Week 2 Term 2, 2015

DORRIGO RSL SUB BRANCH
CENTENARY OF ANZAC

ANZAC Service 2015 at Dorrigo

Thank you to all families who were able to attend the Dorrigo RSL Sub branch March and Wreath Laying Service. Hernani Public School was certainly well represented with our students joining more than 150 students from the Dorrigo Plateau Schools for this significant event.

Hernani Public School students ready to March on ANZAC Day 2015

Thank you to Dorrigo Girl Guides for providing the young marchers with light refreshments following the service. This was very much appreciated by all.
VALUING OUR VETERAN’S SCHOOL DISPLAY - SCHOOL DISPLAY SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Hernani Public School Community upon the first place in the ‘Valuing Our Veterans’ Dorrigo school’s shop front display competition.

This was an important component of the Plateau school’s contribution towards the Dorrigo communities recognition and commemorations for the Centenary of Anzac.

Our Students were very proud of their contribution and delighted to learn that our school was chosen as the winner! Especially, given the fact that they were unaware that this was a competition and were very proud of their contribution towards this significant event. Once again thank you parents for your support and assistance with personalising our display and ensuring relevance for our students.

DORRIGO EXCURSION

Our students participated in quality outstanding learning experiences during last Thursday’s excursion to Dorrigo to visit the Historical Museum and the Dorrigo RSL Sub branch Centenary of ANZAC display.

The day commenced with students meeting Ms Smith and Mr Burke and Dundurrabin Public School’s students at the Dorrigo Historical Museum. They were able to gain a unique insight into the importance of history, learning about changes in technology, the chance to view hands on exhibits and most importantly learn about the history of the Dorrigo Plateau and development of the township of Dorrigo.

The chance for our students to view and compare the current streetscape with photos depicting the changing Dorrigo township streetscape from the verandah of the Heritage Hotel was an invaluable learning experience.

A big thank you to Kate and Mr Burke for an excellent learning experience. We are all looking forward to revisiting the museum and having time to learn lots more!

Following a lunch break at the Recreation Grounds and a brief game of cricket we then walked to the Dorrigo RSL. This was a visit all students were eagerly anticipating and the chance to view the RSL’s ANZAC display was certainly a highlight for all students.

We always value the RSL Sub branch ANZAC visit to our school each year and it was certainly a wonderful initiative in the Centenary year for students to be able to travel into Dorrigo to see the impressive display.
We wish to thank Bernie Fell for her time and expertise in ensuring our students had a memorable learning experience viewing the outstanding display.

Bernie was also our bus driver on the day and all students thoroughly enjoyed getting to know Bernie and look forward to her special visit back to Hernani to show students her medals and a photo session.

Thank you also to the Dorrigo Community Bus Service who generously provided their bus for transporting our students to and from Dorrigo for this significant event.

SPORTING SCHOOLS SUCCESS

Hernani Public school has been selected to be a trial school during Term 2 to implement the Australian Government’s Sporting Schools initiative. This program provides our students with the opportunity to participate in a number of sporting experiences designed to get children involved in sport and develop healthy, active lifestyles.

Planned sporting experiences for students at Hernani include gymnastics at the Armidale Gymnastics Centre, touch football and tennis. The funding provided by sporting schools will enable our students to benefit from such unique sporting opportunities.

Final details of our Term 2 program will be determined at next Wednesday’s P&C meeting.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

Students who are turning 8 years or older are eligible to participate in the District Cross Country at Bowraville on Friday 8th May 2015. Please see Mrs Winkel ASAP if your child is interested in participating.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Hernani Public School annual school/student photos are scheduled for Monday 4th May 2015 from 10:30am. Students to wear their sports uniform please. NB: A decision will be made on Monday morning that school photos will be re-scheduled if raining or school grounds too wet.

Donna has kindly offered to take family portraits. Students can bring to school additional clothing for their family portraits and change for these photos. The order form will be sent home on Friday 24th - to be returned with payment by Thursday 30th April. Thank you. This will enable us to try and schedule photo times for each family as needed.
WELCOME TO MRS WILLIAMS

Hernani Public School is delighted to welcome Mrs Williams back at school for her final Prac Teaching Block. Students are eagerly looking forward to having Mrs Williams as their teacher for the next four weeks. During this period, Mrs Williams will be working with students in all Key Learning Areas and specifically on the New England Regional Art Gallery (NERAM) “Let’s Hang It” initiative, our HSIE units on “Families Past and Present” and “Then and Now.”

COMBINED SPORTS AFTERNOONS Term 2

Our regular Friday sports with Dundurrabin Public School will commence on Friday 1st May at Hernani Public School. NB: Cancelled due to wet weather.

A consent note is attached for our first visit to Dundurrabin PS on Friday 15th May (week 4).

P & C MEETING

Our P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 6th May at 3:00pm.

Items on the agenda include:

- Changes to reporting on student absences
- Fundraiser ideas
- Promoting P&C and School
- Food for Author Day 19th May 2015
- Transport for Term
- School hours

Recently parents were handed an update about changes to the DEC Attendance policy. Parents are encouraged to read this before Wednesday’s meeting so that any questions may be discussed. Thank you.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - WEEK 2

Congratulations to Kody Kedzlie for Application and Achievement in English.

Stewart House Donation Drive 2015 – NSW Public Education’s Charity of Choice


Stewart House 2015 keyring with led torch available to purchase @ $3.00 each.
Upcoming Dates

Term 2 2015

Week 3

Monday 4th May – School photos 10:30am
Lyn Williams – Prac. begins
Wednesday 6th May  Gubi Gabun playgroup
Cooking and Sharing – Toni
P&C Meeting 3:00pm
5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

Week 4

Tuesday 12th May – NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 Language Conventions and Writing
Wednesday 13th May NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 Reading
Cooking and Sharing – tbc
5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave
Thursday 14th May – NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 Numeracy
Friday 15th May - NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5 Catch-up day for students who missed a section of the test or were absent on a particular day.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Kittens – free to cat loving homes – see noticeboard for information or phone 66573291

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. Dorrigo Public School Hall - Mondays Kids 5-6pm Adults 5:30-6:30pm Phone: Hazel 0458 572525

NEW SERVICE - IMMUNISATION CLINICS

For Babies and Children

First Thursday of the Month

Beginning THURSDAY 7th MAY at the
CWA Rooms Dorrigo (Child Health Clinic)
10:00am to 12:00noon

Appointments: 0428101659

A FREE Service conducted by Child Health Nurses