Term 4, Week 9

Student Achievement
Congratulations to – this is such a wonderful achievement I will mention it again this week!
Abijade BeeMatthew Benhard
Desty’nhh BurgessJayden Hawkin
Gabrielle FrenDeclan Middleton
Taylor HowarthHayden Prentice
Jaydeen (Gracie) KershawJaxson Stericker
Anneeka KnightHarry Thurlow-Gray
Destiny LeithJack Watt
Caitlin LightfootSeth
Macy-Lyn PearsonEmily Lightfoot
Chloe TaylorTahlia 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.
Well done

Congratulations to Gabrielle Fren who was declared our 2014 Public Speaking Grand final winner. Gabby will receive her award at our annual School Presentation Day ceremony on Wednesday 10 December.

Well done to all students who participated in our Swimming Fun Day last Friday. The day was a wonderful success.

Diary Dates

1 December – 12 December 2014
Intensive Swimming Program
Yr2 – Yr 4

10 December 2014
Presentation Day
9.15am to 11.00am

11 December 2014
Year 6 Farewell Dinner

16 December 2014
Party Day

17 December 2014
Students Last Day 2014
Principal’s News

Welcome to December! Three weeks to go until the end of the school year – students last day is Wednesday 17th December and teachers last day is Friday 19th December. **Last week** we had a busy time with a wonderful performance from Maitland School Band. Our students were joined by Glen William Public School to enjoy a wonderful show. Our students really enjoyed the performance and its interactive nature. We also held our Public Speaking Grand final and the quality of speeches in the whole competition this year has been outstanding and the grand finalists were no exception. We welcomed Miss Blayden back to be our judge, it was wonderful to see her. She was highly impressed with the quality of the speakers. Congratulations Gabby who was crowned this year’s winner. Then our week finished on a high with our swim fun day. This day was to make up for the fact that in Term 1 we had to continually postpone our Annual Swimming Carnival due to the weather…we were a bit worried that the weather may have beat us again, but in the end it was OK for our Swimming Fun Day. Thank you to Mr Lofts for his wonderful organisation and to Dave from the Clarence Town Pool who always supports our school 100%.

This morning we heard from the first half of the candidates for the **2015 School Leaders positions**. Each of the girls spoke very well and I was impressed with the content of their speeches and the quality of their presentation. We look forward to hearing from the rest of the candidates at tomorrow morning’s assembly. Once again I would like to wish all candidates the best of luck.

Our **2015 Kindergarten Orientation Program** is complete with the last Kinder Orientation visit held last week. 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. 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:

- **Intensive Swimming Program** starts today and continues for the next two weeks
- **Voting for the 2015 Student Leaders** on Wednesday
- **Year 6 have their High School Orientation visit** on Wednesday
- **Our end of year combined Scripture lesson** on Thursday

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1 December 2014
• Cup Cake and Jelly Bean guessing competition on Thursday to raise funds for Ronald McDonald House. This was the idea of Izzy Middleton and Heidi Sinclair and they have worked hard making posters to advertise the event as well as baking cup cakes to sell on the day. This is a wonderful example of the altruistic qualities of our students.

This is also the last week for our Stage 2 and 3 Swimming for Sport Program.

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

Public Speaking Grand Final
Congratulations to Gabrielle Fren our Grand Final winner for 2014. Well done to all students who participated in this year’s Public Speaking.

Intensive School Swimming Scheme
This program started today Monday 1 December and will finish Friday 12 December.

Library Stocktake
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
**Active After School Community Sports**

This week will be the last week for AASCS. Ten Pin Bowling will finish Tuesday 2 December 2014 and Lawn Bowls will finish Thursday 4 December 2014. Thank you to all students who participated this year in this diverse and dynamic program.

**School Party Day**

A note with information about our School Party Day will go home this week. All students will be going to Lakeside Swimming Centre on Tuesday 16 December. They will rotate around set activities eg. Jumping castle, water slide, volleyball, cricket and polo. All students will travel by coach accompanied by their class teachers and support staff.

**Scripture Assembly**

We will be holding our final Scripture for the year this Thursday 4 December 2014. It will be held from 11.00am to 11.45am. All students who participated in Scripture from Kinder to Year 6 will attend. Parents and grandparents are also welcome to attend.

Susan Hallett

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**A SNAPSHOT FROM DUNGOG HIGH – NO. 4 – Week 9**

Hello Year 6,

I am really looking forward to Week 7, Term 1 next year (Monday 9th – Wednesday 11th March 2015), when we will go on an exciting adventure together to the Great Aussie Bush Camp. This camp is a tradition for Year Seven students at Dungog High School. The camp will have loads of fun activities planned for all of us. It will help us get to know each other and ourselves better. For three days we will be participating in activities such as kayaking, rock climbing, archery, and the Giant Swing, which I am sure, will set more than one pair of knees shaking!

What is a Bay? Until I arrived at Dungog High School I had never heard of the term bay used in reference to where people sit. You may or may not have heard about it yourself. At Dungog High students tend to sit in their friendship groups in different little areas of the playground which are called ‘Bays’ during lunch and recesses. When you are in Year 7, there is a special area set out specifically for Year 7s. It’s a great place to start out if you do not have somewhere to sit, or don’t know anyone else that you would like to sit with. You never know you might find some new friends and end up sitting there for the rest of the year! Another great place to start out in is in the Barn. It has lots of seats and is undercover, so you won’t get wet when it rains and you will be protected from the sun. Of course you can move around the playground and sit with different people when you like, there is somewhere for everyone!

Mrs Judd 😊
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

Wallaroo 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

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