Dear Parents,

What a wonderful start we have had to the week; Year 6 are off at camp having a great time if the photos are any indication, the weather is beautiful and we were honoured to have the chance to attend a concert performed by students from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music on Monday. It never ceases to amaze me how talented and confident these young people are as they share their gift and passion for music with children in the country. It also makes me feel privileged to live in an area where schools are so well supported by our community. Thank you once again to our local Arts Council, who give back to the community every year by sponsoring this concert. Thank you also to our local Public School who open their doors and welcome us in to share in this opportunity. It is that sense of community that makes living in Dorrigo so special.

Please keep Jorja, Paris, Payton, Angus, Cooper and Kassidy in your prayers as they prepare for First Reconciliation. They have been working hard and are getting excited as they take the next step in their faith journey. We will be holding a Prayer service in the church with Father Amila on Wednesday 19th August at 5pm. Please come and support these families if you can, all are welcome.

This Friday at 9:00am we will be holding a short prayer service in honour of St Mary of the Cross Mackillop. She was the founder of many schools for the poor, the homeless, the new migrant, the Aboriginal, the lonely and the unwanted. She also opened orphanages and Providences to care for the homeless and destitute – both young and old. Her work had a profound influence on the forming of Catholic Education as we have come to know and experience it today. She is a true example of resilience and a role model for us all, so please stay when you drop your children off and join in this celebration with your children if you can.

In this week’s readings at Mass, we are reminded that while it is fairly common as humans to complain, most of us really have very little to complain about. We have been blessed with so many ‘gifts of life’. This week when we start to complain, let’s take a breath and offer a prayer of thanks for the many blessings we have instead, for it is when we become grateful that we let our light shine for others and we become open to the joy of God’s love in our lives.

Wishing you all a joy-filled week.

Sue Darby
Acting Principal

Students enjoying Friday afternoon skipping

SPELLING BEE: Well done to all of those children who have been busy learning their list in preparation for our Spelling Bee. Don't forget there are paper copies of each grade’s lists at the office if you can’t access them on the students’ emails. Sponsorship forms will be going home on Friday as soon as Elle and Darcy H have them prepared.
CANTEEN CHANGES: Big changes are afoot in the canteen this week! A paper copy of the new canteen menu, which will be available this Friday, has been sent home today with each family, as well as emailed out and sent home via our Skoolbag app. Please make sure to throw away your old menus and make yourselves familiar with the new one, as there are new options available as well as some pricing changes. Also, please clearly mark your paper order bags (NOT PLASTIC ZIP-LOCK BAGS) with your child’s name, class and “lunch” or “recess” as ALL options are now available at both recess and lunch.

Thank you to this week’s canteen volunteers, who are Tianaha Willson-Baker & Rebekah Green-Kahl. 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.

WINTER WARMERS RAFFLE: Thank you to everyone who donated goods and sold tickets for our raffle, which was drawn today (after this newsletter went to press). We will notify everyone about the winners via the Skoolbag app.

CRAZY HAIR DAY: Last Wednesday the Mini Vinnies group met and discussed how cold it had been the last couple of weeks and how hard it must be for families in our area who are doing it tough financially. We decided to come up with some fundraising ideas to help support our St Vincent de Paul Winter appeal. We decided we would have a crazy hair day on Wednesday 12th August (next Wednesday). We would like everyone to come with crazy hair. There is no mufti – you still need to wear your school uniform – but just come with crazy hair. Colour it, clip it, tie it in bows, frizz it, crimper it, curl it, plait it, twirl it… use your imagination! Please support this fundraiser and come with your crazy hair and gold coin donation.

YEAR 5/6 BEACH SCHOOL EXCURSION: From these photos, it looks as if the Year 5/6 students are having a fantastic time on their excursion. Some of the activities they’ve enjoyed include archery, horseriding, Mega Drop, commando course, Sumo Zorb, fencing and giant swing. The school is very quiet without them!

HEALTHY HAROLD: We are keeping our fingers and everything else crossed hoping that Healthy Harold will be here on Monday. On Monday parents are invited to come and visit the Life Education van at afternoon pick-up from 2:45pm to see what the students have been learning.
PHOTO PERMISSION: Next Tuesday we will be working with our computer technician to update and change the look of our school moodle page and make some changes to our home page. We have planned to include on these pages photos of children from our school. No names will be displayed with photos at any time; however if you would prefer to not have your child’s photo included in any of the displays please contact the school to make your wishes known before Tuesday, otherwise we will assume that consent to use students’ photos is given as per the original photo permission section filled in on your child’s enrolment form.

STREET STALL: Our P&F Street Stall for Term 3 will be held on Wednesday 19th August. We will need two or more volunteers to help man the stall on the day, which usually takes about 3 or 4 hours from 8:30 to around midday. Please contact the school if you are available to help.

BOOK CLUB: Issue 5 Book Club orders and money are due back at school by Wednesday 12th August.

MINI MOUNTIES: Mini Mounties is a “Big School” experience open to all children who will start Kindergarten in 2016. During these sessions, children will be practising skills such as cutting, pasting, drawing, and painting. Along with this they will be learning about music and stories as well as getting used to some “big school” routines. Mini Mounties will be held on Thursdays from 9:00am to 11:00am on the following dates: 13th & 20th August and 3rd & 10th September. The sessions will recommence in Term 4 on 15th, 22nd & 29th October. Children who then enrol at Mt St John’s for 2016 will continue in the Mini Mounties program for the next two weeks. Children will need to bring a hat and a snack to eat at recess. All sessions are free of charge. Please confirm your child’s attendance by contacting Mt St John’s School on 6657 2552.

PUPIL FREE STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAYS: We have two Staff Development Days allocated this term – one on Monday 17th August to enable staff to investigate the new History syllabus, and one on Friday 18th September (the last day of term), which is our annual Staff Spirituality Day. Please make sure you note these days in your calendars.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN: The Woolworths Earn & Learn promotion gives our school the chance to earn new educational resources. Simply shop at Woolworths and you will receive one sticker for every $10 spent. Stick the stickers on to an Earn & Learn sticker sheet (we have some here at school) and drop them in the collection box at the school office.

ASSEMBLY: Tomorrow’s assembly will be held at 2:40 and will be led by our Year 2/3 class. All welcome!

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

TERM 3 SCHOOL FEES: Term 3 school fee statements are being sent home today. Term 3 fees are payable by Friday 4th September, unless you are paying regular direct deposit amounts. For Internet banking payments, the school’s details are: Bank name: 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.

Suggested Direct Deposit amounts (from beginning of February 2015)

1 student – $252.50 per term
$40.40 per fortnight (x 25 fortnights)
$20.20 per week (x 50 weeks)

2 students – $430.00 per term
$68.80 per fortnight (x 25 fortnights)
$34.40 per week (x 50 weeks)

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

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE: Congratulations to Thomas Chong, Cash Gibson, Ryleigh Miller, Kiara George and Lucy Flynn, who have completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge this week.
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 Annie Sibanda, who received this week’s captain’s award for playing fairly in Newcombe Ball.

**GOOD LEARNING AWARDS:** Class awards went to Rocco Stockton for drawing accurate representations of the different views of 3D objects; Abbey Lawler for consistent application to all tasks and demonstrating responsible learning behaviours; Taylor Gilbert for bringing humour to the classroom and putting in a great effort in most tasks; and Kayla Smith for looking after younger students in our school community.

**COMING EVENTS: AUGUST**

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

**STUDENT ABSENCES:** 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

**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.

**SOCCER FINALS NEAR:** The North Coast Football season is quickly drawing to a close with finals just around the corner. For our junior teams there are only 2 weeks of regular competition left with our senior teams already into their finals rounds.

Our Miniroos have enjoyed their Saturday mornings honing their skills on the Alex Cork Fields but will meet Bellingen in a clash of the Minis before their season closes.

This weekend will be the last round of home games for our junior teams with 5 teams playing at home as follows: 9’s Dorrigo Dingoes 10am vs Urunga; 16 girls Dorrigo Waratahs 10.15am vs Woolgoolga; 8 girls Dorrigo Lyrebirds 11am vs Boambee; 14 girls Dorrigo Bluegums 11.40am vs Woolgoolga and 8’s boys Dorrigo Quolls 12 noon vs Macksville.

The 11’s Dorrigo Wallabies will meet the Northern Storm at the York Street Oval in Coffs Harbour before finishing their season at home next Saturday against Urunga. Keep an eye on the North Coast Football website over the coming weeks for all the end of season games and results.

For our senior teams it has been a busy season with mixed results. The Women’s Dorrigo Cedars have shone finishing top of the ladder in their division winning all their games. Our 14 girls Dorrigo Bluegums will also have a finals run sitting in second place on the ladder (behind Sawtell) with 7 wins and 3 draws. The 16 girls Dorrigo Waratahs are in 5th place with 3 wins and 2 draws keeping them just out of finals contention. For our open team, the Dorrigo Highlanders, it has been a long season managing to field a team right to the end despite injury. Unfortunately the tally of draws and losses relegated the Highlanders to the wooden spoon position despite some spectacular individual play and great team work.

Next on the agenda for the Club is the Annual Presentation Day to be held at the Alex Cork Fields on Sunday 13 September (between Fathers Day and School Holidays). The day will begin at 12 noon with a BBQ lunch before presentation and the regular “all in” adults versus kids match on the main field. Each team will present their Best and Fairest and Coaches Players Awards with submissions to be made to the Club for the Team of the Year and Player of the Year awards.

Congratulations Highlanders and thank you all for your spirit throughout the season.

*Michele Kellett*