

Science with Mrs Parkins

Balloon Surfing - want to know more, ask a student in years 3 to 5.









<u> "Climate Clever Energy Savers" - WOW! We've done it again!</u>

Once again our primary students have impressed with some of their work. On Friday they presented a Notebook displaying the work they did earlier in the year to the state coordinator of the program, Vicky Whitehead. The students did a fabulous job presenting and answering questions. At the end Vicky said what a wonderful job

they had done, that they were stars in the state and asked them if they'd mind if

They all enthusiastically said "YES!". "Congratulations Yrs 3-5 and Mrs Sangster"

she shared their work with other teachers and principals around the state.



Hats - Reminder

Spring is upon us and summer is just around the corner. It is time for all students to remember our "No Hat, No Play" motto. All students must wear either a broad brim or flap hat while outdoors during morning, recess, lunch and sport time. If you could help remind your child/ren to bring a hat each day (or check if they have one at school already), as we unfortunately do not have many spares here at school. Remember it is the student's responsibility to look after and pick up their hat daily. Please ensure your child's name is marked clearly on or inside the hat as to no confusion over who owns which hats.





2011 School Photos - this Wednesday 21st September

This Wednesday 21st September, all students need to wear their best school uniform (our new SPORTS SHIRTS) and a big smile for our 2011 school photos. Order forms were sent home on Friday. If you missed out another is attached to this newsletter. Photo order forms will need to be returned with prepayment direct to Ros Coy before

the day (this unfortunately will be Ros' last year). A reminder to all parents that Ros will not take individual or family photos unless you have pre-paid for them, however, absolutely everyone here on the day will be in the 2011 school group photo. Please note that any additional requests for photos are to be discussed directly by you with Ros, as a private matter arranged between individuals.

Spaced Out" Performance at Dorrigo Public School - this Wednesday 21st September.

We will be travelling to Dorrigo Public School this **Wednesday 21st September** to watch a performance "Spaced Out", written by Dorrigo PS year 6 students and performed by all of their school students. The school will be covering the cost of this excursion. **We will leave school after recess** and travel to town by Jim's bus. The concert will finish at approximately 2.30pm. We will then (time permitting) be going to the park for an afternoon snack. We will return to school in the afternoon in time for our normal school bus run. Students must wear full school uniform and take a packed lunch and afternoon snack. **Please sign and complete the consent note attached**

<u> Canteen - Friday this Week</u>

Canteen will be on Friday (last day of term) this week, due to our busy Wednesday. Students will need to bring their lunches and recess on Wednesday.



<u>End of Term3 Assembly - this Thursday 22nd September at 9.30am</u>

We will be holding a school assembly this **Thursday 22nd September at 9.30am**. The children will be presenting some work from class and special term awards will be presented. **All welcome!** Morning tea, supplied for all. A P&C Meeting will follow the assembly at approximately 10.30am.

Term Lunch and Homework Reward Afternoon - this Thursday 22nd September.

We will be providing lunch for our students this **Thursday 22nd September** and after lunch those students who have brought their homework back each week will take part in the homework reward afternoon (so remember not to pack lunch on this day).



Parent Survey

A parent survey was attached last week for you to complete. We value everyones input for school planning and would appreciate it if everyone could return their survey in the envelope provided to ensure anonymity. Many thanks to those families who have already

sent back their survey and received two tickets in the last firewood raffle.

Next Term in Advance Library - Change of Day - Monday

Library will be on Mondays starting from Term 4 to accommodate our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program which will start next term on Fridays. Students may still bring their books in on Friday ready for Monday library.





Preschoolers Morning - Week 2 - Monday 17th October - 10 to 11.30am

Help prepare your child for school with a morning of fun and educational activities on Monday 17th October from 10am to 11.30am here at school. There will be activities that help develop gross and fine motor skills, art and craft activities. Student leaders will be supporting pre-schoolers with activities. All preschool children are welcome (ages 1-5).

Nude Food Day (Package Free Food) - Week 2 - Wednesday 19th October

We will be participating in Nude Food Day, Wednesday **19th October**, week 2, next term. Nude Food Day is a fantastic opportunity to teach children about how their actions can impact on the environment and their health.

Focussing on the positive message of 'nude food = a healthy body + a healthy planet', we want our students to be empowered to choose healthy, rubbish free food for their lunches and snacks. So please encourage and help your child/ren to pack rubbish free (nude) food for recess on this day.



Combined Schools Bush Dance - Dorrigo Community Hall - Friday 21st October To coincide with the Dorrigo Bluegrass festival weekend, there will be a combined schools Bush Dance at the Dorrigo Community Hall on Friday 21st October for students. We will leave school mid-morning and travel to Dorrigo on Jim's bus. Students will catch the High School Bus run home in the afternoon. Those students who do not catch the bus will need to be collected at Tyringham Shop at 4pm. This

will be a nice opportunity for children on the plateau to get together and enjoy themselves dancing and mixing with their peers. Subsidised cost for this excursion will \$3.00 per student. The rest of the cost will be subsidised by our school. The murals painted earlier this term will be on display. Please sign and return the consent note and money.

Get Hooked - "It's Fun to Fish" Workshop - Week 3 - Tuesday 25th October

We will be travelling to Coffs Creek Reserve on Tuesday 25th October (Week 3) for our Get Hooked practical side of this program. Our session will start at 11.30am and finish approximately at 2pm.Students have been learning and participating in class throughout this year. We are now ready to put what we know to use and learn how to have fun while fishing. We will be travelling to and from Coffs Harbour on Jim's bus



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and will need to leave school at 9am. Students will catch the High School Bus run home in the afternoon, those students who do not catch the bus will need to be collected at Tyringham Shop at 4pm. It has been requested that students will need to wear full school uniform on the day. Students will need to bring a packed recess, lunch and plenty of water to drink throughout the day. More details on cost etc... and consent notes next term.

Cubby House - one day this week

Don't forget a change of clothes so that you can puddle mud this week and then throw it on the cubby walls. No change of clothes will mean no mud play.

Coles 2011 Sports for Schools - Until 19th October 2011

We are participating in Coles 2011 Sports for Schools. **Vouchers** are available in all Coles stores now until the **19thOctober**. We have a collection box at school so please feel free to drop the vouchers in the box or give them to your children to hand into class.

Woolworths Earn & Learn Community Program - Until 18th September 2011

Thanks to everyone who sent their Woolworths dockets to school so that we could take part in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Community Program. We have **571 points** so far. If you have any dockets for shopping up until last Sunday, please send them to school.

P&C News & Community Notices

<u>P&C Meeting - Week 10 - this Thursday 22nd September - 10.30am</u> We will be holding our next P&C meeting this **Thursday 22nd September at**

approximately 10.30am after the assembly. We would like to have as many people as possible attend. Items on the agenda will be catering for the Campdraft and what is

happening in Term 4. Please come along and enjoy a relaxed friendly gathering. This is a wonderful opportunity to find out and get involved with what is happening within the school.

"Don't Forget" - Campdraft at Ebor Showground - 8th & 9th October 2011

A roster will be sent home later this week for those who offered to volunteer their time at this event. Melissa or Katrina will phone and remind volunteers prior to the day as well.

BookClub - Special Issue attached - Due tomorrow

If you wish to order any items from Bookclub that was sent home last week, please return your order and money **by tomorrow**.

Parent Direct and Chalk Toy Catalogue Fundraiser.

The P&C are participating in Parent Direct and Chalk fundraiser again this year. Two catalogues are being sent home today for you to browse through. If you would like to purchase anything from these catalogues, please return your order form and payment to school by **Monday 17th October (Week 2)**.

Once the orders are returned to school we will send them off. The orders will be processed, packed and delivered to school (all orders will be individually labelled with the purchasers name) and then can be collected. Alternatively, you can choose to have their order delivered directly to your home. The school will receive a voucher for 20% of our total value of all orders, which can then be used to purchase educational materials. This is a great way to do some stress free Christmas shopping!!!









P&C Monthly Wood Raffle - last one for this year.

Could you please return your tickets by Friday 14th October (Week 1, Term 4) The raffle will be drawn on Monday 17th October during the Preschoolers Morning.

Dundurrabin Community Centre News / Upcoming Event & Dates September

September Sun 25 - Singing Group 11am / DCC Meeting 1pm September Friday 30 - RFS BBQ returns 6pm





<u>Hernani Tennis Club</u>

The Hernani Tennis Club is hoping to hold a local tennis competition which will be run on Monday and Tuesday nights. **Starting date 10th October 2011 at 6.30pm**. If you would like to be in a team or for further information please contact Helen Singleton 66576110 or Hugh Goddard 66576126 by Friday 23rd September.

Dorrigo Swimming Pool

Dorrigo Swim Centre opens Saturday 24th September 2011 @ 10.30am Season Tickets for family of 5 - \$170.00 Single Season ticket - \$85.00 Adult pool entry - \$3.00 Spectators / School groups / children 2yrs & over - \$2.00 Dorrigo Pool Phone No. 66572578





Free Epilepsy Information Session

Do you have epilepsy? Or does someone you live with or care for have epilepsy?

Epilepsy Action Australia provides education and support services to people living with epilepsy all across Australia, and is soon holding a free Epilepsy information session in Coffs Harbour, NSW.

Who can attend?

Anyone who has epilepsy or lives with or cares for someone with epilepsy.

What's covered?

The session is designed for families and people with epilepsy to gain a better understand of their condition. It is also a great session for professionals working with children/adults who have epilepsy.

When? Friday 23rd September from 10am till 12pm.

Where? Coffs Harbour (Location will be disclosed on registration).

To register for this free event please phone **1300 37 45 37** or email **epilepsy@epilepsy.org.au** by Monday 19th September 2011.



Free Memory Workshop

Has epilepsy affected your memory?

Would you like to find out how memory works and learn some practical tips and hints to improve your memory?

Epilepsy Action Australia provides specialist epilepsy services for children and adults living with epilepsy across Australia.

If you have epilepsy and are struggling in any way with your memory, come along to our free memory workshop to learn strategies to improve your memory and meet others who share similar experiences and challenges.

Who can attend: Anyone over the age of 16 living with epilepsy experiencing memory difficulties

When: Saturday 25th September 2011

Where: Coffs Harbour (location to be disclosed at registration)

Time: 10 am – 3pm

Bring your lunch or purchase at the venue

Register by Monday 19th September 2011 via: Ph: 1300 37 45 37 e-mail: epilepsy@epilepsy.org.au

We look forward to seeing you there!