Term 3, Week 1

Student of the Week – Max S1/2E

This week’s recipient of Student of the Week comes from S1/2E and is very deserving of the award. Max is hardworking, responsible and respectful member of the classroom. He always works to the best of his ability and is able to show initiative when a job needs doing.

Max models our PBL School values of Respect, Safety and Learning and is a great role model for other students. Max has a great attitude towards school and has demonstrated this in all he does. Well done Max and congratulations from S1/2E.

Student Achievement
On the last Friday of term, we held our annual Athletics Carnival. All students actively participated on the day; in fact we had the highest level of participation in ten years. We are very proud of our students and their achievements. We would also like to extend congratulations to our parent participants; in particular to the race winners Mr Boyton and Mrs Shaw. A big thank you to Mr Lofts and Mr Wells for setting up the grounds.

Diary Dates

Tuesday 15 July
P & C Meeting 7pm

Thursday 17 July
Naidoc Day

Friday 18 July
Assembly this week

Friday 18 July – 8 August
Gymnastics for Sport each Friday all students K-6

Wednesday 23 July
LMG Sport Day in Dungog
All students K-6

Thursday 24 July
Book Club Due Back
Responsible Pet Ownership for students K-2

15 July 2014
and to the Canteen volunteers for running the canteen on the day.

**Principal’s News**
Welcome to Term 3 and Semester 2 for 2014. I trust you enjoyed the holiday break – the students have certainly been full of holiday news on their return. Students have settled in well and we are looking forward to a busy term.

On Monday the teaching staff attended our joint Local Management Group – Dungog and District Community of Schools – Staff Development Day. We joined with teachers from Dungog HS, Dungog PS, Paterson PS, Vacy PS, Martins Creek PS, Gresford PS and Glen William PS to undertake Professional Development in Health and Wellbeing. The day was very interesting; we were able to bring away a lot of ideas as well as continue to build a strong educational network in our community of schools.

Today’s planned Indigenous Performance by Sean Choolburra has been postponed due to unforeseen illness. We are hoping Sean will be able to visit us on Thursday of this week when we will hold our School NAIDOC celebrations.

After Fruito we break up into our Peer Support Groups to participate in a variety of cultural activities, including Indigenous Games, Aboriginal Art, Dreamtime Stories, Face Painting and cultural activities. I would like to thank my staff for the great work in organising the day and to Miss Ellis for her work in coordinating the day’s program also to the P&C who will be holding a BBQ lunch and Cake Stall on the day. Miss Ellis is asking for parent volunteers to assist with face painting on the day. Parents are welcome to attend for any part of the day’s activities. A note will come home today with more information regarding this event.

Then on Friday we will begin our Gymnastics Program which will run four weeks. I am looking forward to seeing our students participate in what should be a great program.

In the coming weeks we have a series of events, including our LMG combined school’s sport day, held in Week Two and Education Week in Week Three. So keep a close eye on each week’s newsletter for further information.

Tonight is our P & C Meeting which starts at 7pm in the school staffroom. Everyone is welcome to come along.
Just before I sign off some staffing updates:

As you are probably aware I am taking leave for the first three weeks of this term. Whilst I am away the following staff changes will be in place:

- Mon, Tue and Wed Ms Kelson will be Relieving Principal, Miss Ellis Relieving Assistant Principal
- Thurs and Friday Miss Ellis will be Relieving Principal and Mr Lofts Relieving Assistant Principal
- Ms Angela Bunn will teach Technology Tuesday and Wednesday and S1E Thursday and Friday

Should you wish to contact the school via email please use the school email address as listed at the top of this newsletter.

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.

As you can see a busy start to Term 3 with wonderful opportunities for our students, we look forward to a great term.

Louise Blakemore
Principal

Gymnastics for Sport
As part of our sporting program for Term 3 we are holding a Gymnastics Program during Term 3. All students will attend Gymnastics sessions each Friday from 18 July to 8 August. The cost is $16 for the four week program. Permission notes are due back ASAP and money paid by 18 July.
LMG Commonwealth Games Day
The permission note for this event went home last week of term. The LMG Day will be held on Wednesday 23 July at Bennett Park in Dungog. Permission notes and money are to be returned by tomorrow. There will be no supervision at school as all students are expected to attend.

Chicken Pox
The school would like to let you know that a student from this school has chicken pox. We ask that you be vigilant in checking your children for any symptoms.

Gloucester Schools Horse Sports Day
This event will be held on Friday 29 August 2014 at Gloucester Showground. Entry forms are available from our office. Entries are to be back at school by Wednesday 23 July 2014.

Book Club
Book Club was sent home today. Book Club orders and money are due back Thursday 24 July 2014 at 9am. If you are paying by cheque please make it payable to Clarence Town Public School. This is important as we do all orders online and must issue only one cheque.

Red Nose Day
Thank you for the support last Term for this worthy Charity. We raised $315.00 through the mufti day and the sale of merchandise.