Term 2, Week 5

Student Achievement
Congratulations to Declan Middleton who won the annual Hunter Water/Local Land Services pamphlet design competition for the Williams River Catchment. His design has been published for local use. Please find a copy with today's newsletter. Jayden Hawkin was the runner up. Below is a photo of both boys receiving their prize. Congratulations boys.

Well done to all Year 3 and Year 5 students who put it a mammoth effort last week by completing 4 NAPLAN Assessments in 3 days! The students all applied themselves well and we were very proud of their application – results will be available later in Term 3.
Principal's News

Here we are in the middle of May and middle of Term 2 already! The term is progressing well with numerous opportunities for students in the areas of Sport, Public Speaking, leadership, wellbeing and culture. Of course, the classroom teaching and learning activities are continuing to build the capacity of each student in safe, productive learning environments.

The students have adapted well to the limited playground area while we await repairs to the storm damage. Most schools in the area were affected by the storms with many having serious damage to classrooms, libraries and office buildings. While our damage was significant we are further down the priority list of repairs as our buildings and classrooms escaped damage. The fallen trees were made safe and a safety fence has been erected to keep everyone out of danger and we expect repairs to be undertaken in the coming weeks. We are expecting to have the fallen and damaged trees removed, the Library COLA replaced, the equipment shade cloth and poles replaced, the equipment soft fall to be repaired and the damaged fence panels replaced. The students are to be commended on their adapting to the changes so quickly, although we have had lots of practice with adapting to change with all of the roadwork around school; but once again the students are to be commended in keeping themselves safe as they enter and depart school each day.

The Peer Support Program is off to a great start with the Stage 3 students teaching their groups about anti-bullying strategies. Last week’s lesson was focused on being able to identify bully behaviour and this week the students will be learning about what to do if they are being bullied – these lessons don’t just cover the school setting but also include what to do if happening outside school too. This would be an opportune time for parents to also reinforce safe behaviours and anti-bullying strategies for the other settings your child is in.

We have several Professional Development programs running this week – Mr Lofts will be travelling to Booral Public School on Wednesday in his role as Royal Life Saving Society First Aid Trainer. Ms Kelson, Ms Greig and I will be travelling to Dungog High School on Wednesday to participate in the first stage of Dungog and District Community of School Middle Years Maths Project. During this day Mr Brown (DHS), Mrs Chambers (MDO) and I will be leading training with Stage 3 and Stage 4 staff from our group of schools. On Thursday and Friday I will be attending the annual Hunter Central Coast Area Principals Conference. This is the biggest conference throughout the year and I am expecting to return with lots of information and updates about our DEC reforms.

Clarence Town Public School will be offering Catholic Scripture in the near future. If you would like your child to

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### Awards

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- S1E
- S1/2 K
- S2/3L
- S3G

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participate in Catholic Scripture lessons instead of non-scripture (Ethics) or our Ecumenical Scripture lessons or have any questions please contact me on 49964156 or via email louise.blakemore@det.nsw.edu.au.

Remember the week of the monthly P&C meetings has changed to the third Tuesday of the month:

May P&C Meeting 19 May @ 7:00pm in the Staffroom
June P&C Meeting 16 June @ 7:00pm in the Staffroom

This week we will focus on our Learning indicators in PBL:

- Do your best
- Be on task
- Be prepared

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 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**

**Middle Years Maths Project**

Our Dungog and District Community of Schools will be participating in a Middle Years (Years 5 – 8) Maths Project throughout 2015-2017.

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**Assembly Item**

Assembly Wednesday 20 May
May in the School Hall at 2pm. ES1L will do the assembly item. All parents and friends are welcome.

**Canteen Roster**

**TERM 2**

**Wednesday 20 May**
Tammy Bagnall
Rina Rocco

**Friday 22 May**
Matt Hicks
Mark Zuber

**Monday 25 May**
Amanda Shaw
Sam Broadbent

**Wednesday 27 May**
Tammy Bagnall
Rina Rocco

**Friday 29 May**
Carolynn Flannery
Danielle Jeffery

**Monday 1 June**
Robyn Keller
Megan Speedie

**Wednesday 3 June**
Heather McLenahan
Kristy Boyton

**Friday 5 June**
Sharlene Free
Tammy Bagnall

**Monday 8 June**
Closed Public Holiday
This project will target Professional Learning for Stage 3 and Stage 4 classroom teachers to improve outcomes for students in the areas on Maths. **The goal** will be to further develop a deeper understanding of effective pedagogy in the teaching of Mathematics in the middle years as well as further developing the capacity of our existing transition to High School plan.

The main goal areas will be:

- Building Bridges for improved transition
- Effective use of the Mathematics continuum of learning
- Stage 3 to Stage 4 building bridges and links
- Designing quality teaching and learning activities
- Creating investigations to engage Stage 3 and Stage 4 students
- Problem solving and working mathematically, including numerical literacy
- Effective Pedagogy in Mathematics

The project will also be an effective vehicle for building capacity of staff and especially building leadership skills in classroom teachers aspiring to leadership roles.

The main goal areas will be:

- Building leadership capacity
- Developing opportunities for staff to lead numeracy teams within their own school and across the Community of Schools
- Establishing a working team to manage and coordinate the professional learning across the Community of Schools
- Establishing in school teams to coordinate the implementation of pedagogy and practice

This will lead to improved teacher pedagogical practice and improved outcomes for students.

The other great news is that I applied for a special DEC Rural & Remote Grant for this project and we were successful in gaining funding of $15,000 to support the implementation across our schools.

Have a great week.
Louise Blakemore
Principal
SCHOOL PHOTOS WILL NOW BE TAKEN ON MONDAY 15 JUNE 2015.

Congratulations on nominating your teacher Miss Ellis in NEWFM’s Apple for the Teacher competition!

For your teacher to become Newcastle’s Favourite Teacher we now need you to tell everyone you know to vote for them from Monday at newfm.com.au

Have a great week and happy voting!

Cheers,

The NEWcrew!

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.

Stage 2 – Australian Reptile Park Excursion
The permission note and money are to be returned to school by Wednesday 20 May 2015.

K-2 Oakvale Farm Excursion
Notes for this excursion will go this week. The excursion will be held on Friday 12 June 2015.

Class Library Timetable Changes
Mr Kemp class S1/2K will be having Library now on a Tuesday starting 26 May next week. Miss Ellis class S1E will now have Library on a Wednesday starting 27 May next week. Please take note of these changes so the children return their books on the new days.
Book Fair
Our school is having a Book Fair this week and next week. The Library will be open for the Fair on Tuesday 19 May, Wednesday 20 May, Monday 25 May, Tuesday 26 May & Wednesday 27 May. The times for the Fair are Recess, Lunch & 3pm to 3.30pm in the afternoon.

AUSTRALIA'S BIGGEST MORNING TEA

WHEN: Thursday 28th May 2015
WHERE: Clarence Town Hall
   Grey Street (opp IGA store)
TIME: 9am – 11:30am
Everyone is invited to attend.

BOER WAR DAY
Sunday 31st May 2015

THE BOER WAR, SOUTH AFRICA 1899/1902

Service to be held at the Boer War Memorial,
Queen Street, Clarence Town (Gates to the Football Oval)
Starting at 11:00 am
All Welcome