Dear Parents,

What an impressive roll-up for our ANZAC service on Saturday! Over half the school were represented and they participated with the reverence the ceremony requires. A big thank you to parents for your support in this matter – it is appreciated as we realise it is another thing to fit into a very busy schedule.

Well done also all of the children who contributed to our downtown ANZAC day display, with a special thank you to Annie for the letters she wrote from the perspective of different people who were involved in war. We came second in the schools’ section.

The town should be congratulated for the effort and thought put into all of the displays; they certainly helped set the scene for the centenary celebration of ANZAC. Our community of Dorrigo always gets behind the initiatives of others and they do it well. A big thank you also to Mr Bob Denner and Mrs Barbara Ainley for sharing their knowledge with us as they showed us through the RSL memorabilia last week.

This Sunday was Good Shepherd Sunday and it is a timely reminder of how important it is, especially in our school community and in our lives, to take care of one another – to treat each other with respect and genuine concern and to help each other when we make mistakes or lose our way. If we live Jesus’ mission of the Good Shepherd we take care not to spread gossip and half-truths in order to undermine others or make ourselves feel more important. Instead we work to help one another, to encourage and forgive errors of judgement and support change. We work consciously to be a peacemaker as we “offer everything we think, and do and say….” to God.

Sue Darby
Acting Principal

INSPIRING PARENTING CONFERENCE - FREE OF CHARGE: A number of FREE places are still available to parents who are interested in attending the NSW Parenting Conference jointly hosted by Lismore Parent Catholic School Assembly and Council of Catholic School Parents on 16th & 17th May. The Conference features renowned parenting experts Michael Grose and Bruce Sullivan as keynote speakers and a host of other presenters providing workshops on issues such as parenting, mental health and wellbeing issues, connecting home and school learning and faith development. Parent Assembly will cover ALL costs including your conference registration and accommodation at the beautiful Opal Cove Resort, Coffs Harbour. To register your interest, please contact your local Parent Assembly Cluster Organiser Paul Edgar on 0427118122. Register quickly as places will be allocated to those who express interest first.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS’ WEEK: Next week we are celebrating Catholic Schools’ Week. The theme this year is ‘Walk with Me’ and refocuses our attention to the very essence of who we are as a Catholic School and that is followers of Jesus. Through the running of our school, our relationships with the children in our care and their families, we always have the examples given to us by Jesus as our compass for compassion and expectations. To help celebrate this special week we will be having an open afternoon on Wednesday 6th
May. Parents and Grandparents are invited to share lunch with their children, and then go into classrooms to join in with maths games, shared reading and talk about the learning that is taking place in classrooms. On Friday 8th May we will be hosting the students and staff of St Mary’s from Bellingen. They will be joining with us as we launch the Student Proclaim package at 10:15am, attend Mass at 11:15am and then complete an orienteering course (1pm) and trivia quiz (1:45pm). Our school Environment leaders and some helpers will be preparing hot dogs for lunch which will need to be ordered. An order form will be sent home this week.

NAPLAN: Children in Years 3 and 5 will be sitting the NAPLAN assessment in Week 4. Tuesday 12th May – language conventions and writing
Wednesday 13th – Reading
Thursday 14th May – Numeracy.
These tests are always interesting; the materials the children get to view are of a very high standard and the test should be nothing to fear. It provides a snap-shot of how our students are performing measured against other students of a similar age. It is, however, very important that children attend for all three assessment days or results are skewed and not in a good way.

P & F ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING: Our 2015 AGM will be held next Tuesday 5th May at 3:25pm. Nominations for executive positions should be emailed to cmarsden@lism.catholic.edu.au. All are welcome!

IT’S A BOY!
Congratulations to Mrs Partridge who gave birth to a big baby boy on ANZAC day. Both Mum and bub are doing well. Salena Bryce will be stepping in to fill the position created by Tara’s maternity leave in the position of TA working in the K/1 classroom. This will allow small group instruction to take place each day and build a more consistent routine of faces.

WALK-A-THON: This will take place on Friday 15th May at the recreation ground after lunch.

This will take place instead of sport and children can be picked up from the Rec or will catch buses at the Primary School. Well done to all of those children who have been busily gathering sponsors. Please assist your child with this task as it is not something they should do on their own.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION: This afternoon’s Parent Information session will start with afternoon tea at 5pm and the meeting beginning at around 5:15pm. We anticipate the meeting will take about 45 minutes, so it should conclude at around 6pm. You will be able to make an appointment to see your class teacher at a later date, if required. The theme for the meeting is Making Stronger Connections. Items on the agenda will include:
- Home / school communication
- Homework
- Student reporting A-E
- Classroom routines
- NAPLAN testing
- Ideas to invigorate P & F
- Ideas for parent education & support, utilising the Parent Assembly funding.
It’s important that as many families are represented at this meeting as possible as the agenda items affect all of us and the future direction of our school.

MASS: The K/1 class attended Mass today.

ASSEMBLY: Tomorrow’s assembly will be held at 2:40pm and will be led by the school leaders. All are most welcome.

P & F STREET STALL: Our next street stall will be held in Week 4 on Wednesday 13th May. We will need two volunteers to help man the stall – please let us know if you’re able to help.

LOST PROPERTY: There have been a number of school jumpers with NO NAMES handed in at school. If your child is missing a jumper, please come and check the lost property. And remember – if clothing is labelled, it probably won’t get lost!

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: Children wishing to complete the Sacraments of Initiation (i.e. the Sacrament of Penance and the Sacrament of Holy Communion) please let Mrs Darby know.
The Parent Assembly has money available again this year to provide education for parents. If you have some area of parenting that you would like to learn more about please talk to Cath Hartin or Mrs Darby and we will start a list and try to source people who can help us with your requests.

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

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

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.

TERM 1 CANTEEN ROSTER

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If your child is absent from school for any reason, please make sure you notify the school. There are several ways you can notify us:

1. By phone
2. By email to msipdorr@lism.catholic.edu.au
3. Via Skoolbag app
4. By written note

Rob Harpley will be taking lessons in guitar or keyboard at school on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30pm. Cost will be $20 for a half hour lesson. For more information call Rob on 67759282.

DORRIGO DRAMA – KIDS ON STAGE: Kids on Stage has resumed this term and will be held on Monday afternoons at 3:30pm at the Old Gazette Theatre. Rehearsals for a production of “A Magical Mystery Tour” by Pene Charles are now underway. If you’re interested in being involved, please ring Dina Luciani on 66572243.

GFS KIDSPLUS meets every Wednesday during term time from 3-5pm in the Anglican Church Hall. There is food, fun, games, worship and craft. Students from Kinder through to Year 9 are welcome. Cost is $1 per session – new pupils always welcome. Contact Rev Mike on 6657 2015.

DORRIGO FUJI KARATE CLUB invites you to discover the rewards of traditional Japanese Shotokan Karate. Increase your fitness, flexibility and coordination while learning self-defence. Studying a martial art promotes discipline and respect, focus, listening and memory skills. Phone Hazel Buchanan for further information. Where: Dorrigo Public School Hall When: Mondays; Kids 5-6pm, Adults 5:30-6:30pm Phone: Hazel on 0458 572525

DORRIGO SOCCER: Play for Dorrigo teams on 2nd May will be:
8’s Girls Dorrigo Lyrebirds at Urunga; 8’s Boys Dorrigo Quolls at Bellingen; 9’s Dorrigo Dingoes at Dorrigo; 11’s Dorrigo Wallabies at Woolgoolga; 14 Girls Dorrigo Bluegums at
Urunga; 16 Girls Dorrigo Waratahs at Urunga; Women’s Dorrigo Cedar's at Macksville and Men’s Dorrigo Highlanders at Bellingen. This will also be the first game day for our upcoming stars, the Miniroos, who will play every Saturday morning in Dorrigo. There is no travel for our Miniroos. For draw details and field maps visit www.northcoastfootball.com.au and follow your team. Wet weather closures are also posted to this site. Go Highlanders!!

WOMEN’S RETREAT – REGISTRATIONS OPEN!

*Women. Food. God.* was an overwhelming success last year and was booked out prior to the weekend! Registrations are now open for this year’s retreat so please get in early to avoid disappointment. The retreat is taking place at the Curran Centre (St Augustine’s Coffs Harbour) on Friday night 15th May (6-9pm) and Saturday 16th May (9am-4pm) and is a fun weekend of faith enrichment and fellowship with scrumptious food to boot. To facilitate the retreat we are very pleased to welcome back Sisters Rosie and Berna from the Missionaries of God’s Love in Sydney and Melbourne. *Women. Food. God* is for women of ALL ages. The cost is only $30 ($20 concession). Registration forms are available at the school and must be returned with payment by Monday 11th May.

IYENGAR YOGA FOR KIDS:
Tuesdays 3.30 to 4.10 at Dorrigo Recreation Grounds Stadium, starting 28th April. $5 per class.

Iyengar Yoga for Kids is a lively session of yoga postures that build strength, flexibility, emotional stability and concentration in children. Yoga is a supreme teacher of neuromuscular integration as it brings attention to all muscle groups through its extensive range of physical movements. It also develops skills in self-care, giving students the tools to manage any number of health issues they may face in their lives and supporting them in any other activity they may undertake. In short, Yoga for Kids is a fun way to build a great foundation for the rest of life.

Classes are taught by Charlene McKevitt - ph 0403 036 020. Charlene has been practicing Iyengar Yoga for over 20 years and teaching for 15 years. She has studied directly with the Iyengar family on many occasions and undertakes continuing training and assessments. She has two children who practice yoga with her.
Kids’ fishing workshop

Kids 8–14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from Industry & Investment NSW. The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bug & size limits, fish handling for catch & release.

COST: $40 PER CHILD, and includes rod & reel combination, AHV, hat, tackle box and show bag — all to take home!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Maximum 25 participants.

LOCATION: Dutton Trout Hatchery, Point Lookout Rd, Ebor.

DATE: 16th of May 2015

BOOKING CLOSE: 14th of May 2015

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