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Term 4 - Week 7

Tuesday 21 November 2023

Boys Open Cricket

Congratulations to the boys Open Cricket side who were successful in defeating Toormina High School in the Mid North Coast Zone final of the Davidson Shield state knockout.

Despite a late change from turf to a synthetic wicket, the Dorrigo boys were brimming with confidence after a resounding win in Round 2 against Grafton High School. The Dorrigo boys bowled first and were under pressure early with some solid batting from the Toormina top order. The breakthrough came with wickets to Evan Ryan and Callan Menzies with Jamison Dawes and Jack Dawson-Weatherall chiming in with crucial wickets.

With a dewy outfield making bowling and fielding tricky, Dorrigo restricted the opposition to 137.

Evan and Taylor opened the innings with Evan falling cheaply, playing all around a ball that went straight on to hit the stumps. Jamison, Lincoln and Callan came and went quickly and when an ice cool Jack Dawson-Weatherall joined Taylor at the crease Dorrigo still required 90 to win. Jack played Robin to Taylor's Batman and the boys played a clever innings of patience and maturity being aggressive when required and passed the total with 11 overs to spare. Taylor finished on 86 not out and Jack 18 not out.

Well done to the boys. We now play Hastings Secondary College in the North Coast semi final on Tuesday November 28. Hopefully the rain stays away in what should be a great match. Do yourself a favour and get to Rowe oval to catch all the action on Tuesday.

Tim Rodgers
Coach

Important Dates

Monday 20 - Thursday 23 November

- Year 10 Excursion

Tuesday 28 November

- Year 6 into Year 7 Orientation Day

Tuesday 5 December - Thursday 7 December

- Year 11 Study Camp Urunga

Wednesday 6 December - Friday 8 December

- Year 9 South West Rocks Camp
- Year 7 Cascade camp

Wednesday 13 December

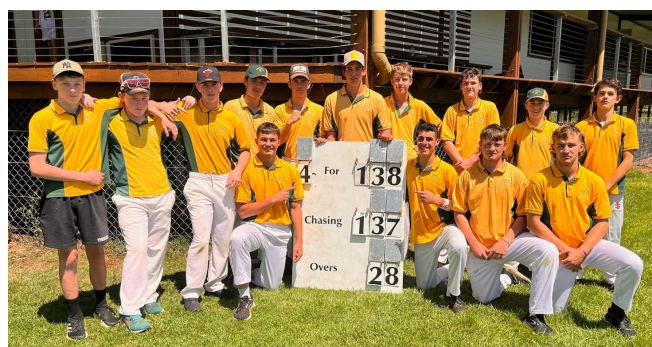
- End of Year Formal Assembly 11.00 am

Thursday 14 December

- Wellbeing Excursion - Boambee Bay

Friday 15 December

- Last day of term for students



Formal 2023

Congratulations and best wishes to our Class of 2023 who attended their Formal celebration on Saturday evening at Never Never Mind.



Principal's Message

Year 12 Formal

A wonderful celebration to mark the end of the HSC examinations was held with Year 12 2023, their families, friends and school staff on Saturday November 11. The students looked stunning in their outfits and the Never Never Mind venue was aglow with fairy lights and decorations that added a delightfully magical atmosphere. Topped off with delicious food, fun times in the photo booth, affirmations and awards, the evening was very special. A big thank you to Year 12, parents and carers, Year Advisor Ms McKell, DHS SAS Staff and the student table attendants for their organisation, contribution and support of a great night.

Remembrance Day

Following Remembrance Day on November 11 the school held an assembly last Monday. Led by our school captains, students and staff paused for a minute's silence to honour those who lost their lives on the battlefield and the end of World War One.

Stage 4 and 5 Examinations and Reports

Year 7 to 10 students completed their final examinations last week. Hopefully the upcoming Semester 2 student reports will give them the chance to reflect on their learning for the year and to set goals for 2024.

Aboriginal Education

A group of our student leaders supported by local Elder, Uncle Allan Phillips and school staff have been discussing how DHS can improve cultural awareness, safety and inclusion for all students. The group is considering some projects that could become a school focus in 2024 including planning a cultural space in the grounds. In 2024, school staff will be engaging in the 8ways of Aboriginal Learning pedagogies. 8ways is a way of working that goes beyond cultural awareness, cultural sensitivity and even cultural responsiveness. It is all about relational responsiveness, a protocol of attending to relational obligations in the field we are working in, relating and responding holistically to people, land, culture, language, spirit and the relationships between these with integrity and intellectual rigour. 8ways is a point of entry into this way of knowing and is a way to develop relationally responsive practice in how we work with our Aboriginal community for the benefit of all our students. More details to come next year!

More Sporting Success

Congratulations to our boys' cricket team who again demonstrated their skill in defeating Toormina High School in Round 3 of the state knockout competition. The win placed DHS as the Mid North Coast zone champions. We look forward to another exciting game for the semi-finals against Hastings Secondary College on Tuesday next week in Dorrigo.

Last Day of Term for Students

As a reminder, the last day of school for this term is Friday, 15 December. I would like to emphasise the importance of regular attendance: consistent participation in every lesson, every day contributes to positive educational outcomes. While we understand that students and families may start preparing for the holidays, attending school daily is crucial for fostering student learning, confidence, and the development of meaningful friendships. Holidays should be scheduled during designated school breaks, and students are expected to be present every day throughout the term, from start to finish. Even seemingly minor absences can accumulate and impact overall learning. For the upcoming 2024 school year, all students will resume classes on Thursday, 1 February 2024.

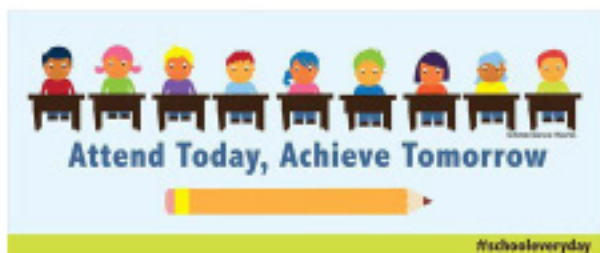
Our Plan for NSW Public Education



The NSW Public Education plan outlines how an equitable and outstanding education system will be created. You can read about it here: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/about-us/strategies-and-reports/plan-for-nsw-public-education#About0>

Rapid Antigen Tests

We have a supply of RATs available from the office. If you would like some tests please call into the office or have your child ask.



Attendance Matters

Parents, carers and the community can influence the attendance of a child and other students by sharing their perceptions of school. Teaching the positive values of school may influence your child to think more positively about school and value their education for future opportunities.

How can parents and carers help their child develop a positive and healthy concept of attending school and remaining in classes?

- **Teach** your child that attending school is non-negotiable unless they are truly sick.
- **Inform** your child about the impacts of non-attendance and the positive of attending school.
- **Help** your child get into the habit and learn the value of regular routines.
- **Build relationships** with other families and discuss how you can help each other (e.g. drop off and pick up) especially in times of need or emergencies.
- **Identify** non-academic activities (drama, art, music) that can help motivate your child's interest in school and learning
- **Talk** with the school about your child's attendance and any concerns you may have and let your child see this.

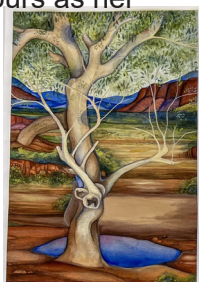
Year 7 2024 Orientation Morning

It was a pleasure to host our incoming Year 7 2024 students on Wednesday last week for the first of their orientation activities. I enjoyed meeting the students and observing them in one of their taster lessons. A great deal of discussion and investigation of the scientific problem at hand took place. Feedback from staff and the students themselves indicated a very positive morning and much anticipation for the next full day activity in Week 8.

Mrs Cameron

HSC Artwork

Stephanie Harris completed an impressive Body of Work for her HSC Visual Art practical component. I inspired by her travel around Australia Stephanie used watercolours as her medium to capture the beauty and colour of the Australian Landscape and its people. We are so proud of your dedication and passion.



See the rest of Stephanie's work in our display at the show.

Canteen

Thursday 23 November
Friday 24 November

Michele Kellett
Amii Francis

Monday 27 November
Thursday 30 November
Friday 1 December

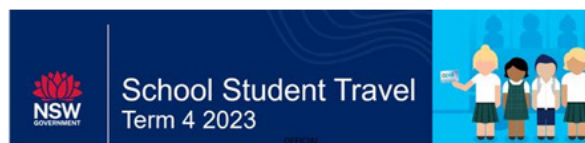
Gigi Silas
Susan Freeman
Michelle Wright

Monday 4 December

CLOSED

Food Technology Requirements

	Term 4 Week 8	
9/10	Chicken Bao Buns Shumai Students to supply 1 egg 1 carrot 1 chicken thigh 1 cucumber	Tuesday 28 November P1 & P2
9/10	Beef Potato Curry Puff Between 2 Students to supply 2 large potatoes 1 onion	Thursday 7 December P1 & P2



2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a travel pass for 2024 can apply now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should renew or update their details before the end of Term 4. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. Term Bus Pass holders will receive a notification to re-apply. Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. Note: some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Careers

I am encouraging all Year 10 to do some work experience in the coming weeks. I have prepared Work Experience packs (WEPs) so that they have all the information they need to get started. This program is very flexible and I try to cater for all families and businesses. If only a day or two is what is 'doable' for your family or place of work, that is fine! If it is a week, that's great and more time is negotiated if there is a possibility of paid work at the end of it.

If you are able to assist our students with work experience at your place of business, I would be most grateful. If you have not hosted a student before and would like to know what is involved, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or by email, all students are covered by the Department of Education insurance.

Mrs McQueen
Careers

Cooking Classes

Students experience a wide range of culinary dishes in modern cooking. Recently Year 9/10 made Japanese pancakes.



SES Traineeship

The students participating in the SES program continue with their amazing experiences. Last week they practised snake bite care, search and rescue transport.

Mrs McQueen



YEAR 10 EXCURSION

GOLD COAST

20 - 23 NOVEMBER, 2023

