Term 1, Week 10

Student of the week: Gracie

Gracie is a mature, helpful and respectful student. She tries so hard in all class tasks, her bookwork is always beautifully presented and she is always looking for ways to improve. Gracie is an excellent school leader and can often be seen helping other students. She is one of the captain’s for Karuah and also a proud representative of Clarence Town Public School; competing at the recent inter-schools netball day as well as being on this year’s debating team.

Gracie always wears her uniform with pride, can always be seen with a smile on her face and we think she will make an excellent student of the week.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to the following students who represented Clarence Town Public School last Friday at the Zone Cross Country Carnival. For many of our younger students it was their first time representing the school and they did a brilliant job – their behaviour was superb, their efforts were enormous and they encouraged each other all day!
8/9 years Girls  |  Kyla Radford  |  35th  
Chloe Flannery  |  94th  
Claudia Watt  |  12th  
Jemma Kershaw  |  83rd  
8/9 years Boys  |  Tait Maytom  |  60th  
Rufus Ainsworth  |  45th  
Harry Boyton  |  76th  
10 years Girls  |  Jessie Radford  |  6th  
Leila Kelly  |  59th  
Izzy Middleton  |  58th  
10 years Boys  |  Zac Braun Socha  |  14th  
Gilbert Ainsworth  |  51st  
Cale Conserdyne  |  54th  
11 years Girls  |  Makiah Archer  |  57th  
Abbie Steel  |  31st  
11 years Boys  |  Jack Boyton  |  77th  
Jayden Hawkin  |  64th  
Taiij Burgess  |  50th  
12 years Girls  |  Tahlia Thew  |  4th  
12 years Boys  |  Patrick Neilson  |  17th  
Declan Middleton  |  68th  

Jessie and Tahlia will now go on to represent the Zone at the Regional Cross Country Carnival next term – brilliant result!

Great work Anneeka, Jayden, Gabby, Matthew, Tahlia and Jaxson who represented the school at the 2015 Young Leaders Conference in Sydney last Monday. The Student Leaders had a great day and represented our school with pride.

Principal’s News

The count down to the school holidays is on and the Easter Bunny and Bilby are gearing up for a busy weekend…and we have another busy week at school too! It will be a short week with the last day for Term 1 being Thursday 2 April.

- Today we have our visiting show “Solid State Circus” and we are excited about the acrobatic troupe coming today.
- Tomorrow our Cricket team will be travelling to Seaham Oval again, but this time to play Gresford PS in the Reg Kelly Shield. The game against Seaham was very close so we are wishing them lots of success tomorrow and know all their hard work will pay off! Good Luck.
- There will be no weekly assembly this week as we will have our Easter Hat Parade on Thursday.
- Thursday is our annual Easter Hat Parade from 2-3pm in the school hall. The P&C Easter Raffle Draw will also happen at this event.

Permission Notes & Payments Due

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Awards

Wednesday 25 March

ES1L
Marlee Brown, Logan Burgess, Ben Salter

S1E
Jasmine Bagnall, Bailee Gleeson, Caitlin McDonald

S1/2 K
Chloe Flannery, Isabella Dunning, Harrison Jones

S2/3L
Lainee Colefax, Emily Layzell, Nathan Andrews

S3G
Abbie Steel, Jack Boyton, Macy-Lyn Pearson

30 March 2015
So another busy week ahead and then 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

Next term will also get off to a busy start with School Photos on Tuesday 21st April, our school ANZAC Service on Friday 24th April and CTPS students participating in the Clarence Town ANZAC March and Dawn Service on Saturday 25th April.

I will be in school on several occasions during the holidays for the delivery of our new photocopier, to meet with DEC staff re: OOSH (so I will have accurate updates beginning of Term 2), to meet with pest control re: our termite problem in the hall and I will also be meeting with local bus companies to plan bus routes! A busy holiday time but I will put updates in the first newsletter to keep you notified of plans/changes.

Our P&C Cake Stall and BBQ was a great success on Saturday, which is great as Saturday was a very busy day around town with voting, local markets, Scout Camp and soccer gala day! A heartfelt thank you to all parents who supported the P&C fundraiser by donating cakes for the stall – there were lots of yummy things to choose from and we SOLD OUT by 2:00pm! Thank you so much to Matthew Hicks, Gai Gorton, Matthew Kelly and Matthew Brown who cooked the BBQ – the sausage sandwiches were delicious! I would also like to send out a BIG thank you to Kelly Kelly, Bronwyn Prentice, Terrena Hicks, Leonie Garvey, Louise Knight, Tammy Bagnall, Amber Flannery and Dannii Jeffery for their support selling at the stall. We took over $1000 on the day, so once expenses are subtracted we should have a good amount to add to our School Equipment Fund. It was a great day and I thank all volunteers for support, especially juggling around the other events happening on the day.

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

30 March 2015
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

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

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**Dungog & District Community of Schools – News Updates**

**Stage 3 Inter School Sport Program**

In Term 2 the Stage 3 students will be participating in an inter school Sport Program. The students will travel to our Community of Schools Primary Schools and participate in a series of sporting activities. The program will be on a fortnightly roster and one fortnight the students will travel to another school and the other fortnight someone will travel to us. Glen William PS will be joining with Clarence Town PS for this event. As Glen William only has one class K-6 we always support the supervision of their students for our Community of Schools Events – another way we support each other across our wider community.

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**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.

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. 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 and students are to wear their full summer uniform please. All students were given their coded envelopes 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 Tuesday 31 March 2015. Family envelopes for photos will be available from the office.

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

Easter Raffle Tickets
The Easter Raffle will be drawn this Thursday. Please return your tickets to the school office by Wednesday 1 April.

Reg Kelly Cricket
Please note there will be NO cricket training this Wednesday.

Singleton Horse Sports
This Horse Sports day will be held Friday 22 May 2015 at Singleton Showground.
Road Work Update

At this stage we expect Marshall Street to be reopened by the end of the week and if delayed it will certainly be open by the start of Term 2. The road work has started on the opposite side of Queen and Marshall Streets now and this will continue through the start of Term 2. The temporary crossing will remain until this section of road is complete.

Paper Planes (G)
James Theatre, Dungog
Easter Monday 6 April, 1 pm

Paper Planes is an Australian family drama film directed by Robert Connolly which stars Sam Worthington, David Wenham, Deborah Mailman and Ed Oxenbould. The film tells the story about Dylan, a young boy with a passion for flight, who ends up competing in the World Paper Plane Championships in Japan. He has to overcome hostility from a school bully, as well as his father, and faces stiff competition from his chief rival, the spoiled Jason. But Dylan is inspired by his devil-may-care former World War II fighter-pilot grandfather, a kite-hawk he feeds on his way to school, and a Japanese paper plane champion Kimi.

Paper Planes has been hailed as an “adorable family film that is uplifting, warm, winning and, most of all, funny.”

And remember, if at first you don't succeed, fly, and fly again.

Also screening at the James Theatre this Easter weekend:

The Second Best Exotic Marigold Hotel (PG)
Easter Monday 6 April, 4 pm

As the Best Exotic Marigold Hotel has only a single remaining vacancy - posing a rooming predicament for two fresh arrivals - Sonny pursues his expansionist dream of opening a second hotel.