Term 2, Week 3

Student Achievement
Huge congratulations to our Year 6 students who hosted and coordinated our school ANZAC Service last Wednesday:
Student Leaders – Anneeka, Jayden, Gabby, Matthew, Tahlia and Jaxson for a brilliant and professional job hosting the assembly.
Sound Room Monitors – Chloe and Darby for coordinating the sound and music.
Declan Middleton – did a great job as the official flag bearer at the service.

Well done to all Stage 3 students who undertook their Peer Support training last Thursday and Friday at Glen William Scout Hall. A special mention to Taiij, who participated and behaved brilliantly at the Stage 3 Peer Support training last week and was an excellent role model.

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

Principal’s News
Special Announcement – Some parts of Clarence Town will have a disruption to their water supply tomorrow and Wednesday as they complete work related to the Rifle Street roadworks. I have been informed by Hunter Water that a palette of bottled drinking water will be delivered to the Marshall Street entrance of the school for anyone affected. NB: This disruption to the water supply will not affect the school.
We had a busy return to school last week after the disruptions to week 1 and I would like to thank all parents, carers and all my staff that have done a brilliant job in getting students back to school and settled into Term 2. The students are very settled and classes working well.

Our school ANZAC Service was a wonderful tribute to the ANZAC spirit and the student leaders did a brilliant job hosting. I would like to thank our special guest Mr Tom Bannister for attending and supporting our school once again. Mr Bannister is one of our strongest supporters and never misses our ANZAC Service and we really appreciate his time. The students all received a commemorative Penny and any students absent will receive theirs once they return to school. Thank you to Mrs Kelson who coordinated the Service and organised the leaders and to all staff who played their part in ensuring the service was a success.

Last Thursday and Friday Mrs Etchells, Miss Ellis and Mrs Viner travelled to Glen William Scout Hall with our Stage 3 students to undertake Peer Support Leaders training. The students had two jam packed days of training so they can run our annual Peer Support Program this term. We had a large amount of parents assist with transport to Glen William and I would like to thank everyone who volunteered their time to support the program; once again working together to give our students the best opportunities possible. Peer Support lessons will begin this week from 2:30-3:00pm on Thursday afternoons. The students will be divided into K-6 groupings to undertake lessons related to getting along and working together. While the Year 5 and 6 students will lead the lessons they will be supervised and supported by classroom teachers.

Our April P&C Meeting was a great success with several of the Executive positions now being filled: congratulations to Mr Matthew Brown (President), Mrs Dannii Jeffery (Treasurer) and Mrs Kelly (Secretary). Once again parents volunteering their valuable time is appreciated to support our school. The P&C has done an amazing job in the past years and as you know has been working towards raising funds to purchase new playground equipment. They will be coordinating a Mother’s Day Stall this Thursday where the students can purchase gifts for Mother’s Day. Please see the notice further over in the newsletter for more details. Another motion that was passed at the meeting was to change the week of the monthly P&C meetings so from now on P&C meetings will be 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

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**Awards**

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- S1E
- S1/2 K
- S2/3L
- S3G
Today our Stage 2 and 3 students are participating in a special “The Happiness Mission” day. 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 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. Look out in next week’s newsletter for photos!

Speaking of photos! Last week each class participated in writing stories and illustrating pictures of the storm/flood which we will display in the Hall. I am also calling for any photos that we could also add to the display. If you have a photo of a local incident you would like to share please email it to me louise.blakemore@det.nsw.edu.au or clarencetown.p.school@det.nsw.edu.au or send a copy into the office. This is an important way in assisting the students deal with and process such an event.

Next week the students in Years 3 and Year 5 will be participating in the annual NAPLAN assessment – please see the attachment in today’s newsletter for more details.

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

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
Happy Mothers’ Day to all our mums, carers, grandmas and aunts for this Sunday.

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.

Due to the storm damage and clean up this program will now start in Week 4. Miss Bunn will organise notes to go home this 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
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
Please return envelopes to the school by Wednesday 13 May 2015.

Reg Kelly Cricket Training
There will be NO cricket training for students involved in the Reg Kelly Cricket competition for all of Term 2.

Stage 2 – Australian Reptile Park Excursion
All Stage 2 students were given a blue information and permission note today, which has all the details about this excursion. The permission note and money are to be returned to school by Wednesday 20 May 2015.

P & C Mother’s Day Stall Thursday 7 May
Don’t forget to bring your money in on Thursday 7 May 2015 to purchase a great gift for your mum. We have a wide and varied gift selection. Gifts will range in price from 50c through to $7.00. We wish all our mums, grandmas and carers a Happy Mother’s Day.

Thank you
Get your Entry Forms in ASAP for the Scarecrow &/or Jeans Artwork Competition for the Hall's 100th Birthday

Need to be completed for display by 20th May 2015

Completed Entry Forms can be emailed to

competitionssoa100@gmail.com