Welcome Back to Term 4

Our final term for 2014 is shaping up to be an exciting, action packed one. It was wonderful to see students return today refreshed and ready for a great term of learning with all students focused on doing their best in all academic pursuits. Over the coming weeks we have our Year 6 students attending several transition sessions for high school as well as welcoming our 2015 kindergarten students to school for their orientation days. We look forward to school photos, attending combined schools days, our overnight excursion to Thalgarrah and School Swimming Scheme. To assist with the organisation of these events, we ask all families to return permission notes to school promptly.

Term 3 Assembly

It was great to celebrate the success of all students at our end of term assembly. We enjoyed the presentations of persuasive and informative writing, various concepts learnt in maths lessons, art work and the students singing "Dem Bones". Congratulations to all award recipients and thank you parents for assisting Mrs Keough with her school planning questions.
Milo Cricket - What a blast!
At the end of last term our 3-6 class attended the Milo Cricket Gala Day at Bellingen. The team played a total of 4 games resulting in 2 wins. All students demonstrated the bowling, batting and fielding skills they had been learning at school and displayed impressive sportsmanship towards each other and the opposing teams. Thank you to Becky Wykes and Fred and Marj Scott for transporting the kids to and from Bellingen.
SAKG Gardening & Cooking
In the garden we just about finished our new herb garden near the lemon tree, planting mints, basil, coriander, thyme, parsley, lemon grass, and oregano. Students also prepared beds for tomatoes and weeded. In the kitchen we cooked leek tarts with crumbled fetta, Asian greens with chilli, garlic and soy, fritters with turnip and celery, orange and fennel salad and a banana cake with yoghurt for Mrs Keough’s birthday.

Kindergarten Orientation
Our Term 4 Kindergarten orientation full days will be:
- Monday 13th October
- Monday 27th October
- Monday 10th November
- Monday 8th December

Yr6 Orientation – Dorrigo High School – TOMORROW
Wednesday 8th October – 8.45am – 12noon
Tomorrow, Wednesday 8th October, Year 6 will be heading to Dorrigo High School for a guided tour of the school, recess in playground and one demo class (period 3). Students may catch the High School bus to the High School (cost $1.00 to be paid to the bus driver on the day). Students will need to be collected from DHS at 12noon by parents and returned to Dundurrabin PS or they may join Dorrigo PS students at the Public School for afternoon classes, and then catch the town bus home.

Remainder of Term 4 DHS Orientation Dates for Yr 6 students are as follows:
- Wednesday 8th October – 8.45am to 12noon
  Guided tour of school / Recess / Period 3 demo Class
- Wednesday 8th October
  Parent Information Evening in the DHS Library at 5pm to 6pm
- Thursday 30th October – 8.45am to 1pm
  Year meeting / reading timetables / peer support activity / normal lessons period 3 & 4
- Tuesday 11th November – All day
  Normal lessons all day
- Wednesday 26th November – All day
  Normal lessons for periods 1 to 4 / swimming test during sport time
- Wednesday 3rd December – All day
  Period 1 – Parents & students (Parents Orientation Day 9.05am to 10.45am)
  Period 2 – Parents to stay with year advisor for questions and discussion. Students participate in peer support activities / remainder of day normal lessons.
- Monday 8th December – All day
  Normal lessons all day

Combined Schools Day – Hernani PS – This Friday 10th October
This Friday 10th October, we will travel to Hernani Public School for a Combined Schools Day. Mrs Winkel has organised an anti-bullying performance for all students, a visit from Grafton Regional Art Gallery and a variety of sporting activities. Travel will be by Jim’s bus. There will be no cost to students (thanks to our P&C). Attached is a lunch order form for those who have not ordered yet. If your child/ren wish to order lunch, please have their lunch form back to school tomorrow. Please sign the attached consent note if attached and return to school tomorrow.

2014 School Photos – Next Monday 13th October
On Monday 13th October, all students will need to wear their best school uniform and a big smile for our 2014 school photos. Our photographer will be Donna Davidson, who took our photos last year. If an order form is attached, please return it and your money (cash/cheque to Donna Davidson) to school by this Thursday 9th October. A reminder to families that Donna will not take individual or family photos unless you have pre-paid them, however, absolutely everyone here on the day will be in the 2014 school group photo. There will also be a group School Captains photo taken for those in Year 6, if you are interested in purchasing a copy please let Melissa know and she will find out the cost.

Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation Sponsored Plateau Schools’ Golf Tournament – Friday 17th October – YEARS 3 to 6 ONLY
On Friday 17th October, Dorrigo RSL Golf Club will host the inaugural Plateau Schools Wombat Golf Tournament. The day will be sponsored by the Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation and will give our Year 3 to 6 students an opportunity to participate in a sport which caters for all ages and ability levels. Golf is a game which can be played as an individual or in a team format and this tournament – Wombat Golf – embraces the team concept and emphasises fun, participation and good sportsmanship. We will need parental transport for this excursion to and from Dorrigo Golf Course on the day. We will leave school at 9.15am and return by 2.15pm. A BBQ sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch at approximately 12:30. Please ensure students have fruit and recess, hats/sunscreen and plenty of water with them for the day. Additional water will be available at the Club. Tea/coffee will be available for volunteers. There is no cost for students. For the day to run smoothly we need at least two parent volunteers to help supervise on the course and to act as scorers. NO
knowledge of golf is necessary just a need to have fun and help the children have fun on the day. Please sign the new consent note if attached.

**Year 3-6 Cyber Safety Video Conference – Monday 27th October**
On Monday 27th October 2014, students in Years 3 to 6 will be participating in a Video Conference about Cyber Safety. Students will need to return the attached permission note in order to participate in the conference.

**Combined Smalls Schools Excursion – Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre – 24th & 25th November**
We have planned an overnight excursion with Hernani Public School to Thalgarrah Environmental Education Centre. Students and teachers will travel on Jim’s bus to Thalgarrah on Monday 24th November and return on Tuesday 25th November. Thalgarrah EEC is situated 19kms North-east of Armidale on the Rockvale Road. This is a whole school excursion for all students. During our visit we will participate in activities around environmental education and before leaving on Tuesday morning we will visit the Armidale Gymnastics Centre. The total cost per student including travel, accommodation and food will be approximately $60.00. Please sign the attached expression of interest note if attached and return to school by this Thursday 9th October. Full payment is not required until 14th November, part payments can be made beforehand. If you would like to access financial assistance or have any questions please don’t hesitate to contact the school. More information including what to bring and an excursion program will be sent home early next term.

**P&C News & Community Notices**

**P&C Wood**
Congratulations to Bonnie Radcliffe who was our last wood raffle winner. We will be having one more (last) wood raffle for this year. Tickets will be attached next newsletter.

**P&C Meeting – Friday 24th October – 9.30am**
Our next P&C meeting will be held on Friday 24th October at 9.30am. Items on the agenda include: Christmas carols catering, overnight excursion and presentation evening.

**Dorrigo Cricket**
Under 12's cricket is starting this weekend at Dorrigo Rec. I am hoping we can field 2 sides this year as we are playing an 8 a side format. To do this we will need at least 20 players, currently I have 13. Games start at 8.30 am sharp so players are required to be at the ground by 8.15 am. This year there will be sides from Bellingen, Urunga, Nambucca and Macksville with all games starting at 8.30. All playing gear is supplied except clothing which can be purchased from A Mart all Sports in Coffs. For away games we gather at the bus stop in Dorrigo at 7.00 am for games in Nambucca and Macksville and 7.30 for games in Bellingen and Urunga, usually there are spots in cars for parents who are not able to attend on occasions. Training is Friday afternoons from 3.30 pm by the clubs graded players with the kids getting some terrific skills, this takes place at the nets Dorrigo Rec training is followed by a T20 Blast game of cricket conducted by the Dorrigo Cricket Club. I will also need a couple of parents to learn how to score as we have to supply an umpire, which is usually me, as well. The cost for registration is $50.00 for the season and there is a $2.00 ball fee each week, we also try to raise some money each season and have an end of season day out at the big banana or the like. Hopefully we get a good response this Saturday October 11, as it will determine if we have 1 or 2 sides. Please call me if you are interested. Rob Capps - 0428622245

**Dorrigo Swimming Pool – Opens this Saturday**
It is getting to that time of year again where it is warming up and the Dorrigo Swimming Pool is due to open this Saturday 11th October. Pool hours are 10am to 6pm. Admission Fees - Adults Swimming $3 / Spectators - Non Swimming $2 / Children-Students $2 Swimming Squad starts Tuesday 14th October at 6.30am and all are welcome to come along and try it out. The pool will also be running swimming lessons, so phone now to enrol. For more information contact Graeme on 66572578.

**Yoga Retreat Nurture & Nourish at Mt Hyland**
Ayurvedic & vegetarian cooking, yoga, relaxation, meditation - 4pm Friday 17th to 2pm Sunday 19th October. Cost: $360. Early bird paid by 10th October: $320 or $270conc.

**Yoga & Meditation Classes - Dundurrabin Community Centre, Wednesdays 5pm - 6.30pm.**
Term 4 starting this week. 5 weeks $75 or $20 casual - Bring mat, blanket and cushion.

**Havan and Kirtan - Saturday 11th October**
2.30-4.30pm (arrive by 2.15pm for 2.30 havan) at Shakti Darshan at Dundurrabin. Havan - the chanting of healing mantras. For upliftment, healing of the heart and the environment. Kirtan -singing of mantras and spiritual songs. Bring a cushion, blanket and plate of food to share for afternoon tea. shakti.mudra@gmail.com phone: 0448 87 9642 or 6657 8217