

# Dorrigo High School

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Term 1 - Week 11

Thursday 10 April 2025

## Dairy Visit

Last week, our Year 12 Agriculture students visited the Darley Family Dairy Farm as part of their study on milk production. A productive morning was spent talking to both Donna and Harrison Darley as they explained the processes involved in milking cows, the operation behind running a dairy farm and finally they had a walkthrough of the new rotary dairy setup.

This was a great opportunity for our students to see industry in practice as well as seeing new technologies being used. Thank you to the Darley family for giving your time and expertise to our students.

## Mr Liepins



## Rugby League Trials

Ava, Lacey, Freya and Ryleigh travelled to Macksville for the under 16's girls Rugby League trials. Lower North Coast played Mid North Coast to make a combined team to play the northern zones to make the North Coast Team. Congratulations to Ryleigh who was selected into the combined team.



## Important Dates

### Week 11

- 11 April

**Last Day of Term**

### Term 2

#### Week 1

- 28 April
- 29 April
- **30 April**
- 2 May

Staff Development Day

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**Students return**

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#### Week 2

- 6 May
- 7 May
- 8 May

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#### Week 3

- 15 May

Wingham Beef Week 2-16 May

School Cross Country

#### Week 4

- 23 May

Bellingen Show

## Public Speaking Competition

On Thursday 3 March, myself with Miss Jones accompanying, attended the 2nd Bicentenary Public Speaking Competition for the Grafton region. There were 17 speeches total with 6 different topics being spoken about. There were so many fabulous speakers with two students being chosen for runner up and one overall winner. The two adjudicators, one being the Hon. Benjamin Franklin - President of the Legislative Council, announced that this heat was the hardest heat they have had to judge.

I chose the 'Icon!' topic and spoke about the Australian Iconic Culture. This was a great experience for me to learn and listen to the many other fabulous speeches. Congratulations to all participants.

Written by **Brydi Fittock**



## Relieving Principal's Message

### Term 2 Staff Development Days

Day 1, Term 2 Staff Development Day will focus on High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) including the four domains: Creative, Physical, Intellectual and Social-emotional. At Dorrigo High School, we pride ourselves on the provision of quality learning experiences for our students, but we also welcome opportunities to increase our knowledge and skills and keep up to date with current practices. There will be two Staff Development Days at the beginning of Term 2, so students will return on Wednesday 30 April.

### NAPLAN 2025

Thank you and congratulations NAPLAN 2025 has come and gone, and I want to take this opportunity to thank all staff for their hard work in preparing our students for these important assessments. I would also like to congratulate our students for their focus and determination throughout the testing period. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is a diagnostic tool that helps us identify strengths and areas for improvement so we can put targeted learning strategies in place. Parents will receive results later in the year, and we will continue working together to support student growth.

### Uniform Reminders

As the weather cools down, we kindly ask parents and caregivers to ensure that students are dressed in the appropriate school uniform each day. A friendly reminder that coloured hoodies, tights and football shorts are not part of our uniform policy. Uniforms can be conveniently purchased from the front office, EFTPOS is available, making it easy to stay prepared as the seasons change. Your support in upholding our uniform expectations helps to maintain a sense of pride and unity within our school community.

## Communication and Absences

We greatly appreciate parents keeping the school informed about student absences. Whether due to illness, appointments or other commitments, ongoing communication allows us to support students and track their progress effectively. Please continue to notify the school promptly on 66572001 regarding any time away from learning. Your partnership in this area is invaluable and ensures we can provide the best possible educational experience for every student.

### Attendance

The importance of regular school attendance is one of the most significant factors in a child's education. When students attend school consistently, they not only improve their academic outcomes but also strengthen their connections to their peers, teachers and the broader school community. Attendance fosters a sense of belonging, encourages participation in school life and builds resilience. We appreciate the ongoing support of parents and caregivers in ensuring that students attend school every day, ready to engage and learn. Thank you for working with us to build a culture of commitment and responsibility at Dorrigo High School.

I would like to thank Staff and Students for a successful and busy Term 1. We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming all students back on Wednesday 30 April. We will start on a Week B.

**Miss Alexandra Fraser**  
Relieving Principal



### Mobile phone policy reminder

It's been great to see so many of our Dorriggo High School students getting on board with the Off and Away mobile phone plan this year. I just want to gently remind everyone about the expectations around mobile phones, smartwatches, earbuds and headphones. We know it can be tricky to manage phone use. To make things a little clearer, I've put together a quick FAQ to explain some details of the plan and the DoE's guidelines for mobile phone use in schools.

#### 1. Can I use my phone before and after the school day?

When you get to school, make sure your phone is switched off or on airplane mode and tucked away in your bag, not in the pockets of your jacket/jumper or shorts. You won't be able to use it until you leave school at the end of the day, even when you're at the bus bay or walking out of the school grounds.

#### 2. What if I need to contact my parent/carer during the school day?

Don't worry—you can always call home through the school office.

#### 3. What if my parent/carer needs to contact me?

Your parent or carer can call the school on 66572001. We'll make sure the message gets to you as soon as possible.

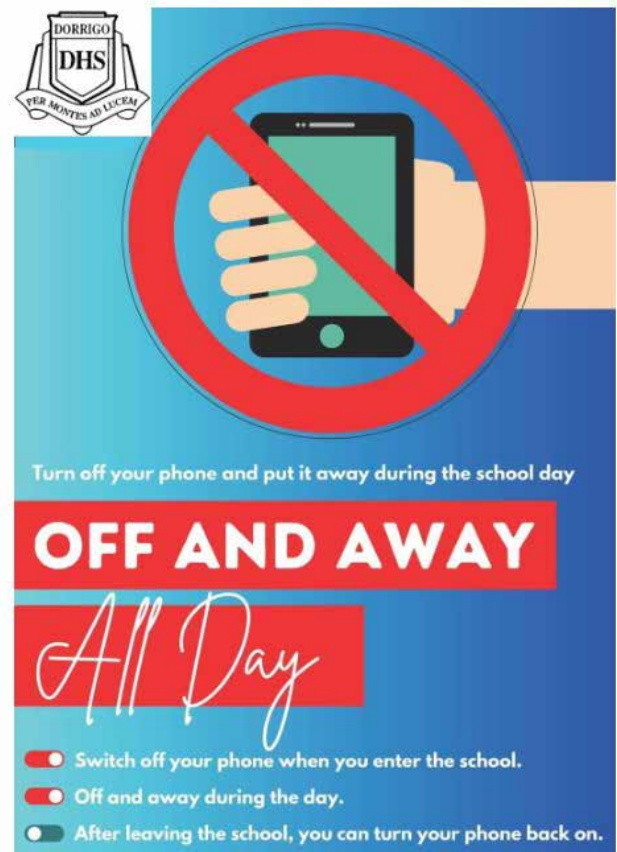
#### 4. I use my phone to purchase food from the canteen.

We recommend bringing your EFTPOS/debit card for cashless payments, but you can also always use cash.

#### 5. I have a job. How can my employer contact me about work shifts?

Let your employer know about the school's mobile phone policy and explain they might not get a response until after school hours. You can also suggest they contact you by email if needed.

I hope this helps us all understand how we can be successful at school while limiting our use of phones.



### School Contributions

You would have received your Statement of Account email regarding School and Subject Contributions. If you were unable to view this email or have not received it please give us a call. Payments can be made on line by following the link to the portal provided in the email or by cash, cheque or EFTPOS at the school office.



### ANZAC Day March

Students and teachers have been invited to once again take part in the Dorriggo ANZAC Day March. The march will take place on Friday 25 April. Students participating as part of the school group must wear full school uniform and assemble at the Dorriggo RSL Club at 10.40am. Dorriggo High School students will be near the head of the march which will commence at 11.00am. You will march to the statue on the corner of Hickory Street and Waterfall Way.



### Under 16's Rugby Union Trials

Lacey and Ryleigh travelled to Tamworth for the NSWCHSSA under 16's Rugby Union trials.



### Stage 6 Debating

Our fantastic Stage 6 debate team consisting of Brydi, Tessa, Myra and Leo argued their case eloquently and almost convincingly against Coonabarabran High School, "That we should have mandatory parenting classes for new parents." Our team had great rebuttals, strong persuasive arguments and argued their points with enthusiasm. It was another close debate, and whilst we did not come away with the win, the adjudicator was very impressed with our 'big picture' arguments. Congratulations team.

### Ms Jones



### Sports Report Girls Rugby League

Congratulations to Ryleigh Miller who was selected in the Mid North Coast under 16's Rugby League side. Ryleigh, Ava, Freya and Lacey all participated in the trial game held in Bellingen last week after several postponements due to wet weather. Ryleigh will now attend the North Coast Trial aiming to be selected for the Regional side to compete at State CHS championships later next term. Good luck Ryleigh.



### Girls Rugby Union

As previously reported, Tegan Smith, Lacey Gibson and Mykayla Miller were all selected in the North Coast Girls 7's Rugby side. Lacey Gibson and Ryleigh Miller also attended NSWCHS under 16 trials held in Tamworth last week. Although not selected, the girls gained valuable experience in attending the trials.

### Bill Turner Trophy – Soccer

A huge first round win to our under 15 soccer girls against Bowraville. The win, played at home see the girls progress to round 2 in the National competition. Whilst on soccer.....

Congratulations to Shyla Guest who made shadow reserve for the Mid North Coast opens soccer side. Shyla was called into the side last minute to play at the North Coast Trials. Well done Shyla.

### Mr Rodgers

#### Dorrigo Public School Pie Drive

A cross school and cross P&C fundraising share for the Pie Drive which is now underway.

The live link to online guest ordering (all electronic, no cash needed) is

<https://ordering.flexschools.com.au/m/dorrigo-public-school-p-c-events-pie-drive-2025>

**Year 7 Art** have been exploring the elements of art. Inspired by the artist Peter Cromer they have created animals using cut out paper shapes.



**Year 9/10 Art** have been creating large scale impressionist portraits of their pets. They used oil pastels and had to layer the colours using short dashes and lines to build up complex portraits. The works are from Sylvie, Shyla and Kris.



**Year 8** have been exploring watercolour techniques to create fantasy landscapes. For this task they used layers of washes in both acrylic and watercolour to build up a night sky.





# TAS - COOKING

**Year 7 TAS** class cooked and decorated their Easter cupcakes yesterday.



**Year 8 TAS** class made and decorated Easter biscuits.





**9/10 Photography**

These are some of Sylvie's photographs from 9/10 photography. When Sylvie took these photos, she was exploring natural light and exposure compensation with a focus on rain for the the Upcoming Exhibition.



## Youth Week 2025

### Movie Night

Friday 11/04/2025 3.30pm-7.50pm

The Old Gazette Theatre Dorrigo

For 12yrs-18yrs

3.30pm for snacks, refreshments.

4pm 1st movie starts. 6pm 2nd movie starts.



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## vinyl art

ages 12+ years

April 9th -17th is NSW Youth Week and we're celebrating the awesome creativity of the young people in our shire. Get creative by turning an old vinyl record into a vintage inspired piece of art for your room.

Come along, hang with your mates, eat some snacks and make some art.

**Tuesday 15 April**  
2:00pm  
Urunga Library

**Thursday 17 April**  
10:30am  
Dorrigo Library

**Thursday 17 April**  
2:00pm  
Bellingen Library

For more information

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## Bellingen Shire Youth Art Exhibitions & Prizes

WE ARE THE FUTURE AND THE FUTURE IS NOW

### Invitation

**10<sup>th</sup> April 5pm**  
**Never Never Mind**

Youth Week April 9-17th  
The Art Space Urunga  
Bellingen Gallery & Framing  
The Never Never Mind Dorrigo

**Support our youth and come along to view their work.**  
**Wonderful food and drink provided**