An Excellent Display at the Dorrigo Show.
Student’s artwork, preserves and vegetables from our school garden looked fabulous last weekend at the Dorrigo Show. Some students received first or second placing’s. We were awarded numerous first places and a highly commended for our vegetables, sauce and oils. Congratulations to everyone. Prize money is attached for those students who received a prize.
SAKG Gardening & Cooking – Week 7
In the garden students all students helped mud up the walls on the cubby. Jack and Gail put the final coat of render of the pizza oven. We harvested herbs, spinach, silverbeet, eggs, sorrel, asparagus, broad beans, lettuce, carrots, parsnips, beetroot, radishes, leeks, spring onions and onions. In the kitchen we cooked broadbean dip with chapitas, asparagus garden green tortilla, carrot muffins with garlic butter, pineapple and melon with rhubarb and banana sauce as well as banana fruit leathers. Thank you to Carol and Gail for volunteering in the garden and kitchen.

Leadership Day
Being a good leader was the topic of the day last Thursday at Dorrigo Public School. Year 5 and 6 students from the primary schools in our learning community joined together to tackle tasks designed to develop and build leadership skills. Students were thrilled to listen to a presentation from Will Ashley, a year 12 student from Bellingen HS who has cycled around Australia raising funds towards cancer research. Will spoke about having dreams and working towards making those dreams actually happen.

Students Winning Art Entries for Dorrigo Show.
Congratulations Orli, Jarvis, Joe and Scott.
Preschoolers Morning
We welcomed Henry, Jackson, Lucy, Quill, Tahlia, Tyson and Wren to our last preschooler’s morning for 2014 yesterday. Everyone had fun listening to stories, making Christmas craft and cooking reindeer biscuits.

Library Books to be Returned
Could all library books please be returned by next week, there will be no more borrowing now until next year. If any Year 6 students have books borrowed, please return them before leaving us.

Reminder – Changes to Afternoon Pick-Up
Please advise us of any changes in afternoon pick-up / bus routine. Teachers need to know of different arrangements for student safety.

Head Lice Reminder
We have had instances of head lice this week. We are keen to eliminate this problem and seek the help of all parents to do so. We ask that you regularly check your child’s hair for the presence of head lice and /or eggs. Should you find any, please treat immediately. Please check your child/rens head seven days later in case any eggs were missed. Remember all bedding needs to washed etc… Tying up long hair may help control the spread of the head lice, as well as not sharing hats with peers. Head lice need to be treated before turning to school.

Yr6 Orientation – Dorrigo High School – TOMORROW
Wednesday 3rd December
The next DHS Year 6 orientation day will be tomorrow Wednesday 3rd December for the full day. Orientation for parents will also be on this day, Wednesday 3rd December, from 9.00am to 10.30am in the DHS Hall. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend the information morning. Please read the insert below from the High School. Students are catching the bus to and from Dorrigo on the day.
The last day for Year 6 Orientation at Dorrigo High School will be this coming Monday 8th December for a full day of lessons.

“This coming Wednesday 3 December is the official state wide Year 6 into Year 7 transition day for all schools across NSW. In Dorrigo we run an extensive transition program in addition to this official day to
ensure each Year 6 student has a smooth step into high school. On Wednesday as part of the official transition day, parents are invited to come to Dorrigo High School from 9:00am to 10:30am. During this time parents will receive information about Year 7 and will have the opportunity to join a tour of the school grounds. We look forward to seeing parents of Year 6 students.”

Careers Expo – Dorrigo High School – Thursday 4th December
We will be attending a Careers Expo at Dorrigo High School on Thursday 4th December at 10.30am. We will travel by Jim’s bus to and from Dorrigo, leaving school at 10am and returning for normal school afternoon pick up time/bus run. We will walk from Dorrigo High School to Bielsdown Park for lunch at 11.30am followed by our first day of swimming scheme at 12.30pm. Students must bring a packed recess, lunch and plenty of water. They must wear full school uniform and bring a hat as well as their swimmers and towel in a plastic bag for swimming.

Supporters Lunch for Parents and Community – this Friday 5th December at 1.30pm.
We look forward to enjoying lunch with parents and community members this Friday 5th December for our annual Supporter’s Lunch. If you have not already phoned or sent in an RSVP please do so by Wednesday.

Small Schools 2014 ‘Learn to Swim’ in Weeks 9 & 10
2014 Swimming will be $10.00 per student, this includes daily pool entry and 10 hours of lessons. The School Swimming Scheme begins on Thursday 4th December and finishes on Friday 12th December (5 days in total - not including Friday 5th and Monday 8th December). Please advise the school if you are a season ticket holder for the Dorrigo Swimming Pool and show your ticket pass for a reduction in your swimming costs. Thank you to our P&C who are kindly paying for Jim’s bus for the five days.

Times and dates:
Thursday 4th December - 12.30pm to 2.30pm
Tuesday 9th December - 9.30am to 12noon
Wednesday 10th December – 9.30am to 12noon
Thursday 11th December – 9.30am to 12noon
Friday 12th December – 9.30am to 12noon
We will be leaving school on Thursday 4th December at 10am and return for normal bus/pick up time. We will leave school on Tuesday 9th thru to Friday 12th December at 9am sharp and return to school by 1pm. Students may come to school dressed in their swimmers (rash shirt and hat) and either sandals or thongs but must have a packed uniform (shirt/shorts/trousers/jumper/underwear/socks & shoes) to change into, as well as a towel (or 2) to dry themselves with. The school will provide sunscreen throughout the day. Students will need to pack a big recess, lunch and plenty of water as swimming can make students extra hungry. Students will only be able to buy from the shop on the last day of swimming, Friday 12th December.

Kindergarten Orientation
Our last Kindergarten orientation full day will be next Monday 8th December.

Yr6 Orientation – Bellingen High School – Monday 8th December
Some Year 6 students will be attending an orientation day at Bellingen High School on Monday 8th December for the full day. Students will need to arrive at 8.45am and be collected at 3.14pm. Parental transport is necessary for this event. Students will need to take recess, lunch, water and must wear full school uniform. There will be a Parent Information Evening also on Monday 8th December from 5pm to 6pm. Please sign and return the consent attached.

Dress Rehearsal – Play Costumes –Tuesday 9th December
We will be having a dress rehearsal on Tuesday 9th December. All students will need their dress requirements at school by Friday 5th December.

Non Uniform Day – Monday 15th December
Students may come to school on Monday 15th December in non-uniform for the day, this way uniforms will be clean for presentation night.

End of Year Presentation – Monday 15th December – 5.30pm
We will be holding our End of Year Presentation on Monday 15th December at 5.30pm. Students are to go home after school and then return with parents/carers at 5pm in full school uniform (sport shirt) ready for the presentation to begin at 5.30pm. Our students will be performing a number of theatrical items and receiving awards for their ongoing efforts and achievements. We are asking everyone to please bring a plate of finger food/salad/dessert to share after the presentation. Please be aware that we have students with nut/dairy/gluten allergies and will need to know ingredients in dishes to allow for no reactions. Please indicate on the note attached last newsletter what your family will bring on the night. Thank you to those families that have already returned theirs.
Community Christmas Carols – Wednesday 17th December – 6.30pm

We will be holding an evening of Christmas Carols with our local community choir. This will be a wonderful night for our community to get together in good spirits and enjoy each other’s company. The P&C will be catering for this event with sausage sandwiches, vegie patties, tea, coffee and cordial. Cans of soft drink will be available for purchase or bring along your own picnic. There will also be safe flame candles (battery operated) available to purchase at $2 each. Please remember that the school is a smoke and alcohol free zone.

P&C News & Community Notices

P&C Christmas Raffle

Our P&C is holding a Christmas raffle that will be drawn at our Carols night on Wednesday 17th December. The prize will be a homemade Christmas cake kindly cooked and donated by Marj Scott and a homemade Christmas pudding kindly cooked and donated by Rosie Keough. Tickets are $1.00 each. Could all families have their tickets (sold or unsold) and money returned to school by Monday 15th December please. Tickets will be sent home tomorrow.

RFS & Dundurrabin Community Christmas BBQ

The usual end of month BBQ for November has been cancelled as the RFS and Dundurrabin Community Christmas BBQ will be held on Sunday, 7th December at 3pm at the Dundurrabin Community Centre. All welcome. Please bring a plate to share - Firies will provide a free sausage sizzle. See you there!

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- Apply generously – At least 1 teaspoon for each arm and leg, front and back of the body and half a teaspoon for face, neck and ears.

- Remember – Sunscreen is not a suit of armour. You also need to wear a sun safe hat and clothing, use shade and wear sunglasses.

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**Thalgarrah**

On Monday we went to Thalgarrah EEC. The bus trip took about an hour and a half. We had to pick up Hernani PS on the way. When we got there we got our stuff off the bus and Matt talked to us and showed us our cabins.

First, we played a few games then we had lunch. Then we went orienteering. The course was about a 1km long and we had thirteen stops.

Secondly, we had burgers for dinner. I had everything on mine. After dinner we had a trivia night. We almost won, we came second. We went to bed and I got the top bank. Lucy, Bonnie and I were talking for ages. We went to sleep at about ten o’clock.

In the morning the teachers woke us up. I packed my clothes and my sleeping bag. I got changed into my school uniform. Matt took us to the Gara River where we grabbed a net each, a tray and a bucket. We were looking for water critters. I caught a toe biter. We went back to the camp grounds to look at the water critter under the microscopes and we got to hold a snake called Yamba.

*By Jazmin*

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**Our Excursion to Thalgarrah**

We went to the bus at Tyringham at 8.00am. We put our sleeping gear in Mrs Sangster’s car and put our bags on the bus and left. On the way we picked up Hernani and Mrs Winkel. Hernani put their bags in Mr K’s car and then we left. It took about one and a half hours to get there.

When we arrived we met Matt and had recces and fruit. Then we got to our room and made our beds. We did team building activities. Then we patted and fed the lizard.

After lunch we did orienteering activities. Our team came third. Late in the afternoon we played Tribes and Territories. It was my favourite game.

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**By Lucy**
After that we had showers, dinner and trivia night. I went to bed at eleven o’clock. I woke up in the morning, packed up and had breakfast. I had corn flakes and juice. We went dip netting in the Gara River. We looked at the bugs that we caught under the microscope and had a pat of the carpet snake named Yamba. When we left we went into the Armidale Gymnastics Centre. We did strength building, balancing, tissue, foam pit, trampoline and ribbon activities.

**By Joe**

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**Yummy Food**
The best bit at camp was the food. For dinner we had hamburgers. I put pineapple, a meat pattie and cheese on mine. I even got extra pineapple. For breakfast we had cereal and toast. We also got cake, ice cream, fruit and cordial. The food was yummy.

**By John**

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**Dip Netting**
I went to the river and looked at water bugs. There was a bug called a toe biter, it was long and big. There were lots of water boatman and some feral fish. We used the microscope to look at the boatman bugs.

**By Tyrie**

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**Team Building and Tree Hugging**
There were 3 people in a group. One person at a time had a blindfold on. The other people in the group picked a tree then led the person to the tree and then led the person back then the person how had the blind fold on has to guess the tree they hugged. We also played the mat game, it was fun and it was hard.

**By Izabellah**
Animals at Thalgarrah
At camp I met three cool animals. Yamba is a big terrifying snake. The lizard has good camouflage and ate peas. The spiny leaf insect has sharp claws.
  By Jarvis

Orienteering
At camp we did orienteering in the bush. We were in groups and we used punches, maps and compasses. We had to punch holes in a bit of paper. The punches were hanging under a white and orange flag. The flags were on trees, fences and other places.
  By Elsie

Tribes and Territories
The best thing at camp was tribes and territories. There were two teams and two totems. You had to get the totem off the other team. If you got tipped you went to goal. There was a red team and a blue team. I loved tribes and territories.
  By Orli