Rocket Readers
Congratulation to Milo Baff who was awarded his 80 nights Reading award last Thursday.

Boating Presentation
Andrew and Candice from the Road and Maritime Authority visited our school last week to talk to us about boat safety. They showed us some very important safety procedures such as wearing a life jacket and how to get on and off a boat safely. Candice talked us through different types of equipment that would be helpful if you were in distress when out on the water. These included a “V” mat, torch, bucket, paddle, compass and an emergency beacon.
SAKG Gardening & Cooking
In gardening we planted broad beans, cabbage, lettuce and cauliflower. We also fertilised our cherry and nectarine trees and dug in some of our green manure crop. We harvested leeks, onions, herbs, arrowroot, potatoes in storage, frozen beans and peaches. In the kitchen we cooked roasted potato and arrowroot chips, cabbage mince rolls, tempura vegetables, chicken stock, red and blue pancakes with fruit. Thank you to Gail for volunteering in the garden and kitchen.

Kindergarten Orientation
We welcomed Isabelle and Caleb to our school for Kindergarten Orientation this morning. They had fun in class participating in activities. Our next Kindergarten orientations for this term will be Monday 1st September and Monday 15th September from 9am to 12noon.
**Bookweek Parade – Theme “Connect to Reading” Tomorrow**
We will be celebrating Book Week tomorrow. Children can come dressed as any book character and will take part in a parade at school. **Parents are welcome to attend.** Parade will start at 9.30am.

**Combined Schools Science Day – here – this Wednesday 20th August**
We will be hosting a combined small schools day here this Wednesday 20th August with Hernani, Ebor, Nymboida and Chandler Public Schools. The focus for the day will be on Science “Food for the Future”. This will be an educational and fun day for all students to participate in and also a chance to reconnect with friends and peers from other small schools. Our P&C will be catering on the day.

**We need volunteers to help prepare and cook the burgers on the day. If you can help, please let Charlene or Melissa know as soon as possible.** We are also asking if all families could bake or donate cakes, slices or biscuits etc... for recess on the day. Thank you

**Preschoolers Morning – Monday 25th August**
Our next preschoolers date is Monday 25th August. Join us for a morning of kids craft, stories and games at 10am.

**Video Conference - 29th August**
All students will be participating in a Science related Video Conference on Friday 29th August called “Who’s Scat is that?” from 9.30am to 10.15am. Students will need to return the attached permission note (if attached) in order to participate in the conferences.

**Fruit and Vegie Month**
Next week marks the beginning of Fruit and Vegie Month. Students will participate in activities at school around healthy fruit and vegie consumption as well as take part in a fruit and vegie eating challenge. For this challenge students will complete a sticker puzzle as a class. For every piece of fruit eaten at our morning fruit break students will receive a piece of the puzzle to add to the class puzzle board. We are looking forward to completing each puzzle and seeing the finished product.

**Uniform Reminder**
Students are reminded to wear our school uniform. This includes the jade school shirt, navy pants or shorts and a navy jumper/jacket. We have a great looking school uniform, so let’s wear it with pride.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Premier’s reading Challenge finishes this Friday. Year 3 to 6 students are encouraged to write down the names of Premier’s Reading Challenge books read at home to log them online at school this week.

**Portfolio Reminder (Please Return)**
Could all students please return their portfolio folders as soon as possible to school so teachers can continue awarding value stickers. Their sticker charts are inside students portfolios. **Thank you.**

**School Planning Session for Parents**
Next year we move into a new school planning cycle utilising a framework which encourages schools and communities to work together. All parents are invited to attend a school planning session on **Thursday 11th September at 2:30pm.** This will be a relaxed gathering having a chat about the direction our school will take in the coming years. Your attendance would be greatly appreciated.

**Cybersmart- Internet Safety Awareness**
With the popularity of social media these days, teaching our children about internet safety has never been so important. Parents and carers can access terrific resources including, brochures, video clips, quizzes and tips to assist with building internet safety for children. This website is definitely worth a look http://www.cybersmart.gov.au

**ADVANCED DATE - 2014 School Photos**
**Monday 13th October**
On Monday 13th October (Week 2, Term 4), 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. Donna takes beautiful photos at a great price. An order form is attached; please return it and your money (cash/cheque to Donna Davidson) to school by Wednesday 8th 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.
P&C News & Community Notices

P&C Wood Raffle Tickets Attached

First Prize: Trailer of split Firewood (Delivered locally)
Drawn: Tuesday 19th August at our Bookweek Parade.
Tickets: $1.00 each

Please have all tickets sold/unsold and money returned to school by TOMORROW.

Book Club Issue 6 – Due back Monday 25th August
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 25th August.

Helpers Needed
The P&C are asking for helpers to come along to school and help split some firewood for our raffles.
We would like to thank Fred Scott and Tony Zapirain for all the hard work that they have contributed towards splitting firewood over the past few years, but it would be great to see some new helpers come and lighten the workload for Fred. We also need dry wood logs for splitting for our P&C wood pile. Please phone the school or just drop in on Thursday’s while Fred is here or any day that suits.

Volunteers Needed
The Dorrigo Show Society is looking for an interested parent to organise the Children’s Art section of this year’s Dorrigo Show (22nd & 23rd November). This is a voluntary position requiring the organisation of art work entries, displays put together prior to the show and taken down afterwards. Most likely, 3-4 days work. If you are interested or would like more information please contact Sally Duckett on 66575241.

ETC’s Community Support FUND is now OPEN!
Enterprise & Training Company (ETC) enjoys giving back to the communities where we operate. We do this through the ETC Community Support Fund. The current funding period is now open with $100,000 available in community grants. The closing date is 31 August 2014. For more information visit http://enterpriseandtrainingcompany.com.au/csf/

Go4Fun Healthier lifestyle
Mother and daughter Tracey and Matilda decided to head along to check out what Go4Fun was all about. Tracey was busy running a café but couldn’t knock back a great opportunity to boost her little girl’s health and happiness so called on other family to also assist in participating in the program with Matilda. Matilda’s low self-esteem meant she had little confidence to interact with kids her own age. This totally changed over the course of term 3 with Matilda even nominating for school captain. Tracey says, “Even though we knew the nutrition and exercise information before we started, it’s helped us so much. Matilda is not only healthier but so much happier, with a boost in self-esteem and confidence. She misses Go4Fun and always looks forward to catching up with the others from her group.” Go4Fun is a healthy lifestyle program for families with a 7-13 year old. It has been specially designed to gradually introduce lifestyle changes. Parents and children learn to read labels, about appropriate portion sizes and tricks to making better decisions when at parties or dining out. Then there are all the fun games that are played and friends that are made.

What’s the go with Go4Fun??
It’s on in Term 3 in Coffs! 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! Now offering awesome prizes for attendance! If you want to make a change and get fit and healthy with your family call 1800 780 900 now!!

Dorrigo Fuji Karate Club
Beginners’ Course
Monday 18 & 25 August
Dorrigo Public School
Kids: 5-6 pm
Teens & Adults: 6-7 pm
Total cost: $20
Please contact Sensei Hazel for bookings: 6657 2525

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