Term 1, Week 11

Student of the Week – Ebony S1E

Ebony is a pleasure to have in the classroom. She is always keen, enthusiastic and eager to learn. Ebony shows persistent effort and determination. She has developed wonderful work habits and can be relied upon to do her best. Ebony likes to play with her friends. She is a polite and friendly student. Ebony enjoys all aspects of school.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to all students who represented our school at the Zone Cross Country last Wednesday. Our students were very well behaved and participated with enthusiasm and good sportsmanship. Many of our students finished in the first quarter of their event. Thank you to Mr Lofts for organising the day and to all the parents who assisted with transport making the day a success.

Last Friday Dominic Rusak and Jake Godfrey participated in the Regional Soccer Trials narrowly missing selection and making it into the possibles and probables group. Congratulations to Dominic and Jake for their efforts and achievement.
Welcome to the last week of Term 1. We have a busy week with Year 6 undertaking their Peer Support training with Mrs Etchells and Miss Ellis. They will complete the first day of training today here at school and the final day, Wednesday at Glen William Community Hall. Next Term the Year 6 students will lead mixed grade groups through a Peer Support program focused on anti-bullying.

Friday is the last day of Term 1 and our annual Easter Hat Parade. The students will need to make their Easter hats at home this year and bring them into school on Friday morning. The Easter Hat Parade will be between 2-3 pm in the hall and parents are welcome to attend. A prize for the best design from each stage will be presented at the Easter Hat Parade. All students will also receive an Easter egg on the day.

Last week Mrs Kelson attended the Young Leaders Conference with our Student Leaders. The conference was held at Sydney Entertainment Centre and was a very inspiring day for our young leaders.

We listened to a series of speakers, including a recorded address from Prime Minister Tony Abbott, and in person addresses from Mike Martin (Executive Director of Halogen), The Honourable Bob Carr (former NSW Premier and Foreign Minister), Cohen Ashton (Young Australian of the Year), Andy Griffiths (Children’s Author) and Ita Buttrose (Australian of the Year, Author and High Profile media personality) speak about being a leader and the attributes leaders need.

The first speaker Mike Martin’s main thoughts were around the idea of ‘influence’. His main thought being: “Nothing great, cool or long lasting ever starts out that way” Bob Carr’s message was “Everyone has doubts; you can do it if you keep going”. Cohen Ashton is a sixteen year old who has Cystic Fibrosis and is leading an awareness campaign regarding the importance of organ donation by telling his own inspirational story. Andy Griffiths gave an inspirational rendition of some of his work enticing the audience to choose the path of the story. His message was to “ask questions no one else will and always do the opposite to what the audience expects.” Ita Buttrose shared her message “no one else dreams your dreams, it is important to let people know you want to be a leader, good leaders say “we”, be brave and embrace the detours.” Once again our student leaders came away feeling inspired about their own leadership paths and ready to proactively lead our school towards the future.

I finished my week with the annual Hunter Central Coast Regional Principals Conference in Terrigal on Thursday and Friday. This was also an inspiration time listening to a variety of speakers. As you would be aware this is a time of change for the Department of Education and Communities and as such there was much talk about how we can best lead our schools through this process.
During the first week of Term 2 we celebrate ANZAC Day. Our school will be holding its ANZAC Service on Tuesday 29th April from 9:30-10:30 in the School Hall. The students of Clarence Town Public School will also be marching in the local Clarence Town ANZAC Dawn Service on Friday April 25th. Your support at both of these events is much appreciated.

I wish you all a safe and happy Easter Holidays and look forward to seeing you all returning refreshed on Tuesday 29th of April for the start of Term Two.

The P & C meeting scheduled for tonight has been postponed, we will advise you of the new date early next term.

Louise Blakemore
Principal

Active After School
Many thanks, to the boys and girls who have attended the sessions each Tuesday and Thursday this term. Both coaches have commented on the excellent behaviour and participation in Rugby League and Gymnastics activities they have been exposed to over the last 7 weeks. One of our school leaders, Sam Cummings was praised in particular for his maturity and leadership during the course of the program. Thanks also to Kassie Anderson, Jenny Cooper and Kathy Viner for their great help and assistance this term. Looking forward to dance next term, further information will be provided at the start of term 2.

Gymnastics will be on this Thursday afternoon, it is the last session.

Steve Lofts

Easter Hat Parade and Easter Egg Raffle
Our Easter Hat Parade will be held this Friday 11th April between 2.00 – 3.00pm here at the school. The children will be required to make their hats at home and bring them in on the day. The Easter Raffle will also be drawn on this day.

Clarence Town ANZAC Day Dawn Service
Anzac Day falls on Friday 25th April this year, the second week of the school holidays.

As always we encourage our students to march as a school in their best winter uniform. This is a mark of respect for those who paid the ultimate sacrifice so that we might live in peace.

Our Student Leaders will lead our parade and lay a wreath at the Cenotaph. Student Leaders are reminded to wear their full School
Leadership uniform including school blazers and tie. Leaders are to make sure they collect their uniform from the school and take it home on Friday the last day of this term.

Students are asked to assemble at the Bowling Club by 5.15am. Breakfast will be provided following the march at the Clarence Town Bowling Club.

**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 next term 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 early next term with further details of this excursion.

Regard
Steve Lofts, Bonnie Etchells and Kylie Ellis

**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.