Term 4, Week 7

Student of the Week: Harry S1/2E

Harry is an outstanding student. He is always enthusiastic and completes all his work to a high standard. He actively participates in class discussions and is always willing to help in the classroom. He is well mannered and co-operative. Harry shows concern for others and is therefore popular with his peers. Harry is a delightful student to have in the classroom.

Student Achievement
Sensational work Lauren Aubin! Lauren was chosen to participate in the Hunter Junior Dance Ensemble and she has been very busy at rehearsals in and out of school time and performing last Thursday and Friday at the Civic Theatre Play House. Lauren is a very talented dancer and has a great future in this area – congratulations Lauren on all your hard work.

Last Tuesday our Student Leaders represented our school at the Clarence Town Remembrance Day Service. The leaders represented us with great pride and Jessie Taylor did a wonderful
job with the reading. Well done Dominic, Jessie, Nick, Myhra, Sam and Jasmine.

**Principal’s News**

The weeks are galloping by as they do at this time of year with each day being busy and full! As you can see from our Student Achievement list last week was very busy and we finished off with a wonderful performance “The Little Bad Wolf”. The performance was very engaging from the start and the students enjoyed the puppetry and the message.

Our **2015 Kindergarten Orientation Program** is continuing well, we have two more Kindergarten visits to go. The Year 5 students are doing a brilliant job as the Buddies and I am very proud at how they have taken on their first leadership responsibilities.

The next step for our Year 5 students and leadership will be over the coming weeks with elections for the **2015 Student Leaders**. This week the Year 5 students will meet to nominate the candidates for the 2015 Student Leadership positions. This will be followed by the speeches: Girls – Monday 1 December and Boys – Tuesday 2 December. The speeches will be at our morning assembly time. The students from Kindergarten to Year 5 will vote on Wednesday 3 December. The votes will be counted on the day and the candidates will be informed if they have a position or not and then on Presentation Day the actual positions will be announced. Please note that if the election results are tied their will be another election for the tied position on Thursday 4 December and then announcements made. Good Luck Year 5!

This week we will have a **Year 6 Fun Day** on Thursday afternoon from 2-3pm. This is part of the Year 6 fundraising for 2014 and along with the ice block sales and other special days will go towards the Year 6 gift to the school as well as an altruistic donation to a charity. Each year the Year 6 donate part of their funds to a local, National or International charity and in 2014 it will be to a National Charity. I initiated this in 2011 as way of the students understanding the importance of giving back to the local and wider community.

With the sudden increase in temperatures we have been mindful of two major risks in our school – **heat and snakes**! To this effect we have been closing sections of the playground in case of snakes; as well as on days like last Friday keeping the students in the shade and air conditioning to prevent illness due to heat exhaustion. **If you could ensure your child has**
their hat each day and wears it to and from school as well this would be appreciated. It is also important for the students to keep hydrated and if you could send a water bottle each day – I usually suggest 2 (one icy cold for the morning and one frozen for the afternoon). We also have our water station to refill bottles throughout the day. I was very surprised last Friday that a large percentage of our student did not have water bottles at school. Your support as always is greatly appreciated.

I will be in out of school on Thursday with Ms Kelson to attend further information sessions on the new DEC School Planning process. Miss Ellis will be acting Principal on the day.

We are constantly reminding students of our PBL Values and school motto along with our Tawny 5 Rules…and I would also encourage parents to use these words when celebrating positive behaviour and discussing negative choices with your child.

The Tawny 5 Rules:
- I can listen
- I can put up my hand and wait
- I can work quietly
- I can follow instructions
- I can control what I do and Say

The School motto:
- Kindness
- Honesty
- Effort

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Values:
- Learning
- Safety
- Respect

Through working together we create the best opportunities and learning experiences for all our students.

Have a great week.
Louise Blakemore
Principal

### School Concert Photos

Thank you to everyone who ordered these photos and to Katie Bagnall for her time to have them all printed. They have been given to your children to take home today.

### Public Speaking

On Friday 21 November we will have another round of our semi-finals. Our speakers will be Dominic Rusak, Anneeka Knight, Jaxson Stericker and Melany Ford. Their Topic will be: “When I grow up ………………..”. Congratulations to Macy-Lyn Pearson our second semi-finalist winner.

### Awards

**Thursday 13 November 2014**

**ES1L**
- Sally Croxton, Bailee Gleeson, Jarrell Brooks

**S1/2E**
- Amity Lynch, Max Preece, Lilly McDonnell

**S1E**
- Madelyn Bagnall, Seth Smith, Phoebeahn White

**S2G**
- Courtney Aubin, Claudia Watt, Keeghan Stericker

**S2/3L**
- Matthew Benhard, Jayden Hawkin, Harrison Thurlow-Gray

**S3G**
- Anneeka Knight, Alecia Swallow, Jake Godfrey

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### Permission Notes & Payments Due

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**17 November 2014**
Year 6 Fun Day
This Thursday 20 November Year 6 will be holding a fund raiser from 2pm – 3pm. The cost is $2 per child or $5 per family for three or more siblings. Please make sure you complete the permission note that went home and return to school.

Ice Cream Day
Year 6 will hold an Ice Cream Day on Thursday 27 November at recess and lunchtime. A vanilla ice cream in a cone will cost you $1.00.

Swim Fun Day
All students received information regarding a Swimming Fun Day. This will be held on Friday 28 November 2014 at Clarence Town Pool.

Kinder Enrolment 2015
We are now taking enrolments for Kinder 2015.
If your child will be attending our school next year, please contact the office on 4996 4156 to enrol your child.

Clarence Town Public School
Presentation Day 2014
10 December 2014
9.15am to 11.00am

Year 6 Farewell Dinner
11 December 2014

Nutrition Snippet
The simplest way
to ensure your kids slap, slop!

Did you know?
• Running around outside is important for healthy active kids. But unfortunately, two out of three Aussie kids at school today will be diagnosed with skin cancer in later life – some of them with deadly melanomas.
• Ultraviolet radiation is not linked to the temperature – you can get burnt even when it’s cooler or cloudy.

Here are 2 of our top tips for you!
• Slap on a sun-safe hat
  Bucket, broad-brimmed or legionnaire styles are best. Baseball caps are a popular fashion item, but they don’t protect the neck, ears and cheeks. Try keeping them for indoor activities only
• Slop on SPF 30+ broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen. Try keeping a pump pack by the front door for when they’re running out to play.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit

17 November 2014
Hello Year 6,
I have enjoyed meeting you all during my visit to your school. I thought that I would provide you with some regular information about what’s happening at Dungog High and what you have to look forward to in 2015. Remember that if you have any questions feel free to contact me at the school on 49923022.

This year we have had many successes in the sporting arena, including students representing the school at zone, regional and even state levels in swimming, cross county and athletics. We have also had many teams participating in the Combined High Schools Knockout competitions. School sport is held on Thursday afternoons, with many different activities to choose from such as yoga, football, cricket, fishing, table tennis, swimming, ten-pin bowling and many more. Year 7 will participate in Peer Support during sport time in Term 1 and then you will be able to choose your own sport from Term 2 onwards.

I am sure that if you are interested in participating in sporting activities, there will be something for you, whether it is for fun, fitness, health, competition or all of these!

Mrs Judd 😊

A SNAPSHOT FROM DUNGOG HIGH SCHOOL - NO. 2 - Week 7

Hello Year 6, when you come to Dungog High School next year you will study many different subjects (in many different rooms and with many different teachers!). The subjects you will study are: English, Maths, Science, PDHPE, HSIE, Design and Technology, LOTE, Music, and Visual Arts. This gives you a chance to find out which subjects you really enjoy and are good at. In Year 8 you will get to have some choice in your elective subjects. There will be lots of people around to help you work out your timetable so that you know where you are meant to be and where you should be going. Don’t be afraid to ask for directions or assistance. Students and staff will be more than happy to help. There are 6 periods in the day, so there is a lot to fit into the day!

It's a great idea to use your diary to keep a copy of your timetable in, write down any homework or assessments and to remind yourself of anything else that is happening that is important to you. If you like to sing, dance, act, draw, paint, or construct we have something for you.

Dungog High School students are known not only for their academic achievements but also for their involvement in extra-curricular activities. This year we have had many students participating in extra activities, to extend themselves in their interest areas and academic abilities. These include activities such as: Maths and Science competitions, displays for Science week, Engineering challenges, Public Speaking, Debating, High Achievers Camp and Short Story competitions.

We also participate in Starstruck each year, Drama competitions / camps, Music performances at local events and assemblies, Cattle Judging, Improvisation Challenges, and fundraising events. Whatever your interests may be, there is a wide range of activities available for you to extend and enrich yourself.

Mrs Judd 😊