Last Tuesday members of the Wests Tigers and the NRL development team came to our school to give a presentation on Wellbeing. Our students played games, watched videos and answered questions based on the importance of nutrition (eating well), hydration (drinking water), sleep and exercise. I'd like to thank the Wests Tigers and Country Rugby League for organising this visit.

Our Year 4, 5 and 6 students have chosen their activities for our Term 1 Interest Groups. These start this Wednesday afternoon. We were able to offer students either their first or second choice. We're looking forward to some great creativity and team work.

We will be holding our annual Meet and Greet in the next couple of weeks. This is a good opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher, gain information about class routines, timetables and units of work being studied this term. Thank you to the P&C who will be running a sausage sizzle and the Captains who will be running the social. If you are unable to make it to this information night, please contact your child's class teacher to arrange for an alternate appointment.

Thank you to all of those students who have expressed an interest in joining our school drumming group. We have had over thirty forms returned which is fantastic! Vivian and I will be holding our first drumming session tomorrow, Tuesday morning.

The wet weather equipment we bought from Amart Allsports at the end of last year proved very popular last Friday. Our Year 3-6 students enjoyed playing air hockey and fuss ball as well as table tennis. We also used a lot of the equipment during both K-2 and 3-6 Sport Tabloids. Thank you to all of those families who nominate our school when they shop at Amart Allsports. We are starting to prepare a wish list for our next shopping spree!

Tanya Bajda

Calendar – Term 1

Week 3
Fri 12/2 Swimming Carnival

Week 4
Thurs 18/2 Leaders Induction 11:15
Fri 19/2 District Swimming in Macksville

Week 5
Mon 22/2 PSSA Cricket Urunga

Canteen Term 1

Week 3
Wed 10 Feb Michele K Ness T
Fri 12 Feb Closed – Swimming Carnival

Week 4
Mon 15 Feb Korina C
Wed 17 Feb Mel C Michelle W

Induction of School Leaders

Our School Captains and Vice Captains, together with House Captains and Semester 1 Class Leaders will be inducted at our Assembly on Thursday 18 February at 11:15. Parents and community members are invited to attend.

Meet and Greet

We are planning a Meet and Greet evening in the next couple of weeks. Our planned night coincides with the High School Parent/Teacher night. Details of our new date will be advised as soon as possible.
Swimming Carnival

Unfortunately our carnival was postponed on Friday due to the miserable weather. Thank you to all who had volunteered their help on the day. Sorry for any inconvenience and hoping we will see you this Friday 12.

If the weather is inclement the carnival will still go ahead, as a time trial with only swimmers attending.

Thanks,

Sue Phelps

Guitar Lessons

Guitar lessons with Ms Montes will begin on Wednesday 10 February. Expression of Interest forms need to be returned to the school office.

At this stage students need to have their own guitar and will need to bring it to school each Wednesday.

We are investigating the acquisition of some school guitars – if this transpires we will be able to accommodate additional students in the group.

Ms Montes

Year 3 News

Art
Year 3 will be working with paint most weeks this term in art sessions. Students will need their own paint shirt or apron (preferred). Please label items with child’s name before sending to school.

Homework
Homework for Year 3 will be sent home at the beginning of Week 4. If you or your child would like homework before this time it is advised to set up a personal Study Ladder account to access at home. Go to: www.studyladder.com.au and select Join Now to create an account.

Miss Jones

Workbook Levy

Each year a levy is requested to cover the cost of workbooks for students, Portfolio folders and incidental craft items for class use.

This year the levy has been set at $35 per student and it is planned to issue your family invoice with next week’s newsletter. Please make payment in an envelope marked “Workbook Levy” to the school office as soon as possible. Payments may be made either in full or by instalments.

If paying the levy presents a problem for you please contact the Principal in confidence, as Student Assistance Funds may be applied.

We look forward to receiving your payment in the near future.

Student Banking

For those students who participate in Student Banking through the Commonwealth Bank there are some exciting rewards (for every 10 deposits made) available this year. Additionally School Banking is running a Wild Grand Prize competition – the chance to win a family trip to Australia Zoo, with domestic return economy airfares to Sunshine Coast, Qld, 4 nights accommodation, 5 days car hire and $1,000 spending money.

Simply make 15 or more School Banking deposits by the end of Term 3, 2016 and you will automatically receive an entry into the competition for a chance to win.

Our new Kindergarten students have been issued with information packs today.

Mobile Devices

It is understandable that students may at times need to bring their iPod, iPad or mobile phone to school. On these occasions we ask that students hand in their mobile device at the office for safekeeping on arrival at school. The device may be collected at the end of the school day.

If a parent or caregiver needs to contact a student at school a message can be left at the office before 2:45 pm and the message will be given to the student.
**Dorrigo Public School Uniform**

It has been great to see our students in their school uniforms, representing themselves and our school with pride.

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Items marked ** are available for purchase at the school.

NO HAT NO PLAY is a rule enforced throughout the school. Hats must be broad brimmed or Legionnaire style.

Please ensure that all items of clothing are marked clearly with the student’s name so that lost property can be easily returned.

**Tabloid Sport**

Years 3-6 participated in their first tabloid sport for 2016 on Friday. The event was a great success with some enjoyable activities and excellent, enthusiastic involvement from everyone.

Congratulations to activity organisers – Ryder, Cameron, Shelby, Joey, Isabelle, Bowyn, Toby, Zaliah and Max. Our music person and timekeeper Melyn did a marvellous job and all team captains: Hayley, Eucla, Tom, Asher and Charlie managed magnificently. It was a wonderful afternoon.

Congratulations to our winning house Page with 355 points and the winning team lead by Charlie scoring 185.

Well done to all.

Mrs Phelps

**Soccer Registration Days**

The Dorrigo Highlanders Football Club will be holding registration information days at Dorrigo Recreation Ground clubhouse verandah to assist with completion of on-line registration or to accept fees after you have registered on-line. The information days will be held each Tuesday afternoon during February from 3.30 to 5pm.

You can pay on-line at the time of registration or select the manual invoice option to pay at an information day.

**Anglican Church News**

GFS - Kidsplus - Wednesday 3-5pm games, worship, crafts and fun Kindy through to year 8 - come and join us or contact Gwenneth 66572135

**Look out for our First Messy Church!**

Keep an eye out for the postcards and posters going out in the next fortnight.  Sunday 21st February 2016 4-6pm in the Church Hall  Crafts worship food and fun  Fun for all the family and tea provided!  Theme :- Messy Lent

Contact Rev Mike for more details  66572015
Cranes Courses for Parents

The Family Relationship Skills Program (FRSP) is funded by the Federal Government and aims to reduce the levels of stress experienced within families.

At No Cost to You!

The courses are available free of charge to families in the Clarence, Bellingen and Nambucca Valleys and Coffs Harbour area with no referral necessary.

Free childcare available (bookings essential)

Contact FRSP at Cranes: 6642 7257
Booking are essential

Bringing Up Great Kids – Grafton
A comprehensive program for parents covering, age development, communication, understanding behaviours, stress, rules and consequences and much more. For more details visit http://www.childhood.org.au

Keep Calm and Communicate – 1 Full day workshop
Tuesday 22 March
9:30-2:00 pm
The Bellingen Youth Hub
Cnr Church and William Streets, Bellingen
The workshop provides tips for parents on remaining calm and finding effective ways of communicating that can help reduce and manage conflict in the home.

Tantrum Toolbox – Grafton and Maclean
Parents are provided knowledge and skills about the causes of tantrums and how to manage them.

Who’s in Charge? – Maclean

Loving your Angry Teen – Grafton
Learn about the adolescent brain the causes of anger, social and peer pressures and how parents can help.

The Teenage Brainstorm – Bellingen Tuesday
19 March 9:30 – 12:30 pm
The workshop focuses on the changing adolescent brain; information that can help parents understand changes in their teen

Surviving Parenthood - Grafton

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

Years 2-6 Classroom Kit

Students in Years 2 to 6 are expected to provide the following items as part of their pencil case/classroom kit:
1 x pencil case
1 x eraser
1 x pencil sharpener
1 x 30cm ruler (wooden)
4 x HB lead pencils
1 x coloured pencils
1 x textas
Glue stick

Say No to Bullying
Primary School Poster Competition

Draw a picture showing Differences Make Us Special. Don’t Bully.

Further information and entry forms are available from the school office.

Dorrigo Rangers Rugby Union Club

Player, Coach and Manager Registration for the 2016 Rugby season will be held on Thursday the 11th of February at the Dorrigo Recreation Ground from 4:00 pm to 6:00pm.

All ages welcome!!! It’s going to be another exciting year of Rugby.

Sausage Sizzle and merchandise available too!!