Term 4, Week 7

Student of the week: Nathaniel S1E

Nathaniel is a polite, reliable and helpful student. He is kind and caring to others around him. Nathaniel enjoys participating in a wide variety of activities. He is well organised and approaches his work with dedication. Nathaniel is courteous and thoughtful and his gentle nature is a wonderful example for all children. He has a terrific sense of humour and always has a smile on his face. Nathaniel enjoys helping his friends in the classroom and out in the playground. He is a delight to have in the classroom. Congratulations Nathaniel!!

Student Achievement
Congratulations to Tayla Howarth, Anneeka Knight, Gabby Fren and Gracie Kershaw who are our 2015 Public Speaking Grand finalists. The Grand final will be held on Wednesday 2 December at our Weekly Assembly.

Great work all of our Intensive Swimmers who have been working really hard each day at the pool to improve their...
swimming. We have two more ‘make up’ days to go and I have been so impressed as even though everyone is getting very tired they are all still doing their absolute best – well done!

Well done to everyone for getting into the spirit of our Diabetes “Buzz Day” last Friday; we raised $121.10!

Congratulations to the colour in competition winners:

Early Stage 1  Jarvis Lea
Stage 1       Jessica Felstead
Stage 2       Nathan Andrews
Stage 3       Anneeka Knight

And class winners and runners up:
ES1L – Jentsen Brand & Aylia
S1E – Nash Jeffery & Caitlin McDonald
S1/2K – Chloe Flannery & Jordan Jeffery
S2/3L – Makayla Jones & Makayla
S3G – Destiny & Jayden Hawkin

Principal’s News:
Welcome to Week 7 and with one extraordinary week of opportunities behind us another lays ahead. The weather is due to become very hot by the end of this week so please ensure your children have their hats, water bottles and sun safe equipment for swimming. We currently have three of our air conditioners awaiting repair, so we will ensure classes are rotated through our air conditioned areas and kept cool during these days. The rooms without air conditioning at this point are HB#2 (ES1L), HB#3 (S1E) and HB#6 (S2/3L) but these classes can be accommodated in HB#1, HB#8, Library, Computer Laboratory and HB#4 during this hot spell.

Our new Skoolbag App is going well; you would have all received a letter in the post last week explaining the App and its role. This is a great, safe way to share information about our school with you as well as send alerts and reminders. Thank you to those parents and carers who have down loaded it already and begun to use its facilities.

Our final Kindergarten Orientation visit for our 2016 Kinder students was yesterday. The new Kindies settled in well to the day and a fun time with Miss Ellis enjoying stories and illustrating work. They enjoyed the story “The Very Hungry Caterpillar”. I would like to make special mention of our Year 5 Buddies and the wonderful job they have done with the new Kindies – they have displayed excellent leadership skills and I have been very impressed with their efforts.
Last week started on a high with our Stage 2 and 3 students attending the annual Surf Fun Day. This day is always engaging for the students and they learn lots of beach and water safety information at the same time. The team of Life Savers at Nobby’s Beach do an amazing job with the students and we thank them for their efforts and the comprehensive learning on the day.

Then on Wednesday we remembered the fallen service men and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice in protecting our country – with the current world events we are all very mindful of those people who protect our shores from danger. Our student leaders attended the local Clarence Town Remembrance Day Service, where they laid a wreath on behalf of our school community. At school Miss Ellis led a one minute silence in our playground and at the pool Mr Lannigan led a one minute silence for our swimmers. It is important for all of our students to remember that we can show our respect to the fallen no matter where we are at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month and Clarence Town Public School students certainly did that.

Then our week finished on a high with a wonderful Diabetes Buzz Day on Friday with the students wearing yellow and black in a variety of fashionable styles for the day. Well done to everyone for getting into the spirit of our Diabetes “Buzz Day” last Friday; we raised $121.10!

Mr Lofts will return from his long service leave tomorrow and Mrs Kelson is also on long service leave this week. Mrs Jensen has done an amazing job with ES1L and Miss Bunn will be teaching Mrs Kelson’s technology program this week.

Our busy term continues this week with:
- Intensive Swimming continues with 3 ‘make up’ days this week and final day will be Wednesday 18 November.
- 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.)

Don’t forget our November P&C meeting is this evening at 7:00pm in the staffroom and all are welcome.
Upcoming events for your calendar include:

- Thursday 26 November 2015 Scripture Celebration
- Friday 27 November Mo-vement Day
- Thursday 3 December Year 6 Dungog High School transition visit
- Wednesday 9 December 2015 Presentation Day
- Thursday 10 December Year 6 Farewell Dinner
- Tuesday 15 December 2015 Party Day
- Wednesday 16 December Last day for the 2015 School year

WARNING: Very Important – in the past week it has been once again been brought to my attention that many of our students are freely accessing social media sites, such as, instagram, facebook, kikit, etc...I would like to remind parents and carers that all of these sites are for ages over 13 or older! The terms and conditions are quite clear and keeping our children safe is our top priority! I would also like to point out that to sign up for these social media sites the children must be putting in false dates of birth which is also an illegal activity.

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
Skoolbag App
The Clarence Town Public School Skoolbag App is now available to parents. The App is a school to parent communication tool. This School Mobile App provides an easy way to tell parents and carers everything they need to know about school news, newsletters, events, calendar dates, cancellations, school notices, school information, absent notes and more. This information via alerts will now be communicated directly to parents and carers via iPhone, iPad, Android and Windows phone devices.

Working with Children Declaration
All volunteers in our school are required to complete a Working with Children Check Declaration. 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 declaration. Please see the office if you have any questions.

Public Speaking
The Finals for Public Speaking will be held on Wednesday 2 December 2015, this will take place during our weekly school assembly. Parents are welcome to attend the Public Speaking. Our speakers will be Anneeka Knight, Gracie Kershaw, Gabby Fren and Tayla Howarth. Good luck!!

Our winner from last week was Gabby Fren. Congratulations!!!

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.

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 per bag. They have the school logo on them.

**Book Club**
Book Club orders and money are due back **Tuesday 24 November 2015 at 9am**. This will be the last book club for this year. If you would like a special Christmas order placed, please bring into the office and clearly mark it so we can phone you when the order arrives. **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.

**Year 6 Farewell Dinner Invitation**
All Year 6 students received their family invitation today for the Farewell Dinner. This will be held on Thursday 10 December. The RSVP is due back by Friday 27 November so catering can be finalised.

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Clarence Town Public School is supporting our Movember community event by having a mufti day on Thursday 27th November with all students and staff coming dressed in moustaches! There will be a gold coin ‘fine’ with proceeds going towards the Clarence Town event. Students can also enter the Kids Art Competition Create a piece of Art – titled “Who do you know with a Mo” Art work can be any form: drawing, painting, crayon, sculpture, paper mache, etc Entries can be left at school or dropped off to Shine Hair & Beauty By 25th November. Prizes in 3 categories:

- Pre-school
- Primary School
- High School
The Body Shop

Is coming To Dungog!!

Saturday 28th Nov 2015
10am-12 noon
Dungog CWA Hall

Please come and browse our beautiful selection of products and Christmas gifts.
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Gifts to suit everyone from $6.95
Profits donated to SIDS HUNTER
*Orders taken on the day. *Cash or credit card only.
Delivery approx. 2wks

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