Leadership Day

The focus of this year’s Leadership Day held at Bellingen PS was about being a responsible school leader and role model. Our year 5 and 6 students were highly engaged in the activities presented leaving them equipped with some valuable lifelong skills.
Welcome Nick and Lachie
Last week we welcomed Nick and Lachie to our school. The boys have made an impressive start settling into the 3-6 class.

SAKG Gardening & Cooking

Week 2
Due to school photos be taken we had no gardening in week 2. We harvested peas, snap peas, snow peas, asparagus, rhubarb, leeks, fennel, broad beans, lettuce and eggs. In the kitchen we cooked broad bean, leek and fennel top risotto, asparagus quiche, orange and fennel salad and rhubarb, apple and cinnamon muffins. Thank you to the Freeman family for a dozen eggs and to Gail and Julie who volunteered in the garden and kitchen.

Week 3
Students created herb gardens for Made in Dorrigo in December and weeded vegie gardens. We harvested asparagus, leeks, snap peas, snow peas, peas, herbs, pak choi, eggs, shallots, lettuce and spinach. In the kitchen we cooked broad bean dip with flat bread, Asian noodles with spring vegetables, mini quiches with asparagus, leeks and bacon and spring green salad with orange dressing and quartered boiled eggs.

Kindergarten Transition – this Thursday 29 October
We had our four 2016 Kindergarten students join us for a full day of transition on Friday 16 October. Jacob, Jett, Quill and Tyson actively joined in literacy, maths and sport activities. We look forward to their next visit this Thursday. If your child is turning 5 years of age before 31 July, 2016 they are eligible to enrol in Kindergarten at Dundurrabin PS for 2016. Our Term 4 Kindergarten orientation full days will be:

- THIS Thursday 29 October
- Wednesday 11 November
- Tuesday 24 November
- Monday 7 December – from 12 noon

This will provide your child with the experiences of school and help to prepare them for kindergarten. We look forward to working with our new Kindergarten students.

Yr6 Orientation – Dorrigo High School – this Thursday 29 October – 8.45am to 1pm
This Thursday 29 October, Year 6 will be heading to Dorrigo High School to participate in a year meeting, how to read the timetable lesson, peer support
activities, a guided tour of the school and periods 3 and 4 in class. Students may catch the High School bus to the High School (cost $1.00 to be paid to the bus driver on the day) and will need to be collected from DHS at 1pm by parents and returned to Dundurabin PS.

Remanding transition dates for Term 4 are as follows:

- **Thursday 29 October** - 8.45am – 1pm
- **Monday 16 November** – 8.45am - 3.15pm
- **Thursday 3 December** – Students 8.45am – 3.15pm
- **Thursday 3 December** – Parents 9.05am – 10.45am

Please and sign the consent note if attached and return to school by tomorrow with transport arrangements.

**Aussie Backyard Bird Count**

Last week our students used the iPads to record bird sightings in our playground. The data collected contributed to the Aussie Backyard Bird Count for 2016. They did a wonderful job quietly bird spotting and identifying the variety of birds in our playground.

**Preschoolers Morning**

Jett, Jarrah, Quill and Kimberley enjoyed fun activities with Kindergarten including marble painting and weaving during our preschoolers morning. Don’t forget to join us for our last preschool morning for 2015 on **Monday 16 November from 10am to 12 noon**. 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.

**Combined Schools Sport Afternoons – THIS Friday 30 October**

This Friday we will travel to Hernani PS to participate in a sport session. We will depart School at 12.30pm. We will have lunch (packed from home), a sport session and fruit at Hernani before returning to school in time for normal bus routine. Transport will be by Jim’s bus for the term at a cost of $16.00 per student ($8.00 each trip). The next date to visit Hernani will be on Friday 13 November at Hernani PS. Please fill out the consent note if attached and return it and money to school as soon as possible.
End of Year Excursion to Sydney – 2 to 6 November

The Year 5 & 6 excursion to Sydney is fast approaching! Mrs Phelps, Mrs & Mr Kovacevic will be the teachers in attendance. Travel to and from Sydney will be by train. Students will need to meet at Urunga railway station at 6:15am on Monday 2 November. Whilst in Sydney students will be staying at Sydney Harbour YHA. The return train is due to arrive at Urunga station at 8:07 pm on Friday 6 November 2015. We would recommend that you call Countrylink on 132232 to check that the train is running on time. Students may wear mufti for the train journey to Sydney. We ask that they wear a school shirt and hat on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday so that the group can be easily identified as we move from one venue to another. When packing, please be mindful that we will be walking from the train station to the YHA. Students will need to be able to carry their own luggage and belongings. Any medication required by students while we are away will need to be handed to Mrs Phelps before we leave on Monday morning. It should be clearly labelled with the child’s name and dosage requirements. This includes general medication such as travel sickness tablets or Panadol etc. Spending money will be looked after by a supervising teacher and should be placed in an envelope clearly marked with the student’s name and amount – please do not seal the envelope as the amount enclosed is confirmed before departure. If students are planning to use a public phone while away they should bring either change or a phone card. An itinerary and what to bring list was sent home previously, but if you require another copy, please let us know.

Life Education – Ebor PS – Thursday 5 November

Students will join Ebor, Hernani and Chandler Public Schools on Thursday 5 November at Ebor Public School to participate in a fun and educational day with Healthy Harold. We will be taking Jim’s bus and will depart school at 8.30am sharp and return to school by 3.15pm. Ebor P&C will cater on the day, lunch forms will be sent home when received. There will be no cost for this excursion as the school will pay for the students to attend the Life Ed lessons and the P&C is paying for Jim’s bus. Students must wear full uniform, hat and take a packed lunch and recess if not ordering. Extra water is recommended as Ebor PS has limited drinking water available. Attached is a Harold Merchandise order form if students would like to purchase any items on the day. Please send the correct amount of money in an envelope with your child’s name on the front with them to Ebor. Please sign and return the consent note and the money as soon as possible.

Travel Timetable is as follows:

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If you do not wish for your child/ren to be dropped off home along the way, please let us know before the day.

Special Canteen Lunches – Friday 6 November

Friday 6 November we will have a special canteen lunch. Lunch orders are attached; please return them by Monday 2 November.

End of Year Excursion to Coffs Harbour – Friday 20 November

We’ll be heading to Coffs Harbour on Friday 20 November for our Big Day Out Excursion. Transport will be by Jim’s bus, leaving Tyringham Store at 8am and returning at 4pm. The first stop for the day will be the Book Warehouse where students will choose their presentation books. Jim will then take us to the new Big Banana Waterpark at 11:30 for a session on the water slides and wet area. Before departing for home we’ll enjoy lunch and a play at Brelsford Park.

The cost per student will be $30 ($15 for the bus and $15 for the water park). Students will need to wear full school sports uniform including a hat and normal school shoes. They’ll need to pack swimwear, a towel, fruit, recess, lunch and plenty of water to drink throughout the day.

Students can catch the High School Bus run in the morning. Those students who do not catch the bus will need to be at Tyringham Store by 8am.

Students will catch the High School Bus run home in the afternoon. Those students who do not catch the bus will need to be collected at Tyringham Shop at 4pm.

Please sign and return the attached consent note and money.
SAKG - Weekly Contribution of $1 per student
The kitchen garden program has ongoing costs each week, such as cooking ingredients, seeds and seedlings. We are asking that parents help contribute towards these costs by sending in $1 each Friday per child. The cost for Term 4 is $11 per student. Thank you those families that have paid already.

Reminder - 2015 Hernani Sport & Workbook Fees
Invoices are attached for those families that have not yet paid their workbook fees for 2015 and/or Hernani Sport Afternoon bus costs. Please pay as soon as possible. Remember all excursions should be paid for in full before the event on the day. Thank you those families who have paid already.

BookClub Issue 7 – Due back Tomorrow
Attached is Bookclub Issue 7, 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.

P&C and Community News
Fishing Workshop at Ebor Trout Hatchery
When: 31 October 2016
Time: 10am to 2pm
Age: 8-14 years and have the ability to swim a minimum of 25m.
Cost: $40 and children will be supplied with all fishing equipment on the day.
Contact Milan Duwenhoger-Lange on 66261831

SORT- Soils, Oceans, Rivers, Trees – Grafton
Please help us with our current campaign – “100 Computers for Clarence valley kids”. Please donate your old computers today. SORT Recycling Limited is a not-for-profit social enterprise that aims to enhance recycling, to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and, along the way, to create new jobs. Our current community project is refurbishing preloved computers. We are accepting donations of computer towers/desktops, keyboards, mice, monitors, laptops and printers. We operate out of small recycling facilities at the heart of the community, close to where the waste is generated. Our aim is to cut down the transport of waste and to return the value of the waste streams to the community that generated them.
Contact information Ph:-6642 5048, 121 Pound St, Grafton NSW. grafton@sort.org.au Trading hours - 5pm Mon-Fri OR find us on facebook-SORT Grafton

World Education Program (WEP) Australia
Bring the world to you and host an overseas exchange student in 2016! WEP Australia is looking for wonderful volunteer host families willing to open their home and hearts to overseas exchange students arriving in January 2016. If you are as eager as these students are to share your culture, contact us now!
Phone 1300 884 733 or Email info@wep.org.au
Clarence Valley in Focus Competition 2015|2016
Submit up to three photos before 1 January 2016 to be part of our Clarence Valley in Focus competition and exhibition.
Submit your best ‘Faces of Community’ photo.
Judged based on creativity, originality and in accordance to the theme.
Entry fee: Free
Total prize pool of $2000
Clarence Valley Council is proud to present the Clarence Valley in Focus Photography Competition and Exhibition. This year’s theme is ‘Faces of Community’. Beauty comes in many forms, and there’s no doubt that it goes further than being skin deep. Our latest photography competition, ‘Faces of Community’ challenges photographers to capture the simple beauty, emotion and life story that’s hidden behind faces throughout the Clarence Valley.
With more than 51,000 people living in the Clarence Valley, subject matter is in no short supply. We want you to go out and photograph the faces that catch your eye. We’re restricting this competition to just human faces this time round, as the challenge here is to capture the simple elegance and depth of human emotion. A portrait is not made in the camera but on either side of it.
Competition closes: 1 January 2016
Exhibition dates: 16 March – 8 May 2016.
All entries must be submitted by no later than 5pm on Saturday 1 January 2016. Each entrant may submit up to three (3) photos only. Each entry must identify the correct category (ie. the type of camera used).

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IN FOCUS
PHOTO COMPETITION
THIS YEAR’S THEME
‘FACES OF COMMUNITY’
FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN IN FOUR (4) CATEGORIES $500
1.SLR CAMERA
2.POINT & SHOOT
3.MOBILE PHONE
4.PLUNGE COVER
ENTRY CLOSES FRIDAY 1ST JAN
FOR MORE INFO HEAD TO
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