Term 4, Week 6

Student of the week: Ronin  S2/3L

Ronin has been at Clarence Town Public School since he was in kindergarten. He is a fine student and he likes school. Ronin really enjoys sport. He always does his best and he displays excellent sportsmanship. Ronin is helpful in class and the playground and he is popular and a good leader. He is kind, honest and he always gives his best effort. Ronin considers safety, he is respectful and he has a love of learning. We think he will be an excellent student of the week.

Student Achievement:
Wow! What an amazing effort! Congratulations to our Clarence Town Community and our wonderful P&C. We did it! Our goal has been reached to fund the new Playground Equipment for our school. A plan for the equipment is on display in our Notice Board outside the school canteen and on the window outside the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to come and see the plan. This is exciting news for our school. Well done to everyone involved.
Congratulations to all students who participated in our Intensive Swimming Program held at our local pool last week. All students have shown great dedication and commitment to this very worthwhile program. Due to the Stage 2 and Stage 3 Surf Fun Day the program was not held today. It will continue tomorrow for the rest of the week. All participants will have 3 days that they need to catch up on (due to the rain last week). The catch up days will be held next Monday 16th, Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November. A permission note with details will be sent home tomorrow. All students are required to return the permission note to school, due to the changed dates.

Well done to our Year 5 students who met our 2016 Kindergarten class for the first time last Thursday. They did a brilliant job of making the children feel welcome and they should be very proud at how they have taken on their first leadership responsibilities.

Principal’s News:

This week is another busy week with lots of wonderful learning experiences and opportunities for our students, starting with our annual Surf Fun Day today. Our Stage 2 and Stage 3 students boarded two coaches this morning to travel to Nobby’s Beach with Mr Lannigan, Ms Greig, Mr Kemp and Mrs Cooper. The day is all about learning surf safety and skills at the beach.

Our 2016 Kindergarten Orientation Program is continuing well, we have two more Kindergarten visits to go. The students have settled in well and I thank their parents and the wonderful staff of Clarence Town Preschool for preparing them so well for ‘big’ school. The Year 5 students are looking forward to greeting our 2016 Kindergarten students this Wednesday between 1:00pm to 2:30pm for their third visit.

Mr Lofts is away on Long Service Leave for this week. He will return on Monday 16th November. Mrs Lyndell Jensen will be teaching ES1L this week.

I will be out of the school tomorrow with Ms Kelson and Ms Greig to attend the ‘Maths Middle Years’ day at Dungog High School. The main focus for the day is about teaching of Maths to improve transition from Primary School to High School.

Stage 2 and 3 Swimming for Sport continues this week – Stage 3 on Wednesday and Stage 2 on Friday. Please remember that students need rash shirts or similar and hats to attend.
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).

This Friday is Diabetes Buzz Day. It is a ‘mufti day’. For a gold coin donation students can come dressed in Yellow and Black. During this week all students will be participating in a colour-in competition for this wonderful charity. There will be prizes awarded.

Upcoming events for your calendar include:
- Friday 13 November  Diabetes Buzz Day
- Thursday 26 November  2015 Scripture Celebration
- Friday 27 November  Mo-vember Day

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

Reg Kelly Shield Cricket

Last Monday our cricket team took on Grahamstown Public School in Round 4 of the Reg Kelly Shield at Clarence Town Oval. Our side was unable to win the toss and we were sent into bat first. Our batsman made a slow and steady start to the innings before a middle order collapse resulted in our side going to drinks 6 wickets down. Fortunately our captain Matthew Benhard was able to combine superbly with Taiij Burgess to put on a wonderful partnership to solidify our innings. This partnership combined with some late order hitting allowed our side to post a very competitive score of just over 130. Our bowling innings started well with some wonderfully tight bowling and some fantastic fielding leading to some early dismissals. Our entire bowling unit bowled really well and our fielding side once again was able to restrict the opposition to a score of just over 60. A special mention must go to Jack Boyton who performed sensationaly in the field and his lethal throwing...
arm provided our side with a great run out. This was another great win for Clarence Town Public School and following an unfortunate forfeit victory for our school in the final preliminary round has lead our side to a record of 4 wins and 1 loss from its 5 pool matches. A final huge thank you must go once again to Brad Winchester who not only assisted in setting out the field for the game, but did a wonderful job umpiring the majority of the match with some great help from Paul Kershaw at the end. Depending on results we hopefully will get some positive news over the next week about a possible semi-final appearance for our school.

Mr Kemp

**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.

**Intensive Swimming Scheme**

This program will continue this week, Due to wet weather will have make up days on Monday 16 November, Tuesday 17 November and Wednesday 18 November. Pool entry fee is $2.10 per day (students to bring money each day – pool passes are able to be used if students have one).

**Public Speaking**

Public Speaking for **Wednesday 11 November 2015**, this will take place during our weekly school assembly and is the second semi-final heat. The topic is “If they could talk what would they be saying”……….. Parents are welcome to attend the Public Speaking. Our speakers will be Tayla Howarth, Gracie Kershaw, Gabby Fren and Jayden Hawkin. Good luck!!

Our winner from last week was Anneeka Knight. 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 per bag. They have the school logo on them.

Child Safe Sports Workshop
This workshop will cover the new Working With Children Check, aspects such as codes of conduct and creating a child safe environment in general within sporting clubs.

Venue: The Maitland Room, Maitland Town Hall, 281 High Street, Maitland
Date: 30 November 2015
Time: 6:30pm – 8:30pm

For more information contact Hamish Neal 4926 1633

Friday
13 November
Yellow & Black Mufti Day + Colour-In Competition
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

**Uniform Shop Update**

With the term almost complete I just thought I’d encourage all parents to come in and order anything they think their kids will need to start the new year so that I can have it here ready for them in the 2nd last week of term.

I will be opening the shop up for the next two kindy orientations on **Wednesday 11th at 230pm & Monday 16th at 11am** (as well as the usual Wed opening hrs)

Last day for order will be **Wednesday 18th** so that I can have the orders back by **December 11th**.

I’m also asking that when parents come to collect their orders they have cash for me as there will be too many to trace back to direct debits.

Anyone requiring anything after that date will still be able to purchase from the stock I have (I always try and keep stock level at 4 items per size) on the shelves.

As well as the shirts and sports tops a reminder that we have very good quality grey shorts for the boys (they have zipper pocket and are wash and wear) for only $20.