Dear Parents,

Welcome back!! It has only been one week and we really have hit the ground running. We have all settled into our new learning spaces and they are starting to really take shape. The Kindy students have settled in well and are enjoying their rest day today I’m sure. Please take the time to meet their parents and make them feel welcome. Kindy is a big step for parents as well as children.

Please take the time to look at the events on our calendar so far (we will be updating as more dates come in) and always remember your involvement is most welcome.

We also welcome Ms Toni Southwell to our staff on a more regular basis as she takes on the role of teacher in Year 2/3. We are very lucky to have someone with her expertise.

Today we welcome our new school leaders into their roles as they are “sworn in” and given a special blessing during Mass today. They are very enthusiastic and have lots of ideas to contribute to making our school an even better place, and we wish them well in their endeavours. A copy of the leaders’ declaration is included later in this newsletter.

‘God sent us Jesus to live in communities with people like us with all their gifts and flaws. He did this to help us realise that God does truly know what it is to be human, to fail, to disappoint and be disappointed, to love, to share, to forgive and to truly care for others. Through Jesus’ example in action and word He shows us that God’s healing love is at work in each of us and in the world we live in.’

For all the darkness in the world cannot blot out the light from just one candle. Lord help us always be the light in the lives of others.

Sue Darby
Acting Principal

LINK TO SCHOOL WEBSITE: http://moodle.dorplism.catholic.edu.au/

PARISH MASSES: Sunday Mass – 10:00am. All are welcome.

PARENT INFORMATION MEETINGS: We will have our Parent information meetings next Tuesday 10th February in the afternoon, beginning at 3.30pm. This is an opportunity to meet with your child’s teacher and be informed about classroom arrangements and plans for the year ahead. Teachers will present the information over three sessions, to allow parents to meet with each of their children’s teachers. Each session will last for about twenty minutes. If you aren’t able to make it to your session, please feel free to organise another time to meet with your child’s class teacher.

ASSEMBLY: We will continue our practise of having an assembly most weeks on Thursday afternoons; this will begin next week (no assembly tomorrow 5th Feb).

CRUNCH & SIP: This healthy eating initiative has been put in place to address the importance of 3 serves of fruit and 5 serves of vegetables needed in a healthy diet each day. For this reason children need to have fruit and / or vegetables for Crunch & Sip. It is not a
time for just any snack, children get enough processed food; it is the unprocessed food they need. Please send in a bottle of water each day as well, NOT juice or cordial, for your child's Crunch & Sip.

**SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM:** Confirmation will be held in Bellingen at St Mary’s on the 3rd of March. Any children wishing to be confirmed need to let us know ASAP as classes start next Monday, 9th Feb.

**ZONE SWIMMING TRIALS:** A big thank you to our parent helpers; Rob Capps, Julie Miller, Michelle Guest, Kristy Thornhill and Sasha Chong for your efforts in rather unpleasant weather yesterday. Trust Dorrigo to turn on a day like that on the day of our trials! Notes will go home today for the following children who have been selected for the Zone team; Tom C, Star, Angus, Cooper, Darcy C and Kassidy. We wish them all the best as they travel to Grafton for the carnival next Thursday.

**CANTEEN:** We are in desperate need of new volunteers to help out in the canteen on Fridays. Please call the school or let Megan (ph 0432 100613) know if you are able to help. The canteen is a great fundraiser for the school, as well as being a great time-saver for families each Friday morning. Thank you to this week’s canteen volunteer, who is Megan Francis. A reminder that canteen volunteers should be at the school by 9:00am to tally up orders. If you are unable to do your rostered day, please organise to swap with another volunteer.

**BOOK CLUB:** Book club brochures were sent home last week. Orders and money are due back at school by 16th Feb. Please ensure you include the correct money!

**P&F STREET STALL:** Our first street stall for the year (we have booked one for each term) will be held on Wednesday 4th March. If there are any volunteers to help man the stall, please let us know at school. It only takes about three hours and is quite an enjoyable and social experience!

**SCHOOL LEADER DECLARATION**

*As a School Leader at Mt St John’s Dorrigo I promise to:*

- Follow all of our school rules as I set a good example for others.
- Show respect for our school by always wearing full school uniform.
- Speak respectfully to others at all times.
- Accept correction when needed as a learning opportunity.

By doing this I uphold the Christian values Jesus taught us and bring life to our school vision;

*To be a community of learners and believers where the whole person is nurtured in mind, body and spirit, guided by the hand of God.*

I understand that failure to uphold my promise will mean termination of my Leadership role.

*Fr Amilia with our 2015 school leaders*

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*Our leaders are already busy at work! Following is some news from the various leaders...*

**KITCHEN GARDEN:** On Friday 6th February, the school’s kitchen garden will be open at lunch time for students, parents and staff to come along and help out in the garden. We have a lot of work to do in preparation for a busy year ahead, and we would greatly appreciate your help.

Thank you,
Tom and Connor (Kitchen Garden leaders)

**SPORT:** An opportunity is available for everyone to come and play sport on Tuesdays and Thursdays. This will be set up by our sport leaders Darcy Capps and Kassidy Guest at lunch time. This also gives students an opportunity to put their fundamental movement skills to use. We will also be setting up teachers and parents v students matches at the end of each term and we hope that you can all come along and join in or cheer us on.
Thanking you
Darcy C and Kassidy

EDUCATION: Later this term we will be holding another Readers and Writers Theatre, where all of the students in the school will be able to write a story or poem or any other type of text and read it out to parents as a competition to see who is the best writer in their year. We have held one of these before and it was a great night. The more people there are the better. We will be advertising the date soon so make sure you save the date and come in and enjoy the night.

Ellie & Darcy H

FAITH: We would like to thank everyone for coming to Mass today to celebrate our induction as school leaders. Thank you to all of the children who read and for the beautiful singing.

Ben and Annie

2015 SCHOOL FEES: School fee statements for Term 1 will be sent home next week. If you would like to arrange a regular direct debit payment from your Banancoast Community Credit Union account into the school’s account, please take this letter to the Credit Union in Dorrigo and they will organize this for you.

When using Internet banking, please use your child’s surname as a reference.

For Internet banking payments, the school’s details are as follows:
Bank name: Banancoast Community Credit Union
BSB no. 704-328
Account no. 76986 (if paying from a BCU account, please specify our S10 account)

Suggested Direct Deposit amounts (from beginning of February 2015)
1 student –
$1010.00 per year
$252.50 per term
$40.40 per fortnight (x 25 fortnights)
$20.20 per week (x 50 weeks)
2 students –
$1720.00 per year
$430.00 per term
$68.80 per fortnight (x 25 fortnights)
$34.40 per week (x 50 weeks)

3 or more students –
$2121.00 per year
$530.25 per term
$84.84 per fortnight (x 25 fortnights)
$42.42 per week (x 50 weeks)

SOCcer NEWS: Registrations open on 1 February for the 2015 soccer season. Again, registrations must be completed via the National Online Registration System at www.myfootballclub.com.au . The system allows players to register online, just select “Register Now” from the home page. The club will be holding registration information days at Dorrigo Recreation Ground clubhouse verandah to assist with completion of on-line registration or to accept fees after you have registered on-line. The information days will be held on:
Tuesday 10 February 3:15 to 5:15pm
Thursday 12 February 3:15 to 5:15pm
You can pay on-line or get an invoice emailed to you to pay at an information day. Remember you do need to be registered by Monday 23 February so that we can put teams together (for 8 years and over) for nomination to North Coast Football. Late registration makes team allocation difficult and sometimes leads to players missing out altogether. Please register early as a late fee of $25 applies for any registration made after the 23 February close date (excludes 5-7 years Miniroos). So get together, get online and get ready for another fun season of soccer.
Mums and Dads – we need you for women’s and men’s teams so don’t forget to do your own registration online too.
Prompt refunds will be made in the event that players cannot be placed in a suitable team. If you need more details before one of the information days contact registrar Rosalie Smith on 6657 5255 or treasurer Barbara Webster on 6657 2703.

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iPhone & iPad Users
1. Click the “App Store” icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. If iPhone, you will see your school appear, click “Free” then “install”.
4. If iPad, change the drop list to “iPhone Apps”, your school will then be visible, click “Free” then “Install”.
5. When installed click “Open”
6. Select “OK” to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the “More” button on the bottom right of the App, then “Setup”.
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you.

Android Users
You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.
1. Click the “Play Store” button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the “Install” button.
5. Click “Accept” for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
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