NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC (NECOM) PERFORMANCE

Hernani Public school hosted a special visit and performance by volunteer musicians from NECOM on Friday 29th May.

Dundurrabin Public School’s students joined us for the musical performance. Students were engrossed in an hour of Chamber Music. The trio consisted of Robert on cello, Crystal on flute and Diedre on piano/keyboard. We learnt about the different instruments, listened to some beautiful music, counted beats and learnt a traditional African song.

TERM 2 ASSEMBLY WITH A DIFFERENCE

In order to ensure students have the opportunity to share their love of our Sporting School’s Program initiative for Term 2 we are holding an assembly with a difference next Wednesday the 17th June.

All parents are being encouraged to attend our final gymnastics session for the term, in order to view their children participating in their regular weekly gymnastics session.

We look forward to our parents being with us for the afternoon, being able to view their children participating, having fun mastering new skills and demonstrating their gymnastics talents to a wider audience.

Thank you to parents for assisting with transport on the day and prioritising this time for your children.

In the event of our school not being accepted in the Term 3 funding round for Sporting Schools, I would like to publicly acknowledge the quality of this initiative in supporting isolated, rural schools to ensure students have opportunities that may otherwise be unavailable for them. A big thank you also to:

- The Dorrigo Support Centre for having a bus available for our use;
- Mr K for driving students to our weekly sessions;
- Mrs Williams and Debbie Henry who have also assisted in ensuring students at Hernani have benefitted from quality learning experiences;
• Mr Wally O’Hara (Armidale Gymnastic’s Centre) who has provided outstanding learning experiences for all students in a friendly, fun and encouraging environment; and
• Our parents for being supportive of this quality learning experience for all students.

During the day I was able to participate in workshops based on a range of topics these included:
• Physically Active Classrooms
• FMS (Fundamental Movement Skills) in context; and
• Numeracy in Physical Activity.

I look forward to implementing new strategies, both within our day to day classroom teaching and during our staff meetings to ensure Hernani’s students are receiving the best possible learning experiences and meeting the new guidelines for physical activity.

COMBINED SPORTS AFTERNOONS

Last Friday students enjoyed a great afternoon with their friends from Dundurrabin playing Oz Tag. I was particularly impressed by the excellent sportsmanship and encouraging attitude of our Year 2 students who demonstrated great talents in mastering this game. Clearly evidence of our successful sporting school’s touch football program each Monday with Dave Campbell.

Dundurrabin Public School’s students will be joining us for our final afternoon for Term 2 on Friday 19th June. Planned activities for the afternoon include high jump, long jump, running and relay preparation for the Small School’s Athletics Carnival scheduled for the first Friday of Term 3.

Hernani’s P&C will be providing a fruit break for all students following their afternoon sporting session. Thank you to our P&C for providing this for all students to enjoy.

REPORTS & PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

The recent P&C meeting provided parents with the opportunity to learn about the changes to the DEC reporting guidelines for this year and beyond. The opportunity to discuss our new, revised reporting template provided an opportunity for parents to be informed about significant changes for 2015 and beyond.

We anticipate reports being sent home by the end of Week 9 and interviews as requested to be arranged for the last week of Term 2 or early in Term 3. Parents are encouraged to see Mrs Winkel to organise a convenient time for their meeting. Please note that if scheduling a meeting for early next term, Mr K will only be at Hernani PS every Tuesday and Wednesday.
P&C MEETING

Attached to this week’s newsletter are the minutes from our recent meeting.

The next meeting is a catering planning meeting and it will be held on Thursday 18th June at 3.00pm. Discussions will include catering for the Singleton’s clearing sale and the Ebor Campdraft. It has been requested that people who may be willing to assist from our wider community be contacted to determine numbers and availability for the Ebor Camdraft weekend prior to this meeting.

The focus of which is assisting the P&C to support our planned sandpit/shade area upgrade and to enjoy a weekend working together collaboratively for the benefits of all students at Hernani.

We warmly extend an invitation to all interested community members to join us.

PSSA SMALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL AT URUNGA SPORTS FIELDS – FRIDAY 17TH JULY 2015

On Friday 17th July we will be travelling to Urungas for the traditional Small Schools Athletics Carnival, to be held at the Urungas Recreational fields. Students will need to arrive at the Recreational Grounds by 9.20 am and will leave by 2.30pm (approx).

Students will need to wear their sports uniform, bring a sun hat and a packed recess and lunch if not ordering food on the day. A labelled drink bottle and sunscreen is also needed.

There will be a canteen running on the day selling pies, sausage rolls, tea, coffee, cold drinks and snack food. A price list will be forwarded when it becomes available. Canteen duty for Hernani is from 10:45am to 11:15am.

We need helpers for the canteen and the carnival events. Please let Mrs Winkel know if you are able to help. Parents have been requested to be the timekeepers on the day and I know that help from parents in particular with long jump is greatly appreciated.

Mrs Winkel is yet to find out what duty she has been allocated for the carnival.

Parents are reminded that their help with supervision of their children and ensuring that their child/children are ready to participate in their events will be important. Parental assistance in looking after their children is very much appreciated. Thank you.

In the event of wet weather on the day, I will contact each family.

MATHS ONLINE

Following a recent meeting with Dorrigo High School Head Teacher Mathematics Mr Matt Heaney it was recommended that we investigate using the Maths Online Program. Consequently we have a free trial operating until the 28th August 2015. Attached to this week’s newsletter is a parent information letter providing parents with more details about this program and student log in details.
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

WEEK 7

Congratulations to Luke Moloney for application and effort in all Key Learning Areas.

NAIDOC DAY – 26TH JUNE 2015 (last day of Term)

All school students on the Dorrigo Plateau will be participating in NAIDOC celebrations at Dorrigo High School on Friday 26th June 2015. The theme for 2015 is ‘We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect and Celebrate’, highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea.

Parents/carers and families are invited to attend the NAIDOC Celebrations.

Please complete the attached consent note and return by Friday 19th June 2015. Thank you.

WEEK 8

Congratulations to Sienna Dellow for outstanding effort and application to writing tasks.

COMMUNITY NOTICES:

Creative Kids- July school holidays 10.00am-12.30pm

Monday 29th Beginners Claymaking
Tuesday 30th Claymaking
Wednesday 1st Claymaking
Friday 3rd Pottery painting

All sessions offer some outdoor playful active time, the opportunity to explore clay and draw using a variety of medium. Small groups $25 per child per session

Diploma of Initiatic Art Therapy  Diploma of Clayfield (Sensorimotor Trauma Release)

One-to-one clayfield sessions 2pm – 4pm each day $50

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Upcoming Dates

Term 2 2015

Week 8
Friday 12th June – Excursion to NERAM and Armidale Gymnastic Centre. NB: School as normal until 9:30am when we leave on the Dorrigo Community Bus to travel to Armidale. Students to be picked up from Ebor PS at 4:15pm (approx). Thank you.

Week 9
Monday 15th June – 8:30am Sporting Schools Touch Football with Dave Campbell
Wednesday 17th June – Excursion to Armidale Gymnastic Centre **Private Vehicle departing from Hernani Public School at 12:00 midday
Gubi Gabun Playgroup
5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave
Thursday 18th June- P&C Catering Meeting at 3.00pm
Friday 19th June – Responsible Pet Ownership - 11:30am-12:15pm
Combined Sports Afternoon Dundurrabin PS to travel to Hernani PS. Athletics focus.

Week 10
Monday 22nd June – 8:30am Sporting Schools Touch Football with Dave Campbell
Tuesday 23rd June – Oral Health visit
Wednesday 24th June –
5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave
Friday 26th June – NAIDOC day at Dorrigo High School

End of Term 2
Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday!

Term 3 2015

Week 1
Monday 13th July – Staff Development Day
Tuesday 14th July- Students return to School
Wednesday 15th July – Library Day with Mr K Playgroup
5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave
Friday 17th July –PSSA Small School’s Athletics Carnival at Urunga Recreational Grounds.

Week 2
Monday 20th July –
Tuesday 21st – July. Transition for Kindergarten 2016 9.00am until 11.00am with Mrs Winkel and Kinder. Mr K – Years 2-6
Wednesday 22nd July
5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave
Thursday 23rd July -
Friday 24th July – School Tree Day

Week 3
Monday 27th July –
Tuesday 28th July- Education on Show at Bellingen High School. Times tbc.
Wednesday 29th July – Library Day with Mr K
District Athletics Carnival
5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave
Thursday 30th -
Friday 31st July –