Thank you Mr Burley! Our annual Mastermind was a wonderful success with the students working together, not only answering the questions, but also creating flowers as part of the craft task. It was great to see the teamwork with the older students supporting the younger students. Congratulations to the Bubbles team and to all teams for your enthusiasm.

Final preparations for our Production are underway. Class items are being polished, Mrs K’s dance groups and the drummers continue their rehearsals, Mrs Carey has been working on the props and the Year 6 students are learning their lines. A big thank you to those parents who have been busily sewing and creating costumes and thank you to the P&C for offering to provide afternoon tea for our students before the evening performance. Tickets for the production are available at the front office.

Last week our Director of Public Schools, Mr Glenn Pleasance visited our school. In between our discussions, he was able to watch a little bit of Gymnastics. He was very impressed with our students’ skills and all of our equipment. Thank you to our wonderful instructor, Steffi Eppler!

Mr Pleasance is happy with the direction our school is taking and is pleased with what we have done so far with our focus on student learning and staff professional development.

Thank you to Mr Andrew Garland, Home School Liaison Officer for visiting to talk with our Year 6 students. Mr Garland spoke about high school, the importance of regular attendance, and of making good choices. He stressed that in high school students are considered young adults and as such, they are given more responsibility for their education. This week, Ms Kay Atkins will also be visiting our school to talk with our Year 6 students about what to expect at high school. This is an exciting time for our senior students.

A reminder that Dorrigo High School is hosting their Mountain Mind trivia competition this Wednesday evening. This was a lot of fun last year with adults and students working together to answer questions across a range of categories. Hope to see you there!

Tanya Bajda
Principal

Calendar – Term 3

Week 9

Tues 8/9  Premier’s Spelling Bee Regional Finals Sawtell
Wed 9/9  Canteen Forum
          Mountain Mind High School 6:00pm

Week 10

Tues 15/9  Production – Matinee 1pm
Thurs 17/9  Production 5pm
Fri 18/9  Mufti Day/Footy Colours
          Sausage sizzle at Canteen
          Last Day of Term

Term 4

Week 1

Mon 5/10  Public Holiday
Tues 6/10  Students return to school

Week 2

Tues 12/10  Leadership Day for Year 5
            – Bellingen PS

CRUIZIN’ THROUGH MUSIC

Matinee: Tues. 15 Sept. 1pm
Evening: Thurs. 17 Sept. 5 pm
Adult: $6
Child: $3

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!
Assembly Awards

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

K/Year 1  Macgyver  Ivy
Year 1/2  Brenan   Leo
Year 2/3/4  Braydan        Hayley
Year 5 Joshua      Nick
Year 6 Cheyenne      Levi

Gymnastics  Year 6

Premier’s Spelling Bee

How do you spell beneficiary, magnanimous, egotism?

Our Stage 3 Premier’s Spelling Bee finalists may need to know how to spell these words when they attend the Regional Final at Sawtell tomorrow. Stage 2 finalists will also be posed some tricky words to spell.

Good luck to Kahlia, Fraser, Nick and Louie who will be Dorrigo Public School’s representatives.

Mastermind Champions 2015

Well done to all teams who participated in our Annual Mastermind on Friday 4 September

Students were placed in cross-stage groups and answered questions covering all aspects of Key Learning Areas as well as general knowledge. Mastermind is a fun and educational activity where all students experience the opportunity to work co-operatively and showcase their learned knowledge. Scoring was close between teams and the winning team was undecided until the final round. Ultimately, “Bubbles” was the winning team. So, congratulations to Allan, Isabelle, Melyn, Leo, Thomas M and Ivy – our Mastermind Champions for 2015

Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received a Gold Award at the assembly on 4 September. Gold Awards are presented to students for excellence in maintaining positive behaviours and attitudes.

Mikayla  Josephine
Zaliah   Jarrah

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

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

Kinder 2016 Transition

Thank you to those families who have made enrolment enquiries for their children. Our Kindergarten 2016 Transition Program will begin in Week 2 next term.

Activities will be held on Wednesday mornings from 10:30am - 11:30am.

Dates:

If you would like your child to be involved in this program, please contact the school office so that we can put your child’s name on the list. Further details will be issued shortly.

Organisation Schedule Details – School Production

Fri 11/9  Run through
Mon 14/9  Dress Rehearsal
Tues 15/9 1pm  Matinee Performance
Thurs 17/9 5pm  Evening Performance

A list of costume requirements was included in last week’s newsletter. Please ensure that costume items are brought to school tomorrow, clearly labelled with child’s name. “Good Ship Lollypop” performers need to have white ankle socks and black slip on shoes.

IMPORTANT: This is a whole school production so all students need to be available for both matinee and evening performance.

Please note that the P&C will provide a snack for those students who are unable to go home and return in time for the evening performance.
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.

VoiceUp Australia’s Child Protection Week
6pm Thursday 10 September Community Village
22 Earl Street (behind Coles) Rooms 1&2.
VoiceUp Australia is hosting a FREE public information evening which will feature a panel presentation followed by questions and discussion with a focus on the prevention of child abuse in our community.
Please ring or email if you have any questions.

Coffs Harbour International Buskers & Comedy Festival
20-27 September 2015
Massive school holiday fun with shows for the whole family featuring international and Australian artists!
www.coffsharbourbuskers.com

Lake Ainsworth Sport & Recreation Centre
have a number of holiday programs for children aged 7-15 these school holidays.
Programs include residential camp, kid’s camp, sailing, surfing and laser skirmish.
www.sportandrecreation.nsw.gov.au or contact 131302

Mountain Top Swap Meet & Car Boot Sale
Swap meets are community events where people come together to buy swap and sell goods, such as car, truck, tractor and bike parts, general household and personal items, sporting goods and all manner of bric a brac. They are also often referred to as car boot sales. It’s like a giant garage sale.

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Sun 4 Oct 2015 DORRIGO SHOWGROUND
Gates open 8.00am Set up from 2.00pm Sat 3 Oct
Entrance fee; Adults $5.00 Families $15.00
Children under 12 - free
Seller sites included in entrance fee
ALL GOODS WELCOME - BUY, SWAP OR SELL; ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING
Breakfast & lunch available from 7.00am on Sunday 4th
Sorry: no private food or drink stalls or raffles
Contact; John Newby 6657 8077 jadonoz@bigpond.com
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Library Overdues

With the end of term fast approaching it would be greatly appreciated if books borrowed from the Library could be returned. We endeavour to keep our records up to date and would appreciate hearing if resources cannot be located.

ZooWhiz Learning Home Access Discount Cards – attached to today’s Newsletter.
Our school is participating in the ZooWhiz Learning Community Subscription Plan. Through the Community Subscription Plan our school now has FREE access to ZooWhiz Learning (www.zoowhiz.com) during school hours.
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P&C Activities Update
The end of term may be almost here but the P&C has plenty organised for our students. Please mark your calendars and join us, where you can, to help out.

Production Afternoon Snack – 3.30pm
The timing of the afternoon production will not allow all students to travel home and return to school. The P&C will provide an afternoon snack (cake, slice, fruit) at 3.30pm on Thurs 17 Sept for those students who need to stay at school ready for production. Donations of cakes and slices would be appreciated. A permission slip is required for students who will stay after school.

Footy Mufti Day & Sausage Sizzle – Last day of term
A footy mufti day and lunchtime sausage sizzle has been planned as a special treat for the last day of the term and a reward for all our students hard work preparing for the production. Footy finals are almost here so come in your team colours (NRL, AFL, Premier League, local league). We want to see jerseys, shirts, hats, beanies, scarfs, socks, streamers and plenty of bright colours but no footy boots please. A gold coin will be collected for mufti and donated to Stewart House.

A lunchtime sausage sizzle will also be included. The normal canteen menu will not be available but snacks, drinks and icecreams can be purchased. Please complete a sausage sizzle order form to help with numbers.

We will include some lunchtime ball skills/games if parent helpers are available.

Father’s Day Stall – Thank you
Although they are now regular events the students still enjoy our Fathers’ and Mothers’ Day Stalls. Last week’s Fathers’ Day Stall was no exception with careful thought going into the selection of every gift – from popcorn, rocky road and honey joys to backscratchers, books, caps and hankies. We hoped you enjoyed your gift. Thank you all for your donations and thank you too for all that change that came to school with the students on Friday morning. We raised just over $194 which assists P&C activities throughout the school.

Design your Own Book Cover
Examples of the students’ great work are reproduced in this newsletter.

School Cookbook and Cover Competition
A cookbook fundraiser is underway with plans for production before the end of Term 4. This will allow for end of year and Christmas gift purchases. Recipes are invited from across the school community with student artwork to be used also. The first part of the cookbook project will be designing the cover. All students are asked to take part in the cover competition with entries due after the holidays. A cover template and full details will be issued to students before end of term.

Hotdog Special Canteen Day – Wed 14 Oct
The next special canteen day will be held the second week back at school in term 4. An order form for our hotdog day will be issued with the first newsletter next term. Normal canteen menu will not be available.

Urunga Nippers – 2015/2016 Season
Urunga Junior Surf Lifesaving Club will kick off the 2015/2016 season with a registration morning on Sunday 13 September, 2015 from 10am to 11am at the Surf Club at Hungry Head. New Nippers will need to bring a Birth Certificate please.

Saturday, October 10:  Registration and pool proficiency (U8-U14 only), Bellingen Swimming Pool, Bellingen – 3pm to 4pm.
Sunday, October 11: First Day of Nippers at Hungry Head, registration and ocean swim proficiency.

If you have any queries regarding Urunga Nippers, please contact our Registrar Lou Rodgers on 0437 170 738 or visit our website: www.urungaslsc.com.au for further information.

North Coast Trials
On 18 August Josh and I went down to Lismore for the North Coast trials. Josh came 8th in the 800m and 4th in the 100m and I came 4th in the 100m. We had a good day. We tried our best and thank our Mums and Dads for driving us down.

Liam M
Josh M
Dorrigo Public School's winning story –

Today we print Rebekah’s (Dorrigo Public School) work, one of the standouts at the Bellingen Readers and Writers Festival ‘Rewriting Fairytales’ workshops.

In 1972, there lived an alien named Cindy. Cindy lived with her dad and her brother in a space house on Jupiter.

Cindy had to always water the plants in her garden, but she was very lazy. One day, an invitation came from Earth. It flew in through Cindy's window. The invitation was to a garden party.

Cindy really wanted to go but her dad and her brother said she had too much gardening to do. Cindy felt angry and disappointed. She felt like she was going to explode.

The day of the party, Cindy's father and brother left her alone in their shattered little house. She rang her friend Alex and asked him to come over.

Alex went to Cindy's house and took some ripped jeans and a baggy shirt with him.

He helped Cindy get dressed into the clothes, then they went and got into his spaceship. Cindy tried to start the engine, but it wouldn't turn on. She called her dad's friend who was a mechanic. He fixed it and she left.

But the mechanic said 'be back by dawn or the spaceship will catch fire and explode.' But Cindy did not hear the mechanic's warning. When she arrived on Earth, she landed in Japan.

The garden party was in New York, so Cindy was lost.

She consulted her GPS and it said 'go north, then south, then north again.' Cindy was in the same place she started. She began to sob.

"I'll never make it!" she shouted.

An old lady heard Cindy and came over and said in a different language, 'where are you going?' But Cindy did not understand the old lady.

Eventually, she flew to New York on her own. She had a great time at the garden party with the gardener.

At dusk, they sang and danced, but then dawn came.

Cindy went to the spaceship, but on the way she lost her top – how embarrassing.

The gardener found Cindy's top and visited every house on Earth so he could return it. When he realised she didn't live on Earth, the gardener thought 'she must live in space.' So, he flew up and there he saw Cindy's house. There was a dog standing at the front door and he started to bark.

The gardener got a space gun out of his knickers and tried to shoot the dog. Cindy saw him and punched the gardener in the face. Then she got her top back.

The end.

Primary Ichthus Camp

Attention all students in years 4, 5 and 6. You are invited to the Primary Ichthus Camp, 2015.

Lots of fun, fellowship, games, activities, new friendships, great food and so much more.

Where: Camp Drewe, Lennox Head
When: Sunday 27 September to Thursday 1 October
Cost: $220
Application forms are available from the school office. For more details please contact Rev Mike Ridge on 66572015
Permission 3.30pm PRODUCTION AFTERNOON SNACK Thur 17 Sept
Please return by Mon 14 Sept

My child/ren have permission to stay after school for Production Afternoon Snack

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

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

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

Signed .............................................

Special Canteen SAUSAGE SIZZLE Order – for Fri 18 Sept
Please return by Wed 16 Sept

Name ........................................... Class ................. Qty ...... @ $2

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Total enclosed $ .....................

I am able to help with the following P&C School Activities:
Thank you!! Please return to school as soon as possible

☐ I can provide a baked item for Production Afternoon Snack
☐ I can help in canteen from 2.45pm for Production Afternoon Snack
☐ I can help with lunchtime sausage sizzle on Fri 18 Sept
☐ I can help with lunchtime ball skills/games (any code) on Footy Mufti Day

Name ........................................... Contact .................