Term 1, Week 9

Student of the week: Jemma

Jemma is a very respectful and caring student. She has a wonderful attitude towards learning and always completes tasks to the best of her ability. Jemma is a wonderful class helper who is always willing to give up her time to help out someone in need. She is a very artistic student who enjoys creating many different types of artwork. Jemma really enjoys participating in any sporting activity and she always demonstrates great sportsmanship. She always wears her school uniform with pride and is a pleasure to teach.

Student Achievement
Congratulations to Samara, Abbie, Gracie, Desty”nhh, Anneeka, Caitlin, Emily, Macy-Lyn, Chloe and Tahlia our netball girls who represented our school at the Zone Netball Gala Day last week. Many of the girls had never played before and they put in 100% effort and impressed everyone with their enthusiasm, sportsmanship and there, have a go attitude.

Diary Dates

Monday 23 March
Young Leaders Day Sydney

Friday 27 March
Canberra note and deposit due

Monday 30 March
Solid State Circus Performance

Thursday 2 April
Easter Hat Parade
Easter Egg Raffle Drawn
Last day Term 1

Tuesday 21 April
Students return Term 2
School Photos

24 March 2015
Well the day finally arrived and our Cricket team had their first match in the Reg Kelly Shield – it was a very even game and this was reflected in the score – see Mr Kemp’s report further over in the newsletter. Well done Jack, Keeghan, Tahlia, Matthew, Liam, Jayden, Jaxson and Seth. The team has been working very hard training each week and their skill and sportsmanship was demonstrated last Friday.

Jessie, Leila, Lilly, Gilbert, Courtney, Jade, Lachlan, Heidi, Izzy, Emily, Eboney and Gracie represented our school at the Newcastle Writers festival last Wednesday – see report further over in newsletter. The Year 4 students displayed all of our values – Learning, Respect and Safety during the excursion and received lots of positive feedback from the Newcastle Library staff and the visiting author – excellent work!

A special mention and thank you to Max Preece, Keeghan McCook, Joseph Mate, Jesse Mate and Jarrell Brooks for helping me collect the Easter Egg donations last Thursday on our mufti day. The boys did a great job.

Principal’s News

As you can see from the above accolades last week was very busy with lots of opportunities for students both in and outside school. I would like to pass on a huge thank you to the parents and carers who supported our school by offering transportation to each of these events. This team work between school and home means we can offer the students more chances to experience educational and sporting events outside school. I am always blown away by the amount of positive feedback when we take our students out of school for their brilliant manners and excellent sportsmanship – to know our students apply our PBL values (Learning, Respect, Safety) everywhere they go is wonderful news.

Last Monday the students from K-6 participated in Asthma lessons presented by trained Health staff – attached to this week’s newsletter are forms to apply for Asthma Cards for your child to carry if they are asthmatic.

On Tuesday we participated in a Dungog Relay for Life activity with a sport tabloid – we raised $70.00 towards this great fundraiser. Thursday was our Annual Easter Egg Fine Mufti Day. Students came to school out of uniform and the ‘fine’ was a donation to the P&C Easter Raffle. We had lots of wonderful donations which the P&C Volunteers will package up to form the 2015 Easter prizes. Thank you for your generosity – if you would still like to make donations for the raffle, they can be left at the office.
Wednesday we held our Personalised Planning Sessions for Aboriginal students and their parents and carers. These sessions coordinated by Miss Ellis and Mrs Kelson were very successful. A couple of our parents were unable to make last week and new dates have been organised for these parents. Thank you to the parents that attended, Miss Ellis, Mrs Kelson and classroom teachers for your efforts and support.

Today we have our Student Leaders travelling to Sydney with Mrs Kelson to represent our school at the 2015 Leaders Conference at the Entertainment Centre. The students left very early this morning to make Sydney and will have a wonderful day listening to guest speakers and participating in leadership workshops.

So another busy week ahead and then one last week leading up to our Easter Holiday break so keep abreast of what’s on from these sources:
- The Clarence Town Public School “What’s On” Noticeboard in our school foyer
- The P&C and Community Noticeboard near our Uniform Shop
- Weekly Newsletters and notes

This week I will be out of school today from 11:30am – 3:00pm to attend a training session on the new Teacher/Executive/Principal supervision process. Mr Lannigan will accompany me today as our school Teacher Federation Representative. Tomorrow I will be heading to Gresford PS at 2:30pm in the afternoon to train Vacy PS, Gresford PS and Martins Creek PS in the Focus on Reading Program. Wednesday I will be attending a Middle Years Maths training day at Kurri Kurri TAFE with Mrs Kelson and on Friday I will attend the Maitland Area PPA meeting. In my absences Mrs Kelson and Miss Ellis will be acting in the Principal role.

This week we will focus on our Respect indicators again in PBL:
- Care for property and equipment
- Follow instructions the first time
- Use polite language

I would encourage parents and carers to also talk about these indicators at home, what it look like and how we can improve in these areas.

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

Wednesday 25 March in the School Hall at 2pm. S3G will perform the assembly item. All parents and friends welcome.

Monday 23 March
Tammy Bagnall

Wednesday 25 March
Bianca Hoffman
Katie Bagnall

Friday 27 March
Roslyn Jones
Bronwyn Prentice

Monday 30 March
Robyn Keller
Rina Rocco

Wednesday 1 April
CANTEEN CLOSED
I was able to send home lots of Happy Notes last week and look forward to doing the same this week.

Have a great week.
Louise Blakemore
Principal

Dungog & District Community of Schools – News Updates

Professional Learning
This week I will be once again leading the Professional Learning training for Vacy PS, Gresford PS and Martins Creek PS. This training will involve me leading regular sessions with these schools throughout the year. At the conclusion of this training all of our Dungog & District Community of Schools will be trained and implementing the same Literacy Processes in Reading, Comprehension and Vocabulary. This will be very beneficial for improving the outcomes for all students K-12!

Easter Hat Parade
On Thursday 2 April from 2:00-3:00pm we will hold our annual Easter Hat Parade. Students from each class will parade around the School Hall in their Easter Hats and every child will receive an Easter Egg. The P&C Easter Raffle Prize Draw will be after the parade.

NB: As per previous years Parents, Carers and children will need to make Easter Hats and Bonnets at home.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
All students in Year 5 and Year 6 received 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.

24 March 2015
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
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 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! All students were given their coded envelopes on Monday for the school photos. If you are not having your child’s photo taken the coded envelope must be returned. All coded envelopes and money must be returned to the school by Thursday 26 March. Family envelopes for photos will be available from the office.

Solid State Circus Performance
On Monday 30 March 2015 we are having a visiting performance to the school. A purple note went home with details and your child’s permission note to attend. The cost is $6.50 per student.

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 T Shirt Expression of Interest
All Year 6 students were given a note today regarding the Year 6 T Shirt. The cost of the T Shirt is approximately $44-00 each. Could all students please return the commitment note and a $10-00 deposit by Wednesday 1 April 2015.

Reg Kelly Shield Cricket
Last Friday our cricket team travelled to Seaham to take on Seaham Public School in Round 1 of the Reg Kelly Shield. Our side was able to win the toss and we chose to bowl first. The team bowled exceptionally well and with some solid fielding, we were able to restrict Seaham to 59. A special mention must go to our secret bowling weapon Tahlia Thew who claimed 2 wickets in a wonderful display of persistence. When it was our turn to bat we started off really well with a great opening partnership from Seth Winchester and Matthew Benhard putting us in a great position. However after the loss of some quick wickets we were unfortunately unable to reach their total falling only 1 run short. It was great experience for all players, as this was the first real game of cricket that most of our team had actually played. The team showed great sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the game on an extremely hot day!! A special thanks must go to all the parents that provided our team with transport on the day and much needed crowd support.
Newcastle Writers Festival
Our report

On Wednesday the 18th March we (12 kids from Mr Lannigan’s Year 4) went to Newcastle’s Writing Festival. First when we got to school we had a bit of a play. Then we went into class for about 10 mins to mark the roll, but after that time we all went up to office and got divided into cars – some wonderful mums volunteered to drive us. It took about 1 hour to get to Newcastle. Mrs Brown and MS Blakemore came with us.

When we got there we went into City Hall – it is a really big building! It is a beautiful, historic, very fancy old building. We went up two sets of steps and into another room. The lady who we went to listen to is an author and her name is Anna Fienberg. She wrote the Tashi books and she told us how she writes her books and where she gets her ideas from. She told us about her childhood with books and her favourites were The Narnia books by CS Lewis. She gave us some really good tips on how to write our own books. She told us to edit and keep working on our stories to make them better…and to always keep a notebook for ideas.

After the talk we had recess in the park, across the road. There was a really big fountain and lots of people were using the park. It was very nice place to visit and have recess and lunch.

Then we went into Newcastle Library to look at the books and get a signature from Anna. The Library was huge. It had a lot of books in it and movies too. There were other authors signing books too. Anna was very delightful and friendly – she was pretty too. She made us feel very welcome, inspired and special for coming to listen to her.

After that we came out to have lunch and a talk in the park. Finally we had a play and went in the cars back to school. Ms Blakemore was very proud of our excellent behaviour and that we represented the school with respect, learning and safety.

By Heidi, Izzy, Ebony, Jade, Courtney, Lachlan, Lilly, Gracie, Gilbert, Jessie, Emily and Leila
Our Netball Team

Our Cricket Team

Ride Safely to School Friday 20 March 2015

24 March 2015
TO: THE CLARENCE TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL CANTEEN COMMITTEE

Volunteers Needed for Term 2 Canteen

Name: ___________________________________________ Phone No: ____________________________

Childs’ name:___________________________________ Childs’ class: ________________

* Postal address (only for members of the community, not parents):

_________________________________________________________________

I would like to volunteer (Please circle your choice).

WEEKLY MONDAY

FORTNIGHTLY WEDNESDAY

MONTHLY FRIDAY

ONCE PER TERM

My second preference day is _______________ I would like to work with ________________

I am new to the school YES / NO I am willing to be on your emergency list YES / NO

If you are unable to commit to working in the Canteen but still want to help out - try our Fruit Roster

I would like to go on the “Fruit Roster”. WEEKLY FORTNIGHTLY MONTHLY ONE A TERM

Any questions contact Tammy: 0427 964 078