Harmony Day Feast
Harmony day is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it. Our students have enjoyed their Balinese unit of work this term and did a terrific job preparing the food for our Balinese community lunch last Friday. It was great to see so many families and community members join us to celebrate this occasion. The assistance from, many volunteers to prepare lunch was greatly appreciated and we thank the Clarence Valley Council for their donation of $250 towards the day.
Attendance - Arriving on Time
It is important for your child to arrive at school before the morning bell at 9:20am. In doing so, they have the time to establish friendships, join into morning play and enjoy breakfast if they need to. It would be wonderful to see all students at school ready for our fundamental movement activities at 9:20am. These 10 minute sessions build basic fundamental movement skills as well as improve gross motor ability. To encourage regular attendance I have attached an attendance information sheet. It includes various tips and strategies that may be of assistance to you.

Ride 2 School Day – this Wednesday 19th March
Students will be participating in a Ride 2 School Day this 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.

Electricity (Power) Interruption – this Thursday 20th March
Essential Energy has a planned Interruption of Electricity Supply this Thursday 20th March that will affect the school. We will be without power and water from 9am to 12.30pm. The school will still operate as per normal but we are requesting that students come to school with plenty of extra drinking water. We will not be able to heat food and have no heating during this timeframe, so please ensure your child/ren has warm clothing in case the weather is cold.

Finlayson Cup Sports Day – this Friday 21st March
We will be attending Finlayson Cup Sports Day at Chandler Public School this 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 by TOMORROW, 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.
Preschoolers Morning – next Monday 24th March
Join us for our second pre-schoolers visit for 2014, next Monday 24th March here at school from 10am to 11.30am. There will be educational activities that help develop gross and fine motor skills as well as art and craft. All preschool children aged 1-5 are welcome. Next terms dates are Monday 26th May and Monday 23rd June.

Easter Hat Parade & Term 1 Assembly – Thursday 10th April – 2.00pm
We will be holding our Term 1 Assembly and annual Easter Hat Parade and egg hunt on Thursday 10th April at 2.00pm. The students will make their hats at school. We would love as many parents possible to come along to watch the student’s parade and enjoy afternoon tea together.

ANZAC Day March – Friday 25th April (During the Holidays)
The Dorrigo RSL Sub Branch has invited staff and students to march as a School Group in the Dorrigo ANZAC Day March and Wreath Laying Service on Friday 25th April, this falls during the holidays. We need to assemble outside the front of the RSL club at 10.40am, ready for step off at 11.00am. Light refreshments will follow the service for our marchers at the Dorrigo Bowling Club. Young marchers are encouraged to wear their families’ medals and decorations. Parental transport and supervision before and after marching is required. Please return the consent note below to indicate if your child/ren will be attending as soon as possible. To look our best, full school uniform (school sports shirt) and navy hat must be worn on the day. If it is a hot day, students may wish to bring a bottle of water with them to sip from.

2014 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
We have 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.

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).

Make an Offer
We have a number of used student desks, printers, laminators and photocopiers in storage at school. If you would like any of these items, come in and make an offer. It all has to go!

P&C News & Community Notices

Easter Raffle Donations
Easter Eggs Desperately 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 next newsletter.

BookClub Issue 2 – Due back TOMORROW
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 Tommorow.

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, 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.org.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!!

LOCATION: Dutton Trout Hatchery, Point Lookout Rd, Ebor.
DATE: 15th of April 2014
BOOKING CLOSE: 9th of April 2014
CONTACT: Milan Duwenhogger-Lange
0458 274 876 (please leave a message)
milan.duwenhogger@dpi.nsw.gov.au

LOCATION: Lane Boulevard Park, Skinner St (river end), Grafton
DATE: 14th of April 2014
BOOKING CLOSE: 9th of April 2014
CONTACT: Milan Duwenhogger-Lange
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