GRAFTON REGIONAL GALLERY EXCURSION

On Thursday 12th March students, staff and parents travelled to Grafton to participate in a special Grafton Regional Gallery Excursion. This was an outstanding day and all students are to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour, application and engagement during the day’s activities. Well done everyone!

Tyler and Darcy’s report on the day is included, as well as a number of photos highlighting the student’s experiences on the day.

Yesterday on the 12th of March we went on an excursion to the Grafton Regional Gallery. First we ate recess in the courtyard. Some of us got to sit in Keith Cameron’s big purple chair!

We introduced ourselves to Min our art teacher for the day. Min let us have a quick look at the Antarctica Exhibits. Then we started doing a hands on project in the studio. In the studio we did clay making, collages and painting.

After that we had lunch. After lunch we marched all over the courtyard.

Next we met Graham Cook, Station Head, Mawson; we asked him about Antarctica and he said ‘That we asked more questions than some high schools’. Tyler got to dress up in Antarctica clothing. It looked quite funny. Then we had fun in the exhibition.

After a great day we all went home.

Darcy and Tyler, Year 5
Listening to instructions in our art workshop

Scott, Tyler, Oli and Kody creating their sculptures

Luke, Chad, Sam and Darcy making their collages

Leah, Sienna, Ebony and Beau painting their Antarctic scenes

All busy in our art workshop with Min and Mr K

Learning about Antarctica with Mr Cook
SAMBA MUSIC COMBINED SCHOOLS DAY

Our first combined schools day for 2015 was held on Monday 16th March with students from Dundurrabin, Chandler, Ebor, Hernani and Nymboida Public Schools attending.

This day was an outstanding success, providing all students with quality musical experiences. A huge thank you to the staff and parents at Dundurrabin for ensuring the day was one to remember. Great learning experiences, healthy, yummy food and fun with new friends!

The Samba music workshop was excellent!

Students in Years 1 to 6 participated in a brilliant SAMBA music workshop with drummer Tom. The chance for all students to have hands on time playing instruments was a highlight for all! Tom’s high level of enthusiasm, ability to create challenges for each student and ensure maximum engagement ensured all students were ready for a delicious recess!

Tom and students all engaged creating music!
Students in Kindergarten had a lovely time getting to know one and other and participating in musical activities with Mrs Sangster. Beau, Leah and Kody certainly enjoyed playing the marimbas and making music!

The chance to make instruments with teachers following the drumming workshop was also great fun for all. We are planning to feature our instruments at our Term 1 assembly. This will enable everyone to see and hear our creations!
Making wind flutes

Sienna making her instrument and learning new skills

Kinder, years 1 & 2- Concentration Plus!

All busy and working hard whilst having fun!
Following instructions to create our own special instruments was a lot of fun

RIDE2SCHOOL DAY & BIKE EDUCATION WEEK

On Friday 13th March Hernani Public School’s students participated in a special ‘Bike Safety Program’ held in the school grounds.

Learning to check bikes for bike safety with Mr K

Our Ride 2 School Day initiative and Bike Week has been a fun learning experience increasing student awareness of bike and road safety and further developing their understanding of key safety issues when riding bikes. Yes we have had a crash or two!

Having our bikes at school is great fun- but hard work too when riding on the grass!

HARMONY DAY – Tuesday 24th

On Tuesday Mr K will be spending time with students working on in class activities linked with Harmony Day.

To help all students be ready to participate in these activities Mr K would like each family to come to school on Tuesday with some family history helping students to know what countries their ancestors came from.

Please complete the attached Family information form and return to school on Monday. Thank you.
FINLAYSON SPORTS

Hernani’s students are eagerly anticipating the annual Finlayson Sports Day next Thursday 26th March. In the event of wet weather Debbie will contact each family by 8.00am and school will be as per normal with Mrs Burke. The alternate date for the Sports in the event of wet weather is Thursday 2nd April.

A big Thank you to Trish for volunteering to take our sports equipment across to Chandler Public School on the day, greatly appreciated!

COMBINED SPORTS AFTERNOON

Our last combined sports afternoon for Term 1 will be held at Dundurrabin next Friday 27th March. Mr K will be the teacher accompanying students as Mrs Winkel will be attending a Primary Principals’ meeting on this day.

We will aim to depart for Dundurrabin at 12.40pm. Proposed transport details are as follows:

Georgina: Scott, Kody, Darcy, Ebony
Trish: Leah
Roxanne: Chad, Beau
Cara/Toni: Ollie, Sienna, Sam, Tyler, Luke

Parents are requested to advise the school of any changes. Thank you.

We thank parents for providing transport and helping to ensure our students enjoy these regular sports afternoons.

P & C MEETING

Our next P&C meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 1st April at 3.00pm.

An Agenda Notice is on the display board at school. Please add items to this before the meeting. Thank you.

Agenda Items:
• Student uniform orders
• ANZAC Day 2015
• Milo Cricket
• Aprons etc. cooking and sharing

Bulb orders to Roxanne by Monday 30th March 2015. Thank you.
PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
During the next week Mrs Winkel will be attending a number of professional learning events. This includes mandatory events such as Thursday’s Performance and Development meeting for Mrs Winkel and Mr K. We regret the timing of this as it clashes with the Finlayson Sports. Both Mr K and Mrs Winkel wish students well in all events and will miss being with them at Chandler on the day. Mrs Burke will enjoy the chance to be at the Finlayson Sports once again to support and encourage all students on the day.

As well as mandatory professional learning important training will be based on School Planning, management of ipads and the participation at the Primary Principal’s meeting.

Mr K and Mrs Burke will be on class during this time and normal school routines will continue.

Students today participated in class activities about Bullying. This was an ideal chance to discuss this important topic.

Our school has a number of initiatives to help students learn about bullying. This includes our Term 4’s Starrs Productions company “Return of the Bully” and “The Bully is Back” pedramatic presentations. These follow up the performance from 2014 “Bully No More”.

Initiatives such as these help students to know how to recognise bullying, learn about what to do if you see someone bullying and/or what to do if experiencing being bullied. They provide vital ways to learn about strategies in the event of encountering bullying.

NEW BUBBLERS AT SCHOOL
As a part of our planned maintenance work we have just recently had a new bubbler facility installed to replace our old bubblers. This work also included the installation of a new water line thus ensuring we do not have any future water leaks!

Our issue with the guttering overflow has also been addressed and we no longer have excess water overflowing under the COLA.

Students delighted in the chance to assist our plumbers with working out the correct height for their bubblers and are all now enjoying our new bubblers!
All students were eager to test out the bubblers!

Our new bubblers are appreciated by all students, even if the water goes up your nose!

DORRIGO RSL SUB BRANCH
CENTENARY OF ANZAC
This year’s ANZAC Day will commemorate the Centenary of the Landing at Gallipoli on the 25th April 1915. ANZAC Day is on the Saturday after Term 2 commences.

The Dawn Service will commence at 5:30am at the Dorrigo Monument.

The March & Wreath laying Service will commence at 11:00am with the march from the Dorrigo memorial RSL Club. There are some changes to the Order of March this year and the Dorrigo Schools contingents will be towards the head of the march, and the Schools will end up in Cudgery Street behind the Veterans Group near the bus shelter.

A feature of this years’ Service will be a re-enactment of a World War 1 Recruiting March with Dorrigo High School students taking part with vintage vehicles and horse drawn vehicles. Families and members of the public are invited to dress in period costume and line Cudgery Street and welcome these Marchers to the Monument. Dorrigo Dramatic Club has items of period clothing for hire.

After the March, young marchers are invited for refreshments at the Dorrigo Recreation Pavilion, NOT the Girl Guide Hall as in previous years.

For further information contact Bob Denner 66571145 or rdenner@bigpond.net.au

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK 7
Congratulations to all Hernani Public School’s students for “Outstanding attitude, excellent behaviour and positive participation during our whole school excursion to Grafton Regional Gallery!”

All ready for our Antarctica Excursion
**Week 8**

Congratulations to Scott Kedzlie for excellent application in all class activities.

Congratulations to Darcy Creenaune for responsible student leadership and a great attitude to school.

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**Upcoming Dates**

**Week 8**

- Thurs. 19th - Fri 20th March: Bellinger Dorrigo Community Of Schools Leadership Camp Brisbane

Last day of Bike Education Week.

- **Friday 20 March 2015:** National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

  - [Website Link](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

  Attached to this week’s newsletter information to help parents if your child talks to you about bullying including a magnet, sticker and a small brochure.

**Week 9** - Sustainable Farming Week

- **Monday 23rd March:** News Day. Mrs Winkel Professional Learning School Planning and Dorrigo COS Meeting - Mrs Burke on class

- **Tuesday 24th March:** HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS AT HERNANI

  - Gobblesumz money and orders

- **Wednesday 25th March:**
  - Library Day: Please remember your books!
  - Mrs Winkel at iPad training. Mr K on class.
  - Cooking and Sharing – Roxanne & Trish – Vegie burgers.
  - 5.15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

- **Thursday 26th March:** Finlayson Sports at Chandler Public School with Mrs Burke

  - Mrs Winkel and Mr K at Professional Learning-Performance and Development Framework

- **Friday 27th March:** Combined Sports afternoon at Dundurrabin PS

  - Mrs Winkel at PPA Meeting
Week 10

Monday 30th March  News Day
Tuesday 31st March  Gobblesumz money and orders
Wednesday 1st April  Term 1 Assembly 9:00am

Library Day: Please remember your books for holiday reading!

Gubi Gabun playgroup
Cooking and Sharing with Anna & Ness - Quiche and salad.

3.00pm P&C Meeting

5.15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

Thursday 2nd April – Wet Weather Finlayson Sports date  End of Term 1 2015

Friday 3rd April – Good Friday

Term 2 2015

Week 1

Monday 20th April – Staff Development Day
Tuesday 21st April – Students K-6 return
Wednesday 22nd April

Cooking and Sharing – Georgina & Trish – Singapore Noodles.

5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

Thursday 23rd April

Friday 24th April

Saturday 25th April, 2015

DORRIGO ANZAC Day March and Wreath Laying Service Assemble outside Dorrigo Memorial RSL Club 10:40am March Commences 11:00am