Term 2, Week 2

Student Achievement

Last Saturday Mr Lofts and I were very proud to attend the Clarence Town ANZAC March and Dawn Service and we would like to acknowledge the following students for attending and marching behind the school banner. The Student Leaders also laid tributes on the cenotaph on behalf of Clarence Town Public School.

Marching for Clarence Town Public School:
Kinder  Marlee B, Aylia, Ellee, Marlee R, Ewan, Jarvis, Riley
Year 1  Sally, Lane, Seton, Jesse H, Keaghan
Year 2  Chloe, Claire, Madelyn, Shyanna, Kyla, Phoebeahn, Jacob, Xavier, Tait, Luke
Year 3  Jemma, Lucas, Oliver, Max
Year 4  Lainee, Leila, Eboney, Jessie, Heidi, Tyler (represented his Scout Group at the march)
Year 5  Makiah, Taiij, Daniel, Abbie, Keeghan
Year 6  Desty’nhh, Gabrielle, Anneeka, Destiny, Macy-Lyn, Tahlia, Matthew, Jayden, Jaxson

SCHOOL PHOTOS WILL NOW BE TAKEN ON MONDAY 15 JUNE 2015.

Diary Dates

Monday 27 April
Students return Term 2

Tuesday 28 April
Canteen Meeting 6.30pm
P & C Meeting 7.00pm

Wednesday 29 April
Anzac Service in the School Hall at 9.15am

NO ASSEMBLY THIS WEEK

Thursday 30 April
S3 Peer Support Training

Friday 1 May
S3 Peer Support Training

Thursday 7 May
P & C Mother’s Day Stall

28 April 2015
Principal’s News

After a rough start to the term with school being closed last week I am pleased to advise that the students have settled in very quickly to class and are all working hard already. We welcome a new family into our community with Deynah joining S1/2K; we also farewelled two families at the end of Term 2 with Bailee and Finn moving house to Bulahdelah and Matilda and Noah moving house to Jerry’s Plains.

There is no need to send notes explaining any absences from school last week as the school was closed the students will be marked accordingly and these days will not be included in their final count for semester 2 absences.

We have a busy second week of term this week, besides catching up from missing Week 1 we have the following on:

- **Tuesday 28th April @ 7:00pm the April P&C meeting.**
  We will make this meeting as short as possible as many people have lots on at home with the flood clean up. The main items on the agenda will be filling vacant executive positions, fundraising and voting to change the time of the P&C meetings from the second Tuesday of the month to the third Tuesday of the month.

- **Wednesday 29th April @ 9:15am will be our school ANZAC service.** The service will be in the School Hall all parents and friends are welcome to attend. All classes will participate and the students will all lay a piece of rosemary for remembrance at the lectern during the service. (Please note that the school will supply the rosemary.) Our Student Leaders will host the service and all students attending will receive a commemorative Penny for the 100th anniversary recognition.

- **Thursday 30th April & Friday 1st May all Stage 3 students will be participating in Peer Support training.** This training will prepare them to lead student groups throughout Term 2 in Peer Support lessons. This year our focus will be the program “Together We Can Work It Out” which is an antibullying program. The students go off site to Glen William Scout Hall for their training and Mrs Etchells and Miss Ellis will lead them through the day and Mrs Viner will also accompany the group. This program is an integral part of our student leadership programs and plays an important part in Student Wellbeing across our school.

We also have a very exciting day next Monday 4 May for our Stage 2 and 3 students with a special “The Happiness Mission” day planned. This is a new school program that aims to: build resilience, promote healthy eating/living, develop self-confidence and encourage a growth mindset. The program is the brain child of the ‘positive girls’ from My Kitchen Rules: Carly and Tresne. Many of you are aware that Tresne has a

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**Permission Notes & Payments Due**

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**Awards**

- ES1L
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long history with Clarence Town Public School where she attended Primary School. As a special offer Carly and Tresne have offered us the program for free as a kind tribute to Tresne’s family, with her nephew and niece (Declan and Izzy) currently attending our school. We are very grateful of this kind offer and look forward to a great day.

Clarence Town has a very special centenary coming up with our School or Arts Hall turning 100! There is a weekend of activity planned for Friday 29th May, Saturday 30th May and Sunday 31st May. Clarence Town Public School is proud to be supporting three of the planned activities for the weekend:

- Scarecrow building competition
- Jean design competition

There are attachments in today’s newsletter regarding both of these; and
- The parade – we are asking students to dress in clothes of the era (1915) and we will parade behind our school banner with other community groups.

I will keep you posted as more information becomes available.

Further to yesterday’s information regarding the storm I have also included two attachments today – one is the Centrelink Disaster Recovery Payment and the other is information related to NSW Disaster Assistance Arrangements.

Lastly I have also attached information regarding a Family Energy Rebate which some families will be eligible for. Please read the flyer and carefully and note it has a cut-off date!

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 looks 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

Louise Blakemore
Principal
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.

Stewart House Donation Drive 2015
Students received an envelope today with the newsletter from Stewart House asking for a $2 donation. All money raised supports the 1,800 children who attend Stewart House each year from public schools in NSW & ACT. All donations go into a draw to win a holiday valued at $4000 to a destination of your choice!

Please return envelopes to the school by Wednesday 13 May 2015.

Book Club
Book Club was sent home today. Book Club orders and money are due back Monday 4 May 2015 at 9am. If you are paying by cheque please make it payable to Clarence Town Public School. This is important as we do all orders online and must issue only one cheque.

Opportunity Class Placement in 2016
Online applications open on Monday 27 April and close on Friday 15 May 2015. All students seeking Year 5 opportunity class placement in 2016 will be required to take the Opportunity Class Placement Test on Wednesday 22 July 2015. All applications must be made online by going to the following website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. If you require more information please contact the school.

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.
Due to the storm damage and clean up this program will now start in Week 4. Miss Bunn will organise notes to go home next week with all the details for Year 5 and Year 6 students.
Music Lessons

With
Katie Bagnall
@ Clarence Town Public School
Wednesday starting 6th May
Guitar, Piano & Singing Lessons
Ph: 0408 255 939

Clarence Town & District Tennis Club Inc

TRIVIA NIGHT
Saturday 23rd May 2015 at 6.30pm
at Clarence Town Bowling & Sport Rec Club

- $10.00 per person
- Teams of 8 People
- RSVP: 9th May 2015
  - Dannii - 0411 444 242
  - Brad - 0417 681 977

Enjoy a fun night and test your general knowledge