NAIDOC ON THE PLATEAU

Our students enjoyed this special day of celebration and the opportunity to learn about Australia’s Indigenous heritage.

5 – 12 JULY 2015

A big thank you to Mrs Williams who generously gave up her time to join Hernani’s students to acknowledge NAIDOC Day 2015. This was a wonderful follow up to our HSIE studies during Term 2 with Mrs Williams. The opportunity to focus on the theme for 2015 "We all Stand on Sacred Ground: Learn, Respect & Celebrate" was an extension of our class learning throughout the term.

During the workshop activities Hernani’s students enjoyed the chance to make Johnny cakes (and to eat very sticky, but delicious food!), create sand art stories and listen to Uncle Mark Flander’s stories. We all learnt lots of new things and very much appreciated the opportunity to view the artworks from the Grafton Regional Gallery during Min’s special lunch time presentation for Hernani’s students. This week as a special follow up to NAIDOC day 2015, during our class lessons we will be making paper clay tiles that will feature above our new bubblers when completed.

Final performance concluded our day’s celebrations

Hernani’s students can be very proud of their performance of the song learnt during the opening ceremony. Our students appreciated the visit from Lesley Green during the last week of the term, as this ensured that they knew the song and the meaning behind the Gumbangiirr words. Well done everyone!

WELCOME BACK

We trust everyone has enjoyed a relaxing break and the chance to spend quality time with family and friends, not having to consider school timetables, routines and being well!

KINDERGARTEN TRANSITION

We have received advice that Hernani will be having one Kinder student to commence Kindergarten in 2016. Should any member of our school community
be aware of other Kindergarten students for 2016 can you please see Mrs Winkel ASAP in order for our school to complete the anticipated enrolment return due by the 5th August.

After consultation with parents we have arranged for our Transition Program to commence on Tuesday 4th August. This program is one, which is flexible and the arrangements may vary according to changed circumstances. The aim for our Transition Program is to ensure our new Kindergarten students become familiar with our school environment and get to know other students, teachers and staff at our school.

Please see Mrs Winkel if you have any questions.

Thank you.

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

This Friday 17th July we will be travelling to Urunga for the traditional Small Schools Athletics Carnival, to be held at the Urunga Recreational fields. Students from Dundurrabin, Raleigh, Repton, Hernani, Crossmaglen and Orama Public Schools participate in this carnival to determine eligibility for representing the Small School’s Team at the District Carnival. To qualify for this team students have to be turning 8 years or older in 2015. (PSSA age)

A reminder to parents that students:

- will need to arrive at the Recreational Grounds by 9:20am and will leave by 2:30pm (approx);
- will need to wear their sports uniform, bring a sun hat and a packed recess and lunch if not ordering food on the day. No orders are available now. A labelled drink bottle and sunscreen is also needed.

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.

Students will all be competing in their age races, distance events and relays. Our Minor (Kindergarten) students will also be participating in long jump, however, students who are turning 8 years or older (PSSA age) have had trials at school to determine eligibility for events. Given the fact that all our Year 2 to Year 5 students are Juniors this has resulted in some students being only eligible for running events and one field event. Nominations were submitted to Raleigh Public School at the end of Term 2. Your child will be given a name label with their field events listed on the morning upon arrival at Urunga.

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 has been assigned to helping with the novelty events for non PSSA age students and to assist with the packing up of the canteen area.

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 your children is very much appreciated. Thank you.

In the event of wet weather on the day, I will contact each family by 7.00am.

DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Following Friday’s Small Schools Athletics Carnival students who have qualified to compete at the District Athletics Carnival as representatives for the Small School’s Team will be advised of their eligibility to complete. The date for this carnival is Wednesday 29th July. (the day after Education on Show at Bellingen)

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY TERM 3

Our teachers spent the first day back this term at Dorrigo Public School with teachers from the Dorrigo Plateau and Orama Public School participating in a day of combined schools professional learning. (Not enjoying a visit to the snow in Guyra- much to our disappointment, no fun throwing snowballs and building snowmen!)

The opportunity to meet with our colleagues and engage in a quality day addressing the following aspects was invaluable:

- Dorrigo Plateau Community of Schools Learning Project. First step “Excellence in Teaching and Excellence in Learning”; and
• Science and Technology and our school’s context.

As a follow up on the SDD activities we will be participating in a special COS group focus study on “Assessment for Capable Learners”. Our assigned three teacher group involves Mrs Winkel, Mr Kovacevic and Mrs Bingle. The first scheduled meeting for the term will be held at Hernani, Mrs Bingle will be joining us on Wednesday 5th August to plan our lesson study project based on “Excellence in Teaching and Excellence in Learning”- assessment capable learners. Our focus area will be learning intentions and success criteria. During this meeting time Mrs Veda Crossley will be on class.

Students will be actively learning about learning and what makes a good learner. This will be an important component of raising student engagement and promoting higher achievement levels for all students across the Dorrigo Plateau

SPORTING SCHOOLS

Planning for our Term 3 Sporting Schools Program is well underway. The first date for our gymnastics program is next Thursday 23rd July. This will require private transport into Armidale. Please complete and return the attached consent note. Thank you.

EDUCATION ON SHOW

Our Bellinger Dorrigo Learning Community Education on Show celebration is held every second year. This provides our students with the unique opportunity to take part in a large scale production and showcase their talents.

This year I have organised for our students to not arrive at Bellingen until 1.00pm (This is due to travel distance and the length of the day and taking into consideration that we have a long journey home) This will enable us to participate in rehearsals and hopefully reduce the demands upon younger students and our parents.

Staff have kindly volunteered to transport students to Bellingen and thereby enable parents to arrive in Bellingen in time for the 5.00pm performance. Students will remain at Bellingen High School until the evening performance scheduled to commence at 5.30pm.

I wish to thank our staff for providing transport to Bellingen for students and parents for understanding the importance of our students participating in a whole school presentation for this evening, we trust everyone will enjoy the evening’s entertainment.

Please complete the attached consent note and transport advice and return to school by next Monday to enable us to finalise our plans and arrangements for the day.

Students will be supervised throughout the day by Mr K, Mrs Winkel and Debbie.

Hernani’s students will be presenting two items for the evening and showcasing their appreciation of our music program with Mr K (and Darcy’s keen interest and love of the ukulele!) It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm and interest by all students in singing and motivation to learn to play their ukuleles.

Parents are encouraged to join us at Bellingen High School in time for the 5.00pm performance start time and then to transport their children home at the conclusion of the performance.

SYDNEY CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC PERFORMANCE

On Monday 3rd August Hernani’s students will be travelling to Dorrigo Primary School to view a performance by the Sydney Conservatorium of Music. We will depart from Hernani at 1:20pm. Parents are invited to join us for this special
performance prior to returning home at the end of the performance. There will be no cost for this afternoon. Thank you for returning our consent note/transport advice.

**COMBINED SPORTS AFTERNOONS**

This term Hernani will be hosting the first two afternoon sports session on **Friday 24th July and Friday 7th August 2015**.

Hernani will travel to Dundurrabin for two sport sessions on **Friday 21st August and Friday 4th September 2015**.

Please return the attached consent notes and transport advice ASAP. Thank you.

**MILO CRICKET**

Ben Heaton, Milo Cricket coach will be travelling from Coffs Harbour to provide Hernani’s students with the opportunity to learn to play Milo Cricket. Our first of four, one hour sessions, will be commencing on Monday 17th August.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK –**

**TERM 3 WEEK 1**

*Congratulations to Scott Kedzlie and Oliver Dellow for being a good friends and displaying a caring attitude towards others.*
**Week 4**

**Monday 3\(^{rd}\) August** – Dorrigo Public School Excursion for Conservatorium of Music Performance at 2.10pm – Depart Hernani PS at 1:20pm

**Tuesday 4\(^{th}\) August** – Transition to Kindergarten 8:30am-11:30am

**Wednesday 5\(^{th}\) August** – Ms Crossley on class. Mrs Winkel, MrK and Mrs Bingle Planning Meeting for Lesson Study then new syllabus Professional learning for History after recess. Playgroup

3.00pm P&C Meeting

5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

**Thursday 6\(^{th}\) August** – Mrs Winkel at Primary Principals Conference – Ms Crossley on class.

2.00pm-3.00pm Sporting Schools Gymnastics Armidale TBC

**Friday 7\(^{th}\) August** – Mrs Winkel at Primary Principals Conference – Ms Crossley on class.

**Week 5**

**Tuesday 11\(^{th}\) August** – Transition to Kindergarten 8:30am-11:30am

**Wednesday 12\(^{th}\) August** – Mrs Winkel at CTJ Bellingen 12:00-400pm

5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

**Thursday 13\(^{th}\) August** – 2.00pm-3.00pm Sporting Schools Gymnastics Armidale TBC

**Week 6**  

**SCIENCE WEEK**

**Monday 17\(^{th}\) August** – Milo Cricket Session from 9.00am until 10.00am with Ben Heaton

**Tuesday 18\(^{th}\) August** – Transition to Kindergarten 8:30am-11:30am

**Wednesday 19\(^{th}\) August** – Playgroup

5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

**Friday 21\(^{st}\) August** – Mrs Winkel at Principal’s Network Training Day

**Week 7-**  

**BOOK WEEK**

**Monday 24\(^{th}\) August** – Milo Cricket Session from 9.00am until 10.00am with Ben Heaton

**Tuesday 25\(^{th}\) August** – Transition to Kindergarten 8:30am-11:30am

**Wednesday 26\(^{th}\) August** –

5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

**Thursday 27\(^{th}\) August** – 2.00pm-3.00pm Sporting Schools Gymnastics Armidale TBC

**Week 8**

**Monday 31\(^{st}\) August** – Milo Cricket Session from 9.00am until 10.00am with Ben Heaton

**Tuesday 1\(^{st}\) September** – Transition to Kindergarten 8:30am-11:30am

**Wednesday 2\(^{nd}\) September** – Playgroup

5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

**Week 9**

**Monday 7\(^{th}\) September** – Milo Cricket Session from 9.00am until 10.00am with Ben Heaton

**Tuesday 8\(^{th}\) September** – Transition to Kindergarten 8:30am-11:30am

**Wednesday 9\(^{th}\) September** – 5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

**Thursday 10\(^{th}\) September** – 2.00pm-3.00pm Sporting Schools Gymnastics Armidale TBC

**Friday 11\(^{th}\) September** – Mrs Winkel at On-line Dyslexia Training Day

**Week 10**

**Tuesday 15\(^{th}\) September** – Transition to Kindergarten 8:30am-11:30am

**Wednesday 16\(^{th}\) September** – Playgroup

5:15pm - Mixed Martial Arts with Sensei Dave

**Friday 18\(^{th}\) September** – Last day of Term 3.