Term 4, Week 10

Student of the Week: Jake  S3G

Jake is a happy and energetic student in S3G. He has a fantastic enthusiasm for learning, and in particular loves solving difficult mind teasers and maths problems. He goes out of his way to help others with their schoolwork and tries to finish his own work as quickly as he can so he can assist others. Jake gives 100% effort to all he does and is always willing to push himself to the next level. He loves playing with his mates, especially when they’re playing soccer, and is an awesome defender as well as an attacking player. Jake’s improvement in all areas of his schooling this year has been tremendous, and he has been a great school leader. Well done Jake. You are a much deserved Student of the Week!!

NB: This week’s Friday Assembly will have a change of time – the assembly will begin at 9:15am and include the P&C Major prize Raffle Draw

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**Student Achievement**

Congratulations to (in no particular order):
Matthew Benhard  Gabrielle Fren
Jayden Hawkin  Anneeka Knight
Jaxson Stericker  Tahlia Thew

…who will be our student leaders in 2015. The Captain and Student Leaders role will be announced at the 2014 Presentation Day Ceremony on Wednesday morning.

I would like to congratulate all Year 5 candidates –
Abijade Bee  Matthew Benhard
Desty’nhh Burgess  Jayden Hawkin
Gabrielle Fren  Declan Middleton
Tayla Howarth  Hayden Prentice
Jaydeen (Gracie) Kershaw  Jaxson Stericker
Anneeka Knight  Seth Winchester
Destiny Leith  Jack Watt
Caitlin Lightfoot  Tahlia Thew
Emilly Lightfoot  Chloe Taylor
Macy-Lyn Pearson

who did a wonderful job preparing and presenting their speeches last week. The students who were unsuccessful in the election will have plenty of other leadership opportunities in Year 6 through House Captain and Vice-Captain positions, Library Monitors and Sound Room Monitors.

An enormous well done to Heidi Sinclair and Izzy Middleton who have organised a fund raiser for Ronald McDonald House… with the support of their mums (Gai and Kate) and their Grandparents (Cheryl and Marion) they organised a cake stall and Jelly Bean Competition which they ran last Thursday and Friday. The girls did the entire organisation at school on their own and had some support on the day from Declan Middleton, Paige Hensly-Turner, Makyha Archer and Ms Bunn.

This wonderful altruistic effort raised $206 for Ronald McDonald House Charities.

Congratulations to all Year 6 who had their Dungog High School Orientation visit last Wednesday. The students all behaved well remembering our PBL values – Learning/Safety/Respect – and demonstrating them at the High School.
Principal's News

Another week has disappeared and we are in the second last week of term already! Last week we had a busy time with our 2015 Student Leaders Speeches and voting. The quality of the speech presentation was excellent and I am very proud of all candidates for their fabulous effort. We voted on Wednesday and Matthew, Jayden, Jaxson, Gabby, Anneeka and Tahlia were the successful candidates and the School Captain role will be announced at Presentation Day Assembly. On Wednesday the Year 6 visited Dungog High School for their Orientation Visit and had a great time. They came back with lots of positive stories to tell and are all looking forward to high school in 2015.

We also had our final combined Scripture lesson for 2014. Mrs Hallett does an incredible job throughout the year teaching and coordinating our Scripture program and once again she planned a wonderful final lesson for 2014. Thank you Susan, your efforts are greatly appreciated.

Last week was also the final week for Stage 2 and Stage 3 Swimming for Sport. This week they will undertake a sport activity at school. Thanks also to Heidi Sinclair and Izzy Middleton who organised and ran a cake stall and jelly bean guessing competition last week to raise money for Ronald McDonald House. The girls will present the cheque to a Ronald McDonald House representative next Monday. This is a wonderful example of the altruistic qualities of our students.

This week we look forward to:

- **Intensive Swimming Program** 2nd week
- **December P&C Tuesday 7pm**
- **Presentation Day** Wednesday + **Parent Morning Tea** after
- **Year 6 Farewell** Thursday evening
- **Final School Assembly for 2014**
- **P&C Raffle Draw** on Friday
- **Lions Club Christmas Carols** hosted by Clarence Town Public School Sunday 14 December

Just a reminder that the final day for students is next Wednesday 17 December and their school holidays start on Thursday 18 December; the school will still be open Thursday 18 and Friday 19 December with staff undertaking Professional Learning.
This week I will be out of school on Tuesday and Friday afternoon to attend training and information sessions for our new DEC Finance System. Mrs Price will join me on Friday.

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

Intensive School Swimming Scheme
This program will finish Friday 12 December.

Library Stocktake
We are holding a Library Stocktake. All students must return their library books. Overdue library book notices will be posted to families with any books outstanding. Thank you for your assistance.

Karen Brown
Librarian

School Party Day
A note with information about our School Party Day went home last week. All students will be going to Lakeside Swimming Centre on Tuesday 16 December. All students will travel by coach accompanied by their class teachers and support staff. Permission note and money are due back Wednesday 10 December.

Student Reports
All students will receive their reports on Monday 15 December 2014.

Presentation Day
If anyone has any christmas bush in their gardens we would like some to use in the hall on Presentation Day. Could it be delivered to school if possible tomorrow afternoon as we assemble the arrangements first thing Wednesday morning. Thank you!!
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 ☺

P & C Raffle Tickets

Could you please return tickets sold & unsold to the School by Thursday 11 December 2014.

This raffle will be draw Friday 12 December 2014 at the Last Assembly for the year.
Seaham Netball Club

Registration will be held for NEW and current players that have not already re registered on Saturday 31st January 2015 out the front of Seaham Shop between the hours of 9am and 11am.

New players must bring along birth certificates.

If you have any questions about Seaham Netball Club Registrations please contact Tracey Marks on 49886979 or 0401 292104.
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 create a vegie garden at home

This spring all you need to start growing your own vegetable garden is a foam box!

Foam boxes are light and easy for you and your kids to manage.

Step One: Cut six drainage holes in the bottom of the foam box.

Step Two: Elevate foam box by placing it on some old bricks and fill with potting mix.

Step Three: Plant seedlings or seeds, making sure not to over plant (aim to plant around 4-8 seedlings per box).

Step Four: Water and care for your seedlings daily.

Try planting tomato, pumpkin and zucchini seedlings this spring...and watch your kids enjoy eating the results!

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