Term 2, Week 8

Student of the Week – ES1L

Charlie is an enthusiastic and energetic member of ES1L. He really enjoys sport and his schoolwork. Charlie always helps others when he can. He will make a fine Student of the Week!! Congratulations

Student Achievement

Last week Jasmine McLean, Jade Taylor, Myhra Lencz-Rufo, Aneeka Knight, Emily Lightfoot, Caitlin Lightfoot, Gabrielle Fren, Gracie Kershaw and Abijade Bee represented the school at Star Struck as part of the choir. The girls did an amazing job and worked very hard and had very long days to achieve their success. Congratulations girls - please see further over in the newsletter for feedback from the choir director and a photo.
Another busy week has come and gone and as the term draws to an end we finally have some more winter like weather. Last Tuesday I attended a meeting in our Newcastle State Office for a briefing on the National Consistent Collection of Data (NCCD) which will be a National Data base for the collection of data around students who fall on the disability standards continuum. This disability standards continuum is very long and comprehensive and includes students with recognised disabilities as well as students receiving support for learning or social issues, as well as students with medical conditions. This year we are required to begin the preliminary planning for these processes before the initiative is mandatory in 2015. I will be speaking and meeting with parents in the coming months to set up this data base for our school, if you have any questions please contact the school.

Last week we also had 9 students represent the school in the 2014 Magic Happens Star Struck performance as part of the mass choir. The girls performed brilliantly and remembered their parts and coordinated their props well. I would like to pass on my own congratulations to the Clarence Town group.

Thank you to:
Mrs Etchells and Mrs Wade who organised the girls music, practice and props leading up to the show,
Mrs Etchells and Mrs Price who coordinated the notes and purchases of props and t-shirts,
Mrs Etchells who attended the second rehearsal and the Dress Rehearsal days,
Mrs Wade who attended the first rehearsal and First performance day,

Mrs Lightfoot who assisted with transport on both rehearsal days, the dress rehearsal day and both performance days, as well as coordinating dinner meals on both nights and taking students home each night - thanks Michelle this extra support made my job so much easier! The parents of the girls who had them at school very early and picked them up very late after each performance (Thursday's Dress Rehearsal day was 6:30am-5:30pm, Fridays performance day was 8:00am-11:30pm and Saturday's performance day was 11:30am-1130pm). Thanks also to parents for coordinating costumes and ensuring the students had their bags packed to cover the long
days. Also the parents who attended performances and took students home afterwards. It was a very successful event and one I am sure the girls will remember for a long time to come. A special moment for the girls was when the solo performers, back- up singers and band made a guard of honour and clapped them out of the auditorium chanting choir, choir, as they exited.

The P&C also had a very successful fund raiser last Thursday evening with the Chef's Toolbox. The P&C executive did an amazing job coordinating the ticket sales, lucky door prize, raffle prizes and event. It was especially great to see the support from the previous executive president and secretary at the event as well, where 35 ticket holders experienced a great night of information and cooking demonstrations with a delicious chicken risotto and sticky date pudding desserts being created. The P&C set a target to raise $1200 and they have so far raised around $800 - a wonderful result for lots of hard work. Thank you to the parents and community members who supported the event to raise funds for the school to purchase new climbing equipment. It was wonderful to see so much community support for our school. Well done!

This week is another busy one with Stage 2 heading off to Sydney on Wednesday for their Excursion where they will walk across the Sydney Harbour Bridge, climb the Sydney Harbour Bridge South Pylon, walk through The Rocks passed Captain Cook's Cottage, Circular Quay and the Opera House before heading into the Botanic Gardens for an activity filled afternoon, then a quick rest on Mrs Macquarie's Chair before heading home. Thank you to Mr Lannigan and Mr Kemp for organising the excursion and Mrs Price for coordinating the notes, payment and itinerary.

Then on Thursday we have our Stage 3 Gold Day at school. The students will be dressing in period costume as they participate in a day of activities to replicate life on the Australian Gold Fields. Ms Golden, Mr Lannigan, Mrs Wade and Mrs Kelson have worked hard to coordinate the day and the students are very excited. They will also be joined by former student and My Kitchen Rules Tresne Middleton who is going to assist with preparing a beef stew and damper on the day.

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We are very lucky to have a great team of staff at Clarence Town Public School who work hard to give our students the best opportunities - it was especially nice at Star Struck to have a teacher from another school compliment me on our great team and to also get fabulous feedback from Sid Fogg about the great team work from the school in organising the Sydney Excursion, as well as a contractor at school who gave me a wonderful compliment on what a great school we have.

This week I will be out of school on Wednesday to attend the Stage 2 Sydney Excursion and on Friday to attend the Term 2 Primary Principals Meeting at Maitland. I will also be meeting in school with DEC WHS staff on Tuesday about the latest updates and on Thursday with our Director to discuss planning for 2015. We have had three major maintenance problems this term with a storm water drainage pipe break which was repaired last week, some graffiti in the boys toilets (expert opinion suspects older trespassers on site) which has now also been repaired and a termite issue in our Hall - the termites have gone and we are now awaiting repair to the stage and some floor areas. The Hall is safe to use during this time. Teachers have now completed their Semester 1 Reports which will be proof read by supervisors this week before being printed and sent home next week.

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.

Louise Blakemore
Principal
Email from Chris Blake-StarStruck 2014 Choir Director to Louise Blakemore

I am writing to thank you for allowing Clarence Town Public School to be a part of the massed choir for Star Struck 2014 “Magic Happens”. The children from your school were extremely well behaved and should be acknowledged publicly for their hard work in preparing the repertoire for this year’s show. You did an amazing job preparing props and ensuring that the children were well prepared, not to mention giving up evenings and the weekend to be there for the students. I understand that allowing your school to be involved comes at quite a significant cost in monetary terms; however, the skills and experience the students gain from this, in my opinion, far outweigh these costs. To be involved with Star Struck is a memory your students will hold for a lifetime, a legacy you have facilitated. I ask again that you please acknowledge the hard work both your staff and students have put into the choir this year. I am looking forward to Clarence Town Public School’s continual involvement in the future.

Life Education Van
All students received a note last week about the school’s visit by the Life Education Van. Permission note and a $9.00 payment are due Monday 16 June 2014.

Head Lice Alert
It is the time of the year for head lice. There have been a few cases reported in the School. We encourage all parents to make Sunday night “Nit Night” by checking your child’s hair.

Athletics Carnival
All students will have received a note with information about our school’s Athletics Carnival, which will be held Wednesday 25 June (weather permitting). Permission notes are due back Thursday 19 June 2014.
Naidoc Week Performance
As part of NAIDOC week celebrations, our school has invited an Indigenous Performer to our school on Tuesday 15 July 2014. A note went home last week explaining the cost and details. The permission note and money are due back by Friday 20 June 2014.

Community News

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NAIDOC WEEK

NAIDOC Week is a time to celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements. This year’s theme is “Serving Country - Centenary & Beyond”. It honours all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and women who fought in defence of country.

This year, we will be hosting three separate events being:

♦ Monday 7th - 8.00am / Marching @ Raymond Terrace commencing at the Cenotaph near the Bowling Club. M/Tea, Breakfast will be held at the PSC courtyard at 9am (Sponsored by PSC).

♦ Wednesday 9th @ 8.30am Nelson Bay Bowling Club (Car Park at top of Stockton St). Marching at 9am to Apex Park for a BBQ

♦ MURROOK Family Fun Day—Friday 11th July (10am—2pm) Rides and Entertainment for the whole family. Invite your friends.

We encourage all Australians to join with us as we celebrate.

The week is a great opportunity to participate in a range of activities and to support your local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community.

Clarence Town School of Arts
“Condition, Tone and Sculpt” class
With Jane from Peak Performance Tenambit
Thursdays at 10am (starting 19 June 2014)
$10 per person
Children welcome (parents to supervise)
Details contact Yvonne 0417 040 398