Term 3, Week 9

Student of the Week: Emily S3G

Emily is a kind, sensible and friendly student who always undertakes tasks in a calm and co-operative way. She always has a smile and a kind word for everyone. She enjoys helping others, creative arts, horse riding, hanging out with her friends and loves anything to do with Paris.

Although Emily has only been at Clarence Town P.S. since January, she loves being a part of our school and always upholds our motto of Kindness, Honesty and Effort. Emily is a great role model for our school and is to be commended on her exceptional behaviour and attitude to life. Congratulations Emily you make an excellent Student of the Week!!

Student Achievement
As part of our “Active After School Community Sports” children have been participating in basketball on a Thursday afternoon.

Diary Dates

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Their coaches are Ben Murray from California. He plays for the Newcastle Hunters as a shooting guard and Susi Walmsley from Newcastle. She is also a shooting guard and plays for the Hunters.

Principal's News
It is wonderful to be back on deck this week and back into my normal routine. I would like to thank Mrs Kelson and Miss Ellis for stepping up into the Relieving Principal role in my absence, they did an amazing job. Also thank you to Mr Lofts who stepped up into the Relieving Assistant Principal role and gave wonderful support to Mrs Kelson and Miss Ellis. Thanks also to Mr Lannigan who was an excellent support during my absence; and of course a huge thank you to Mrs Price and Mrs Allen who kept the office running smoothly. It is wonderful to know that the school is in great hands when I am away.

I hope all of our dads and grandads had a wonderful Fathers’ Day. The P&C did a brilliant job with the Fathers’ Day Stall and I hope you enjoyed your gifts. Thanks to Mrs Hicks and Mrs Jeffery who organised the stall and all the volunteers for assisting on the day.

The last two weeks of school are busy as usual:
**Today** - we have our Week 9 in School Public Speaking competition as there is no assembly this Friday
**Tuesday** – we have our first full dress rehearsal for our concert
**Wednesday, Thursday & Friday** – Stage 3, Mr Lannigan, Miss Golden and Mr Lofts are off to Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Camp (Miss Bunn will be teaching ES1L during this time).
NB: There is no Friday assembly this week as Stage 3 are at camp.

**NAPLAN**
The 2014 NAPLAN results have arrived and Year 3 and Year 5 students will receive their results with today’s newsletter. If you have any questions regarding the reports please let me know via email louise.blakemore@det.nsw.edu.au or through the

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### Awards

**Friday 5 September 2014**

**ES1L**
Bailee Gleeson, Charlie Jones, Charlie Englefield

**S1/2E**
Lilly McDonnell, Harry Watt, Oliver Hoffman

**S1E**
Claire Bagnall, Madelyn Bagnall, Rufus Ainsworth

**S2G**
Lilly Palmer, Lachlan Keller, Makiah Archer

**S2/3L**
Daniel Edwards, Tenieka Neilson, Patrick Neilson

**S3G**
Alecia Swallow, Jessie Taylor, Sam Cummings
A full analysis report will be published in the newsletter early next term, but after a brief look at our results we can celebrate:

- All school trend data shows an improvement in Year 5 results in all areas of reading, Persuasive Writing, Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation and Numeracy.
- Our Growth from Year 3 to Year 5 shows that 86.4% of students had greater than or equal to expected growth in the area of spelling.
- Our Growth from Year 5 to Year 7 shows that 69.9% of students had greater than or equal to expected growth in the area of Numeracy.
- In Year 3 our school average is consistent across all areas.
- In Year 5 our school averages are consistent in all areas, except Persuasive Writing.

Mrs Etchells will remain on sick leave for the remainder of this term and Mrs Jensen will continue teaching S1/2E. Mrs Jensen is doing a wonderful job with the class.

I will be leaving school a little early today and Wednesday as I am the Principal mentor for our local aspiring leaders’ course. I have already lead two workshops with this group of aspiring leaders and it has been a wonderful to see their development and I look forward to working with them again this week and into the future as they head into Assistant Principal and Head Teacher roles. I will also be out of the school on Thursday to attend a meeting with our Deputy Secretary of schools Greg Prior who will be giving us lots of information regarding the DEC future directions and planning.

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
School Concert
We are looking forward to presenting to you our school concert – Music “Through The Ages”. There will be two performances on **Wednesday 17th September**.

The first will be a **Matinee Performance starting at 1.30pm; this will be a gold coin donation.**

The second an **Evening Performance starting at 6.00pm, these tickets will be $5.00 per ticket or $15.00 for a family ticket (2 adults & 2 children).**

Tickets can be purchased from the School Office. You will be able to select your seating preference at the Office when you purchase your tickets. There will be a sausage sizzle dinner available starting from 5.00pm.

Public Speaking

Our speakers for Friday 19 September are Dominic Rusak, Tijay Parks, Taylor Howarth and Isaac Smith. Good luck students!!!

Our winner from last Friday was Gabby Fren and today’s winner was Melany Ford. Congratulations and well done!

Head Lice Alert

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

Portrait Packs

Clarence Town Public School & Preschool are holding a Portrait Fundraiser for families on Saturday 18th October 2014. All forms need to be returned to the school by Friday 12 September, so times can be arranged for this fundraiser.

Clarence Town IGA

Our local IGA Store gave our school a cheque for $250 last week as part of their “Community Benefits Program”. The IGA supports our school throughout the year. Please remember to show your support by shopping at the local business’s that help to support our school and students.

8 September 2014
Kinder Enrolment 2015

We are now taking enrolments for Kinder 2015.

If your child will be attending our school next year, please contact the office on 4996 4156 to enrol your child.