Term 4, Week 10

Student of the week: Caitlin  S3G

Caitlin is a bright and bubbly student who has a wicked sense of humour that we all enjoy and can always be seen with a big smile on her face. She shows wonderful initiative, leadership and responsibility and sets a wonderful example for other students in our school. Caitlin works hard in class, enjoys a challenge and is always looking for ways to improve. She is caring, helpful and can usually be seen assisting our younger students in the playground. Caitlin always wears her school uniform with pride and we believe she is an extremely worthy recipient of this week’s Student of the Week.

Student Achievement
Sincere apologies and huge congratulations to Gilbert Ainsworth who is one of the members of our wonderful cricket team – Gilbert’s name was omitted from last week’s team list by accident…so below is the entry again with Gilbert’s name included.

Diary Dates

- **Wednesday 9 December**
  Presentation Day

- **Thursday 10 December**
  Year 6 Farewell

- **Tuesday 15 December**
  Party Day

- **Wednesday 16 December**
  Last Day for the 2015 School Year
Congratulations to Matthew Benhard, Seth Winchester, Liam Garvey-Rae, Jaxson Stericker, Tahlia Thew, Jayden Hawkin, Hayden Prentice, Keeghan Stericker, Jack Boyton, Taij Burgess, Cale Conserdyne, Zac Braun-Socha and Gilbert Ainsworth our 2015 cricket team who made it all the way to the Reg Kelly Shield grand Final.

Well done to Samara Archer, Abbie Steel, Makiah Archer, Makayla, Jack Boyton, Keeghan Stericker, Taij Burgess, Ronn Elloy, and Daniel Edwards who were the Year 5 nominees for 2016 Student Leaders. The Student Leaders for 2016 will be announced at our 2015 Presentation Day Ceremony on Wednesday 9th December.

Well done Caitlin Lightfoot, Emily Lightfoot and Abbie Steel who coordinated a cake stall last week to raise funds for the local Rural Fire Brigade. Thank you to everyone who donated cakes for the stall; the girls raised $80.95.

Great work Isaac Burgess and Lachlan Keller who were the most improved swimmers at our Term 4 Swimming for Sport Program.

Principal’s News
Welcome to Week 10 and a very busy week with our 2015 Presentation Day on Wednesday morning, followed by our thank you morning tea for all parents and volunteers and then the Year 6 Farewell on Thursday evening. These end of year activities are the culmination of a year of hard work and in recognition of our successes.

As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter the countdown is on and we have 1 ½ weeks left until the end of the 2015 school year – the last day for students is Wednesday 16 December. Normally the teachers would then have two Staff Development Days but this year the teaching staff have completed some out of school hours training in lieu of these two days so teachers will also finish on Wednesday 16 December. However, Mrs Price and I will be in the office until Friday 18 December.

Last week we held our elections for the 2016 Student Leaders with our Year 5 nominees presenting their speeches on Wednesday morning and then staff and all students from Kindergarten to Year 5 voting on Friday morning. As we only have 9 students in Year 5 (our smallest grade) and with two new enrolments for Year 6 for 2016
making 11 students we are only having 4 Student Leaders for 2016 – 2 x Captains and 2 x Student Leaders and as in previous years a boy and a girl in each position. The Student Leaders for 2016 will be announced at our 2015 Presentation Day Ceremony on Wednesday 9th December.

Last Thursday I had the pleasure of accompanying Year 6 to Dungog High School for their Orientation visit as Ms Bunn was ill. The students had a great day – everyone found their way to the High School successfully (many older siblings had strict instructions from parents to look after their younger siblings on the bus!). The day was well organised with a combined information session to start and then a parent information session and students divided into their Peer Support Groups for a series of activities. Everyone had a great day and our students represented our school well and remembered their Learning, Respect and Safety values. For any parents unable to attend book packs for Year 7 are available at the Dungog High School Canteen and Uniforms are also available at the uniform shop at the High School.

Our 2015 Swimming for Sport for Stages 2 and 3 has now been completed and these classes will have sport at school this week. Once again this has proven to be a very successful program with our students all showing wonderful improvement throughout the term. Thank you to Mr Lannigan who coordinates our school program and Ms Greig and Mr Kemp for their supporting roles.

Our busy term continues this week with:

- **Wednesday 9 December 2015 Presentation Day** – Presentation Day starts at 9:15am and will conclude at approximately 10:45am. All parents and friends are invited to attend to celebrate the success of our students in 2015. **All students will be required to wear their full summer uniform on the day.**

  Boys – grey shorts
  Green polo
  Grey socks
  Black shoes
  School Badge and Leaders Badges where necessary.

  Girls – check dress or shorts and top set
  white socks
  Black Shoes

- **Thursday 10 December Year 6 Farewell Dinner** – the Year 6 students and their parents will attend a celebration dinner at school to celebrate their graduation from Primary School.
Upcoming events for your calendar include:

- **Tuesday 15 December 2015** Party Day – see permission note sent home today and
- **Wednesday 16 December** Last day for the 2015 School Year

The 2016 School year starting dates are:

- **Tuesday 26th January** – Australia Day Public Holiday
- **Wednesday 27th January** – Staff Development Day
- **Thursday 28th January** – Term 1 starts for Years 1 to Year 6 students
- **Friday 29th January** – first day for Kindergarten students.

Don’t forget if you haven’t downloaded the **Clarence Town Public School Skoolbag App** it is now available for Apple Mac and android phones, iPads and tablets. If you have trouble downloading the App please contact school as there have been a few hitches with android devices. Thank you to those parents who have downloaded the App already – feedback thus far shows it is a very effective way to communicate with our school community so thank you for supporting the process.

This week **we will focus on our Safety indicators in PBL:**

- Right Place Right Time Right Equipment
- Move Sensibly
- Hands and Feet to Self

I would encourage parents and carers to talk about these indicators at home, what it looks 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
2015 Presentation Day

Wednesday 9 December
9:15-10:45 am
School Hall

Join us to celebrate the wonderful successes of our students in the 2015 school year. All students are required to wear their full Summer Uniform.

Followed by…

Thank You Morning Tea

For all parents, volunteers and friends
School Library
10:45-11:30am

To say thank you for all you do each year to support the many programs at our school.

Sporting Schools
The Basketball program finished last Tuesday. This Friday 11 December is the make-up day for the Cycling program, this will also be the last activity for this year.

Party Day
Please complete the permission note that was sent home today and return it along with your payment to school by Wednesday 9 December 2015. If we get extreme weather conditions alternative arrangements will be made and advertised. All students are to be dropped off at Clarence Town Swimming Pool at 9.00am and picked up at 3.00pm from the pool.
**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 were held on **Wednesday 2 December 2015**, our winner was Gabby Fren. Congratulations Gabby!!!!!

**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.

**GLEN OAK NETBALL CLUB**
We are looking for players to join the club for the 2016 netball comp at Port Stephens.
If you are 10, 12, 13 years old or ladies interested in playing, please contact:

Sonia Todd 0423 112 165 or Tegan Xenos 0411 542 604

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**Skoolbag App Download**
A reminder to all parents / carers who have downloaded our Skoolbag App.

Please take the time to submit your Skoolbag App Download so we are know how many parents we are reaching with our alerts and notifications.

Please go to eForms and tap on Skoolbag App Download and submit your details.

Remember to set up your class groups by selecting the More button and select Setup Push Notifications. Simply tap on your child’s class until the “on” button is selected.