Term 1, Week 5

Student of the Week: Finn S2/3L

Finn has been at Clarence Town Public School since he was in kindergarten. He is a fine student and he likes school. Finn really enjoys sport. He always does his best and he displays excellent sportsmanship. Finn is helpful in class and the playground and he is popular and a good leader. Finn likes Science and Technology, Sport, motorbikes and quads and being with his friends. We think he will make a terrific student of the week. Congratulations Finn!!

Student Achievement
Great work:
Chloe & Gracie – Gate locks
Tayla & Tahlia – Flags
Jack & Keeghan - bikes
Emily, Caitlin, Samara – bell ringers
for carrying out their job roles efficiently and effectively.

Ebony brought a brilliant piece of writing to Ms Blakemore’s office last week; the writing was about the class walk around the

Diary Dates

Wednesday 25 February
Sorry Day DHS
NO ASSEMBLY
DHS information night  5pm.

Friday 27 February
Clean up Australia Day

Wednesday 4 March
School Assembly 2pm

Friday 6 March
League Tag Dungog

Monday 23 March
Young Leaders Day Sydney

Friday 27 March
Canberra note and deposit due

Monday 30 March
Solid State Circus Performance
playground and watching the cement trucks and was accompanied by a beautiful illustration.

Well done to our school PSSA representative Cricket side that has been staying back at school each Wednesday from 3-4pm to practice and improve their skills and teamwork.

**Principal’s News**

Welcome to Week 5 and February is rushing by at a tremendous speed, with this being the half way mark of Term 1!

We have a very big week ahead, with:

- **Dungog & District Community of Schools Sorry Day Event** – Wednesday 25th February. All Year 6 students and all Aboriginal students K-6 have been invited to attend the event at Dungog High School to learn more about Aboriginal Culture and healing the past wrongs. The K-5 Aboriginal students have all chosen 1 friend to attend the day with them. We are looking forward to an exciting and thought provoking day.

- **Clean Up Australia Day** – Friday 27th February. All students K-6 will participate in our annual Clean Up Australia Schools Day with students from each class being allocated an area of our playground to remove litter. If you can please pack gloves (gardening or washing up style) and plastic shopping bags for collecting rubbish.

Please note that due to the Sorry Day Event there will be no Weekly Assembly this week.

Last week I sent home, through the post, a letter for parents regarding our future direction and working together to achieve these goals – if you haven’t already received it you should have it no later than mid this week. The letter outlined our 3 Strategic Directions for 2015-2017 School Plan:

- **Developing Quality Policies and Practices** – this is the leading and managing of the school and ensuring all systems are efficient, effective and closely monitored.

- **Enhancing Quality Teaching and Learning** – this is our core business of teaching and learning and ensuring students are reaching their potential.

- **Fostering Quality Communication and Engagement** – this is developing a positive culture for our school within our school community, local community and learning community.

…and the importance of working together to create the best school.

We had a very successful **P&C meeting** last week with several new and existing members attending. Our next meeting in March will be the AGM and the P&C Newsletter will contain the roles and responsibilities of the positions to be determined at that meeting.

Our first Weekly Assembly for 2015 was a brilliant success with our student leaders doing a wonderful job hosting their first...
weekly assembly, along with the Sound Room Monitors. The students’ behaviour was also very good with a three way tie between ES1L, S1/2K and S1E – the first time this has ever occurred! ...don't forget ... this year we are moving our assembly time to a Wednesday from 2-3pm.

I will be out of the school several times this week – tomorrow morning I will be attending a Principal’s briefing on the Kids Matter Program in Newcastle; Wednesday I will accompany Miss Ellis and the students to Dungog High School for Sorry Day and then in the afternoon be attending meetings at Dungog Community Centre and Friday I will be attending our Dungog & District Community of Schools meeting in the morning, our Like Schools Principal meeting in the afternoon and then I will be training the Principals from Vacy PS and Paterson PS in Focus on reading in the late afternoon. Remember Mrs Kelson and Miss Ellis act in the Principal role when I am out of the school.

Our PBL (Positive Behaviours for Learning) Program is continuing in 2015 and explicit teaching of lessons will begin next week. Each week I will add updates to the newsletter so you can reinforce the lesson content at home that week. The lesson themes will be:

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**Building Keys to Success**

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**Recognising and preventing ‘Blockers’ of Success**

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**Term 4**

**Values and Keys to Success now embedded into**
all aspects of school and review specific expectations and lessons as need arise.

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 Say

I was able to send home lots of Happy Notes last week and look forward to doing the same this week.

Louise Blakemore
Principal

Roadworks – Marshall Street
We have been notified that an area of Marshall Street directly opposite the school will be closed from Wednesday 25 February. Parents will have to come along Brentwood Drive or Rifle Street to access the Marshall Street entrance to the school. Please note that the disabled parking area will still be available in Marshall Street.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
This year our Stage 3 school excursion will be held in Canberra from Wednesday 22 July to Friday 24 July 2015.

The cost for this excursion is approximately $350 per student. This includes coach hire, accommodation, most meals and entry fees. An exact amount for this excursion will be finalised later this term.

All students in Year 5 and Year 6 have received with today’s newsletter a commitment note for Canberra. Can parents please complete the permission note and return along with $100 deposit to the school as soon as possible. All notes and deposit will need to be finalised by Friday 27 March. Financial assistance may be available if financial difficulties would prevent your child from participating. Please contact the Principal if you require financial assistance.

School Voluntary Contribution
Our school voluntary contribution has been set this year at $20 per student of $40 per family. This voluntary contribution is used to purchase books and resources for students. It would be appreciated if parents could pay this contribution as soon as possible.

Mathletics
All students are now using Mathletics in class. Mathletics helps students enjoy Maths and achieve great results. Students are able to access Mathletics via the internet at school and at home. Each student is given a unique user name and password to be able to log onto Mathletics.

As we believe this is an excellent aid to your child’s learning, the school will subsidise the cost of this program. Parents are asked to contribute $12 per student for the cost of this program. It would be appreciated if all payments for Mathletics could be made as soon as possible.
Student Emergency Contact Details
All students received last week an envelope with their child’s emergency contact details (yellow note). Can parents please check all details and make any corrections necessary and return to the school as soon as possible.

Online Services / Permission to Publish
Students in Year 1 to Year 6 received in their envelope with their child’s emergency contact details a purple online services and permission to publish note (purple). It would be appreciated if parents could please return this note as soon as possible.

School Photos
Our school photos this year will be held on Tuesday 21 April 2015. This is the first day back for Term 2! If parents can please keep this date in mind when planning holidays we would appreciate it. More information regarding school photographs will be sent home later this term.

Excursions
As stated earlier in our newsletter, our Stage 3 students will be going to Canberra this year for their school excursion. Stage 2 students will be going to the Australian Reptile Park during Term 2 (date to be confirmed). Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students will be attending Oakvale Farm (to be confirmed). All the students have a wonderful time on the excursions and we look forward to visiting these exciting places during the year.
You're invited to Doug the Reading Bug's
Kingdom of Books - Book Fair
Books for sale from
Tues. 3rd March to Friday 6th March at
Community Centre, 103 Dowling St, between
2.30 and 3.30 each day.
Book Fair will launch with a Book party on
Tuesday 3rd March at 1.30 at the Community
Centre with Jumping Castle, Face Painting,
Stories & Craft.

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Bug's 'Born to Read Program'

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