

Term 1 - Week 7

Tuesday 12 March 2024

Agriculture

Pig update

The little mob of piglets has been powering along well. In our weekly observation and weigh with the Year 9/10 Ag class we noticed a large abscess on one's lower belly, after a class discussion it was decided to consult the local vet for what it may be. A trip to the vet confirmed it had a hernia, whilst this can be a very costly surgery, Cara and the team at the Dorriggo vet clinic kindly offered to perform the surgery to see if they could save the pig as well as enhancing their learning (learning never stops!). A successful surgery led to the now named Sergio being returned to the mob. A massive thanks to Cara, Chris and the team at the Dorriggo vet clinic for their time and support.

Yr 12

The Year 12 boys are currently undertaking their product study which has been chosen, as a class to study the milk industry. With the prevalence of dairy's in Dorriggo we had a lucky opportunity to visit Golden Valley Farms. During our time at Golden Valley Farms the boys were talking to Adam and Harrison Darley about all the on-farm operations, marketing, and everything milk! It was an awesome trip out to see a fabulous farm in operation. Thanks to the Darley's for having us out there.

Yr 11

Our newest additions to the farm are some young laying and broiler chickens. With the Year 11 Ag class performing an experimental design on the impact of different feed protein levels on the growth rate of chickens. Very exciting to watch these little guys grow over the next few weeks and see how it goes.

Joshua Liepins

Agriculture Teacher



Important Dates

15 March

- NAPLAN 7 Conventions of Language
- NAPLAN 9 Conventions of Language

18 March

- NAPLAN 7 Numeracy
- NAPLAN 9 Numeracy

20 March

- Youth Speak Session
- P&C AGM & General Meeting, 5.15pm

21 March

- Harmony Day

25 - 27 March

- Walcha Interschool Visit at DHS

28 March

- Police Youth Engagement Officers presentations

29 March - 1 April

- Easter

3 April

- School Photographs

9 April

- Science and Engineering Challenge

12 April

- Last day of Term 1

29 April

- Staff return

30 April

- Students return



Principal's Message

Department of Student Voices in Education and Schools (DOVES)

Dorrigo High School DOVES Councillor, Myra, travelled to Sydney last week to be inducted into the DOVES Council and attend the AGM. Myra was an outstanding representative of her local school and community, as well as her wider DOVES directorate of Regional North and Northwest NSW. Myra attended media training at the NSW Department of Education Head Office followed by the official induction in the Chamber of the Legislative Assembly at NSW Parliament House, where Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, the Hon. Prue Car, presented her with her badge. Myra also had an opportunity to directly address Deputy Premier Car about educational issues that concerned her, including how government was addressing teacher shortages across the state. Myra spoke to both Deputy Premier Car and NSW Department of Education Secretary, Murat Dizdar, about her ambition to explore the teaching profession as a possible career pathway, drawing an enthusiastic response from them and prompting Secretary Dizdar to post the conversation on his social media feeds. During the AGM, Myra was elected to the position of Shadow Secretary and spoke about her goal to become as involved as possible within the DOVES Council work to make a difference in Education for students at Dorriggo High School, in her electorate and state-wide. Myra found the whole experience inspiring and rewarding and is looking forward to speaking with her peers in upcoming forums. Dorriggo High School is proud of Myra!



A proud Principal moment – Myra speaking with Secretary Dizdar



Myra receiving her badge from Deputy Premier Car

Working together for student attendance and to maximise learning

We want to do all we can to be sure your child achieves their potential and enjoys being in school. We know that school is the best place to learn. By attending school every day your child will get the most out of their learning and improve their career and life options.

When your child is absent it is important you let the school know, including the reason why, on the day or the day before. This helps make sure we know where our students are and offer support for you and your family if needed.

If you are having trouble getting your child to school every day or on time, please talk to our school staff so we can work together, because every day counts.

Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can negatively impact your child's learning and wellbeing. When your child misses one day per fortnight, that's 4 weeks of missed learning in one year. Over an entire school journey this adds up to 1 year of lost learning.





COVID-19 is still circulating in the community. We can all minimise the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory diseases by maintaining good hygiene practices at home and school.

Please contact the school if your child needs to miss school for any reason, so we can plan continued support for your child's learning and wellbeing. The school has a supply of RAT's should you need them.

Dorrigo High School Staff Learning

Schools regularly discuss the concept of lifelong learning. Whilst we often focus, and should do so, on what students are learning in their classes, it is also important to acknowledge and share the learning of our school staff to foster transparency and conversations about the work that is being done, sometimes behind the scenes, to support our students.

This term, we have engaged in professional learning to support student behaviour and management processes and strategies. Our Verbal Interventions training helped staff to develop an effective framework for preventing, de-escalating, and safely responding to crisis behaviour that focuses on what's happening from two perspectives: the person in distress and the staff person. This training compliments our work last year on understanding behaviour and active engagement and upcoming training on understanding ADHD.

We have also been learning about 8 Ways Aboriginal Pedagogies. This is a pedagogy framework that allows teachers to include Aboriginal perspectives by using Aboriginal

learning techniques. In this way, focus can remain on core curriculum content while embedding Aboriginal perspectives in every lesson, where we are teaching through culture, not about culture.

Our executive team have extended their learning with sessions on functional behaviour management and middle-leadership.

Finally, we wanted to share some insights from educational leadership expert Lyn Sharratt's book, Clarity. Our teachers are exploring evidence-based research as one of the tools we use to reflect on and improve our practice. Sharratt suggests that parents can ask their children five key questions about their learning to gain a deeper understanding of their experiences and progress. We would encourage you to try these questions out with your child, as they go beyond the typical "How was school today?" conversation:

What did you learn today?

How did you learn it?

How do you know you learned it?

How can you apply what you learned?

What further questions do you have about what you learned?

These questions can help your child reflect on their learning and develop a deeper understanding of the material. We believe that this kind of conversation can be invaluable to your child's academic success and overall well-being. More information about Clarity in a short four minute video.

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For 175 years, NSW public schools have been at the heart of education, preparing today's children to succeed and build better communities for tomorrow.

NSW public schools offer high-quality, well-rounded education that provides a strong foundation for lifelong learning and success.

So, for the best education money can't buy, choose Dorriggo High School.

Mrs Cameron
Principal

Canteen Roster

**The canteen is closed every
Tuesday and Wednesday**

Week 7

Thursday 14 March	Melissa Finlayson
Friday 15 March	Robin Burley

Week 8

Monday 18 March	Gigi Pankhurst
Thursday 21 March	CLOSED
Friday 22 March	CLOSED

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

Sports Update

Rugby League Success

Dorriggo had 5 students successful in gaining selection in the Mid North Coast Rugby League sides. Lincoln Kellett and Tom Masters were selected in the open boys team, Teegan Smith in the open girls and Aimee Lamb and Lacey Gibson were selected in the under 16's girls team. All students will head to Macksville for the next level of selection to be played against Lower North Coast. If successful at those trials students will then play a combined Far North Coast side vying for selection in the North Coast Team.

North Coast Rugby Trials

The North Coast Rugby trials were held in Coffs Harbour on Friday the 8 March. Angus Waugh, Jack Dawson-Weatherall, Lincoln Kellett and Zac Young trialled for the Open Boys and Teegan Smith and Mikayla Miller flew the flag for Open Girls selection.

Huge Congratulations to Angus, Jack, Lincoln and Zac for gaining selection in the Boys North Coast side and also in more fantastic news, Mikayla and Teegan being selected in the girls team.

Mid North Coast Touch Gala Day

On Thursday the 7 March 14 students travelled to Grafton to contest the first 3 rounds of the CHS Touch Football competition. Our first game had us drawn to play the local lads from Grafton and with a point to prove from last year the Dorriggo boys went toe to toe with the river men, with each side scoring to go in at 1-1 at half time. Both teams were very evenly matched and with full time closing in and the scores locked at 2-2 the game looked to be headed toward a drop off. Unfortunately Grafton scored in the dying seconds of the game to send us tumbling out of the CHS knockout. Our second game was played against Orara in great spirit and the score was 3-3 at full time. Well done to all the boys who played and showcased that great Dorriggo spirit.

Tim Rodgers

**Is your child
in year 7
or year 10?**

**Provide your consent for routine
school vaccinations online**

Year 7

- ☒ Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa)
- ☒ Human papillomavirus (HPV)

Year 10

- ☒ Meningococcal ACWY

**Scan the QR code to
give your consent now**

To provide online consent visit:
<https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>

For more information visit:
health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination

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P&C

I would like to extend an invitation to all members of our school community to join us next week for the P&C AGM and General Meeting – to be held on Wednesday 20 March at 5.15pm.

It doesn't matter if this is your first year connected to Dorrigo High School or one of the last or if you are a community member with time to take part – it takes the ideas, opinions and helping hands of many to make good things happen.

We will start with our AGM (usually short) and elect our Committee for the year and then follow with our General Meeting. Please put aside some time to attend so you can have your say on who does what and have input into our direction for the year.

Walcha Canteen

We need some more volunteers to share rostering during the Walcha visit so we can open the canteen each day – Mon 25, Tues 26 and Wed 27 March. An all-day service to keep up food, drinks and snacks is planned. An updated menu will be available to ensure variety and ease of preparation.

Eftpos is coming

Depending on delivery and set up we could have Eftpos available in the canteen as early as this week. Don't forget that cash can still be used and there are no plans to stop taking cash. For those who would like to use the electronic option please remember to have your debit card with you at school. Having a banking or pay app on a phone is not an option with the current "off and away" protocols in schools.

Canteen Ordering

A reminder that an order for recess and lunch means you get exactly what you want regardless of how busy canteen is. Lunch orders can be dropped in at the office in the morning or completed at recess.

You can contact the P&C directly using our email dorrighigh.pandc@gmail.com.

Michele Kellett
President
DHS P&C Committee

DORRIGO VS. WALCHA

WE NEED HANDS ON CANTEEN

**Mon 25, Tue 26 &
Wed 27 March**

**A shared roster to keep up
food, drinks & snacks**

Expressions of interest to:
dorrighigh.pandc@gmail.com
 School Office 6657 2001



Bellingen Netball Association

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

[@PLAYHQ.COM](https://playhq.com)

Search Bellingen Netball – click register – choose age group – add details

We play locally every Saturday at Connell Park on our NEW COURTS!! Season starts after School Holidays- May 4th

Training clinics available Saturday 6th & 13th April

Net Set Go: Kinder to Yr 2 (1pm + training optional)

Junior: Yrs 3&4 (1pm + training Tuesday 4pm)

Intermediate: Yrs 5&6 (1pm + training Tuesday 4pm)

Seniors: High Schoolers, Ladies & Men (2pm)

Contact bellingenetball@gmail.com or like us on Facebook @Bellingennetballclub

Swimming Carnival

Dorrigo HS held it's Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 27 of February. The weather was a bit overcast in the morning but improved as the day progressed encouraging more students into the pool. The attendance was good and most students enjoyed themselves and got wet!

The Year 12 boys lead by example and were getting involved which prompted more students to have a swim. Well done boys!

The Champion Swimmers by Age Grouping were as follows:

Junior Girls

1st	Matilda Soper	Laws
2nd	Makayla Connell	Drummond

Intermediate Girls

1st	Ava Mila	Laws
2nd	Shyla Guest	Laws

Senior Girls

1st	Aimee Lamb	Drummond
2nd	Layla Connell	Drummond

Junior Boys

1st	Quill Pankhurst	Laws
2nd	Cody Braund	Drummond

Intermediate Boys

1st	Harry Waugh	Laws
2nd	Mathew Young	Laws

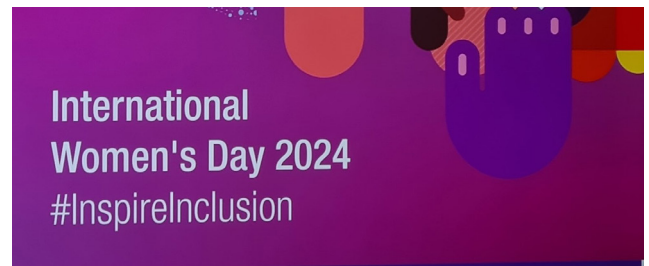
Senior Boys

1st	Angus Waugh	Laws
2nd	Thomas Masters	Laws

The final standings based on the point score were Page third, Drummond second and Laws first. Congratulations to Laws!

Also well done to Tommy for defending his Belly Flopping crown!

D Horan



Dorrigo High School celebrated International Women's Day in style on Friday 8 March.

Girls in Years 9 - 11 participated in workshop sessions in periods 1 and 2 with our Girl's Supervisor, Ms Karen Jones. The girls were also involved in an online event, the annual Young Women's Leadership Seminar, listening to the key note speaker, Associate Professor Lisa Williams, from the Parliament of NSW.

During recess all the girls in the school, female staff as well as parents and grandparents enjoyed morning tea in the library. Brydi Fittock in Year 10 gave a thought provoking speech on this year's International Women's Day theme of Inspire Inclusion. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Ms Jones

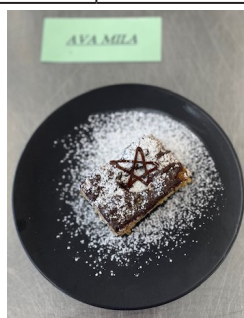


Food Technology Requirements

	Term 1 - Week 8	
7 Blue	Fruit Crumble Between 2 Students need to bring 1 x apple, 1 x pear	Tuesday 19 March P5 & P6
8	Vegetable Dumplings Between 2 Students need to bring 1 x small onion 1 x carrot	Tuesday 19 March P3 & P4
9/10	Black Forest Cookies Between 2 Students need to bring 60g x dark chocolate 1 x dollop cream	Friday 22 March P1 & P2
Hosp	Choose your own international sandwich Individual work Students to provide all ingredients	Thursday 21 March P5 & P6
Hosp	Mini Fish Tacos Individual work Students to supply 1 x apple 1 x small carrot 1 x small red onion 2 x white fish fillets	Friday 22 March P3 & P4
	Term 1 - Week 9	
7 Purple	Dish to be decided Between 2 All ingredients will be supplied.	Thursday 28 March P1 & P2
Senior Hosp	To be decided Individual Work All ingredients will be supplied.	Thursday 28 March P3 & P4

Food Technology

Food Technology students have again been cooking interesting, tasty recipes. Year 7 prepared fresh fruit salad and tacos. Year 9/10 cooked Churros Slice.





NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM

In 2024 the following vaccines will be offered:

If your child is in Year 7 or Year 10 this year, you can now provide online consent for their routine school vaccinations.

In Year 7, students are offered free vaccines for diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTpa) and human papillomavirus (HPV). In Year 10, students are offered the meningococcal ACWY vaccine.

Vaccination will only be provided at school if consent has been received.

How to provide consent:

1. To complete online consent for your child's school vaccinations, visit: <https://engage.health.nsw.gov.au/engage>
2. Follow the steps to log in to your existing ServiceNSW account. This is the same account you may already use to renew your driver's licence. If you don't have a [ServiceNSW](#) account, refer to [ServiceNSW](#) to create one.
3. Update or confirm your personal details in ServiceNSW as required.
4. Complete the School Vaccination Consent Form for your child/ren. You will need to:
 - a) Enter your child's personal details
 - b) Provide the Medicare card details for you and your child
 - c) Read the linked [Parent Information Sheet and privacy statement. Translations available in 27 languages](#)
 - d) Provide consent

If you or your child do not have a Medicare card, consent can still be provided by requesting a paper-based consent form directly from your child's school.

The benefits of providing consent online:

- easily update your child's details
- receive SMS and/or email notifications when vaccinations are given
- faster upload of vaccination records to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR).

For more information on routine school vaccinations, please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/schoolvaccination.

If you require information in your language, please visit www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/school_vaccination_language.aspx

