Term 4, Week 1

Student of the Week: Violet Duck S1E

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

Student Achievement
Well done to Samara, Desty'nhh, Jayden, Liam and Declan who completed all the sticker sheets for the Woolworths Earn to Learn Stickers.
A huge Congratulations to Summer, Samuel, Darcy, Georgia, Teleah, Bryce, Aksel, Wyatt, Kerby, Duncan, Jemima, Finn, Patrick and Jasmine who all had their kinder 2016 interview with me in the last week of Term 3. I look forward to meeting with Riley and Lincoln in the next week.

...and even though it is not quite Student Achievement, although some of them are ex-Clarence Town Public School students, well done, congratulations and great work to our Cobras for winning the 2015 Football Grandfinal! We are all very proud of you...and congratulations to Mr Lofts who was presented with a Life Membership of the football club at their presentation.

Principal's News

Welcome to Term 4, October and Daylight Saving! The term is off to a brilliant start, despite the very hot weather, with students arriving ready to learn, being respectful and playing safely. All classes have settled in well to the term and we welcome back Mr Lannigan from his long service leave. We also welcome Ava who started with us today in Year 3 and will be joining Mr Kemp’s class. Mrs Etchells will be taking some long service leave for the next few weeks and Mrs Wade and Miss Bunn will be covering her teaching responsibilities during this time.

As always Term 4 is busy and this year is no exception, so please keep an eye on upcoming events, to get us started we have:

- Stage 2 and 3 Swimming for Sport starts next week and goes until Week 9.
- K-2 will have their Responsible Pet Information Session next Thursday
- Sporting Schools (after school sport) starts in Week 4 and goes until Week 10, with Basketball on Tuesday and Cycling on Friday – numbers for both activities are limited so please return the note asap to avoid disappointment.
- We will be celebrating Grandparents Day on Wednesday 21 October from 12:30pm-3:30pm – see invitation and agenda further over in the newsletter.
- 2015 CANTEEN Bandana Day in Week 4. Bandanas will be on sale all week from the office and we will all wear our bandanas on Friday 30th October.
- The P&C Annual Halloween Disco Friday 30th October
- The P&C have also registered our school for the Dungog Shire Biggest Garage Sale – Saturday 24th October

There will be plenty more activities coming up and later in the term, but some date to reserve:

Permission Notes & Payments Due

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Awards

Wednesday 16 September

ES1L
Ewan, Jarvis, Ben

S1E
Sophie, Mia, Charlie, Jesse & Joseph

S1/2 K
Chloe, Rufus, Lucas

S2/3L
Emily, Jessie, Daniel

S3G
Abbie, Tahlia, Jaxson

7 October 2015
Wednesday 9 December – 2015 Presentation Day 9:15-10:45am
Thursday 10 December – Year 6 Farewell Evening
Tuesday 15 December – K-6 Party Day

Just a quick mention about uniforms as the weather warms up we are expecting a cold change mid-week so please check your child has a school jumper in their bag just in case. It is great to see everyone in their summer uniforms again – don't forget hats!

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

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**Assembly Item**

NO Assembly Wednesday this 7 October 2015.

**Canteen Roster**

**TERM 4**

Wednesday 7 October
Bianca Hoffman
Brendan Hoffman

Friday 9 October
Matt Hicks
Mark Zuber

Wednesday 14 October
Katie Bagnall
Linda Richardson

Friday 16 October
Kerry Salter
Kim Watt

Wednesday 21 October
Rina Rocco
Fran White

Friday 23 October
Kathryn Jones
Katie Bagnall

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**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**

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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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7 October 2015
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.

Sporting Schools
Sporting Schools will run again in Term 4 with Basketball held on Tuesday afternoons and Cycling held on Friday afternoons. These activities will commence from 27 October to 11 December from 3pm to 4pm for the chosen days. Please note there is a maximum of 30 students for Basketball and 25 students for Cycling. All students have received a copy of the Sporting Schools permission note today. The first students to return the permission notes will be offered places in the Sporting Schools program.

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.
MENTAL HEALTH MONTH COMMUNITY EVENTS
FRIDAYS IN OCTOBER

OCT 9
FREE MOVIE UNDER THE STARS
“Home” (2015) Bennet Park, Dungog
Gates open 5:00pm for 7:00pm start—BYO chair, picnic rug & food*

OCT 16
FREE MOVIE UNDER THE STARS
“Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day” (2014) Baddeley Park, Cessnock
Gates open 5:00pm for 7:00pm start—BYO chair, picnic rug & food*

OCT 23
FREE MOVIE UNDER THE STARS
“Paper Planes” (2014) Maitland Park, near rotunda
Gates open 5:00pm for 7:00pm start—BYO chair, picnic rug & food*

OCT 30
FREE EVENT- VALUE YOUR MIND
Maitland Regional Art Gallery
Mental Health Information, art workshops, sport and social activities from 10:00am–3:00pm. All ages & walks of life welcome.

*Some food available for purchase. All events are drug, alcohol & smoke free. For more information phone Bron on 02 4931 1006.
Mental Health Month Activities are brought to you by the following local Hunter organisations and businesses:
Appendix 5

Working with Children Check –
Declaration for volunteers and contractors
(other than contractors in the Assisted School Travel Program)

1. Subject to section 2 below, this declaration is to be completed by (i) volunteers who will have direct contact with children; and (ii) contractors (other than contractors in the Assisted School Travel Program) who will have direct contact with children in the provision of administrative, clerical or maintenance services or other ancillary services, however the work will not ordinarily involve contact with children for extended periods.

Once the person has completed and provided this declaration, along with Proof of Identity that meets the 100-point check (Appendix 6), the person can commence engagement as a volunteer or contractor. The completed declaration and Proof of Identity are to be filed in secure storage by the area engaging the volunteer or contractor.

2. This declaration does not apply to:

(i) volunteers and contractors who will provide personal care services to children with disabilities involving intimate contact with those children (such as assistance with toileting, bathing or dressing), or mentoring services as part of a formal mentoring program provided by a government or non-government agency – who will be required to obtain a Working With Children Check (WWCC) Clearance Number (as issued by the NSW Children’s Guardian) as a condition of engagement. If they do not have this yet, they must apply to obtain this from the NSW Children’s Guardian (per Appendix 4: Information sheet for applicants).

(ii) contractors in the Assisted School Travel Program, and all other contractors whose work will ordinarily involve direct contact with children for extended periods – these contractors will be required to have a WWCC Clearance Number as a condition of engagement.

(iii) new volunteers in the Duke of Edinburgh’s International Award – these volunteers will be required to have a WWCC Clearance Number as a condition of engagement.

*Note: Transitional provisions apply to existing volunteers and contractors (i.e. those engaged as a volunteer or contractor, or placed on a volunteer or contractor engagement list, immediately prior to 15 June 2013). Refer to Appendix 9: Transitional arrangements for existing child-related workers.

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Please provide the details of the approved documents according to the 100 point Proof of Identity check

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It is an offence for a disqualified person as defined in section 18 of the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012 to undertake or remain in child-related employment. Without limiting the application of section 18 of the Act, this includes persons who have been convicted of the following offences (including equivalent offences in other states):

- murder of a child;
- manslaughter of a child (other than as a result of a motor vehicle accident);
- an offence involving intentional wounding or causing grievous bodily harm to a child by an adult who is more than 3 years older than the victim;
- the common law offence of rape or attempted rape;
- an offence under the Crimes Act 1900 relating to sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault, aggravated sexual assault in company, assault with intent to have sexual intercourse, indecent assault, aggravated indecent assault, or the attempt to commit any of these offences;
- an offence under the Crimes Act 1900 relating to sexual intercourse-child under 10, Attempting, or assaulting with intent, to have sexual intercourse with child under 10, Sexual intercourse-child between 10 and 16, Attempting, or assaulting with intent, to have sexual intercourse with child between 10 and 16, Persistent sexual abuse of a child, Procuring or grooming child under 16 for unlawful sexual activity, Sexual offences-cognitive impairment, Sexual intercourse with child between 16 and 18 under special care;
- an offence under the Crimes Act 1900 relating to incest, incest attempts, bestiality;
- an offence under the Crimes Act 1900 relating to Sexual assault by forced self-manipulation, Causing sexual servitude, Conduct of business involving sexual servitude;
- kidnapping unless the offender is or has been the child’s parent or carer;
- an offence under the Crimes Act 1900 relating to Promoting or engaging in acts of child prostitution, Obtaining benefit from child prostitution, Premises not to be used for child prostitution, Production, dissemination or possession of child abuse material;
- an offence under the Crimes Act 1900 relating to Injuries to child at time of birth, Abandoning or exposing a child under 7 years;
- an offence under the Crimes Act 1900 relating to Voyeurism, Filming a person engaged in private act, Filming a person’s private parts;
- an offence under the Crimes Act 1900 relating to Installing device to facilitate observation or filming
- an offence under the Criminal Code of the Commonwealth relating to Sexual intercourse with child outside Australia, Aggravated offence—child with mental impairment or under care, supervision or authority of defendant, Persistent sexual abuse of child outside Australia;
- an offence under the Criminal Code of the Commonwealth including Procuring child to engage in sexual activity outside Australia, "Grooming" child to engage in sexual activity outside Australia;
- an offence under the Criminal Code of the Commonwealth relating to Sexual servitude offences against a child;
- an offence under the Criminal Code of the Commonwealth relating to Using a postal or similar service for child pornography material; or
- attempt, conspiracy or incitement to commit the above offences.

Declaration

I declare that I am not a disqualified person within the meaning of section 18 of the Child Protection (Working with Children) Act 2012.

I am aware that providing false or misleading information in this document may lead to the following:

- the Department withdrawing any offer of engagement that it has made to me; or
- the Department terminating my engagement; and
- the Department considering any false or misleading information I provide, when considering any future applications by me for employment or engagement.

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Proof of Identity

NOTES:

1. All persons who are employed or engaged in child-related work are required to provide *Proof of Identity* that meets the 100-point check. This document sets out the documents that may be provided, including the value of each document.

2. Other than Special Categories 4 and 5 provided below, the 100 points proof of identity documents must include ONE Category 1 document; or at least ONE Category 2 document containing a photograph. Collectively, these documents must, as a minimum, also provide evidence of the person’s date of birth and signature.

3. If a name used in one document is different from that shown on the other documents provided, evidence of the name change is to be provided (for example, Marriage or Change of Name Certificate, or divorce papers issued by the Family Court). These documents DO NOT count towards the 100 points.

4. All original documents must be sighted and certified by the relevant hiring manager or human resources/recruiting area. Alternatively, certified copies may be provided, as certified by a Justice of the Peace or a legal practitioner with a current practising certificate.

   The suitable wording for certification of the copy would be: "I certify this is a true and unaltered copy of the original".

   The certification statement is to be written on the copy and then signed by the officer. In addition, the person must print their name and position.

**Category 1 – 70 points**
(Only ONE form of identification accepted from this category.)

- Birth Certificate/Birth Extract
- Australian Passport (Current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled)
- Australian Citizenship Certificate
- International Passport (Current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled)
- Other document of identity having same characteristics as a passport e.g. diplomatic/refugee (Photo or Signature)

**Category 2 – 40 points**
(More than one of the following documents may be counted. The initial document will score 40 points, and any additional documents will be awarded 25 points each.)

- Current Licence or Permit (Government Issued)
- Working With Children/Teachers Registration Card
- ASIC/MSIC Card
- Public Employee Photo ID Card (Government Issued)
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Concession Card or Health Care Card
- Current Tertiary Education Institution Photo ID
- Reference from a Doctor (must have known the applicant for a period of at least 12 months)
Proof of Identity

Category 3 – 25 points
(More than one of the following documents may be counted; each will score 25 points.)

- Foreign/International Driver’s Licence
- Proof of Age Card (Government Issued)
- Medicare Card/Private Health Care Card
- Council Rates Notice
- Property Lease/Rental Agreement
- Property Insurance Papers
- Tax Declaration
- Superannuation Statement
- Seniors Card
- Electoral Roll Registration
- Motor Vehicle Registration or Insurance Documents
- Professional or Trade Association Card

To use more than one of the following documents, they must be from different organisations:

- Utility Bills (e.g. Telephone, Gas, Electricity, Water)
- Credit/Debit Card
- Bank Statement/Passbook

Special Category 4 – Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander resident in a remote area/community

The applicant will meet the **100-point** requirement if the applicant is an Aboriginal person or Torres Strait Islander resident in a remote area/community, and the identity of the applicant is verified by two persons recognised as ‘Community Leaders’ of the community to which the applicant belongs.

Special Category 5 – Person under the age of 18

A child will meet the **100-point** requirement if his or her identity is verified from **ONE** of the following:

- Birth Certificate/Birth Extract;
- Australian Passport (current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled);
- Australian Citizenship certificate;
- International Passport (current, or expired within the previous two years, but not cancelled);
- Other document of identity having same characteristics as a passport eg. diplomatic/refugee (Photo or Signature); or
- A statement from an educational institution, signed by the principal or deputy principal, confirming that the child attends the institution (statement must be on the institution’s letterhead).