

## From the Art Room

The students have been very busy down the art corridor lately. Year 7 students have just completed their canvas paintings for the task: "What Floats Your Boat?" where they were asked to communicate meaning to the audience using a metaphor for what it is that keeps us 'afloat' when we are faced with life's challenges.

Year 8 is finishing off a productive year of painting, ceramics and creating art from found objects, with some very relaxing progressive drawings.

The 9/10 visual artists have been producing beautiful paper sculptures that have provided form and surface for photographic projection art. These will eventually hang in the art corridor.

Our 9/10 photography class had great fun recently when we turned the art room into a darkened photo studio and completed a session of 'splash' photography. This involved fish tanks of water, fruit, vegetables and objects, controlled lighting and fast shutter speeds. It was a fun way to finish off the course and the results were awesome!

Our senior visual arts students are now focussed on developing their concepts for their HSC Body of Work. This enormous, frustrating but extremely rewarding task will absorb the students until the end of next August. They can choose almost any medium, form and concept for the BOW and these decisions they will live with for the best part of 9 months. Watch this space! I predict great things for this class.

## Important Dates

### 3 December

- Orientation day for Year 6

### 16 December

- Well Done Excursion

### 17 December

- Awards Presentation, 11.00am

### 18 December

- Students last day

### Tuesday 28 January 2020

- Staff return to school

### Wednesday 29 January

- Students return to school

On another exciting note, the photography class spent three months working on films for the Nextwave youth film competition which is an Australian regional competition. We have recently learned that one of our films has made it through to the finals for the Coffs Harbour section of the competition. Annie Sibanda, Bonnie Shaw, Charlotte Lennon and Maddison Cook produced a film called "Everyone Has a Story" about how three local youth 'came out' to friends and family. The film will be shown on a big screen in Coffs Harbour in January 2020. **Congratulations to you all!**

Ms Hogan



## Principal's Message

The new academic year commenced on Monday. Students need to ensure that they have the right equipment. If there is any problems sourcing the equipment, please contact the Year Adviser to help.

As a new year begins for the students it is also important to acknowledge the previous Year 12 cohort. They have much to celebrate already with university offers coming for students from BA Speech Pathology, BA Sport and Exercise Science, BA Nursing, BA Biomedical Science and a BA in Education. These are just some of the offers made to our students. For students going on to TAFE, please ensure you note enrolment dates. Year 12, family, friends and staff celebrated their achievements at the formal on 9 November 2019 held at the Dorrigo Showground Pavilion.



Continuing the celebrations, on 8 November the North Coast and Greater Coffs Harbour District Australian College of Educators recognised outstanding efforts of teachers. This year the College recognised two of our teachers, Ms Marden and Mr Heaney. Award citations as follows:

*Kim Marden is a dedicated leader of the school and has delivered professional development to aid and assist the school culture. Foremost she is passionate about teaching and improving the wellbeing of students.*

*Throughout her career Kim has implemented innovative wellbeing systems and has always sought to improve student engagement. Kim is a proven talented educator and has inspired many students, especially in the subject of society and culture. In this subject students have achieved outstanding results.*

*Matthew Heaney loves teaching mathematics and engenders a love of the subject from all students who are in his class. He is incredibly knowledgeable and is able to get above state average in advanced and*



*extension mathematics 1 results with his classes. Students gain confidence and are willing to extend themselves and try different ways of approaching problems. Matt encourages the students to be independent thinkers.*

*Matt also makes significant contributions to the whole school programs. Students respect his commitment to public education willingness to support and help students.*

Can I also make everyone aware of the support out there for students and families as a result of the bushfires.

**Ms Hutton**

## Support for students, teachers and schools following recent bushfires

**Large scale distressing events impact our school communities in many ways.** The bushfires that are impacting a number of our communities have been distressing for many people.

### Sources of support for children and young people

School counselling staff will be available to support students. If students would like to speak with someone anonymously, confidential sources are:

- Kids Helpline 1800 551 800 or [www.kidshelp.com.au](http://www.kidshelp.com.au)
- Headspace 1800 650 890 or [www.eheadspace.org.au](http://www.eheadspace.org.au)

## Dorrigo Show Fast Approaching 22 - 24 November 2019

The Dorrigo Show is fast approaching and students are reminded that there are many activities in which they can be involved as part of the school and community. You have the opportunity to participate or help out in the junior beef and dairy cattle judging and parading, assist in the luncheon pavilion, exhibit pets in the Pet Show and numerous other fun filled activities and competitions catering for a huge range of interests.

Encourage your child to be involved in the show. Participating in some of the above is a great start!

### Canteen Roster Week 7

Friday 22 November	Debbie Thornhill
Monday 25 November	Tanya Winkler
Tuesday 26 November	Steffi Eppler
Wednesday 27 November	<b>Canteen closed</b>
Thursday 28 November	Pete Singleton
Friday 29 November	Wendy Williams

### Week 8

Monday 2 December	Kat Tornow
Tuesday 3 December	Lisa Lowe
Wednesday 4 December	<b>Canteen Closed</b>
Thursday 5 December	Michele Kellett
Friday 6 December	Robin Burley
Monday 9 December	Pete Singleton

## Dorrigo High School students and local breeders achieve tremendous results at the 2019 Scone Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza

A small but enthusiastic team of beef cattle handlers travelled to Scone recently to participate in the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza. This event is huge and is now regarded as the largest competition of its kind in Australia and attracts many colleges, private, independent and public schools from across NSW and Queensland. Many beef cattle studs and farmers also compete. In the paraders competition alone our students were competing against 850 other students with similar interests. Approximately 450 steers and heifers were presented for competition. Junior and senior Agriculture and Primary Industry classes have been preparing 3 steers for the competition for months putting in many hours of their own time during and after school and of a weekend and holiday time.

I was immensely proud of how our students competed throughout the competition working as a team to prepare the school steers and themselves to a very high standard of preparation and exhibition. The group consisted of Zac Young, Tia Beaumont, Emma Williams and Melyn Byrne. A number of senior students were unable to attend due to HSC exam commitments. Mattiah Beelitz, a past student acted as a senior mentor and was an inspiring role model for the group. The team worked tirelessly preparing and caring for the steers competing in a range of activities and educational workshops over the 4 days. The behaviour and attitude of the group was excellent as they competed in paraders, judging, meat appreciation, herdspersons and led steer and carcass competitions. The group's successes included the following:



A heavyweight Charolais x Angus steer bred by Mervyn and Sandra McGuire achieved 1st place in its class narrowly missing out on a Reserve Champion ribbon from a field of 90 heavyweight steers. A fantastic result! Outlaw was paraded by Melyn Byrne with Melyn being selected in the final line-up of her 15 years paraders class and receiving an excellent

5th placed ribbon for her effort in a very competitive class.

A middleweight Angus steer bred by Chris Menzies and Katrina Tornow achieved an excellent 3rd place ribbon in its class. Emma Williams was sensational in her parading of Sooty achieving a 1st place ribbon in her 14 years paraders class. Emma went on to compete against the finalists from the other 9 heats and was able to maintain her composure and concentration over a number of hours of competition taking out the Champion 14 year's Parader Ribbon from a huge field of 200 paraders. A magnificent achievement! Emma went on to compete for the overall Grand Champion Parader from all age groups comprising over 800 students. From the judges comments it was clear she

only narrowly missed out on the prestigious Grand Champion Paraders award.



A Simmental cross steer bred by Darren Beaumont and Lisa Lowe and paraded by Emma Williams achieved an

excellent Highly Commended ribbon in its led class. Zac Young and Tia Beaumont prepared and paraded their animals with increasing confidence and skill against a very competitive field of young handlers.

Breeders are to be commended on the fantastic performance of their animals in their respective carcass classes achieving scores of between 80.67 and 83.19 placing them very highly in their weight categories.

A huge thank you to Steve Beelitz for transporting the steers to Scone and to Chris Menzies for his hours of hard work and provision of equipment for the competition. To Pat Atkins and the Hospitality department and Peter and Lyneza Young for the provision of camping supplies and gazebo. These events would not be possible without the marvellous support of producers in the area who supply beef cattle for students to train, prepare and compete. Producers who provided cattle for the event included Mervyn and Sandra McGuire, Katrina Tornow and Chris Menzies and Darren Beaumont and Lisa Lowe. Their animals provided Agriculture and Primary Industry students the opportunity to develop skills and knowledge of the beef cattle industry at a more comprehensive level than would otherwise be available to students.

The students were marvellous ambassadors for Dorrigo High School and the Dorrigo community proving once again that despite our small population Dorrigo High School and its community can achieve excellent results against the high standard of competition on offer.

Students are more enthusiastic than ever and are looking forward to competing at similar events in 2020. The school is in the process of sourcing quality steers that may be suitable for competition next year. If you feel that you may be able to support the school in this very worthwhile endeavour please do not hesitate in contacting Mr Grace. It is a great way for farmers to get valuable feedback on their animals in relation to carcass attributes and breeding programs and to support very worthwhile student focused agricultural programs at Dorrigo High School.

**Mr Grace**



### DoE School Attendance Policy

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students to maximise their potential. Schools, in partnership with parents, are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.



No days lost	10 days lost	19 days lost	29 days lost <i>* the same as half a term!</i>	38 days lost	47 days lost
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
190 school days each year	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
<b>GOOD</b> Best chance of success - Get your child off to a flying start		<b>WORRYING</b> Less chance of success - Makes it harder for your child to progress		<b>SERIOUS CONCERN</b> Not fair on your child - Possible court action	

It is the duty of the parent of a child of compulsory school-age to cause the child:

- (a) to be enrolled at, and to attend, a government school or a registered non-government school, or
- (b) to be registered for home schooling with the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESAs) and to receive instruction in accordance with the conditions to which the registration is subject.

Parents are required to explain the absences of their children from school promptly and within seven days to the school. An explanation for absence must be provided to the school within 7 days of the first day of any period of absence.

If there are ongoing medical, social or emotional issues that are contributing to absence from school, it is essential that parents contact the school and discuss these issues with their child’s year adviser. This will enable an effective support plan to be put into place for the child.

Year advisers will attempt to contact parents whose children begin to display a worrying pattern of attendance. Andrew Garland, the Home School Liaison Officer, may also contact parents of those children whose attendance has become a serious concern. Andrew will be attending Dorrigo High School regularly throughout Term 4 to hold interviews with students regarding their attendance. If you have any questions or concerns, you can contact your child’s year adviser, the school Deputy, or Andrew Garland.

For further information regarding school attendance, please access the link below:  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/policy-library/policies/school-attendance-policy?refid=285776>

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**DORRIGO DRAMA CLUB**  
**Kids on Stage**  
 Old Dorrigo Gazette Theatre  
*Aladdin*  
 By Ben Crocker  
 Directed by Dina Luciani

Come along to boo and hiss as the characters of Aladdin are brought to life by our talented Kids On Stage.  
 Dorrigo Drama Club presents this entertaining pantomime - fun for all the family.  
 Opening matinee, Sunday 24 November, 2pm.  
 Only seven performances, Friday 29 November - 6.30pm, Saturday 30 November - 4.00pm, Sunday 1 December - 2.00pm, Friday 6 December - 6.30pm, Saturday 7 December - 4.00pm, Sunday 8 December - 2.00pm. Don't miss out.  
 Bookings at Peter Mortimer Gallery 66571117.