Term 1, Week 5

Student of the Week – Samuel Zuber S1/E

Samuel is a polite, reliable and helpful student. He is kind and caring to others around him. Samuel enjoys participating in a wide variety of activities. He is well organised and approaches his work with dedication. Samuel is extremely courteous and thoughtful and his gentle nature is a wonderful example for all children. He is an absolute delight to have in the classroom. Congratulations Samuel!

Student Achievement
Congratulations to Jessie, Myrha, Gracie and Chloe for their wonderful effort in representing Clarence Town Public School at the Zone Swimming Carnival last Friday. The girls did a brilliant job representing the school and did well in their heats. Thanks also to Mrs Taylor and Ms Lencz for transporting the girls and

Diary Dates

Friday 28 February
School Clean Up Australia Day

Friday 7th March
Year 6 T-Shirt Note due

Friday 14 March
Photograph Envelopes due

Wednesday 19 March
School Photos

Wednesday 9 April
All Easter Raffle tickets due back.

Friday 11 April
Easter Raffle Drawn.

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supervising them throughout the day. This support is greatly appreciated by all the staff at our school.

Principal’s News
As we enjoy the last week of Summer the school year is well and truly up and running. We welcomed another new enrolment in Year 6 last week and Alecia has already settled in well and made friends. We welcome Alecia and her family to our school community.

Our Swimming Carnival Events Day went well last week with 35 of our students participating in our School Swimming Events of 50m or more. We had a great time and I would like to thank the parents and grandparents who came along and supported our students and assisted with time keeping. Special mention to Ros Jones who came along to support the school, even though she didn’t have either of her children participating, this commitment to our school is inspiring and to Dave for assisting with starting each event – his expertise was greatly appreciated. This once again shows the wonderful support and commitment given to our school by our community. We are hoping to run a school Swimming Carnival later in the term, weather permitting, which will include the 25m events, across pool events and novelty races. A date for this will be organised when Mr Lofts returns from his long service leave.

Speaking of Mr Lofts, we would like to announce that he and Karen are now proud grandparents to a beautiful baby boy – Mitchell Lofts; born Wednesday 19th February at 9:20pm, weighing 9 pounds 12 ounces and 52 cm long – mum and bub doing well. Nanny and poppy are doing well too and very proud!

Our 2014 Active After School Community (AASC) Sport Program began well on Tuesday with Rugby League, however, Gymnastics didn’t start on Thursday as the coach was ill. Thank you to parents for organising this change with short notice! Both programs will continue this week and Gymnastics will finish a week later than Rugby League to make up for last week’s missed lesson. While Mr Lofts is on LSL, Mr Kemp and Mrs Cooper will supervise the program and the students will have fruit for afternoon tea prior to the lessons.

Mrs Price has organised invoices for our school Mathletics Program – all students K-6 will have access to Mathletics at school, however, if you wish to undertake Mathletics at home a
cost of $14.00 will be required. This is a great program which is suited to student individual abilities, the school purchases the program licence and this means a lower price for families to access the program on home computers.

As I mentioned last week, as a measure of goodwill I am able to cover 8 students participating in Starstruck 2014. Students who have returned notes will be auditioned later this week and notes sent home with all the information for parents. As I stated in last week’s newsletter, we will be giving preference to Year 6 students and then moving down the grades until we have our group of eight students. I have also made a commitment to participate in Starstruck in alternate odd years from 2015.

This week we continue our Stage 2 and 3 Swimming for Sport Program on Wednesday and Friday respectively. Then on Friday we will all participate in Schools Clean Up Australia Day by cleaning our school grounds and along Queen and Marshall Streets along the school boundary. Students will need to bring gloves (gardening gloves or rubber washing up style gloves would be most suitable) and plastic bags to collect rubbish. Each year we participate in this program as part of our Environmental Education Program.

We had an increase in negative incidents last week involving negative choices from some students. During the first 4 weeks of the year I gave students a chance to fix their behaviours, but as some behaviours have persisted, Incident Notes will be sent home for each future incident. The good news is that positive behaviours have also increased with many Happy Notes being sent home to recognise positive behaviours. I would encourage parents to celebrate Happy Notes and discuss negative behaviours and future choices with your child.

Remember:
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

Last week I was out of the school on Thursday and Friday to attend a combined Police/Community Service/Health training course in Child Protection. This was the best Child Protection training I have undertaken bar none and the two days out of
school were highly beneficial. Much of the information I received will be passed on to staff in the coming weeks. This Friday afternoon I will also be involved in our Dungog and District Community of Schools Local Management Group Principals meeting. The agenda is very extensive with our 2014 initiatives across all of our schools. I will give you a brief report in next week’s newsletter.

Have a great week
Louise Blakemore- Principal

MSP Photograph Envelopes
All students have received their MSP school photograph envelopes today. All envelopes and money need to be returned to school by Friday 14 March. School photographs will be taken on Wednesday 19 March. Please see attached note for further details.

Yr 6 T-Shirts
Year 6 Students have received a commitment note for their Year 6 Commemorative T-Shirts. All notes and deposits need to be returned by Friday 7 March. Please see the office if you did not receive a permission note.

Stage 3 Broken Bay Excursion
Our Stage 3 students will be going on an excursion to Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Centre later this year. All students have received a commitment note regarding this excursion. Can all notes and deposits please be returned to the office by Friday 28 March. Please contact the office if you require financial assistance for this excursion.

Clarence Town IGA
We would like to thank Clarence Town IGA for their generous donation to our school from their Token Program. It is great to see our local community supporting our school! Please remember to support these business’s that support our school.

Lost Sport Shirt
Can all parents please check their child’s sport shirts to ensure that they have the correct shirt. We have had reports of students shirts being mixed up at swimming for sport. The shirt that has been lost is a size 12 and has the students name wrote on the tag. If you find the missing shirt, please hand it to the office. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Mathletics
Mathletics is a web-based learning program which integrates home and school via the internet. Your child has 24 hour access to Mathletics by using a unique user name and password. As we believe this an excellent aid to your child’s learning, the school will subsidise the cost of this program. Parents are asked to contribute $14 per child which will enable your child access to Mathletics in the classroom and at home. Payments can be made now at the office. Please see the office if you require financial assistance.

Voluntary Contributions
Our school voluntary contributions have been set this year at $20 per student or $40 per family. This money is used to purchase resources and equipment for your child’s classroom. All money received would be greatly appreciated. Payments can now be made at the office.
Library Bags
Can all students please ensure they bring a bag to library to take their library books home in. An enviro-bag is a great option for students who do not have a library bag.

Student Emergency Contact Details
All students received our school emergency contact form last week (pink form). Please check all details and make any changes necessary and return to the school as soon as possible. If all the information is correct please sign the form and return to the office.

Scripture
If you do NOT want your child to attend scripture this year, please send a note in to your child’s class teacher.

Easter Raffle
All students will receive their Easter Raffle Tickets today. Can all tickets sold or unsold and money be returned to the office by 9th April.
Driving and parking safely near Clarence Town Public School

School opening and closing times are busy times for pedestrian and vehicle traffic outside our school in Queen and Marshall Streets. Drivers have a responsibility to ensure the safety of ALL children so....

- Always take extra care in the 40km/h school zone – slow down as there are many children around
- Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate
- Observe all parking signs at the front of the school – these signs help keep our children safe
- Always drop your children on the school side of Queen St
- Meet your children on the school-side of the road, preferably at the school gate – especially in wet weather
- Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you

- NEVER double park or reverse your vehicle in Marshall St- this blocks the vision of other drivers and puts children at risk
- NEVER park in the Disabled Parking Zone if you don’t have an official disability parking permit.
- NEVER drop your children off in the No Parking Zone – this blocks the vision of children trying to cross the road
- NEVER call to your children from across the road – teach them to wait until you come to them
Office Bearers Roles and Responsibilities

President
- The successful functioning of the P&C Association
- The attainment of the P&C Association’s objectives
- Ensuring that the P&C Association takes part in decision-making processes in the school
- Fostering fair participation of all members & ensuring that all new members are made to feel welcome
- Supporting Volunteers
- Consistence adherence to the constitution
- Acting as the P&C Association’s spokesperson when public statements or actions are needed
- Setting up lines of communication with the Principal
- Being a signatory on the Association’s Bank Accounts
- Chairing Meetings

Vice President
- Chairing Meetings in the absence of the President
- Supporting the President & acting on behalf of the President in their absence

Secretary
- Attend every Association meeting & take notes of the discussion in order to produce a set of minutes for subsequent distribution to members & for possible amendment & adoption at the following meeting
- Receive & table incoming correspondence
- Write & distribute outgoing correspondence as required
- Give notice of Meetings
- Convene special meetings when requested
- Provide Information as requested by the P&C Federation
- Maintain official records of the P&C Association, such as:-
  - The Constitution, By-Laws, Rules of Sub-Committee’s
  - Incorporation Certificate
  - ABN Details
  - List of Financial Members
  - Minutes
  - Attendance Book
  - Correspondence

Treasurer’s Role
- Responsible for all funds held in the name of the P&C Association. This includes all subcommittee’s such as Canteen, Uniform Shop, Fete & all other fundraising committees.
- Receives & deposits monies
- Maintains all financial records
- Issues cheques in payment of Accounts
- Presents Accounts to each general meeting
- Presents all records for Auditing each year
- Maintains Term Deposit (if held)
- Ensures proper accounting procedures are in place
- Ensures a tendering process is followed for the provision of goods & services
- Being a signatory on the Association’s Bank Accounts
Office Bearers Roles and Responsibilities

Canteen Convener
- Responsible for maintaining the adequate supply of ALL items for the Canteen
- Ordering food items on a regular basis
- Checking deliveries back to Invoices & Unpacking food items
- Doing a regular Stock-take of food items held
- Ensuring the Canteen meets the Health requirements of Dungog Shire Council Inspections
- Maintain & update the “menu” and “Daily Tasks Checklist” as required in consultation with Canteen Minute Taker & Canteen Treasurer

Canteen Minute Taker
- Attend every Canteen Meeting & take notes of the discussion in order to produce a set of minutes for subsequent distribution to members & for possible amendment & adoption at the following meeting
- Collect incoming correspondence from the office & table at the canteen meeting
- Write and distribute outgoing correspondence as required for the Canteen eg: Asking for volunteers in Newsletter
- Give notice of Canteen Meetings
- Attend every P&C Meeting & table those Minutes at the P&C Meetings
- Prepare & distribute the Canteen Roster each Term
- Maintain the Volunteer roster contact list ensuring it is up to date with contact numbers and availability
- Maintain & update the “menu” and “Daily Tasks Checklist” as required in consultation with Canteen Convenor & Canteen Treasurer

Canteen Treasurer
- The Canteen Treasurer takes direction from the P&C Treasurer, who is responsible for the financial management of all funds held in the name of the P&C Association
- Primarily responsible for the Banking of daily Takings
- Payment of Invoices & General expenses incurred by the Canteen
- Presents Accounts at every Canteen Meeting
- Is required to attend each P&C Meeting to present accounts
- Maintains the Cash Book
- Maintaining & updating the “menu” as required with consultation with Canteen Minute Taker & Canteen Convener

Uniform Shop Attendant
- Responsible for the smooth running of the Uniform shop
- Liaise with parents & the school principal in regards to the uniform requirements
- Maintain the Uniform List and prices
- Receive monies in exchange for uniform purchases
- Issues receipts for monies received
- Maintain a float of $60.00
- Maintain a sales record of clothing sold
- Maintain a stock take of all clothing held (including 2nd hand clothing) on a monthly basis
- Place orders for uniform requirements
- Prepare a Uniform Shop Report which is presented at each P&C Meeting
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Dear Parent/Guardian,

School photos will be taken on Wednesday 19 March 2014. All students have received their photograph envelope today.

MSP Photography uses a pre-pay system for their photos. All photographs have to be paid for before your child’s photograph is taken. MSP offer a 100% money-back guarantee if you are not completely satisfied with the photographs.

The envelopes are personalised with your child’s name, and barcoded. It is very important that each child return the envelope to the school whether purchasing photos or not. Please do not misplace the envelope with your child’s details as we do not have any spare envelopes.

Envelopes need to be returned to the office by FRIDAY 14 MARCH.

Payment for all students in a family can be placed in one envelope. However, it is important that each child of the family hands in their own envelope to the office – one order per envelope please. Clearly mark on each envelope the name and class of the child who has the money enclosed (eg Joe Smith, Year 6 envelope).

If ordering more than one package of photos or class photo, please indicate clearly by adding the number required next to the appropriate box (eg x2).

Please make any cheques payable to MSP Photography or enclose correct amount of money as no change is given. If paying for the whole family in one envelope, only one cheque is required for the total amount.

THE SCHOOL DOES NOT HANDLE MONEY OR CHANGE.

If you wish for your children to have a Family Portrait done, you will need to come to the office to collect a Family Portrait Pack pre-pay envelope. Also for students who have a parent not residing with them who would like a photo pack, please contact the office for another envelope. This is the responsibility of the parent not the school.

Regards

Louise Blakemore
Principal
Hunter Animal Rescue

8th Annual Pets Picnic

10AM to 3PM

16.03.14 - Speers Point Park

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