

On Friday 11 June 2021, Year 12 student Annie Sibanda performed in the Bellingen Readers and Writers Festival - Slam Poetry competition.

Annie successfully made it through the first round to compete in the final round with 10 other poets. After round two, Annie was awarded second place and the opportunity to reperform her poems during other festival sessions over the long weekend. Both of her performances were engaging and an insightful, emotional gaze into her personal experiences. Audience clearly resonated with her words, through positive finger snaps and applause. Other poets spoke about Annie's performance and were heard stating 'you need to be heard by millions.'

Staff who attended the night were impressed with Annie's mature attitude, her depth of poetic prowess, as well as the confident and poignant way Annie conducted herself on and off the stage.

Congratulations on a stellar performance Annie and Dorrigo High School looks forward to seeing you grace the headlines in all future poetic endeavours.



Regional Cross Country

On Monday 7 June we had 4 athletes attend Lismore Racecourse to compete in the Regional Cross Country event. Well done to our 4 athletes, Alyssa Courtice, Rebekah Eppler, Ben Ridge and Cheyenne Lowe. Out of the 4 athletes Cheyenne and Ben made it through to the state event held at Sydney Motorsport Park on Friday 16 July.

Congratulations Cheyenne and Ben.

Important Dates

17 June
* Vaccinations - Yr 10, Yrs 7, 8 and 11 catchup

22 June
* NAIDOC assembly

23 June
* Zone Athletics Carnival

24 June
* Walcha Interschool Visit

25 June
* Last day of Term

Term 3

12 July
* Staff Development Day

13 July
* Students return

Week 2
20 July
* Parent Teacher Evening 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Parent Teacher Evening

The staff of Dorrigo High School extend to you an invitation to attend a Parent Teacher Evening in the school library on Tuesday 20 July 2021 from 4.00pm to 6.00pm.

In order for the evening to run smoothly it is important that you book times to see your child's teachers. All interviews will be allocated a 5 minute time slot. Past experience has shown this to be adequate; in the case where further important issues need to be addressed, a separate interview at another date is recommended and should be organised by you on the night.

A Parent Booking Sheet which your child can take around to their teachers will be emailed next Monday.



Principal's Message

I have accepted the opportunity to relieve as the Principal (acting) at the Coffs Harbour Secondary College starting next term for the remainder of 2021.

Ms Marden will fill the position of the Principal (Relieving) for the rest of the year.

Farewell to Chris Menzies who has been the Farm Assistant for D.H.S. During this time we have seen the school go from strength to strength due to his commitment and expertise. We wish Chris well. Mr Dawes is the relieving Farm Assistant. We welcome him to the school.

Literacy and numeracy

It has been pleasing to see the growth in literacy and numeracy data that has been coming through from our students. The Intensive Support program provides targeted support to assist students to lift their achievement. Ms Locke and Mr Langfield have done lots of work in this area, reviewing data and assessing student responses.

Walcha

A big thank you to Miss Fraser for all of your organisation. We should have around 84 students. Thank you to all of the students and staff who have been training at lunchtime. The quality of the school uniform has also improved.

Congratulations to Annie Sibanda for the magnificent performance at the Bellingen Writers Festival.

Ms Hutton

DORRIGO VS. WALCHA

IT'S GAME TIME



Get your uniform items now:
Winter Jackets - new delivery
Microfibre Track Pants - new delivery
Sports Polos - plenty in stock

NEW ITEMS READY TO GO
PRE-WORN ITEMS JUST TO TOP UP

DORRIGO HIGH SCHOOL 6657 2001

'Such Sweet Sorrow' by Bell Shakespeare: Excursion to Bowraville Theatre

On Monday 7 June approximately 30 students and staff from Dorrigo High School, were fortunate enough to be invited by Bowraville Central School to attend the Bell Shakespeare performance based on Romeo and Juliet- titled 'Such Sweet Sorrow'.

Aimed at high school students, this interactive 50-minute performance was paired with a 10-minute Q&A for an action-packed hour of Shakespeare immersion.

Student comments include:

"It was language that we could relate with, I didn't expect it to be interesting!"

"I didn't know who Shakespeare was before today".

"I couldn't believe the three actors could act and play different parts, with only a few props!"

Understanding the relevance of Shakespeare offers students a way to consider for themselves, how and why we continue to study Shakespeare today.

We are pleased that students engaged with this excursion and the English teachers were thrilled that this opportunity was available for Dorrigo High School students.

Ms McKell, Mrs Harris and Ms Galletly



The Push Up Challenge

Beginning on 1 June, Ms Dawson and a team of staff and students embarked on the 2021 Push Up Challenge. The campaign philosophy is 'Push for Better' and aims to put the spotlight on the 3,318 Australians who died by suicide in 2019. Over the 25 day period from 1 June until 25 June participants will complete 3,318 push ups each.

Participants complete a set number of push ups each day. The push ups can be substituted for a range of other strength- based exercises such as lunges, squats, triceps dips, burpees etc.

Each day participants receive valuable information that helps to shed light on mental health within Australia. The daily information and statistics are used to set the push up target for the day. For example, on day 2 the push up target was 105. This is because studies have proven that 15 minutes of sunlight each morning can help reduce levels of distress. 15 minutes x 7 days a week = 1-05!!

Members of the Dorrigo High School team meet in Room 8 at 8:45am each morning to join together and complete the daily challenge. Participants can bank their totals using the 'Push for Better App'. Currently as a team we have completed 14,565 push up!!!



P&C Update

After missing many P&C activities for 2020, including our AGM, it was pleasing to be able to hold our AGM this year and get underway again. The important job of appointing a new P&C Committee was completed and we say thank you to the following people who have taken on a role for the year:

- President Michele Kellett
- Vice President Fiona Flynn
- Secretary Alison Clements
- Treasurer Stefanie Eppler
- Committee A Fraser, A Kedzlie, K Churchill, L Gaddes.

We note that Canteen Co ordinators Peter Singleton and Korina Colburn have agreed to continue in their positions managing rostering and orders until the end of Term 3 only. Both have offered assistance in handing over their roles to ensure a smooth transition.

A new co ordinator/s will be required for Term 4 commencing the first week of October to ensure that our P&C canteen service is able to continue.

Next P&C Meeting

Our next monthly meeting will be held Wednesday 21 July at 5.15pm. All families connected to the school are welcome to attend and we encourage you to get involved, bring your ideas and offer your opinions.

It was at our last meeting that the decision was made to support school families by contributing \$5000 from canteen income towards offsetting the cost of the Walcha interschool visit.

Uniform Update

The P&C Committee continues to work with the school to support families and ensure school uniform is worn by all students across the whole of school. The time to update our whole of school presentation and identity is fast approaching and coincides with the departure of students to Walcha for the interschool visit next week.

A new delivery of winter jackets and black, microfibre track pants has arrived at school this week to top up supplies. Plenty of sports polos are also available.

If you need help with any aspect of the school uniform please ask.

Canteen Roster
Canteen closed until next term

An issue that we sometimes face at DHS is the perception that our students may have better opportunities and, as a consequence, perform better attending a school outside of our community. This perception is in stark contrast to the reality of our students' performance and engagement.

We seem to be caught in a 'farrogo'; somewhere between myth and fact. Today, I seek to challenge this myth and share with you evidence and facts gathered from the DOE 'Tell Them From Me' survey.

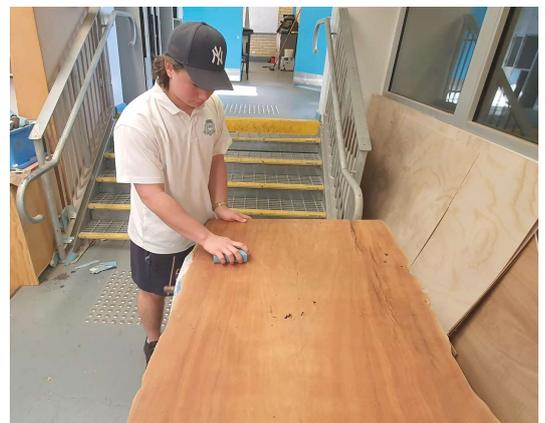
This survey data is used to inform and identify what works best at school and measures our effectiveness across a range of areas, from the perspective of students, against a state wide mean (average?).

The results indicate that our students achieve on or above state average, feel more connected, and have the same opportunities or more than the NSW Government norm.

Please see the table below for further details.

	Dorrigo	NSW
Student participation in extracurricular activities	28%	24%
Student participation in school sport	57%	48%
Students with positive relationships (students have friends at school they can trust and encourage to make positive choices).	81%	78%
Effort - students try hard to succeed in their learning	70%	66%
Students with a strong sense of belonging	67%	66%
Effective learning time	6.4	6.3
Students with positive behaviour	86%	87%
Effective learning time. Concepts are taught well. Class time is used efficiently.	6.9	6.3
Intellectual engagement - students are engaged and find learning interesting, enjoyable and relevant	55%	46%
Explicit teaching practices and feedback. Students feel classroom instruction is well organised with a clear purpose and immediate feedback that helps them learn.	6.6	6.4

There are 4 areas where we will have a strong focus for improvement to reach state mean: Planning to finish Year 12, Planning to go to University, Positive Growth Mindset and homework..



Seniors working on their major Timber work



Attendance in Focus

At Dorrigo High School we believe that every day counts. Regular attendance helps students to:

- develop a sense of belonging
- develop and maintain friendships
- be more engaged at school
- progress with their learning
- be more aware of career and life options.

Supporting positive school attendance is a shared responsibility - everyone has a role.



In working towards improved attendance, Dorrigo High has implemented a new process for notifying parents of their child's absence from school. The SMS system allows parents to reply to the text, or phone the school daily to explain their child's absence.



Do you know that some reasons for absence from school are not 'justified' by the department? Check out the list below that clearly indicates what the department considers justified and unjustified reasons for absence from school.

Justified Reasons for Absence

Acceptable reasons for an absence can include:

- illness or medical appointments
- domestic necessity such as the serious illness of an immediate family member
- attendance at funerals
- recognised religious festivals or ceremonial occasions
- misadventure or an unforeseen event
- participation in special events not related to the school.

Unjustified Reasons for Absence

It is important to note that unjustifiable reasons for absences include:

- shopping
- sleeping in
- working at home
- minor family events such as birthdays
- haircuts

In keeping with the philosophy that Every Day Counts, the department has now moved to consider satisfactory attendance rates of 95% or above. Should your child's attendance fall below this level, their Year Adviser will aim to work closely with the student and families to develop an Attendances Improvement Plan. Should a school-based intervention be unsuccessful, an application to the Home School Liaison Program may be launched. Do you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's attendance? Please contact your child's Year Adviser and discuss ways in which the school can support you in ensuring that your child is able to engage regularly and successfully at school.

Food Technology Requirements Term 2 - Week 9

Week 9		
9/10	Tuna Macaroni Mornay Individual work. Students to bring 1 small can tuna, 3/4C grated cheese	Thursday 17 June P1 & P2
Week 10		
7	Soft Tacos Between two 120g mince, extra ingredient of choice eg avocado, salsa or sour cream	Tuesday 22 June P1 & P2
Senior Hosp	Catch Up Pracs Individual work As per food order sheet	Wednesday 23 June P3 & P4



Junior Golf Clinic

With Professional Brandon Connor.

When: Wednesday 30 June (First week of the school holidays)
11.00 am to 1.00 pm

Where: Dorrigo Golf Club.

What: A golf clinic for school aged children run by Brandon Connor -professional from Coffs Harbour Golf Club. Sausage sizzle lunch following the lesson.

COST: \$5 – includes lunch.

Bring: Hat, water bottle, any special dietary needs. Clubs not needed unless you want to bring your own.

BOOKINGS: Please ring Gordon on 0428571125

Dorrigo High School P&C

WE'RE LOOKING FOR...

Canteen Co-ordinator/s

- To manage rostering & ordering of stock
- Commencing Term 4 (with training)
- Essential to keep our canteen open
- A position for 1 or to share with a friend
- Current Co-ordinators retiring




Are you interested?
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MIC CONWAY & ROBBIE LONG

**SATURDAY JUNE 19TH 2021, MEGAN HALL
POTLUCK DINNER 5:30PM, BRING A PLATE TO SHARE
MUSIC 6:00PM**

Adults \$25, Youth (13-17) \$15, Child (4-12) \$5

Tickets Only At:

www.dorrigofolkbluegrass.com.au/gigs

Enquiries: Bridget 0428415078

Bellingen Improvised Music Festival

**Bellingen Showgrounds
9-11 July 2021**

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