

Year 7 Reading with Dorrigo Primary

Each fortnight Year 7 students are engaging in a Reading Program with Dorrigo Public School Kindergarten class. Year 7 students read avidly and animatedly to the kindergarten students, who listened and asked questions. Kindy then had the opportunity to show off their fabulous literacy skills by reading to our Year 7 students.

Early Literacy skills and exposure to reading is important for lifelong benefits: "A number of studies confirm that when given access to engaging reading material, most children and adolescents take full advantage. More access to books results in more reading; in fact, sometimes a single, brief exposure to good reading material results in a lifelong love affair with books" (Cho and Krashen 2002; Krashen 2007).

Year 7 are encouraged to prepare each fortnight by following these simple steps:

1. Familiarise yourself with the book before you share it – read the book yourself first.
2. Think about what parts are the most engaging.
3. Read the book out loud and practise using your voice to express meaning.

Ms Galletly



Important Dates

Thursday 13 May

- Yrs 7 & 9 NAPLAN Test - Literacy

Monday 17 May

- Yrs 7 & 9 NAPLAN Test - Numeracy

19 May

- P&C meeting, 5.00pm

25 May

- Athletics carnival

10 - 28 May

- 360 Interviews, Yrs 7 & 8

14 June

- Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

22 June

- NAIDOC assembly

25 June

- Last day of Term



Principal's Message

Currently Year 9 and Year 7 students are completing their NAPLAN tests. Year 8 have just completed the Check-in Assessment. This data will enable us to alter and change programs to focus on areas to develop. One such area for literacy is being able to identify an ellipsis and how to use it.

Thank you to Annie Sibanda and Liam Clements (delivering Jonah Colburn's speech) who represented the school at the Dorrigo community ANZAC ceremony. Both spoke really well on the meaning of this day to them. Thank you to the students who marched with the school. On Monday 26 April the school held its own ceremony with representatives of the local RSL Sub Branch providing their own insights in regard to their experiences, thank you Bill Baggett and Phil Walker.

360 Interviews have started this week and will continue for the next few weeks for Years 7 and 8. These interviews provide students with the opportunity to reflect on their work and show parents what they have achieved.

It has also been great to hear about the Year 7 students who have been working with Dorrigo Public School students reading program. We look forward to the students going to Durrumbidgeer Public School next week.

Congratulations to the cross country runners and to the touch football team who have represented the school recently.

I would like to remind parents that if your child is absent from school you will be sent a text message. To explain the absence you can either reply to the text or phone the school.

Ms Hutton



Touch Football Report

On Tuesday 4 May, our open boys touch football team travelled to Grafton to compete in the CHS knockout competition and MNC trials gala day.

After an early start, we arrived in Grafton to find the fields quite wet and slippery. This made it difficult for players to control the ball during the first game against Grafton High School. The home town advantage enabled Grafton to capitalise on the tricky conditions. There were many opportunities that went begging throughout this game for Dorrigo, but John Wykes was able to secure a try just before the final hooter to lift team spirits.

Our second game was against Bellingen High School. During this game players displayed a significant improvement – it was almost like a whole new team took the field! The team played exceptionally well and were able to secure a 9 – 3 win. Tries went to Joey Courtice, Jonah Colburn, Harry Dickings and Ryan Miller. The team received some recognition from the field umpire who made a point of approaching me to let me know that the team demonstrated some great skills in the second game and had “really pulled it together”. He also indicated that he felt that Jonah was the stand out player of the match.

I would like to thank Michele Kellett and Dale Miller for assisting with the transport on the day.

Ms Dawson



Zone Cross Country

On Friday 7 May we had 14 students attend the zone cross country carnival at Nana Glen. The track was muddy and hilly. All students put in a great effort with four making it through to the regional carnival, which will be held in Lismore on Monday 7 June.

Congratulations Cheyenne Lowe, Rebekah Eppler, Alyssa Courtice and Ben Ridge.

Mr Glyde



Virtual Museum Tour

Year 9 History was lucky enough to attend a virtual excursion this week to the National Museum of Australia in Canberra. The tour took them through an exhibition titled "Endeavour Voyage: The Untold Stories of Cook and the First Australians".

The session was live and they were able to communicate directly with the museum staff, while learning about the different perspectives of our country's history. The session generated some wonderfully thoughtful discussion and provided students with the opportunity to engage with content outside of the classroom.

Ms Galletly



Stewart House envelopes need to be returned to school by Friday 14 May 2021.

Please consider a gold coin donation to this very worthy organisation, with your donation you will go into the draw for a \$4000 holiday/gift voucher.

Clothing Pool

Has your child grown out of their school uniform or recently left school? Students are often in need of uniform items following "wardrobe malfunctions" whilst at school. If you have anything to contribute to our clothing pool, please send it in to the office.

Canteen Roster

Canteen closed Tuesday and Wednesday

Friday 14 May	Anna Guest
Monday 17 May	Lisa Lowe
Tuesday 18 May	Canteen closed
Wednesday 19 May	Canteen closed
Thursday 20 May	Leonie Wright
Friday 21 May	P Singleton, B McKeivitt
Monday 24 May	Tanya Winkler
Tuesday 25 May	Canteen closed
Wednesday 26 May	Canteen closed
Thursday 27 May	Michele Kellett
Friday 28 May	Pete Singleton

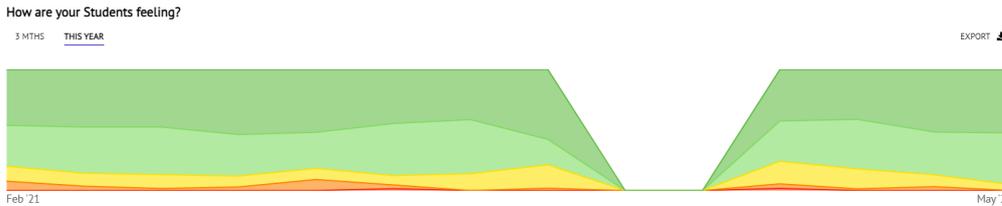
Students are reminded to order their lunch at the office before school or the canteen at recess



EI Pulse Student Forums

Following year meetings on Thursday in week 3, Ms Dawson hosted the first round of student forums to discuss the implementation of EI Pulse at Dorrigo High School. The forums provided Ms Dawson with an opportunity to gather information about the success of the rollout of EI Pulse and student thoughts about the platform. The forum also provided students with an opportunity to see the types of data which is collected via EI Pulse, and to hear how the data is being used to monitor and improve student wellbeing.

Students were pleased to see that the vast majority of our students using EI Pulse indicated that they felt positive (light green) or great (dark green).



They were also very interested to see that benchmarking data indicated that students at Dorrigo High School were tracking above other school's within Australia using the platform in all 6 major wellbeing domains over the year.

Benchmarking

Compare Whole School to [Schools in Australia](#) for [This Year](#)

	Whole School	Schools in Australia
How are your Students feeling?	0.82	0.73
Sentiment	0.79	0.74
Valued and Safe	0.81	0.78
Healthy	0.79	0.68
Material basics	0.86	0.85
Learning	0.75	0.74
Participating	0.77	0.75
Positive sense of identity and culture	0.75	0.73

Dorrigo High is excited to be able to use this platform to monitor student wellbeing and engagement. We are hoping to reach a point where 100% of our students are checking-in using the platform each week.

EI pulse is now available to download as an app.

Students can complete their check-ins:

- during their scheduled check-in lesson in class,
- any time they are on a computer, laptop or smart phone
- via their DET email or the app



Download the app for free in the Apple App Store or Google Play.

If you have any questions about the EI Pulse program, please feel free to contact Ms Dawson and discuss this amazing tool.

School code: 707266

Food Technology Requirements

Term 2 - Week 5

8	Foccacia Art Between two Students need to bring extra ingredients for decorating and 1 cup greek yoghurt	Tuesday 18 May P3 & P4	9/10	Spicy Dahl Between two All ingredients supplied	Thursday 20 May P1 & P2
			Senior Hosp	To be advised	Wednesday 19 May P3 & P4