Congratulations to all students who attended the 2014 Clarence Town ANZAC March and Dawn Service. We had approximately 40 students marching for our school and more at the service. This sign of respect for the ANZAC spirit is always an inspiration – thank you to parents for organising the ‘troops’ so early! A special mention to our student leaders for playing their special part in the local ceremony – Nick Fren who carried the flag at the front of the march (and was interviewed for NBN television), Sam Cummings and Dominic Rusak who carried the school banner and Jasmine McLean and Jessie Taylor who laid the wreath on behalf of Clarence Town Public School.

Similarly, congratulations to all students who showed respect at our school ANZAC Service this morning. Well done to all students who laid a piece of rosemary as a sign of remembrance.

Special Announcement – Ms Greig’s little girl is here!

Welcome to Milla Yvonne Turner
Born 15th April 2014 at 3.34pm
7lb 11oz
50cm long

Mum, bub and dad all well!
Welcome back to Term 2 – I hope you all had a lovely Easter and quiet ANZAC Day. The students have returned very calm and settled – thank you mums and dads (no easy feat to get everyone up, organised and out of the house on time!). All classes are well settled and the term got off to a lovely start with our school ANZAC Service this morning. Special guest Tom Banister and Col Medcalfe once again made it a special event – their attendance each year is greatly appreciated. Our student leaders did an amazing job hosting the service and the following tributes were laid:

- Dominic Rusak and Jessie Taylor laid a wreath on behalf of Clarence Town Public School
- All students K-6 laid a piece of rosemary as a sign of remembrance
- Mr Medcalfe donated a book on behalf of Clarence Town ANZAC Committee
- Mr Banister laid a book donated by Clarence Town Bowling, Sport & Recreation Club
- Dominic Rusak laid a book on behalf of Clarence Town & District Historical Museum
- Jessie Taylor laid a book on behalf of Clarence Town Police Station
- Nick Fren laid a book on behalf of Williamtown RAAF Base
- Myhra Lencz-Rufo and Jasmine McLean laid books on behalf of Clarence Town Rural Fire Brigade
- Sam Cummings laid a book on behalf of Clarence Town Lions Club
- Lauren Aubin laid a book on behalf of Clarence Town Public School

Jake Godfrey did a marvellous job holding the flag throughout the service. The wreath and rosemary tributes have now been laid under our school flag poles and the donated books will be added to our school Library.

This term is a short one of nine weeks and will be very busy! Coming up we have Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN assessments, school Book Fair, Knights U’12 Knockout, GRIP Leadership day, Biggest Morning Tea, Dungog High School Stage 3 Gala Sports Day, Cystic Fibrosis fundraising, K-2 Wetlands Excursion, Starstruck, Dungog High School Year 10 Work Experience students, Horse Sports at Singleton and Dungog, Stage 2 Sydney Excursion and Life Education visit.

This term we also have ongoing programs, in:

- School Music Program – once again Mrs Bagnall will be coming in one day per week to take each class for music lessons and this year we will have a concert night at the conclusion of the program (end Term 3)
- Peer Support – Stage 3 students will lead K-4 groups of students through a series of lessons based on our PBL program. These lessons will occur each week on a Thursday afternoon.

Permission Notes & Payments Due

| Early Stage 1 | Mathletics - $14  
Voluntary Contribution - $20 |
| Stage 1 | Mathletics - $14 per student  
Voluntary Contribution - $20 |
| Stage 2 | Mathletics - $14 per student  
Voluntary Contribution - $20 |
| Stage 3 | Mathletics - $14 per student  
Voluntary Contribution - $20  
Broken Bay Excursion - $100 Deposit |

Awards

No Assembly on Friday 11 April.

ES1L  
S1/2E  
S1E  
S2G  
S2/3L  
S3G

29 April 2014
Active After School Sports Program – this term the program will start in week 3 and be Tuesday – Dance and Thursday – Athletics.

It is also the end of Semester one and therefore reports will go home at the end of the term. Since the implementation of the National Curriculum in English this year the format of the reports will be a little different this year to match the new elements of the syllabus. Reports will go home in the last week of term.

All staff will remain the same in Term 2, however Ms Kelson will be taking long service leave from tomorrow for six weeks to attend her sister’s wedding in Ireland! Mrs Gardiner will be in on a Monday on Miss Ellis class and Miss Ellis will replace Ms Kelson as the GATS, Computer and FoR coordinator. Then on a Tuesday and Wednesday Mrs Kavanagh will cover Ms Kelson’s technology lessons.

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

STEWART HOUSE DONATION DRIVE 2014

Students have received today an envelope from Stewart House asking for a $2 donation. All money raised supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools in NSW & ACT. All donations go into a draw to win a holiday valued at $4000 to a destination of your choice!

Please return envelopes to the school by Friday 16 May 2014.
Dungog & District School Horse Sports Day
This event will be held on Friday 13th June 2014, at Dungog Showground. Entries to be returned to our school by Friday 9th May. This is hosted by St Joseph’s Primary School, Dungog and supported by Dungog Pony Club.

Entry forms for this event are available from the school office.

Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Term 2 Excursion
An excursion has been planned for Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 to visit the Wetlands Environmental Education Centre in Shortland on Friday 30th May (Week 5). This excursion has been arranged to compliment the unit of work we will be doing in Term 2 (Wet and Dry Environments).
The cost of the excursion will be $22.00. This covers both the bus and the entry to the wetlands.

A permission note will be sent home this term with further details of this excursion.

Library Volunteers needed.
If you have some spare time our school library is looking for any parents willing to either take books home to cover or spend some time in the library covering books. If you are interested please come and see the office ladies. Your help to get these resources into our library for the benefit of our children is much appreciated.

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.

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Dungog Netball Winter Competition
Dungog Winter Competition for all players 10 years and under will commence this Saturday 3rd May 2014 at 9am sharp. 6 years and under will participate in Net set Go program while all players 7-10 years will play modified rules in netball.
We will be accepting registrations throughout the morning. For further information, please contact Sam Rumbel 0407 953293 or Katrina Watson 0407 923397