Term 4, Week 2

Student Achievement:
Great work Darby Tout, Patrick Neilson and Hayden Prentice who have been working on improving their Citizenship by completing lots of extra jobs around the school in their play time. Great use of your time and energy boys.

Great work Jesse and Broc who started the year well with excellent writing on Day 1 of Term 4.

Fabulous work Macy-Lyn on a writing piece about what her life may be like in the future. Her writing showed great maturity, resilience and wisdom.

Congratulations to Deynah Bruce, Emily Layzell and Harrison Jones who competed in the Dungog Horse Sports Day on Friday 9 October, there were approx. 170 competitors. All rode extremely well and got along well with other students competing.
Deynah was 5th in the flag event. Emily came 5th in the riding class, 3rd in Western Pole Bending and 2nd in the in & out paddock event plus the encouragement award in her age group. It was the first horse sports day for both girls. Harrison won a ribbon in every event he took part in & was awarded Reserve Champion Under 9’s.

Congratulations to our 2009 Graduating class who have just graduated from Dungog High School – Jake Ballard, Harrison Cromarty, Aleesha Foley, Jared Ford, Breanna Humphries, Jorja Lambert, Nicholas Maiden, Stephen McLaughlin, Kevin Miller, Jordan Papworth, Henry Rijke, Chloe Williams-Gray and Erin Upton. We wish you all the best in your upcoming HSC exams…a special mention for Jeniah Colefax, Caitlin McDonald, Alexis Neilson and Sam Neilson who while didn’t attend Clarence Town Public School are part of our wider school community at Clarence Town.

Principal's News
The term has started really well and I have been impressed with how quickly the students settled into Term 4 and they have been ready to learn, being respectful and safe. The hotter weather does bring its challenges and I would like to remind parents to check that your child(ren) have a wide brimmed school hat each day and at least one water bottle to sip from throughout the day. We have several bindy patches in the playground and several students have had close encounters with them and they have been leaving a ‘bindy rash’ if you have concerns your child may be allergic please let the office know as soon as possible so suitable arrangements can be made. Congratulations mums and dads for your hard work in ensuring the students returned promptly and are looking great in their summer uniforms. Some of our mornings have been a little chilly and jumpers may still be necessary – can you please check that children are bringing their school jumpers.

As I said last week the term is very busy and this week we have:

- Stage 2 and 3 Swimming for Sport – Stage 3 on Wednesday and Stage 2 on Friday. Please remember that students need rash shirts or similar and hats to attend and there has been a price rise at the pool and entry is now $2.10 (please try and have the correct money to avoid delays with change.)
- K-2 will have their Responsible Pet Information Session on Thursday to demonstrate how to care for pets and how to approach other people’s pets in a safe manner. This is an annual workshop for our K-2 students and is very beneficial.

Permission Notes & Payments Due

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Awards

Wednesday 7 October
No Assembly was held.

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12 October 2015
I will be out of the school from Monday to Wednesday at training in Sydney and on Thursday afternoon for Principal meetings at Telarah Public School. Ms Kelson and Miss Ellis will be acting Principal in my absence if you have any concerns or problems.

The students are busy making their invitations for grandparents to attend our grandparents Day on Wednesday 21 October 2015 (see general invite further over in newsletter) – we would appreciate it if you can assist them to deliver the invites to their grandparents. We are looking forward to a wonderful day.

This week we will focus on our Respect indicators in PBL:

- Care for Property and Equipment
- Follow Instructions the First time
- Use Positive Language

I would encourage parents and carers to talk about these indicators at home, what it look like and how we can improve in these areas. Our particular focus during this time is developing resilience, being organised, being persistent and developing confidence.

The Student Welfare Program is progressing well with our 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 Sa

Have a great week
Louise Blakemore
Principal

**Road Safety**

Please note that the parking along Queen St has changed with the road works and there are new “No Stopping” signs on the school side of Queen Street between the school crossing and the bridge. To keep our kids safe and avoid a hefty fine please avoid parking and stopping in this area.
All Grandparents are invited to attend our 2015...

**Wednesday 21 October 2015**

12:30-1:30pm  Classrooms Activities
1:30-2:00pm  Devonshire Afternoon Tea
2:00-3:00pm  Special tribute to Grandparents
2:00-3:00pm  Special tribute to Grandparents  Assembly

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**WANTED**

The P&C are participating in the Dungog Shire Biggest Garage Sale and require your help:

- People to 'man' the garage sale stall on Saturday 24th October from 8am to 12 noon – if you can help by volunteering an hour of your time within this timeframe please let Matthew, Racquel, Kelly or Dannii know.
- Donation of items suitable to sell – please note these items need to be in reasonable condition. Please contact the school office 49964156 before sending items in so storage arrangements can be made.

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**GARAGE SALE**

12 October 2015
The P&C is once again holding its annual Halloween Disco for K-6 students. The disco will be held on Friday 30 October in the school Hall. More details re: times, volunteers, etc will be in next week’s newsletter….

BUT…

We need lots and lots of decorations to make our school Hall look spooky!!!!

In the past our families have made very generous donations of decorations – both bought and home made and our Hall always looks sensational. If you can assist please send any decorations into the office.

Mrs Bagnall (Tammy) is also busy organising a menu for the Canteen which will be open and will have dinner food, snacks, cakes, lollies and drinks available.
**Working with Children Declaration**
All volunteers in our school are required to complete a Working with Children Check Declaration. Please find attached a copy of this form along with a copy of Proof of Identity information. All declarations must have 100 points of identity attached to the declaration. Please note the office is able to photocopy the identity check when Working with Children Check declaration is returned.

Any parents who have completed the online Working With Children Check and has received a Working with Children Clearance letter, please supply the office with a copy of the letter. These parents are not required to complete the attached declaration.

Please see the office if you have any questions.

**Stage 2 & 3 Swimming for Sport**
Students in Year 3,4,5 & 6 will again be participating in swimming for sport in Term 4. Year 3 & 4 will attend swimming on a Friday from 16 October to 4 December. Year 5 & 6 will attend swimming on a Wednesday from 14 October to 2 December. Students are required to bring $2.10 each day for entry to the pool (or their season pass). Can all students please return their permission note to their class teacher as soon as possible.

**Public Speaking**
Public Speaking for Term 4 will commence on **Wednesday 14 October 2015**. This will take place during our weekly school assembly. Parents are welcome to attend the Public Speaking. Our speakers will be Ronin Elloy, Desty’nhh Burgess, Liam Garvey-Rae, Emily Lightfoot, Gabrielle Fren and Seth Winchester. Good luck!! Our winner from week 10 last term was Gracie Kershaw. Congratulations!!!

**Year 6 Fundraiser**
Year 6 are selling water ice-blocks on a Tuesday and Thursday at lunch time as part of their fundraising efforts for their gift to the school. Ice-blocks are 50c each and a range of flavours are available.

**Library Bags**
These library bags are available from the office at a cost of $2.00 per bag. They have the school logo on them.

**Book Club**
Book Club orders and money are due back Friday 16 October 2015 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.