

NEWSLETTER

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The School Swimming and Water Safety program kicked off today. Lets hope the weather is kind to us as we spend the next two weeks enjoying intensive swimming lessons at Dorrigo Pool, focusing on swim and survive skills.

This Thursday, our External Validation team will participate in a discussion with a panel of educators about our validation submission against the School Excellence Framework. This will be a fantastic opportunity to discuss the great work of our staff, students, and community. The next part of this process is to update our School Improvement Plan for the next four years.

We are pleased to announce that our Year 6 debating team has qualified for the state finals round. They will compete against Woolongong Public School this week. Watch this space!



This week Mr Bond and 1/2 class are pleased to be sharing a snapshot of their recent classroom learning experiences with you. Enjoy!

Keeping in touch,
Leah Keough
Principal

Year 6 will walk to Dorrigo High School tomorrow at 12.00 noon, accompanied by a teacher for their 1st transition visit. They will go home from the High School at the end of the day.

Term 4

Week 6

Mon – Fri Swimming School
Tues 9/11 Yr 6 to High School 12 noon
Fri 12/11 Mega Sport Draw 12:15pm
STAR

Week 7

Mon-Fri Swimming School
Fri 19/11 STAR

Weekly Awards

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded Certificates on Friday 5 November.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Excellence – Class Awards

K/1 Braydon Gilkison
1/2 Kirra Smith
2/3 Bazz Wilkinson
4/5 Declan Young
Monty Churchill
5/6 Eli Caulton
Caleb Bergs
Kristopher Barnett

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Respect – Class Awards

K/1 Piper Keough
1/2 Kobe Supple
2/3 Ellie Keough

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Responsibility

K/1 Jaxon McCarthy
1/2 Reuben Carter
2/3 Sienna Thompkins
4/5 Phoebe Lowe

e-Safety Commision Parent Webinar: A Guide to Online Gaming

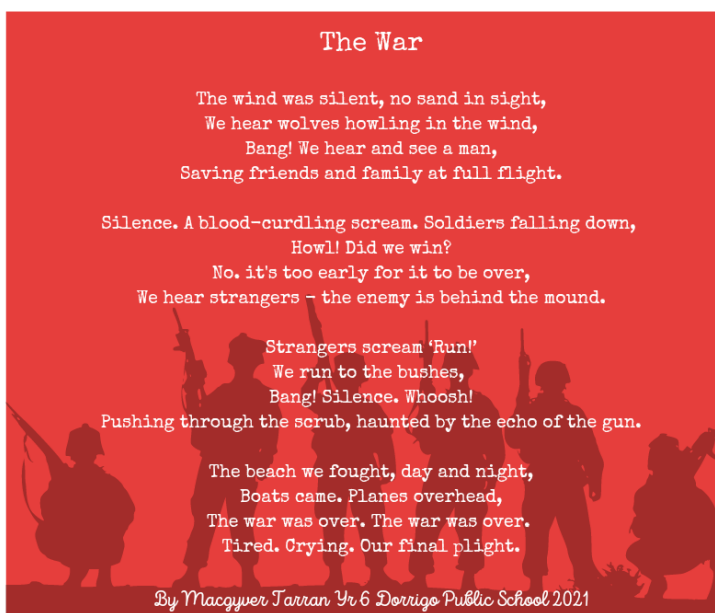
This webinar will provide parents and carers with an understanding of the benefits and risks of online gaming. It is designed for parents and carers of young people aged 8–13.

It will cover:

- eSafety's state of play research
- the games young people are using and how they are engaging with them
- the benefits of gaming and how to mitigate risks
- practical strategies to use at home and where to find help and support if things go wrong.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day is this Thursday 11 November 2021. This week we share a war poem recently written by Macgyver Tarran.



Gold Uniform Shirts – SALE! \$13.00 each

In recent years Dorrigo Public School added the green and gold shirt to our school uniform. The addition was initially trialled as a sports shirt to be worn on Fridays. It has become very popular and many students wear the green and gold everyday.

The gold shirt continues to be part of our school uniform. We have a number of shirts in stock and are offering these at a **SALE PRICE OF \$13.00** for the month of November.

Canteen

Week 6

Wed 10/11 Robin Burley Natalie Marks
Fri 12/11 Kymbalee Tarran

Week 7

Wed 17/11 Lisa Lowe
Fri 19/11 Michele Kellett

Home Reading Raffle

Look at these super duper home readers! 5 students, all from K/1 were the lucky winners of our home reading raffle on Friday.



2021 NSW Debating Challenge

On Wednesday 3 November 2021, our Dorrigo Dynamos competed against Repton PS in the final round of the 2021 Debating Challenge (Regionals). The win thrust us into the state final series! We are all nervously excited to represent our school this week against Wollongong PS.

Josephine, Mikayla, Kody and Hanna

Early Morning Drop-offs

Students should not be arriving to school before 8:40am each day unless prior arrangements have been made with the school. Morning playground duty commences at 8:40am.

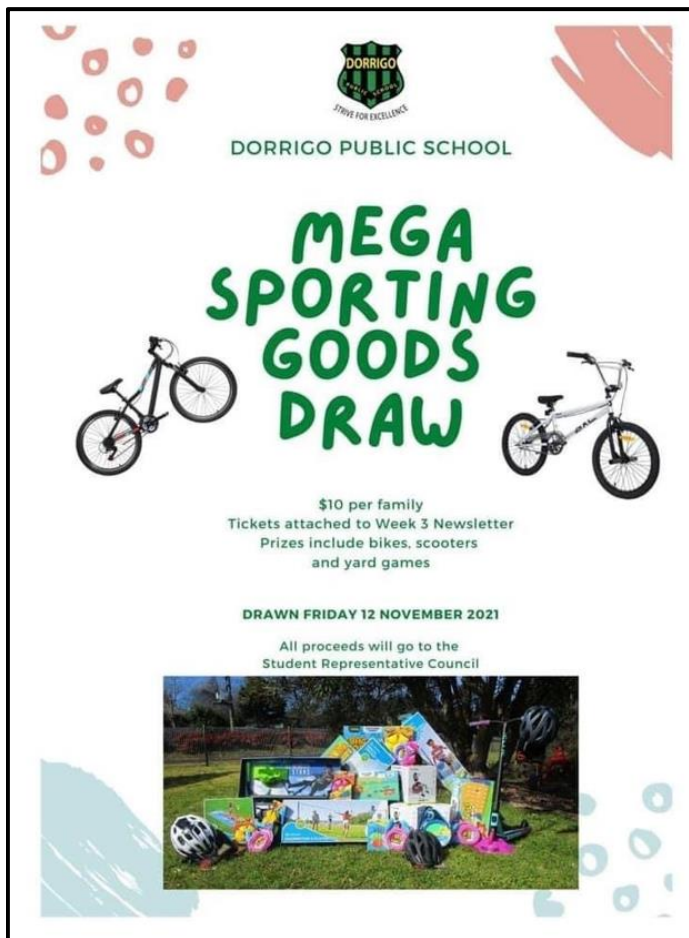
Student Banking

We have recently been advised that the CommBank School Banking program will not be returning to schools beyond 2021. In the meantime, the program will continue to run as normal until the end of term.

To continue banking with CommBank the options are – banking online, or organizing a card by visiting a branch, or calling 132221.

Mega Sports Draw

The mega sporting goods draw will take place this Friday afternoon. Be sure to get your \$10 into the school office this week.



Soccer Season Wrap Up

The Dorrigo Highlanders Football Club is pleased to announce that plans for the wrap up of our season have now been made.

A Junior Presentation for Under 11, Under 9 and Miniroos players will be held Wednesday 24 November from 3.30pm at Dangar Falls. Individual catering packs will be provided for all registered players. BYO snack foods for other family members. Please RSVP to your team coach by Friday 19 November so we can manage catering and Covid guidelines.

Our AGM will be held on Tuesday 30 November from 6pm at the Dorrigo Hotel. All families, new or returning, are encouraged to attend to help our small Club keep soccer in Dorrigo.

2021 Game Changer Challenge

On Thursday 4 November 2021, our Anonymous team competed in the 2021 Game Changer Challenge semi-final. We liked all of the design thinking processes, particularly the pitch of our idea at the end because it involved acting out the scenario for our upcycled product. We invented 'The Word' which was designed using unwanted keyboard skills and e-waste for sick children in hospitals. The judges gave us valuable support and feedback to continue improving our prototype. We had an amazing day and can't wait to try out again in 2022.

Caleb, Monty, Declan, Kristopher and Eli



K/1 enjoyed a warm milo drink after their swimming lesson this morning.

2022 School Captains

It is that time of year again! Nominations for 2022 School Captains have taken place. I look forward to meeting with each candidate for an interview soon. School Captain speeches will occur soon. Good luck to each nominee.

Leah Keough

COVID - 19 Level Three Guidelines Update

As announced by the Minister, from 8 November all NSW schools will move to updated Level 3 settings that bring school operations more in line with what is allowed in the community.

I would like to update you on the key changes that will be in place at our school from Monday 8 November and for the rest of Term 4.

Keeping us all safe on school grounds

A combination of layered COVID-safe plans and measures will allow us to prioritise student and staff safety and keep our school open. To do this, the following guidelines will be in place:

- Students, staff and visitors must not attend school if unwell, even with mild symptoms.
- All staff and adult visitors on the school site must be fully vaccinated and provide proof of vaccination.
- Masks are required indoors for all staff, adult visitors and strongly recommended indoors for primary students. Masks can be removed when eating or exercising.
- All staff and visitors must check in when attending a school site or gathering.
- Adults should maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing wherever practicable.
- Activities and events should be held outdoors where practical.
- Indoor spaces will be well ventilated and as large as possible for the number of attendees - following square metre guidelines.
- Students should avoid mingling with other class and year groups when moving around the school.
- Students and staff will maintain good hand hygiene and schools will continue with enhanced cleaning, including high touch points.

From 8 November our school will operate on updated Level 3 settings for the rest of Term 4 2021, with the following activities allowed in a COVID-safe manner:

- Assemblies and presentations are allowed outdoors, with cohorts separated and physical distancing in place. Fully vaccinated visitors (including parents and carers) are only allowed to attend if completing a specific role (such as presenting) and at the invitation of the school.
- Community use is allowed outside of school hours (including P&C meetings) with COVID-safe plans in place – in line with public health requirements.
- Excursions are allowed outdoors (and indoors where sole use of the premises is available).
- Incursions are allowed indoors and outdoors where cohorts are kept separate.
- Graduations and formals are allowed within cohorts, either on school sites or at external venues – with COVID-safe plans in place and physical distancing adhered to.
- School sports are allowed, including inter-school sports and access to indoor and outdoor pools (from 1 November).
- Transitions and orientations are allowed in a COVID-safe way that minimises mingling between students.

Parents and carers on site to support school operations

Fully vaccinated parents and carers will be allowed on-site to support curriculum delivery, student wellbeing activities and school operations (for example reading support, canteens and uniform shops). Parents and carers must check in using the school check-in and show proof of vaccination on entry to the school site.

Anyone over the age of 16 must be fully vaccinated to attend school.

Thank you again for your continued support during this school term.

Please feel free to call me if you need clarification of any of these guidelines.

Leah Keough

The Moon and The Stars with 1/2

This term 1/2 have been learning about the moon and the stars. During this time students looked at the phases of the moon and the different constellations in the night sky.

They have been busy drawing the phases of the moon and designing their own constellations

1/2

Learning About Sound and Music



1/2 investigated and made their own musical shakers using rice, sand and pasta. The students got into groups and tested which shakers made the loudest sound.

