**Brisbane Leadership Conference**

On Thursday the 19th March Jazmin and I went to Brisbane along with 60 other students for a leadership camp. We stayed in a hotel and had to share a room with 4 other girls from Dorrigo Public School. Around 6 o’clock we had lasagne and salad for dinner. After that we played a trivia game and had lollies.

On Friday we took the bus to the convention centre. At the centre we talked about what you have to be like to be a leader. Bindi Irwin, Coen Ashton, Juliet Wright and Mike Martin were all guest speakers. On the way back from Brisbane we stopped at a small shop to get dinner, the options were KFC or McDonalds. We all had a great time.

**By Emily O’Brien**

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**Holiday Dates**

The last day for Term 1 is this Thursday 2nd April 2015. Staff will return on Monday 20th April for a Development Day. **Students will return on Tuesday 21st April 2014.** Easter Weekend marks the commencement of the holidays. Friday 3rd April is Good Friday Public Holiday and Monday 6th April is Easter Monday Public Holiday.

We hope all families have a nice, relaxed and safe holiday break. See you all back at school well rested for Term 2. **Happy and Safe Holidays!**

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**WHAT’S ON FOR TERM 1**

**WEEK 10**

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**WHAT’S ON FOR TERM 2**

**WEEK 1**

| Monday, April 20th | Staff Development Day |
| Tuesday, April 21st | Students Return for Term 2 |
| Thursday, April 23rd | Dorrigo Museum & RSL Excursion |
| Saturday, April 25th | ANZAC Day March – Dorrigo – 10.40am |

**WEEK 2**

| Friday, May 1st | Sport at Hernani PS |

**WEEK 3**

| Monday, May 4th | Preschoolers Morning 10am - 12noon |
| Wednesday, May 6th | P&C Meeting – 3.30pm |
| Thursday, May 7th | Yr5-6 Leadership Conference– Coffs Hbr |
| Friday, May 8th | Special Canteen Day |

**Notes and Money due:**

- ANZAC March Consent Note
- Dorrigo RSL & Museum Consent Note
- Yr 5 & 6 Sydney Excursion Consent Note & Deposit.
- Yr 5 & 6 Leadership at Coffs Harbour Consent Note
- Workbook Fees
- SAKG Contribution

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**Harmony Day Feast**

Last Wednesday we recognised Australia’s cultural diversity by celebrating Harmony day. Students wore the official Harmony Day colour “orange” and decorated the COLA with orange balloons and flags. They cooked an enormous
feast for parents and community members to enjoy for lunch. Thank you Bridget, Gail, Julie and Leonie for your help in the kitchen and donated ingredients. The menu included recipes from a variety of countries around the world such as Turkey, Morocco, China, Pakistan, Italy, Thailand, Japan, India, United Kingdom, Africa, Argentina, Greece, France and America. The dishes were BBQ gozlene, homemade pasta with fresh garden sauce, pumpkin and cranberry tajine, empandas, spring rolls, cajum spicy fried chicken, carrot salad (Salade de Carottes Rapee), tomato fetta salad (village salad), sushi, Punjabi naan bread, fennel and orange salad, kangaroo ragout and pasta, bully beef stew, Cantonese Buddha melon, snakebean and melon stir fry, Uygyar kebabs, pesto, sticky rice balls, bread and butter pudding and spicy carrot biscuits. It was delicious.

Change of Bus Routine
Out of courtesy could families please inform the school and Jim of any changes in your child’s bus pick up or drop off. Jims mobile number is 0429 175 122.

New Sand
On behalf of the staff and students thank you to Bill Cartmill for delivering two large loads of fresh white sand for our sandpits. The children are enjoying building new sand creations daily.

ANZAC Shop Window Display
If you are in Dorrigo over the holidays be sure to check out our shop window display celebrating ANZAC Day. You can find it in the old computer shop (next to the hardware store).

Easter Hat Parade & Term 1 Assembly – this Thursday 2nd April – 2.00pm
We will have our Term 1 Assembly, annual Easter Hat Parade and Egg Hunt this Thursday 2nd April at 2.00pm. Please come along and watch your child/ren parade their Easter hat and see what they have been doing throughout the term.
Finlayson Cup Sports Day – Thursday 26th March
What a sporting success!! Good preparation and persistence at school paid off for our students at the Finlayson Cup last week with Dundurrabin taking out the overall point score for the day. We had numerous place getters across all events and several students receiving age champions.

- Jazmin Horwood - Senior Girl Champion
- Joe Wykes - Junior Boy Champion
- Jadon Broadhurst - Senior Boys Champion

and overall highest point score for boys.

Dundurrabin PS also took out the overall Jumping trophy and performed well in all team events. Congratulations to all students on their efforts at the cup including students who did not receive a ribbon. A special thank you to the older students and parents for your assistance with the younger students on the day.

Chamber of Commerce Spruce Up Dorrigo Project
Our -students have been busy working with Katherine Sangster at school to decorate a garbage bin as part of the Spruce up Dorrigo Project (SPUD). Our bin will be back in town on the Easter weekend and will be situated on the NAB Bank corner. Thank you to Katherine and all students for a terrific job.

ANZAC Excursion Thursday 23rd April - WEEK 1 Term 2
We will travel into Dorrigo on the first Thursday back after the holidays, 23rd April. We will be leaving school at 9:30am. We will visit the Dorrigo Museum for a History of The Plateau. We will then walk to Dorrigo Rec Grounds for Recess at 11.30am followed by a sport session with Mr K at the stadium. At 1.30pm we will visit Dorrigo Memorial RSL for an ANZAC session with Mr Bob Denner. We will leave town at 2.30pm and return to school for normal bus/home routine.

Students need to pack their own lunch and recess, hat, water and wear sports uniform

No cost to students. Thanks P&C for paying for the bus. Please fill out the consent note (if attached) and return to school by tomorrow.

DORRIGO RSL SUB BRANCH- CENTENARY OF ANZAC
This Year’s ANZAC Day will commemorate the Centenary of the Landing at Gallipoli on the 25th April 1915. Our ANZAC Day is on the Saturday after Term 2 commences. The Dawn Service will commence at 5.30am at the Dorrigo Monument.
The March & Wreath laying Service will commence at 11.00am with the march from the Dorrigo memorial RSL Club. There are some changes to the Order of March this year and the Dorrigo Schools contingents will be towards the head of the march, and the Schools will end up in Cudgery Street behind the Veterans Group near the bus shelter.

A feature of this years’ Service will be a re-enactment of a World War 1 Recruiting March with Dorrigo High School students taking part with vintage vehicles and horse drawn vehicles. Families and members of the public are invited to dress in period costume and line Cudgery Street and welcome these Marchers to the Monument. Dorrigo Dramatic Club has items of period clothing for hire.

After the March, young marchers are invited for refreshments at the Dorrigo Recreation Pavilion, NOT the Girl Guide Hall as in previous years. For further information contact Bob Denner on 6657 1145 or rdenner@bigpond.net.au.

ANZAC Day March – Saturday 25th April

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 Saturday 25th April. 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 Recreation Pavilion. 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 (if attached) by tomorrow. 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.

Combined Schools Sport Afternoons

We will continue to travel to Hernani Public School in Term 2 for sport afternoons. When travelling to Hernani Public School for sport we will depart Dundurrabin Public School at 12.30pm. We will have lunch (packed from home), a sport session and fruit at Hernani Public School 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). Term 2 consent note will be sent home next term.

Term 2 dates to visit Hernani will be on Friday
• 1st May at Hernani PS
• 29th May at Hernani PS

Years 5 & 6 only - GRIP Student Leadership Conference – Coffs Harbour – Thursday 7th May 2015

Year 5 & 6 students will be attending a Student leadership Conference at Coffs Harbour Racing Club on Thursday 7th May. The conference will be very worthwhile and informative for our school leaders. The cost for the day will is $35.00 per student, but we will be utilising the Student Assistant Scheme funds to pay. Please fill out, sign and return the consent note (if attached) by tomorrow. Students will need to wear full school uniform on the day and bring a packed recess, lunch, drinks, hat and jumper on the day. Students will need to arrive at Coffs Harbour by 8.45am and the day should finish approximately at 2.30pm. Parental transport will be needed for this excursion.

Term 1 SAKG Weekly Contribution - Due Now

If you have a payment slip attached for Term 1, please pay the amount before the end of term.

P&C News & Community Notices

Easter Raffle Donations - Easter Eggs Needed

Thank you to those families who have already kindly sent in chocolates for the Easter raffle that will be drawn in this Thursday 2nd April at our School Easter Hat Parade. Please return your tickets to school by this Wednesday 1st April.

P&C Wood Raffle Tickets - Attached

First Prize: Trailer of split Firewood (Delivered locally) Drawn: Friday 8th May.
Tickets: $1.00 each (book attached)
Please have all tickets sold/unsold and money returned to school by Thursday 7th May

P&C Catering

Thank you to everyone for the helping out with our catering events in the last for weeks. We made approximately $500 from both the Combined Small Schools Day and the Fire Management catering.

A great effort from everyone. Becky Wykes
P&C Meeting–Wednesday 6th May – 3.30pm

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th May (Week 3 - Term 2) at 3.30pm. We would like to have as many people as possible attend. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out about and get involved with what is happening within the school. Items on the agenda include student reports and school planning. Please come along and enjoy a relaxed friendly gathering.

Creative Kids
April school holidays
   Tuesday 7th
   Friday 10th
   Monday 13th
   Tuesday 14th
   Friday 17th
10.00am – 12.30pm
All sessions offer some outdoor playful active time and the opportunity to explore clay and draw using a variety of mediums.
Small groups - $25 per child per session
One-to-one clayfield sessions 2pm–4pm each day $50
Phone: Jenni Francis  66572625
jennifrancis2453@gmail.com
Diploma of Initiatic Art Therapy
Diploma of Clayfield (Sensorimotor Trauma Release)

Soccer is coming
The teams are set, training is underway and games are starting soon with boots on for all teams starting Saturday 18 April. The Dorrigo Highlanders Football Club have teams registered across all age groups from 8 years to open, boys, girls, mens and womens. And for our up and coming stars it is MiniRoos in Dorrigo each Saturday morning. Check your school noticeboard for team details. Players need to have all fees paid before taking the field to ensure cover for insurance. Please have your fees ready to pass on to your coach at training or organise for direct payment to the Dorrigo Highlanders account at BCU with the players name as reference. Payment enquiries can be made to Barb Webster 6657 2703.

Draws for all teams will be available online at www.northcoastfootball.com.au. Cancellations for wet weather are also posted to the website.

Keep an eye out for local football action at the Dorrigo Rec Ground. Come along to support our local teams, enjoy the talent of some faces you may know and grab something from our new season canteen.

*Connect* is the name of Interrelate’s new Family Mental Health Support Service (FMHSS). FMHSS will provide support to children, young people and families in the Coffs Harbour, Nambucca Valley and Kempsey regions where there are children and young people who are affected by, or are at risk of, mental illness (no formal diagnosis is required).

FMHSS will work with children, youth and families to build on what is already working well, while helping to find solutions for any concerns they have. Our goal is to help children; young people and families improve their health and wellbeing; improve relationships and connect them with their community.

FMHSS provides 3 types of support to improve mental health outcomes in the community:

- Groups and community education programs
- Short-term support to resolve immediate issues or concerns
- Intensive and long term case management up to 6-12 months, when families need more extensive support to resolve some of life’s difficulties.

FMHSS offers children and young people and their families/supports:

- Information | advice | referral | advocacy | support | home visiting
- And case management | access to group programs

FMHSS Eligibility
To be eligible for support through FMHSS, the child/young person must:

- be aged between 0-18 years
- have a caring adult who is willing to work with and support the service
- live in the catchment area of Coffs Harbour S4A area or Kempsey Nambucca S4A area – from Red Rock (Nth) to Crescent Head (Est) and West as far as Moonee Ponds and Lower Creek (Carrs)
- be affected by, or at risk of, mental illness (no formal mental health diagnosis is required)
- not be in the care of the Minister

Accessing FMHSS
Individuals can contact FMHSS directly or be referred by a supporting group or agency. For more information, contact the Area Manager initially on 02 66594 1510 or CoffsHarbour.interrelate.org.au

FMHSS will be located at 24 Park Avenue, Coffs Harbour with outreach locations in Kempsey, Nambucca & Bowraville. More details will be available shortly.

You can also call your nearest local Interrelate centre on 1300 736 966.
Prolific author John Heffernan will work with 9 to 12 yrs to develop their creative writing skills.

**WHEN:** 2pm to 3pm, Monday 13th April
**WHERE:** Yamba Library, 45 Wooli Street, Yamba

**WHEN:** 2pm to 3pm, Tuesday 14th April
**WHERE:** Grafton Library, 126-144 Pound Street, Grafton

**BOOKINGS:** Contact Grafton 02 6641 0100 or Yamba 02 6646 2811 Library

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**dog tales...**

plunge into story!

Grafton Library will be hosting a number of fun activities during 14th — 17th April, 2015.

Centred around canines, our ‘dog tales’ events will include activities for all ages, and all events are free!

- **author talk:** John Heffernan (all ages)
- **workshop:** canine story writing (9–12 year olds)
- **performance:** ‘The Loaded Dog’ (all ages)
- **competition:** Name Our Kelpie (all ages)

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**THE LOADED DOG**

A storytelling performance of Henry Lawson’s most popular comic story ‘The Loaded Dog’. With plenty of action and humour to engage and entertain audiences of all ages. It is a uniquely Australian story that features characters and situations from Australia’s past that will inspire.

**WHEN:** 10.30am, Tuesday 14th April
**WHERE:** Yamba Library, 45 Wooli Street, Yamba

**WHEN:** 10.30am, Wednesday 15th April
**WHERE:** Grafton Library, 126–144 Pound St, Grafton

**WHEN:** 2pm, Wednesday 15th April
**WHERE:** Iluka Library, Stanley Street, Iluka

**BOOKINGS & INFO:** www.crl.nsw.gov.au or Phone Grafton Library 6641 0100

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**NAME OUR KELPIE COMPETITION**

Help name our popular Library sculpture. Submit your entry at Grafton Library. Competition closes 26th April 2015.