Book Parade

Connect to Reading was the theme for our book parade last Tuesday morning. Everyone had a ball dressing up as their favourite book character and listening to Mrs Sangster read King Pig by Nick Bland, the honoured picture book for 2014. Our K-2 class have written short descriptions of their costumes.
Public Speaking
This term our students have been busy writing persuasive texts on a variety of topics. The K-2 class have been arguing "The Best Pet" and the 3-6 class have been learning about Martin Luther King and his influential speech "I Have a Dream". To complete this unit of work all students presented a speech last week at school where they shared their finished work with teachers and students. Teachers were particularly impressed with the way the students spoke with confidence, demonstrated excellent peer encouragement and listening skills.

Science Day
Last Wednesday we celebrated National Science Week with a combined small schools Science Day. Students from Ebor, Nymboida, Hernani and Chandler joined us for a day of exciting science activities based around this year’s theme "Food for our Future". Thank you to all families for sending in sweet treats for recess and to the P&C for cooking delicious burgers for lunch. A great day was had by all!
Preschoolers Morning – Monday 25th August
We welcomed Lucy, Henry, Tyson, Talia, Hunter, Jackson and Wren today for our preschoolers morning. The highlight of the morning was making a Humpty Dumpty collage using felt, paper, foam, ribbon and egg shells. Today was our last preschoolers morning for this term. Our preschoolers dates for term 4 are Monday 27th October and Monday 1st December. Join us for a morning of kids craft, stories and games at 10am.

Welcome Griffin Mears
Last week we welcomed Griffin Mears to our school to complete work placement. Griffin is a former student of Dundurrabin PS and is thoroughly enjoying his time working with the 3-6 class.

SAKG Gardening & Cooking
In gardening we made a path to the lemon tree, planted more wheat and did lots of mulching. We harvested leeks, herbs, carrots and turnips. In the kitchen we cooked tomato soup, Turkish bread, carrot and orange salad, crunchy carrot fritters, turnip chips and banana fritters. Thank you to Gail, Julie Connor, Matthew Sommers and Griffin Mears for volunteering.

Video Conference – this Friday 29th August
All students will be participating in a Science related Video Conference this Friday 29th August called “Who’s Scat is That?” from 9.30am to 10.15am.

Kindergarten Orientation Monday 1st September
Our next Kindergarten Orientations for this term will be Monday 1st September and Monday 15th September from 9am to 12noon.

Dorrigo High School Musical Play Performance – Dorrigo – Wednesday 10th September
We will be travelling to Dorrigo on Wednesday 10th September to watch the High School “Jungle Fantasy” performance at the Dorrigo Gazette Theatre. We will leave school at 10am and return in time for the normal bus run. We will have lunch from 12.15pm - 1.00pm at Dorrigo Public School, so students will need a pack recess, fruit, lunch, water and hat. Cost will be $2 per student for the Theatre. Thank you to the Dorrigo High School who is funding the bus cost.
School Planning Session for Parents – Thursday 11th September

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.

Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation Sponsored Plateau Schools’ Golf Tournament – Friday 12th September

On Friday 12th September 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 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. Transport will be by Jim’s bus to Dorrigo Golf Course and back. 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; the school will pay for Jim’s bus.

For the day to run smoothly we need plenty of adult 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. Golf should be an enjoyable experience. When you volunteer you will help this become a reality. Thanks for your support.

End of Term Assembly – Wednesday 17th September

Our Term 3 Assembly will be held on Wednesday 17th September at 2pm. Students will be showing work from class and special term awards will be presented. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

Milo T20 Blast Cricket Gala Day – Bellingen

Thursday 18th September

Year 3 to 6 will be travelling to Bellingen on Thursday 18th September to participate in the Milo T20 Blast School Cup hosted by NSW Cricket at Connell Park in Bellingen. We will need parental transport for this excursion to and from Bellingen on the day. Parents may drop off students and then return to collect them if they do not wish to stay and watch for the day. There is no cost for this excursion. We will need to be at Connell Park (soccer fields) Bellingen by 9am. The day should finish around 1.30pm. The day will be loads of fun for children to enjoy playing the game of cricket which is non-contact, inclusive, skilful, fun and social! Parents are most welcome to attend. Students are to wear full school uniform (sport shirts) and bring their recess, fruit, lunch, plenty of water, hat and sunscreen. All equipment is supplied. Mrs Keough will meet parents and students at Bellingen. Please fill out the consent note attached and return to school as soon as possible so transport details can be arranged.

Fruit and Vegie Month – Starts Today

Today is 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

This is the last week students in the 3-6 class will have to complete their online reading log for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. All students know how to do this and it can be done at home if internet access is available.

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.
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 was attached last newsletter; 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

Catering Thank you
Thank you to everyone who cooked cakes and slices for the Science Day last week. Thanks also to Charlene McKeivitt and Becky Wykes for organising and shopping, Colleen Chambeyron, Leonie Pankhurst, Charlene McKeivitt and Griffin Mears on the day for preparing, cooking, serving and cleaning up. It was a successful and the food was enjoyed by all.

BookClub Issue 6 – 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 tomorrow, Tuesday 26th August.

P&C Wood Raffle
Congratulations to Jarvis Pankhurst. who was the winner of our August firewood raffle.

P&C Wood Raffle Tickets Attached
First Prize: Trailer of split Firewood (Delivered locally)
Drawn: Wednesday 17th September at our Term Assembly.
Tickets: $1.00 each
Please have all tickets sold/unsold and money returned to school by Monday 15th September. This is could possibly be our last wood raffle for the year, depending on the coldness next term.

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 great to see some new helpers come and lighten the work load 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.

P&C Meeting – Cancelled- New Date: 24th October (Week 3, Term 4)
Due the postponement of the Tyringham Campdraft which was to happen shortly, we have moved our next P&C meeting to 24th October (Week 3) next term.

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 positon 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.