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Term 4 - Week 9

Tuesday 5 December 2023

Opens Cricket Success

Well folks you were asked to do yourself a favour and make your way down to the Dorrigo Rec ground for a chance to catch some of the best schoolboy cricketers on the North Coast last Tuesday and the Dorrigo boys certainly didn't disappoint. In a resounding win over Hastings Secondary College, Dorrigo now move into the North Coast final to be played against Kingscliff early next year.

Sent in to bat in overcast conditions with storms threatening, it was the Port boys who felt the dark clouds closing in as Lincoln Kellett and Taylor Gilbert set about dismantling the bowling attack. A patient and watchful start soon turned into all out assault with the kookaburra being dispersed to all parts of the ground. Taylor was dismissed in the forties with Lincoln going on to make 130 runs in our allotted 30 overs.

Chasing a huge total of 250 the southerners were backs to the wall early when Angus the "heat seeking missile" Waugh ran out both opening batters.

From there it was a hapless task for the Hastings boys as Fred Courtice felt the full weight of the team in a "stacks on" after one of the more spectacular catches taken this year. Tight bowling from Evan, Jamison and Jack made the total just too difficult to chase down.

A great team effort by the boys. We wish them luck against Kingscliff in Week 2 of first term.

Tim Rodgers Coach



Important Dates

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 Creek Reserve

Friday 15 December

- Last day of term for students

2024

- **Thursday 1 February 2024** Students return to school

The Canteen will be closed until the end of Term.



Principal's Message

Term 4 is disappearing quickly, and we are as busy as ever at Dorrig High School. It is difficult to believe that this is the final newsletter for the year. December has been a 'jam-packed' month with students engaged in classroom and extra-curricular activities and excursions. The school is busy preparing for 2024 with many programs and activities on offer for our students to experience a great DHS education. Another reminder that the last day of term for students is Friday December 15, 2023. Students return to school for Term 1 on Thursday 1st February 2024.

Cricket Super Stars!

We are extremely proud of our Boys' Opens Cricket team playing in the North Coast CHS Alan Davidson Shield competition with a win against Hastings Senior College last week. They have now advanced to the North Coast final to be played against Kingscliff High School in Kingscliff next year. This makes our school one of the final 16 teams in the state! We wish Team DHS the best of luck!

A Spectacular 40th Schools Spectacular!

DHS was well represented by a small but enthusiastic group of choristers who participated in the massed primary and secondary choir at the Schools Spectacular held at the Qudos Bank Arena at Olympic Park, Sydney last week. The experience was intense and amazing, with rehearsals and performances across the 6 days, as well as time to explore the sites of Sydney. The show will be broadcast on Channel 7 this coming Saturday December 9. Tune in! We guarantee a spectacular show!

Dorrig Show Success!

Our students again demonstrated their talent at the annual show on November 24 and 25 with entries in a range of events and ribbons taken away. Our animal nursery was a hit, as was the art show and cattle judging. Well done to our students and staff for their efforts in representing our school and supporting the Dorrig Show.

Welcome to our New School Psychologist

Wellbeing remains a key focus area at our school. DHS is fortunate to have additional counselling services available in 2024 with Valeria Villegas joining our Wellbeing team. We welcome Valeria and look forward to benefitting from the wealth of knowledge she brings to support our students.

Valeria will be present at school on Mondays and Tuesdays in the last two weeks of this term to get to know our students and staff.

Our Wellbeing Team in 2024 consists of:

Head Teacher Wellbeing: Kay Atkins

School Counsellor: Tony Horan

School Psychologist: Valeria Villegas

Student Support Officer: Amber Fitzpatrick

Wellbeing Teacher: Carol Ryan

Year Advisors: Fabrice Wamara (7); Karen Jones (8); Kay Atkins (9); Aleesha Hurst (10 – a relieving advisor will be appointed while Mrs Hurst is on leave in 2024 – TBA); Murray Langfield (11); Tim Rodgers (12)

Building a Sense of Belonging at DHS?

What is sense of belonging?

Sense of belonging measures a student's perception of being accepted, valued and included in their school setting by their peers and others in the school. A student's sense of belonging is influenced by a complex set of relationships with peers, teachers, families and the broader community.

Why is a positive sense of belonging important?

A strong sense of belonging is associated with positive outcomes for students' academic achievement and wellbeing. Research suggests that students with a positive sense of belonging are more likely to stay in school longer, have less absenteeism and higher academic outcomes. Students who have a high sense of belonging in school generally put in more effort and are more motivated at school. Schools offer a unique environment for students to develop their sense of belonging. A sense of belonging is particularly important during periods of transition, including primary to secondary school and post-school transitions. Students who experience a caring and nurturing school environment, where they feel they belong, have a strong base to achieve their academic potential. A school's social and organisational culture can provide a caring framework for students to mature into adults who feel they belong in the wider community beyond school.

What is DHS doing to support student sense of belonging?

- Wellbeing Team – counselling; pastoral care; small group programs
- Student leadership opportunities – SRC, Student Leadership Team, YouthSpeak, RYEAP
- Sporting and cultural activities
- Extra-curricular – debating; public speaking; 'Let's Hang It' Art Competition
- External Programs – Tomorrow Man/ Tomorrow Woman; Love Bites
- Wellbeing and Fun Days
- Year group and whole school excursions
- Assemblies and year meetings
- Academic - learning support; small group tutoring; extension groups; high potential and gifted education programs; distance education; Aurora College
- Project-based Learning – Kitchen Garden and Pizza Oven
- Transition programs
- Careers support – Work Experience; Work Placement; SBATs; Pathways
- Interest groups – Textiles; Cattle Program; Fitness
- Aboriginal Education – NAIDOC Celebrations; Student Leadership Group and Elder in Residence – Yarning Circle project and cultural awareness activities
- Community Engagement – ANZAC Day; SES Intern Program; Rotary and Lions Youth Programs

Thank you!

I take this opportunity to thank the many parents, carers, families and members of the wider school community for their support of our school this year – from the work of our marvellous P&C, to our canteen volunteers, organising flowers and catering at special events, fundraising, student support donations, guest speakers, supplying animals and transport, the list goes on! Without you, our students would not have the wonderful opportunities they can access at DHS. Thank you!

Wishing you all a safe and happy festive season with your families and friends. I look forward to working with you again in 2024.

Mrs Cameron
Principal

Dorrigo Show 2023

As the school's steers were sold to butchers at Lismore Show, the school arranged to borrow cattle to show at the Dorrigo Show.

The school once again was supported by local producers: - Darren Beaumont and Lisa Lowe lent us 4 Simmental heifers and the Burnes family lent us 3 Angus X Charolais steers.

These cattle arrived at the school on October 24. The students had less than 1 month to wash, halter break and get them to lead. Which they did successfully as there was no dramas involving runaway steers nor heifers from the Dorrigo High contingent at the showground.

In the junior judging Lacey Gibson and Tully Gibson made it to the final round of judging for the 13-15 year olds. Our paraders failed to impress the judge. In judging the cattle exhibited by all schools, Dorrigo High cattle came in second and third with the two heifers Tracey (led by Freya Wright) and Tandora (led by Mikayla Miller). In the schools competition Bellingen High repaid us for defeating them at their show by defeating us at our show.

Lace Burnes, Mikaylah Miller and Jamison Dawes led steers in the led steer competition. With the Lace Burnes steer coming third in the heavy steer class and the steer led by Mikayla Miller coming third in the light steer class.

The Show finished with the school participating in the Grand parade with the unusual spectacle of a ridden steer unfortunately there was no class for this.

Mr Keys



Agriculture - Cattle Request

The Agriculture department now being without cattle is looking for 4 steers about 300Kg that the students can prepare for Wingham. Please contact the school if you are able to supply a steer or two.

Thanks

Paul Keys

Agriculture Teacher



Some of our students participated in the equine events winning many of the classes they entered. Pictured are Freya Wright, Brydi Fittock and Lacey Pitkin on their mounts.



Schools Spectacular



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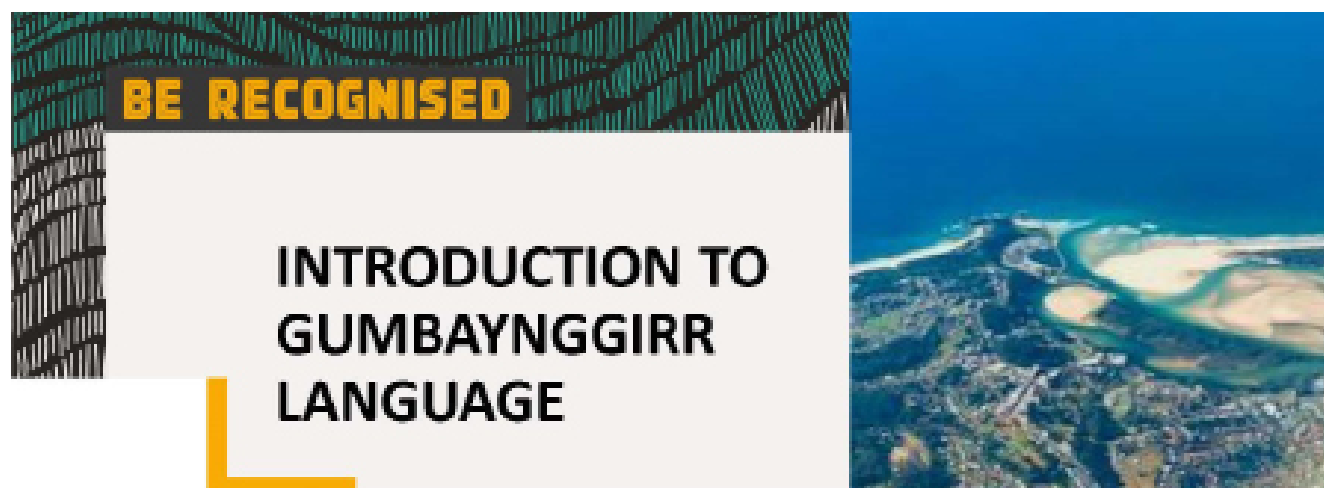


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YEAR 8 SLIPPER SOCKS





COURSE INFORMATION

Want to learn the foundational skills of your local language?

This course introduces you to the language of the Gumbaynggirr people.

Learning language is an opportunity to connect in a safe and supportive learning environment. Language is used in everyday life in the Nambucca valley. Learn about simple introductions, place names and pronunciation.

Contact us for more information
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Dates	20 February 2024 – 9 April 2024
Time	Tuesdays 9:00am – 2:00pm
Course	CS0555 TAFE Statement in Education and Employment Pathways
Room	TAFE NSW Connected Learning Centre
Address	2183 Gileguy Way Nambucca Heads

HOW DOES IT WORK

This Gumbaynggirr Language course is open for Aboriginal people and non Aboriginal people.

This course is delivered face to face on Tuesdays from 9:00am – 2:30pm.

Commencing: 20 February 2024 for 8 weeks.

This is a fully subsidised (free) course.

BE CONNECTED
BE RECOGNISED
BE A GO-GETTER



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