Harmony Day Feast – this Friday 14th March

We will be participating in Harmony Day this Friday 14th March. Students can come to school dressed in mufti (non-uniform) in orange clothes – the official colour for Harmony Day. The theme for Harmony Day this year is “Together We Can”. To celebrate the day we would like invite parents, carers and community members to come and join us for a Balinese luncheon feast at 1.30pm. This is an open invitation to the community to come along and celebrate the diversity of our community and to share your stories. Students will be preparing a Balinese feast to share with everyone. Just bring yourself. A small plate of food to share is optional. If you want to be involved, come along and help the students prepare the feast.

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WHAT’S ON FOR TERM 1

WEEK 7

Friday, March 14th
Harmony Day Luncheon

WEEK 8

Tuesday, March 18th
Responsible Pet Program

Wednesday, March 19th
Ride 2 School Bike Day

Friday, March 21st
Finlayson Cup Sports Day at Chandler Public School

WEEK 9

Monday, March 24th
Preschoolers Morning 10am-11.30am

WEEK 11

Thursday, April 10th
Easter Hat Parade & Term 1 Assembly

Notes and Money due:
- Term 1 SAKG Contribution
- Workbook Fees
- Finlayson Sports Consent Note & Money
Students creating Balinese Batik artwork in preparation for our Harmony Day Feast.

SAKG Gardening & Cooking

In the garden this week we cut back some of our raspberries, tidied up our no dig beds and weeded. One group also prepared the pastry for cooking. We harvested corn, cucumbers, beans, zucchini, rhubarb, spring onions, tomatoes, herbs, eggs and used some of our potatoes, onion and garlic from storage. In the kitchen we cooked grated zucchini and soy cheese omelette, cajun spiced potato wedges, fresh bean panzanella and apple and rhubarb crumble. We also baked cakes in preparation for our Harmony Day feast this Friday. Thank you to Colleen Chambeyron, Charlene McKevitt, Gigi Pankhurst and Gail who volunteered this week.

2014 School Captains

Congratulations to Jack Horwood, Bonnie Radcliffe and Scott Weedon who are our School Captains for 2014. We look forward to them representing our school with pride and being great leaders.

Brisbane Leadership Conference

Last Sunday Year 6 went up to Brisbane on a coach. We stopped at Woodburn to have some recess then we got back on the bus. When we arrived we found out where our rooms were and went up to them and got to know each other. After this we went to the park to play games. When we got back we had chicken snitzel, chips and salad for dinner then we had a shower and brushed our teeth and went to bed at 10.00pm. At 6.30am in the morning we had to get dressed, pack our bags and have some breakfast. After breakfast we hoped on the bus and went to the National Young Leaders Day. We listened to some good leaders like Mike Martin, Karni Liddell, Andy Griffiths, Wes Mannion and Lorin Nicholson. My favourite speaker was Karni Lidelll who told us about her life as a Paralympic swimmer and what she has been though. After this we hoped on the bus to go home. On the way we watched Despicable 2 and Never Ending Story. We stop at McDonald’s to have dinner. The bus travelled to Urunga and I got off there with some other people. Then next stop was Bellingen.

By Bonnie Radcliffe

Brisbane

Last Sunday the Bellinger Dorrigo learning community went to Brisbane for the National Young Leaders Day. We learnt what it takes to be a good leader. We had 5 speakers on the day:

Mike Martin
Karni Liddell (Paralympic Swimmer).
ANDY GRIFFITHS!!!!!! (Children’s Author).
Wes Mannion (Owner of Australia Zoo).
Lorin Nicholson (Blind Cyclist).

We woke up on Sunday morning at 6:30 and drove to Bellingen to catch the bus at 8:00am. We arrived at Brisbane at around 2:30pm.
Once we got settled at the hostel we walked to the park at 3:00pm and played a game called Soccer Baseball. It’s pretty much just like Baseball only you line up your kick and kick the ball. The fielders had to get the ball to touch 3 players before kicking it through the goal. If you’re on a base when it goes through the goal your safe, if not YOUR OUT!!! If they miss the goal you get a free run to the base you were going too.

After that we went to the hostel, had dinner and went to bed. Though sadly our sleep was cut short due to KNOCK AND RUNNERS who knocked on our door at 4:00am!!!! Any way we got up at 6:30am, had showers, got dressed, cleaned up the room, had breakfast, loaded into the bus and drove to the National Young Leaders Day. WHAT A TRIP.

By Jack Horwood

Brisbane Leadership Conference

Last Sunday all School Captains from Dorrigo, Bellingen, Orana, Urunga, Dundurranb and Hernani Public Schools went on a leadership camp. We stayed at a hostel for the night. At 4am one of the other kids knocked on our door to try and wake us up but we ignored him. Once we got up we had breakfast and headed off to the Leadership Conference. The people who talked to us were:

Mike Martin
Karni Liddell
Andy Griffiths
Wes Mannion and
Lorin Nicholson.

We all enjoyed the speeches, they went for about 5 or 6 hours.

After this we hopped back on the bus to travel home. About half way home we stopped for a toilet break but we had a little problem. The girls toilets were locked so the girls used the boys toilets and the boys went behind the toilet block.

For dinner we stopped at a truck stop and had KFC.

By Scott Weedon

Ride 2 School Day – Wednesday 19th March

Students will be participating in a Ride 2 School Day on Wednesday 19th March, where they bring their bikes and helmets to school. The day will include some obstacle courses, bike safety and maintenance activities. Bikes and helmets brought in prior to the day will be safely locked up, and if your child does not have a functioning bike or helmet, please let us know so that extras can be organised.

Bike and helmets can be brought into school ready for this event. They will be stored in the old Library and can be collected after the 19th.

Finlayson Cup Sports Day – Friday 21st March

We will be attending Finlayson Cup Sports Day at Chandler Public School on Friday 21st March. The day will begin at 9:30am, and is due to finish by 2:30pm. We will be travelling by bus at a cost of $15 per student. Cup days are always enjoyed by all as they are about participation, giving it your best and socialising with other students. Everyone has the opportunity to try each event, and point’s earnt throughout the day will go towards our school’s total score. Students will need to catch Jim’s high school bus run in the morning and will return home on the high school bus – unless otherwise arranged with Jim. Students who do not catch the bus run will need to be at the shop at 7.50am in the morning and will need to be picked up at 3.45pm in the afternoon.

This is a whole school excursion. Please return the consent note attached and money ASAP, as we need to know the number of students attending.

Students and parents will be able to purchase lunch and morning tea, should they wish. Morning tea will consist of cake/fruit and a drink, with a sausage sandwich and drink for lunch. There will be a cost of $5 per order. There might be room on the bus for some parents ($5 each), please talk to Melissa once we have our consents returned or you’re welcome to drive and meet us up at Chandler Public School.

Year 6 Parents

An information package and “Expression of Interest for Placement in Year 7 at a NSW Government Secondary School in 2015” form was sent home previously. Please return it to school by TOMORROW. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to phone and ask Mrs Keough. Thank you to those Year 6 students who have brought theirs back already.

2013 Workbook Fees

Workbook fees for 2014 remain the same - $30.00 per student. These fees help towards the costs of student items provided by our school e.g. exercise books, pens, pencils, glue etc… Thank you those families that have paid already.

Invitation - Model Railway Display – Sunday 15th June

Last week we received an invitation from Mr Bruce Block inviting teachers, students and parents to visit his model railway display on Sunday June 15th. The display will take place from 2 to 4pm at Lower Bielsdown Road, ‘Tallowood Ridge’ and will include a variety of model trains to look at as well as afternoon tea. The Coffs Harbour Model Railway group will also join Mr Block for the afternoon. Please contact the school for more information or to let us know if you would like to attend.

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International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
2014 competition dates for Years 3-6 are as follows:
Computer Skills - Tuesday 20th May - $8.00
Science - Wednesday 4th June - $8.00
Writing - Monday 16th June - $17.00
Spelling - Tuesday 17th June - $11.00
English - Tuesday 29th July - $8.00
Mathematics - Tuesday 12th August - $8.00
If you would like your child to participate in any of these competitions, return your choices and the competition money fee to school by Monday 31st March (Week 10).

P&C News & Community Notices

Easter Raffle Donations
Easter Eggs Needed
The P&C is asking families if they could kindly donate some Easter Eggs or something Eastery for our raffle that will be drawn on Thursday 10th April at our School Easter Hat Parade. Tickets will be sent home shortly.

BookClub Issue 2 – Due back Monday 17th March
Bookclub Issue#2 is attached. If you wish to place an order from this issue, please have your order forms and money (cash/cheque made to Scholastic) back at school by Monday 17th March.

Hernani Public School P&C Bulb Fundraiser
Hernani P&C are running a Garden Express bulb fundraiser. It is always good to help support our small schools in the local area. If anyone would like to order any items from the attached catalogue, please have your order form and payment (cash or cheque made out to Hernani PS P&C Assoc.) returned to school by Monday 31st March.

For Sale – Lounge
Blue 3 seater lounge and armchair. Good condition.
For sale - $100 Phone Abby Not on 66578 058

Wood Carving Competition - 2014 Dorrigo Creative Mountain Arts Exhibition
For Primary School Students who reside on the Dorrigo Plateau. Prizes generously donated by Brian Eves - $100, $75, $50 plus a woodcarving knife.
If your child is interested, please see Melissa for information and entry form as soon as possible.

Dorrigo Creative Arts Exhibition
Entries close 21 March. Opening night 16 April, 7.30pm. Exhibition runs from 17 April to 26 April. Volunteers needed. Further information from Lyne on 0448194880 or Jenny 66571957.

Dorrigo Rangers Junior Rugby Union
Registration sessions for U13s and U15s for 2014 will be held on Tuesday 11 March and Tuesday 18 March at the Dorrigo Recreation ground from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Registration fees are $100 per player. Any queries please contact Danielle Cranston on 0408002294 or Mr Donald at school. Fitness training will start Tuesday 11 March at the Rec ground.

Dorrigo’s Patch of Pumpkins
Pumpkins galore are growing around the district in preparation for the Dorrigo Pumpkin Growing competition which will be judged at the showground on 5 April 2014 at 10.00am. In addition there will also be a Pumpkin Cook Off:

Open Class
a) 3 pumpkin scones – 1st prize $25
b) Sweet pumpkin pie – 1st prize $25

Primary School
a) 3 pumpkin scones – 1st prize $20
b) Sweet pumpkin pie – 1st prize $20
Entry for the open class is $2 and for primary school $1. Recipes are available at Beaumont’s Produce or the Dorrigo Show Website: www.dorrigoshow.or.au

What’s the go with Go4Fun??
It’s on in Term 2! It’s fun! It’s FREE! It’s a family healthy lifestyle program! It’s for 7-13yo children who are above a healthy weight range! If you want to make a change and get fit and healthy in the new year with your family call 1800 780 900 now!!