Term 1, Week 10

Student of the Week – Maxen ES1L

Maxen is a wonderful student. He is persistent, on task and a good listener. He likes games, reading and maths. He gets on very well with his classmates and teachers. Maxen will make a fine student of the week.

Student Achievement
Congratulations to our boys Knockout Softball team who played in round 1 last week – their sportsmanship was excellent as was their attitude – well done boys!

Well done to all the girls who participated in the Netball Gala Day at Raymond Terrace last week – once again excellent sportsmanship and participation – great job girls!

Special Parent Mention: “Just to let you know that Kassie Anderson successfully completed her full registration appraisal last week whilst assisting with the Gymnastics program. She really is a valuable asset for the school Kassie can now be engaged by the school to deliver programs within the AASC. “ – Adam Wren (Active After School Sports Program Coordinator)

Diary Dates

Tuesday 1 April
CSIRO Force & Movement Show

Wednesday 2 April
Easter Mufti Day

Tuesday 8 April
Peer Support Stage 3

Wednesday 9 April
Peer Support Stage 3
All Easter Raffle tickets due back.

Friday 11 April
Easter Raffle Drawn. Last Day Term 1

Anzac Day 25 April
CTPS will be marching at the Dawn Service

Monday 28 April
Staff Development Day

Tuesday 29 April
Term 2 Starts
Students return
Congratulations Kassie and thank you for your commitment to Clarence Town Public School Sport Programs.

Principal's News
This week got off to an early start for our Student Leaders, Mrs Kelson and I! At 4:30am this morning I arrived at school to pick up our girl Student Leaders while Mr Cummings picked up our boys and transported them to the bus at Adamstown Public School to travel to Sydney for the annual Student Leaders Conference. This is a great day where the students join student leaders from all over the state and hear inspirational speakers talking about their leadership experiences and learning how to be better leaders for our school. Mrs Kelson accompanied the leaders to Sydney and I know they will have a great day. Special thanks to the parents for organising the students’ early start and to Mr Cummings and Mrs Rusak for assisting with transport.

This kicks off a busy week with Mr Lofts and Mrs Etchells travelling to Dungog PS tomorrow for a PBL workshop. We also have our CSIRO Science Show tomorrow – this is always a great show and the students will have a brilliant time learning about science. On Wednesday we have our multi day with the Easter Egg fine – remember the Clarence Town IGA is offering 10% discount for Easter treats bought there for the donation. Wednesday is also the ZONE Cross Country and Mr Lofts will be travelling with our school team – good luck runners! Then on Thursday and Friday I will be out of school attending the 2014 Principals Conference on the Central Coast. A busy week as we head into the end of term.

This week there will be a power outage in Clarence Town as more power poles are replaced and essential works are undertaken.

Please be aware that school will not be closed as Essential Energy will supply us with a generator for the day and we will operate as usual.

Stranger Danger – thank you to those parents who rang to offer further information about the suspicious car around our area – I have passed all details onto the police who are continuing their investigations. Please be vigilant and remind students about Stranger Danger regularly.

I have included a flyer with information about Holiday activities at Port Stephens Library.

A few things to remember and add to your diary:
- Week 11 – NO SCHOOL CANTEEN
- Friday 11 April – last day Term 1
- Friday 25 April – Clarence Town PS will march in the local ANZAC Parade as is our tradition
- Monday 28 April – Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 29 April – Students resume for Term 2

Permission Notes & Payments Due

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Awards

ES1L
Bailee Gleeson, Keaghan McCook, Nash Jeffery

S1/2E
Lilly McDonnell, Harry Boyton, Caleb Shaw

S1E
Ebony Shaw, Josh Anderson, Xavier Hicks

S2G
Claudia Watt, Cale Consersdyne, Keeghan Stericker

S2/3L
Patrick Neilson, Tijay Parks, Darby Tout

S3G
Chloe Taylor, Oliver Braithwaite, Myhra Lencz-Rufo

31 March 2014
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

Special Notice
Last Wednesday the canteen was closed at short notice as one of the parent volunteers was ill and under WHS guidelines we need to have two volunteers in the canteen at all times it is open. As the P&C were unable to find a replacement volunteer, the call was made to close the canteen. When this occurs, as the Principal, it is my responsibility to ensure the students with recess and lunch orders are fed. However, as I am unable to be in the canteen due to my class and Administration commitments I can only offer a limited menu that includes a choice of sandwich with cheese, vegemite or jam, plain chips and fruit. I am able to sell the canteen drinks. So last Wednesday while everyone with an order was fed, there were a few disappointments due to the limited menu on offer. I would like to thank Mrs Jeffrey who dropped off bread and extra fruit for ‘fruito’ and Mr Smith for checking I was OK in making the sandwiches.

If this situation becomes regular we will need to look at only opening the canteen two days per week. This has a big impact on the students and also on the Canteen profits, which while a small amount, adds up over the weeks to give the P&C a steady income. These funds are used to support the school in many ways by purchasing resources/equipment for the classroom and the playground – over $10,000 in the last four years!

So…if you can spare the time please contact the school re: volunteering for the canteen or even putting your name down as a possible back up person for when someone else is ill or can’t make it. 

Every little bit helps!
Maitland Hockey Centre

WHO: Under 12 Players - Born 2002 - 2004

WHEN: 24th April
TIME: 10am - 4pm

REGISTRATION CLOSES: 7th April
COST: $53

REGISTER: Link can be found at 'maitlandhockey.org.au' or Hockey NSW

Registrations are open now
Auskick (4 to 7 years)
Under 9s, 11s, 13s, 15s and 17s
GiRLS 12 to 15!!!!! (starting in May)
All are welcome.
Season starts April 6.
Contact Dave Bainbridge on 0411239814
or at registrar@maitlandsaints.org.au
Juniors play Sunday

31 March 2014
Easter Mufti Day

On Wednesday 2 April all students, K-6, can come dressed out of uniform and the ‘fine’ will be an Easter donation for the P&C Easter Raffle.

Donations of Easter Eggs, as well as baskets and decorations are also appreciated.

Please note that if you purchase your donation from our local IGA Kay has organised a 10% discount – just mention the school name.

Thanks Kay for your wonderful generosity again!

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.

Student Emergency Contact Details

All students will have received our school emergency contact form (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.

Singleton Horse Sports Day

Entry forms are available at the school office. The sports day will be held on Friday 16 May 2014 at Singleton Showground. Entries close Thursday 30 April 2014.

SINGLETON HORSE SPORTS DAY

Friday 16th May 2014

Entry forms for the Singleton Horse Sports Day are now available on the Mt Pleasant School website:

www.mtleasntpublicschool.com.au

Please note that this year we have limited entries to 180 riders (previously 200 riders) so be sure to get your entry forms in early!

Lisa Fellowes
Secretary
Mt Pleasant Public School P & C Asso
Parking Signs and Rules

You must not stop on a length of road to which a **No Parking** sign applies unless you are dropping off, or picking up, passengers or goods. You must **not leave the vehicle** unattended and you must complete the dropping off, or picking up of passengers or goods within **2 min after stopping**. This is referred to as the **drop-off** or **pick-up zone** for schools.

You must not stop on a length of road to which a **No Stopping** sign applies.

You must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a public bus.

You may park in areas designated for the time shown on the sign. It may also indicate the times for when this restriction applies.

You must not stop or park in a zone showing a disability sign unless you display a permit.

**IMPORTANT:** Always obey parking signs around your child’s school as these signs help save children’s lives. Fines and loss of demerit points do apply to drivers not complying with parking conditions.