Term 4, Week 8

Student of the Week: Cale

Cale is a very respectful and honest student. He is always willing to share his ideas and thoughts during class discussion. Cale’s dedication towards his learning is allowing him to consistently develop new and improved skills.

He is a truly enthusiastic sportsman who loves being outside with a ball. Cale’s real passion is his soccer and this has resulted in him being chosen for many representative sides. He will hopefully one day be playing soccer just like his idol Lionel Messi. Cale will make a great student of the week.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to:

Abijade Bee
Desty’nhh Burgess
Gabrielle Fren
Tayla Howarth
Jaydeen (Gracie) Kershaw
Anneeka Knight

Matthew Benhard
Jayden Hawkin
Declan Middleton
Hayden Prentice
Jaxson Stericker
Harry Thurlow-Gray
Destiny Leith           Jack Watt
Caitlin Lightfoot       Seth
Emily Lightfoot         Chloe Taylor
Macy-Lyn Pearson        Tahlia Thew

These are our Year 5 candidates for the 2015 School Leaders positions. The girls will give their speeches Monday 1st December, the boys will give theirs Tuesday 2nd December and then students from Kindergarten to year 5 will vote on Wednesday 3rd December. 
NB: Speeches will be presented at the morning assembly.

I would also like to congratulate Patrick Neilson, Tikay Parks and Darby Tout who were also nominated but declined nomination.

Congratulations to Melany Ford, Gabrielle Fren, Nicholas Fren, and Macy-Lyn Pearson who are our 2014 Public Speaking Grand finalists.

Well done Anneeka Knight, Tayla Howarth and Matthew Benhard who represented the school last week at the Dungog & District Community of Schools GATS Writing Day at Paterson PS.

Principal's News

Another week has rushed by and we are in Week 8 with only 3½ weeks to go before the 2014 school year is over! Last Wednesday I met with the Year 5 students to decide on the candidates for the 2015 School Leaders positions. Their names are printed in the Student Achievement section of this week’s newsletter. It is a great honour to be elected as a leader of your school and I wish all candidates the best of luck. However, not all candidates will be successful and there are other leadership roles within the school for these students to undertake in 2015 – such as: Sport House Captains and Vice-Captain, Library Monitors, Sound Room Monitors and Playground Monitor. The Year 5 students have already risen to the task in their first leadership role as Buddies to our 2015 kindergarten students and I look forward to a great 2015.

Our 2015 Kindergarten Orientation Program is nearly complete with the last Kinder Orientation visit tomorrow. The 2015 Kindergarten students have settled in well and I thank their parents and the wonderful staff of Clarence Town Preschool for preparing them so well for ‘big’ school. As I mentioned above 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.

This week we look forward to:

- a performance by **Maitland Public School Band** on Wednesday (This performance is free and all students K-6 will attend) and Glen William PS will join us for the performance
- our **2014 Public Speaking** grand final on Thursday (please note the time is still tbc as we are organising around the adjudicator.)
- our **Swim Fun Day** on Friday, which is our makeup from the postponement of the Swimming Carnival from term 1. The day will have a collection of races and novelty events for students to enter.

I know I mentioned this last week but with the recent very hot weather this is very important. 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 and out of school on Thursday afternoon to attend the Principal Induction for the L3 program for 2015 and on Friday I will be attending the Term 4 Primary Principals Meeting.

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

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**Assembly Item**

Assembly this week will be on Thursday in the School Hall. S2/3L will perform the assembly item. All parents and friends are invited.

**Canteen Roster**

**Wednesday 26 November**
Rina Rocco
Lisa Kershaw

**Friday 28 November**
No canteen due to swim fun day

**Monday 1 December**
Rina Rocco

**Wednesday 3 December**
Katie Bagnall
Jaimy Boyd

**Friday 5 December**
Michelle Croxton
Darren Hall

**Monday 8 December**
Karinda Stone

**Wednesday 10 December**
**Canteen Closed**
**Presentation Day**

**Friday 12 December**
Bronwyn Prentice
Robyn Keller

**Monday 15 December**
**Canteen Closed**

**Wednesday 17 December**
**Last Day School**
**Canteen Closed**

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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

Public Speaking Grand Final
On Thursday 27 November we will have our Grand Final. Our speakers will be Melany Ford, Gabrielle Fren, Nicholas Fren and Macy-Lyn Pearson. Good luck to all students.
Their Topic will be:
“When I rule the world”.
Congratulations to Melany Ford our winner from last week’s Public Speaking.

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. All notes were due last Friday. Children can bring their recess and lunch. Please note that students wishing to have hot food on the day must pre-order by 9am tomorrow. Drinks, ice-blocks and snacks will be available to purchase on the day.

Intensive School Swimming Scheme
This program will start on Monday 1 December until Friday 12 December. It is offered to Year 2 students (must turn 8 this year to participate) Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 students unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water.

Library Stocktake
The School Library will stop the borrowing of Library Books this week, week 8 of the term. We will be holding a Library Stocktake in week 9. All students must return their library books by week 9. Overdue library book notices will be posted to families with any books outstanding. Thank you for your assistance.

Karen Brown
Librarian
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

Wallarobba Hall
Christmas tree

Friday 12th December
6pm till 8.30pm
Gold coin donation
(Please bring a small gift for your child for Santa to share)

All welcome

Raffles
Christmas games
Sausage sizzle

24 November 2014
Hello Year 6,
Orientation Day is coming up next week on **Wednesday the 3rd of December**. The year 9 and 10 peer support leaders are looking forward to meeting you and showing you around the school. The day will be a chance for you to check out Dungog High, pick up your book pack ($37), purchase uniform items that you will need, meet some of the teachers and even try out some classes. You will be able to utilise the school bus service on this day if that is easier. The day begins at **9:15am** in the MPC and will be a FUN day for all! I look forward to seeing you all again.

Dungog High School has adopted the **POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR for LEARNING** reward and behaviour system, otherwise known as PBL. You will hear and see these three key terms: RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST quite a lot whilst moving around the school and during lessons. Students who demonstrate these core values will be rewarded for their efforts and will receive a merit certificate. Each subject area has a coloured merit e.g. English merits are pink and Maths merits are blue. Students collect these merits and when they have five different coloured merits they will receive a Year Advisor's Award which provides benefits such as first choice in Sport. Three Year Advisor's Awards will result in a Deputy's Award and two Deputy's Awards will result in a Principal's Award. There is a useful behaviour matrix in your handbook to give you an idea of what our three core values actually look like in practice.

Mrs Judd ☺️