Term 2, Week 9

Student of the Week – Claire S1E

Claire is a polite, reliable and popular student. She is a conscientious student who completes all tasks efficiently. Claire is able to show respect for the ideas and opinions of others. She is extremely courteous and thoughtful and her gentle nature is a wonderful example for all children. Claire has a terrific sense of humour and always has a smile on her face. She enjoys playing with her friends and she loves to read. Claire is a delight to have in our class. Congratulations Claire!!

Student Achievement
Our debating team (Jade Taylor, Jessie Taylor, Anneeka Knight and Tayla Howarth) attended Bolwarra Public School last Friday. Despite presenting some compelling arguments in favour of the motion they were outpointed on the day. Well done girls especially as Jade and Anneeka were replacements as some of our regular members were sick.
On the 20 June last Friday, Anneeka, Jade, Jessie and Tayla travelled to Bolwarra Public School for a debate against Bolwarra’s debating team. The topic for the debate was “Should Australians have a three day long weekend?”. We were on the affirmative team. Unfortunately we were unsuccessful but we only lost by one point.

**Stage 3 Goldfield’s Day**

Congratulations Stage 3 on brilliant work going back in time last week to re-enact the gold fields. The day was a huge success, keep an eye on the Dungog Chronicle and Maitland Mercury for reports.

**Report by Melany, Emily L & Brooke**

On Thursday the 19 June Stage 3 participated in a super fantastic gold day down in tawny corner. The reason for this fun day was for us to actually understand how hard life was back then on the goldfields as most of us have been learning about who, when and where the first piece of gold was found in Australia and much more.

We had a great time cooking beef stew and damper as well as getting the chance to actually find our own gold. It felt so realistic. We also dressed up as they would have in the goldfields.

We would like to give a huge thanks to all the parents and teachers who helped on the day, especially Miss Golden for organising the whole day, without her support the day would never had existed.

**Stage 2 Sydney Excursion**

Learning, safety and respect were brilliantly displayed last week by Stage 2 on their excursion to Sydney.

**Report by Xanthia**

Our trip to Sydney took 3 hours & 47 minutes, we stopped at Milson Point for a toilet break and some food. Then we went up to the Bridge and with lots of squealing and excitement we got out our cameras and took some photos. We saw the Opera House and were soon off the Bridge and heading to the Pylon.

Inside we watched a movie about the building of the Bridge and we got to hold some of the rivet’s. We walked up 208 stairs to
the top of the Pylon. We enjoyed lunch on the steps of the Opera House and then walked to the Botanical Gardens before our bus trip home.

Principal's News

Welcome to the last week of Term 2 and the close of Semester 1. It has been a jam packed term with amazing opportunities in all areas and last week was no exception with students from Stage 2 on an excursion to Sydney, Stage 3 Goldfield’s Day, students at a debate and also the Cessnock Horse Sports Day. This week also brings more opportunity with Healthy Harold's messages in the Life Education Van today and tomorrow. These lessons in healthy choices are an integral part of our personal development and health programs. Our 2014 Athletics Carnival where everyone gets to participate in an exciting day of sport events. A Red Nose Mufti Day to support SIDS. A gold coin donation is required to come dressed in red and merchandise will be available to purchase later this week to support this important research.

Semester 1 Reports will go home on Thursday this week all being well, we have trialled a new reporting program this Semester to include the new areas of the English syllabus and while it looks similar in many ways to the old format it is totally different in how teachers input the information. This week Ms Kelson is busy extracting the data and comments for the printed copies.

While it has been an incredibly busy Term we have sustained our great School and Community links and have had great success, thanks to a lot of hard work. I would like to thank all my staff for their amazing dedication and commitment to organising opportunities for our students and ensuring these are implemented smoothly and efficiently. I would like to thank the parents who support the school through volunteering their time as classroom helpers, book coverers, canteen volunteers, chauffeurs, fundraising organisers and supporters, P&C executive and members, active after school sport volunteers and special day supporters - these efforts are greatly appreciated by me, my staff and our students and are another reason why our school is a great place of learning and opportunity for all. I would also like to thank the community businesses and groups who also support our programs, special events and initiatives. This collaborative effort makes a
brilliant school and community culture - by working together we achieve great things.

Unfortunately I have been struck down with the dreaded influenza which turned into bronchitis and have been away from school for several days. I see my GP today and hopefully will be back on deck tomorrow and the rest of the week. I would like to thank Ms Kelson, Miss Ellis and Mrs Price who have kept the school running in tip top shape in my absence for their hard work and proactive efforts. I will also be taking some Long Service Leave for the first few weeks of Term 3 and Ms Kelson and Miss Ellis will be relieving in the Principal role during this time.

There has been some confusion in regard to our award system, below is the information you need.

3 x Merit Awards and or Happy Notes = White Tawny Award
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3 x Merit Awards and or Happy Notes = Gold Award
3 x Gold Awards = 1 Pin

Children are only to bring in Happy Notes and or Merit Awards. There is no need to send in the White Tawny Awards as our system records those awards already given.

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 safe & happy holiday

Louise Blakemore
Principal
Active After Schools Sport

This is our last week for dance and athletics. On Tuesday the dance group will present a performance of the dances they have learnt this term. Active After School will continue next term with some new sports. Further details as we confirm with coaching providers.

Many thanks to Jackie (dance), Cassie Anderson and Jenny Cooper (athletics), for their hardwork this term.

Steve Lofts.

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. All students are to assembly at the Rugby League Field, to start at 9.00am.

Naidoc Week Performance

As part of NAIDOC week celebrations, our school has invited an Indigenous Performer to our school on Tuesday 15 July 2014. The permission note and money were due back last Friday 20 June 2014.

Red Nose Day

Friday 27 June 2014 is our school’s Red Nose Day. All students are asked to dress in RED to support our Mufti Day. Merchandise will be on sale later this week.

Aberdeen Horse Sports Day

This event will be held on Friday 29 August 2014. Entry forms and money are due back at school by Tuesday 15 July (first day back of Term 3).
RECREATIONAL GYMNASTICS CLASSES
TERM 3, ’14

DUNGOG – THURSDAYS

5 – 8 year olds: 3.30 – 4.30pm
9 - 12 year olds: 4.30 – 5.30pm

Dungog Public School Hall

Recreational Gymnastics is coming Dungog! Gym Matrix is a locally owned and operated mobile gymnastics provider. Commencing 17th July, 2014 your child will be able to experience gymnastics from a basic level. Each week your child will learn new skills to improve their coordination, strength and flexibility with a program full of variety and fun.

Gym Matrix has a great range of equipment, including mini-tramp, rings, parallel bars, high bar, wedges, 3 x beams, landing mats and thick foam flooring.

For more details and to register your child in fun gymnastics program please go to, www.gymmatrix.com.au.
Registration and payment can also be made 3 – 4pm, Thursday 26th June ’14, Dungog Public School.

Follow our updates on facebook – www.facebook.com/gymmatrix

Cost is $10 per week. (Total $100 for full term). Also payable is $37 for Gymnastics NSW membership and insurance (this payment of $37 is payable only once in a calendar year).

Any questions, please don’t hesitate to call 0414 848 046 or email info@gymmatrix.com.au

Jen Kendell
Owner/Coach

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THE DANNY BUDERUS SUPER CLINIC
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Aberdeen 7 July, Taree 10 July Newcastle 11 July
$50 includes: Clinic, training shirt, bag, drink bottle, poster and much more.

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