gold Award at the assembly on 14 August. Gold Awards are presented to students for excellence in maintaining positive behaviours and attitudes.

Jasmine     Hayden

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

Sam          Charlie
Poppy

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

Morning Supervision

Parents are reminded that the first bell for morning supervision is rung at 8:40am each day. Parents are asked not to drop their children off before this time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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.
School Spell Off

Congratulations to our top spellers who participated in the school spell-off to select Junior and Senior representatives for the Premier’s Spelling Bee Regional Final which will be held later in the year.

Junior Division

Year 2/3/4 Junior
Julian
Eucla
Lincoln
Lachlan
Kahlia
Fraser

Senior Division

Year 5 Senior Year 6
Tom Louie
Luke Nick
Annastasia Clio
Melyn

Mid North Coast Athletics

On Friday 14 August Cheyenne, Clio, Hannah, Liam M, Liam C, Logan, Rebecca went down to Coffs Harbour for the Mid North Coast Athletics Carnival.

We all enjoyed the day and had fun. We would like to thank the parents for coming and driving us down for the day.

We are waiting to confirm who has been selected to go on to the next level in Lismore on the 28 August 2015.

Clio and Cheyenne Year 6

Enrolments 2016

Enrolments are now being taken for 2016. If you know any student who would like to come to our school in 2016 please contact the office for an enrolment pack.

Fires, Marshmallows and Good Talk

Boys to the Bush has resumed this term with four Year 5 students participating in the four week program.

The program blends the learning of basic bush skills with an opportunity for boys to discuss issues relating to their everyday lives at school and in the community.

Outings are under the supervision of an experienced male leader.

The curriculum includes:
- Respect for the environment
- Safety outdoors
- Fire lighting and safety
- Some basic bush cooking skills
- Use of lightweight stoves
- Light weight camping skills
- Erection and care of tents
- Packing, care and use of rucksacks

As always, our current group has a major interest in food (check the photos!)

Cooking toast the old fashioned way is popular but cannot compare with toasting marshmallows. One packet lasts less than 10 minutes.

Boys to the Bush is a school sponsored initiative run under the auspices of the Federal Government School Chaplaincy Program.
Special Canteen Day – Wed 26 August

A reminder that 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.

Tackling ‘Ice’ in our Community

On Wednesday 26 August 2015 from 6 to 7.45pm at the Dorrigo RSL you can hear the latest information from a range of speakers. All are welcome and no booking is required. For more information please contact Anna Joy on 66557300.

Student Council – Mufti Day Wed 26 August

The Student Council is encouraging students to come to school on Wednesday 26 August, dressed in mufti. For the privilege of being out of uniform students are asked to donate a gold coin. The proceeds will be put towards the costs involved in staging the major production “Cruizin’ Through Music”.

School Production “Cruizin’ Through Music”

Rehearsals for our Biennial School Production are well underway. Excitement is gathering as the performance dates draw closer. The matinee will be on Tuesday 15 September at 1pm and the evening performance at 5pm on Thursday 17 September. As in previous years bookings will be through the school office- bookings will open from Monday 24 August. Tickets $6 adult and $3 child.

Library News – Get Ready for Bookweek Parade

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 August at 10:30am.

There will be 2 competitions. One for students to design a book cover and the other for students to match a staff member with their favourite song. Entry forms available at the school library.

Mrs Booth

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.