Dear Parents,

Thank you to the families who joined us for the Feast of the Sacred Heart Mass on Sunday; it was nice to get together with parishioners. Father Cesar added to the community atmosphere with his music and sing-along. Hopefully we will get to do this type of thing more often next term. It would be nice to have our choir sing and some of the children read and participate at a Sunday Mass in the future. This could be followed by a family picnic and get-together after.

The sand pit designs are now in and will be displayed this week and then we will vote to choose the best one. There are a lot of really good ideas and a big thank you to everyone who entered. Thanks also to our environment group and Mr Harrison for the lovely soup they prepared for lunch on Friday. It was a perfect day for soup and it was delicious!

Thank you also to all of the parents who have made an appointment to discuss reports with their child’s teacher. This interview is a very timely opportunity to sit with our teachers and find ways to help support the learning for the semester ahead. Children learn best when we have a strong home/school partnership.

Our Athletics carnival is planned for tomorrow. It has been good to see children training for this event. St Mary’s will let us know if the Bellingen High School sports fields are not too wet to use, so fingers crossed. We will put an alert on the school moodle site and send out a Skoolbag alert tomorrow morning regarding the Athletics carnival.

Children are busy preparing for our Readers & Writers Theatre next Tuesday evening. Please fill in and return the catering form which was sent home yesterday as soon as possible. It should be a great night.

We have so much to be thankful for; this is truly one of the best places in the world to work. We have teachers and children who bring great joy to every lesson every day. We have children who care for one another and are learning to express their ideas and feelings with confidence and we have a body of parents who genuinely care about their children and each other. Our actions, our words and our deeds bring us closer to the love of God as our Gospel reading from John calls us to “love one another, as I have loved you... so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete.” Have a good week and be filled with the joy great opportunities and the love of one another bring.

Yours sincerely,

Sue Darby
Acting Principal

READERS & WRITERS THEATRE: On the 23rd June which is next Tuesday we will be holding a Readers and Writers Theatre here at school. We will be letting the students in our school write stories or poems or any other type of writing to share with parents or friends and students of our school. We will be starting from 5:20pm and after we finish we will be having a sausage sizzle which will be free of charge.
We would like you to bring some biscuits or something little to share with everyone for dessert. We hope to see you there!

P.S Parents are allowed to bring a piece of writing to share too.

By Ellie & Darcy H, Leaders of Learning

P&F MEETING: We didn’t achieve a quorum for yesterday’s P&F meeting, so it has been postponed until a later date (date to be advised).

NAIDOC ON THE PLATEAU: Next Friday (the last day of Term 2) we will be joining with all of the schools on the Plateau at Dorrigo High School to celebrate NAIDOC day. Children are to be dropped off at the High School where they will be met by the teachers. It is a good idea to pack lunch and some snacks and water. There will be some food-tasting and fruit but often younger children like to have their own. This is a wonderful day for many reasons; children learn more about our indigenous culture which helps to build unity. It’s also an invaluable opportunity to mix with all of the other children on the plateau, so please support this day.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: Tomorrow, Thursday 18th June, we will be travelling to Bellingen High School for our combined Athletics Carnival with St Mary’s of Bellingen. This is a really fun day and there will be activities for all children to participate in. If you haven’t returned your bus permission form yet, please do so by tomorrow morning. If you intend to drive down with your children could you let us know. The Bellingen High canteen will be operating on the day. Full sports uniform, including the school hat, is to be worn.

FIRST RECONCILIATION: We have begun lessons for the Sacrament of Penance. Father Amila would like to meet with parents on Wednesday 24th June (next Wednesday) to discuss this sacrament and to get to know families. The meeting will take place in the K/1 room at 3:15pm so please try to be there. If you are unable to make this meeting please let me know ASAP and we will make time to relay the information to you at another time.

WINTER WARMERS RAFFLE: The P&F is calling for donations of wintry items (socks, slippers, scarves, woolly rugs, hot water bottles, chocolates, tins of milo… anything snuggly and/or warming!) to put in our Winter Warmers raffle. Tickets will be $2 each and the raffle will be drawn on Friday 31st July.

SCHOOL DANCE: Any parents from K/1 wanting to help organise our school dance please contact the school and we will arrange a time to meet. The dance will be held in Week 1 of next term.

CANTEEN: Thank you to this week’s canteen volunteers, who are Kirsty Parker & Nikita Luhr. 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.

MINI VINNIES WINTER APPEAL by Annie, Ben and Kayla.

As the weather turns colder we remember that there are many families who don’t have enough clothes and blankets to keep them warm this winter and they can’t afford to buy them, so we are organising a Winter warm clothes drive to help tackle this problem. We need warm coats, jumpers, tracksuits or blankets that you no longer need, but that are still in good condition. So if you get your warm clothes out of the cupboard and discover that they no longer fit, please bring them in to school and put them in the box provided. We will give them to St Vincent de Paul who will pass them on to people who need them. Any donations will be very much appreciated.

WHOOPING COUGH: There have been several cases of Whooping Cough in the area recently. Please be aware of this and take your child (or yourself) to the doctor if he or she has a particularly bad cough.

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE: We are participating in the Premier’s Reading challenge again this year. It is aimed at encouraging students to read a wide variety of quality texts. We have hundreds of PRC books here at school, and to view the book list and rules go to the Premier’s Reading Challenge website https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html
Students must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge:

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The Challenge finishes for this year on 21st August.

**CAPTAIN’S AWARD:** Congratulations to Lucy Flynn, who received a Captain’s Award this week for playing well during wet weather.

**GOOD LEARNING AWARDS:** Class awards went to Kiara George for careful one to one matching when counting groups; Lucy Flynn for completing comprehension questions correctly in guided reading activities; Evie Chong for great creative writing; and Ryan Miller for carefully revising his written texts.

**ASSEMBLY:** There will be no assembly this week as tomorrow is the Athletics Carnival.

**TERM 2 SCHOOL FEES:** Term 2 fees are now due, unless you are paying regular direct deposit amounts. Reminder statements are being sent home today. For Internet banking payments, the school’s details are:
Bank: Banancoast Community Credit Union  
BSB no. 704-328  Account no. 76986  
(if paying from a BCU account, please specify our S10 account)  
*When using Internet banking, please use your child’s surname as a reference.*

**LINK TO SCHOOL WEBSITE:**

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

**STUDENT ABSENCES:** There have been a lot of absences lately due to the arrival of the cold and flu season. 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 [msjp@lism.catholic.edu.au](mailto:msjp@lism.catholic.edu.au)  
3. Via Skoolbag app  
4. By written note

### COMING EVENTS:

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| Fri 26th  | • NAIDOC Day at Dorrigo High  
• Last day of Term 2 |

**DORRIGO SOCCER NEWS:** It was a strong showing from the Dorrigo Highlanders Club fielding two junior teams in last weekend’s Coffs Coast Tigers Soccer Gala Day. Coaches Anna Guest and Katie Dawes led the 8’s girls Dorrigo Lyrebirds and boys Dorrigo Quolls in four matches each against clubs from across Coffs Harbour and Grafton. Both teams fared well against the city clubs showing some good team work and passing up the field, strong kicks for goal and some great goal keeping in the opposition half. The Polwarth Drive fields held up well after inclement weather during the week with only a few fields showing signs of mud. Fortunately, or unfortunately (from the kids point of view), the Dorrigo teams didn’t get a game on one of the slippery surfaces. The day of away competition will do wonders for the skill and confidence of all our juniors. Well done and congratulations to junior boys Luke Moloney, Scott Kedzlie, Jamison Dawes, Oliver Dellow, Marshall Kellett and Nicholas Beaumont and to our junior girls Hayley Pitkin, Teegan Smith, Mikaylah Miller, Kyra Clarke, Leah Ellis, Linsay Guest, Ruby Sheather, Molly Churchill, Charli Sheather and Poppy Dickings.

All the Dorrigo Highlanders Football Club junior teams will be at home this Saturday playing on the Alex Cork Fields from 9am. The morning will kick off with our Miniroos on the main field and will be followed by 9’s Dingoes vs Bellingen at 9.30am; 8’s boys Quolls vs Sawtell at 10.30am; 11’s Wallabies vs Sawtell at 10.40am; 8’s girls Lyrebirds vs Nambucca at 11.30am.
Both intermediate teams, 14 girls Bluegums and 16 girls Waratahs, play Sawtell with the
16’s kicking off at 10.20am and the 14’s at 11.40am.
It’s a weekend of away games too for our
senior teams with the Women’s Cedars at
Upper Orara at 1pm and the Men’s
Highlanders at Corindi, also at 1pm.
Follow all our teams each week at

MUSIC LESSONS: Rob Harpley is conducting
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.

BREASTSCREEN NSW: BreastScreen North
Coast’s brand new mobile unit will be visiting
Dorrigo in mid June. It will be located in
Hickory Street near the Spar Supermarket. The
service is free and women in the target age
group, between 50 and 74 years, are actively
couraged to attend for their two-yearly
mammograms. However, all women over the
age of 40 are eligible for the service. A doctor’s
referral is not necessary. To make an
appointment, call 132050 for the cost of a local
call.

CREATIVE KIDS, JULY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Monday 29th Begininers Claymaking
Tuesday 30th Claymaking
Wednesday 1st Claymaking
Friday 3rd Pottery painting 10am – 12.30pm
All sessions offer some outdoor playful active
time, the opportunity to explore clay and draw
using a variety of mediums.
Small groups $25 per child per session
Jenni Francis 66572625,
jennifrances2453@gmail.com
Diploma of Initiatic Art Therapy Diploma of
Clayfield (Sensorimotor Trauma Release)
One-to-one clayfield sessions 2pm – 4pm
each day $50

PRESS RELEASE - DORRIGO ANZAC DAY
2015: Dorrigo RSL Sub Branch was fortunate
to have three video cameramen recording the
Centenary of ANZAC Dawn service and March
and Wreath laying Service on 25th April.
The events were filmed by Peter Rohl from
Brisbane, Jim Norris from Dorrigo and Graham
Bell from Coffs Harbour, who also compiled
and edited the final video, which runs for 35
minutes. Graham Bell has produced over 20
historical videos and is currently working on a
video about Dorrigo’s history. As Graham said
“the town of Dorrigo really came up with a very
different Service this year. I haven’t heard of
any other town or city having an Anzac Day
Service quite like the one that was held in
Dorrigo this year. The weather on the day was
perfect and everything about the service was
also perfect. The townspeople from the small
school children to the Dorrigo war veterans
were involved and the large crowd of people
who joined in. Congratulations to the RSL and
all those Dorrigo people who attended and
made this a day to remember. I’m sure there
will be many people who were there on the day
will enjoy seeing themselves and many others
they know on the video. I know I was proud to
be asked to be part of it.”
Copies of the Dorrigo centenary of ANZAC
Video may be purchased for $20 from the
Dorrigo Memorial RSL Club (6657 2294) or
contacting the RSL Sub Branch Secretary Bob
Denner on 6657 1145 or
rdenner@bigpond.net.au

TRIPLE P PARENTING
PROGRAM: Triple P is a
parenting program for all
families that provides
practical answers to
everyday parenting
concerns. To find out more
or to book into a free seminar please contact
Christine or Terry on ph. 6568 4471
Triple P Seminar: Monday 27th July 2015:
“The Power of Positive Parenting”
Time: 10am – 12 noon
Where: Dorrigo Primary School
FREE childcare is available - BOOKINGS
ESSENTIAL