Welcome to our new Kindergarten students! All of these students completed their Best Start testing last week and today have had their first day of school.

I would also like to welcome Ms Kris de Jong our new School Counsellor to our school community. Kris met students and staff last Friday and will be in school most Fridays this year. We are very pleased to have Kris on our staff team.

Tomorrow some members of the Wests Tigers Rugby League Club will be visiting our school as part of their Community Carnival program. The theme of the visit is Wellbeing. Students will watch a presentation and will have the opportunity to ask the players some questions.

This term as part of our Engagement Strategic Direction, we will be offering our Year 4, 5 and 6 students the opportunity to participate in Interest Groups. These groups, which will be held on Wednesday afternoons, will be run by community volunteers and our teachers. This term we will be offering art, basketball, cooking, photography and gardening and STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths). This is an exciting way to share with our students the great skills and talent we have in our Dorrigo community.

This year we will also continue to offer our students the opportunity to participate in both drumming with myself and Vivian Hoskins and guitar with Ms Montes. If students are interested in joining these groups application forms are available at the front office.

Thank you to all of those parents and community members who have volunteered to help at our Swimming carnival this Friday. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Tanya Bajda
Principal

Canteen Closed – Swimming Carnival

The Canteen will be closed on Friday. All students should bring their own lunch.

Calendar – Term 1

Week 2
- Tues 2/2 West Tigers Visit
- Wed 3/2 P&C meeting 5:30 pm
- Fri 5/2 Swimming Carnival

Week 4
- Fri 19/2 District Swimming in Macksville

P & C Meeting

Our first P & C Meeting for 2016 will be held on Wednesday 3 February at 5:30 pm. Parents and community members are invited to attend.

Participating in P & C activities is a wonderful way to be involved in the experiences that your child has at school and a great way to meet other parents and staff.

Canteen Term 1

Week 2
- Wed 3 Feb Caritta C
- Fri 5 Feb Closed – Swimming Carnival

Week 3
- Mon 8 Feb Renae C Aimee D
- Wed 10 Feb Michele K Ness T
- Fri 12 Feb Louise and John M

Attached to this week’s newsletter

Notes to be completed and returned –
* Variation of School Routine (Walking Note)
* Authority to publish
* Emergency Evacuation

We will appreciate the prompt return of all notes.
Children and Sunglasses

Dorrigo Public School is a NSW Cancer Council SunSmart school. This means that we look at the way we use our environment, promote sun smart behaviour and teach our students about sun safety. We encourage our students to Slip, Slop, Slap. (Slip on a shirt, slop on sunscreen and slap on a hat.)

As part of this sun smart program we would also like to encourage our students to wear sunglasses at school. Sunglasses should have a UV rating of 2, 3 or 4. Look for the words “good UV protection” on the label or swing tag.

Children and sunglasses

Since eye damage from UV radiation builds over time, it is important to protect the eyes of children, which are particularly sensitive to UV radiation. Sunglasses designed for babies and toddlers have soft elastic to keep them in place. It is important to choose a style that stays on securely so that the arms don't become a safety hazard.

Toy sunglasses do not meet the requirements under the Australian Standard and should not be used for sun protection.

Some young children may be reluctant to wear sunglasses. They can still protect their eyes by putting on a broad-brimmed hat and staying in the shade.

Want to know more?
Check out www.cancercouncil.com.au/sunsmart or call the SunSmart team on 02 9334 1761

Student Banking

Student Banking, through the Commonwealth Bank, occurs on Tuesday each week. Those who already have a Commonwealth Bank account may begin banking from tomorrow 2 February.

If you wish to participate in Student Banking please collect an application form from the school office.

Dorrigo Creative Mountain Arts Exhibition
Invitation to Artists and Craftspeople of the Dorrigo Plateau to submit works for the Easter 2016

Closing date for submissions Friday 4 March 2016
10am – 4pm
Thursday 24 March to Saturday 2 April
Dorrigo Community Hall,
Hickory Street, Dorrigo

Opening Night: 7:30 pm Wednesday 23 March

Entry forms and further information is available from the school office or www.dorrigo.com or Richard 66571717

Volunteers – they need you

The work of volunteers is essential to enable The Creative Mountain Arts Exhibition to survive and prosper. In order to encourage artists to contribute their time to the roster and/or to demonstrate their skills, they have reduced the commission for such volunteers to 20%.

Newsletter Routine

The routine for Newsletters is that they are given on Mondays to the youngest child in the family. Would you like your newsletter emailed to you? Please complete the form below and return to the school office.

Newsletter by Email

☐ Yes I would like to receive my Newsletter by email instead of a paper copy
☐ Yes I would like to receive my Newsletter by email and a paper copy

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Student: .................................
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Signature

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- Kerrie Beaumont orders most of the items in the canteen. If you notice we're getting low on something, please call her on 6657 3210, or email: kerriebeaumont@dodo.com.au
- Kat Tornow has kindly offered to make the Bolognese sauce. If you notice we're getting low, please call her on 0414 692 013, or email: Kat.tornow@bigpond.com
- Feel free to ring either Kerrie or Kat from the school - it makes everyone's job easier! Or please arrange your own swaps if needed.
COURSES FOR PARENTS

1-2-3 Magic
Encouraging good behaviour, independence and self esteem – a simple discipline program that really works!

One session per week
for 3 weeks: WHEN:
Mondays 3, 10 & 17 Mar
TIME: 10am - 1pm
WHERE: Burnside Family Centre
7 McLean Street
COFFS HARBOUR

Dads — Bringing Up Great Kids
This session in the Bringing Up Great Kids program focuses on how children develop and change over time, how the way we communicate with them impacts on their developmental progress and how to respond to the ongoing challenges of parenting.

One evening session for 3 hours:
WHEN: Thursday Evening 31 March
TIME: 6pm - 9pm
WHERE: Burnside Family Centre
7 McLean Street
COFFS HARBOUR

Brain Development
Practical ideas to help us learn how childrens' brains grow and develop.
Will also focus on positive bonding/attachment and how this impacts on the children's brain development.

One Session for 3 hours:
WHEN: Friday 6th March
TIME: 10am - 1pm
WHERE: Burnside Family Centre
7 McLean Street
COFFS HARBOUR

ALL COURSES ARE FREE OF CHARGE
To enrol in any of the above courses, please ring UnitingCare Burnside on 6659 2800 Places are limited, so please book early!
Suite 2.2  Level 2  Gateway House
Mastracolas Road
COFFS HARBOUR NSW 2450
Tel: (02) 66592800Fax: (02) 66514739
www.burnside.org.au

Cranes Courses for Parents

It’s a new year and the Family Relationship Skills Program (FRSP) is back to provide parents with some fun and interesting workshops for term 1.

February workshops are:

- Bringing Up Great Kids – Grafton
- Keep Calm and Communicate – Grafton
- Tantrum Toolbox – Grafton and Maclean

Following in March and April

- Who’s in Charge? – Maclean
- Loving your Angry Teen – Grafton
- The Teenage Brain Storm – Bellingen
- Keep Calm and Communicate – Bellingen
- Surviving Parenthood - Grafton

Workshops for March and April are yet to be finalized and a full term calendar will be forwarded when available.

Remember all CRANES courses and workshops are FREE OF CHARGE

FREE childcare also available on request. Bookings are essential.

Contact CRANES on 66427257 or email admin@cranes.org.au
Course calendar also available at www.cranes.org.au

Soccer Registration open

Dorrigo Highlanders Football Club registrations are now open for the 2016 soccer season to be completed online at www.myfootballclub.com.au – just select “Register Now” from the home page.

Information days will be held in the coming weeks to assist new players and accept payments but online registration can be completed now. You don't have to pay online, just select the email invoice option for payment later on when your team is finalised.

Please remember to:

- Register by Wed 24 Feb so teams can be allocated (8 years and over).
- Register early – a late fee of $25 applies for rego made after 24 Feb close date (excludes 5-7 years Miniroos).

Prompt refunds will be made in the event that players cannot be placed in a suitable team.

The club is looking forward to filling teams from 8 years to Senior and all ages in between for boys, girls, mens and womens. New players can also join up on-line.

The North Coast Football competition season will kick off with the first round on Saturday 2 April. The Miniroos, for 5 to 7 years, will commence on Saturday 30 April. You can sign up for Miniroos if you turn 5 anytime in 2016.

For more information contact registrar Rosalie Smith on 6657 5255 or treasurer Barbara Webster on 6657 2703 or email: dorrigohighlanders@hotmail.com