The Exciting Samba Day

Yesterday we had an exciting day at school. Chandler, Ebor, Hernani and Nymboida Public Schools all came together at our school for Samba Experience workshop and art / music activities. Some of our favourite things were seeing and meeting friends, playing the bells and drums, making maracas, straw flutes and the bottle cap shakers. We all thought Tom’s jokes were funny, he made us laugh. We all learned something new and enjoyed the day. We hope Tom will visit again.

Written by the 3-6 Class
Samba Day
Tom played instruments with us. We played bells, shakers and drums. We made a maraca out of a pop top and tape. We made instruments out of a forked stick and beads. We also made a shaker out of sun seeds and a paper plate. We also made a rain stick out of a tube, wool, peas and nails. It was good day with Quill.
By Jarvis

Samba Day
The best bit was making a rainstick.
By Isabelle

Samba Day
The best bit was making lots of friends.
By Caleb

Samba Day
The best bit was playing triangles and drums.
By Robert

Wood Splitting Working Bee
Thank you to Darren, Becky, Kym, Leisa, Alex, Bill and Fred who came along to the P&C wood splitting working bee on Saturday 7th March. We now have a good stockpile of wood for the winter monthly wood raffles.

School Planning Meeting – Tomorrow – Wednesday 18th March
To date we have a draft school plan outlining the two strategic directions our school will take over the coming years. Parents and community members are invited to attend a planning meeting this Wednesday at 2:30pm to discuss the progress and content of our school plan. All ideas and input are greatly appreciated. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Special Canteen Lunches – this Friday 20th March
This Friday 20th March we will have another special canteen lunch. Please see the attached order form and return it with money back to school by tomorrow 18th March. This is the last canteen day until next term.

Year 6 Brisbane Leadership Excursion – this Thursday 19th & Friday 20th March
Jazmin and Emily will attend the Student Leadership Conference at Brisbane on Thursday 19th March and Friday 20th March along with student leaders from our school community. Please remember to pack a water bottle and school hat. Students must be at Bellingen Public School no later than 8.45am on Thursday morning and be collected by 10.15pm on Friday night.

Holiday Dates
The last day for Term 1 will 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.
**Ride 2 School Day**
Wheels went round and round last Tuesday at school as we took part in Ride 2 School Day. All students peddled their way through several bike courses on the bottom field after learning about the importance of wearing visible clothing and a helmet when cycling, skating or scooting.

**Harmony Day Feast – Wednesday 25th March**
We will be participating in Harmony Day on Wednesday 25th March. Students can come to school dressed in mufti (non-uniform) in orange clothes – the official colour for Harmony Day. The theme for Harmony Day this year is “Thank you for celebrating 15 years”. To celebrate the day we would like to invite parents, carers and community members to come and join us for a special luncheon at 1.30pm. This is an open invitation to the community to come along and celebrate the diversity of our community. If you want to be involved, come along and help the students prepare the feast.

**Finlayson Cup Sports Day – Thursday 26th March**
We will be attending Finlayson Cup Sports Day at Chandler Public School on Thursday 26th 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 points earned 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 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 as soon as possible. There will be room on the bus for some parents ($5 each), please see Melissa.

**Easter Hat Parade & Term 1 Assembly – Thursday 2nd April – 2.00pm**
We will have our Term 1 Assembly, annual Easter Hat Parade and Egg Hunt on Thursday 2nd April at 2.00pm.

**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

**Year 5 and 6 Major Excursion**
Our Year 5 and 6 students have been invited to attend an excursion to Sydney with students from Dorrigo and Hernani Public Schools in term 4, 2015. To be eligible to participate in this excursion we will need to be confident that all students will display appropriate behaviour. Students will have to consistently maintain good behaviour at school, both in class and in the playground. The cost of the excursion will be in the region of $400-$450. Students will be invoiced for the cost of the excursion, within the next few weeks, once bookings have been finalised. Payment for this excursion can be either made in full or by instalments, starting immediately.

**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 attached 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.

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.

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 and SAS form that is attached before the end of term. 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.

P&C News & Community Notices

NSW State Election – Saturday 28th March

The NSW State Election is on Saturday 28th March. There will be a voting poll held at Dundurrabin Public school. Please remember to come along and vote on the day. If you cannot make it on the day, you can lodge a vote by iVote.

The iVote system is a form of voting using a telephone or the internet at a location of your choice. The iVote system is available to people enrolled in NSW who:-

- are blind or have low vision
- have literacy needs
- have a disability
- live more than 20kms from a polling place
- will be outside NSW on election day

Register on the internet at ivote.nsw.gov.au or telephone 1300 2iVote (1300 24 86 83).

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 2 weeks on Thursday 2nd April at our School Easter Hat Parade. Tickets have been sent home already, please have them back at school by Wednesday 1st April.

P&C Catering – Fire Management Workshop

Last Thursday our P&C catered for the Fire Management Workshop at the Dundurrabin Community Centre. Thank you to Becky and Colleen for catering on the day and to our parents who supplied heaps of cakes and slices which was fantastic. We have received numerous positive emails thanking Becky and Colleen for their hard work.

I too would like to pass on my thanks to all those who helped provide all the wonderful food and help make our day a success. The speed and skill at which Colleen and Becky made sandwiches was awe inspiring.

Thanks again. Regards Nic Cobcroft
Project Officer - Nature Conservation Council of NSW
On behalf of the participants of the workshop held last week we would like to thank you so much for the absolutely delicious food that was provided by the Dundurrabin School group. Thank you Becky and Colleen for all your work and all the other wonderful unseen cooks who provided such treats for us all, it made it a really great day.

Kind Regards  Rosemary Yates – Mt Hyland

P&C Catering – Combined Schools Day
Thank you to all families for cooking and suppling delicious cakes and slices yesterday for our combined schools catering. It was a great day and everyone enjoyed the food. A big thank you to Becky for her organisation and to Becky, Gigi, Leonie, Susan and Rowena for volunteering to prepare recess and lunch on the day.

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 tomorrow, 18th March.

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.

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 Wednesday 25th March.

Would you like to host an Overseas Exchange Student
Learn about another culture, learn a new language or perhaps improve your culinary skills. Hosting - An Experience for Life. Student Exchange is looking for host families across Australia to welcome overseas students into their home. Call 1300 135 331 or visit www.studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student

Register now for MiniRoos Soccer
It’s now time to register for MiniRoo’s Soccer with the Dorrigo Highlanders Football Club. MiniRoos is a smaller version of soccer that provides boys and girls aged 5 - 7 with a fun introduction to the world game of football. MiniRoos is designed for kids; it is all about having fun, learning new skills and making life-long friends. The size of the field, the ball and goals all assist with the development of skills and techniques in our younger players. MiniRoos play in Dorrigo each Saturday morning (there is no travel away at this level) and enjoy an after school training run each week.....just like the big kids!! Play for our MiniRoos will begin after the Easter holidays. Get online now to nominate your MiniRoo – head to www.myfootballclub.com.au and select “Register Now” from the homepage.

MiniRoos need to be turning 5 this year to play and all new MiniRoos receive shin pads and a ball to get them started. For further details please contact Rosalie Smith - 6657 5255 or Barbara Webster - 6657 2703.

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
how to tell stories to children

FREE for childcare workers, teachers, library staff, parents and grandparents, build your confidence in the techniques and resources for good storytelling in group or family situations. We will practice vocal techniques using props and participation, characterisation, adapting and creating stories, and how to encourage children to tell stories themselves.

te/tea/coffee provided

don’t miss this great opportunity!

grafton library  thu 26th march
1-4pm

grafton library  thu 26th march
6-8pm

ghost stories...

Come, gather closer, don’t be afraid. We will shelter here and keep the darkness at bay with the quiet murmurs of our voices in the gloom. Listen now while we share stories of ghouls and ghosts and long legged beasts and things that go bump in the night. Professional Storyteller Jo Henwood will lead off but bring your own spooky tale to share. Not for the faint hearted. Age 12+

te/tea/coffee provided

book your place today!

grafton library  thu 26th march
6-8pm