Term 2, Week 7

Student of the Week: Desty’nhh S3G

Desty’nhh is a sensible, mature student who can always be seen helping others. She is a hard worker, is always looking for ways to improve and always does her very best. Desty’nhh enjoys sport and has represented our school on a number of occasions. She wears her school uniform with pride and is an exemplary role model for other students. Desty’nhh is a leader that we are proud to have in our school and sets an example of what other students should aspire to. We think she will make an excellent student of the week.

Student Achievement
Great Effort to our debating team – Tayla, Gaby, Gracie, Chloe - who participated in their first round last Monday. The debate was very close with Clarence Town Public School being ahead until the last speaker of the opposition. Good luck tomorrow at Dungog!

Diary Dates

Tuesday 2 June
Soccer training this week

Wednesday 3 June
Assembly 2pm School Hall

Friday 5 June
SES Mufti Day
Walk Safely to School Day

Monday 8 June
Public Holiday

Friday 12 June
K-2 Excursion to Oakvale Farm

Monday 15 June
School Photos
Congratulations to the following winners from the School of Arts 100th Birthday Celebration (CTPS sponsored the Jeans and Scarecrow Competitions).

Scarecrow Winners
- 0-10years  Keeghan McCook
- 11-18years  Jack & Harry Boyton

Jeans Winners
- 0-8years  Aleira Mansfield
- 11-18years  Hayden Prentice


Principal’s News
Welcome to June and Winter! I am back on deck once again after being ill for the past few weeks and I would like to thank all my staff for stepping up during my absence to ensure that the school and all programs and initiatives continued to run smoothly. I am very lucky to have such a committed and capable staff who always ensure our students have the best opportunities available.

Also thank you to our P&C President, Matthew Brown, who stepped in to award the School of Arts 100th Birthday Jeans and Scarecrow Prizes over the weekend when I was unable to attend due to illness. The weekend was a great success with a full timetable of activities that were all well supported by our community. Congratulations to the organising committee for such a wonderful event that showcased our beautiful Hall, long history and wonderful community spirit.

Last Friday our Stage 2 students had a great day at the Reptile Park with lots of interesting facts learnt and a great hands-on learning experience. The students represented the school with pride and displayed our values Learning, Respect and Safety throughout the day – well done. Thank you to Mr Lannigan and Mrs Price for their great organisation and Mr Lannigan, Mr Kemp and Miss Ellis for supervising the excursion.

This week we have another busy schedule with:

Tuesday
- the debating team v Dungog PS with Talya, Anneeka, Gaby and Gracie representing Clarence Town PS – Good Luck!
- After School Sports
- Soccer training after school (See NB below)

Wednesday
- all staff will be participating in a Diabetes workshop after school.

Permission Notes & Payments Due

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Awards

Wednesday 27 May 2015

ES1L
Sophie Thompson, Riley Flannery, Ben Salter

S1E
Broc Cresswell, Charlie Jones, Seth Smith

S1/2 K
Claire Bagnall, Jacob, Amity Lynch

S2/3L
Jessie Radford, Claudia Watt, Daniel Edwards

S3G
Samara Archer, Jayden Hawkin, Harry Thurlow-Gray
NB: Due to this training Mr Kemp has changed soccer practice to Tuesday for this week only.

Friday
- mufti day: dress in orange, yellow or bright colours and bring a Gold Coin donation for our local SES who do a great job and worked so hard in the recent flood/storm event to ensure we were all safe.
- Walk to School Day + Colour in Competition

Thank you to Ms Greig for coordinating our debating team, Mr Lofts for coordinating the After School Sports Program, Mr Kemp for organising the PSSA Soccer team and Walk to School Day and Miss Ellis for coordinating the SES Mufti Day.

This week I will be out of school for a few hours tomorrow as I take our debating team to Dungog PS for their second round debate and on Friday to attend a Principal meeting at Kurri Kurri.

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

**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 look 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.
Last Wednesday Peter Trappel from the local IGA Store attended our School Assembly to present a cheque to our school for $700.00. This cheque was part of the Community Chest Program run by the IGA. We appreciate the support our school receives from this local business. Part of the money will go to purchasing scarves and beanies in the school colours for the Stage 3 students to use in Canberra Term 3.

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

Have a great week.
Louise Blakemore
Principal

Dungog & District Community of Schools – News Updates

Stage 3 Inter school Sports

The Inter School Sports has gotten off to a brilliant start with two visits down; the first to Paterson PS to participate in soccer and netball and the second to Dungog PS to participate in soccer and austag. These Sports days allow our students to meet and get to know the other students in Years 5 and 6 across our schools and assist with developing friendships prior to High School as well as offering great sporting opportunities. Thank you to Mr Oke the Principal of Vacy PS who is coordinating the program across our Dungog & District Community of Schools and Miss Bunn, Mrs Price and Mrs Kelson who have been coordinating the program at a school level. The next visit will be here at Clarence Town Public School in Week 8. Please note that Clarence Town Public School also supervises the Stage 3 students from Glen William PS as their school it too small to be able to participate without support. Another way we contribute to our wider community at Clarence Town Public School.
Congratulations on nominating your teacher”s Miss Ellis & Mr Kemp 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 newfm.com.au

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.

K-2 Oakvale Farm Excursion
Notes and money for this excursion are due back Friday 5 June. The excursion will be held on Friday 12 June 2015.

Soccer Training
Soccer training for this week only is tomorrow Tuesday 2 June.

Walk Safely to School Day
This Friday is our Walk Safely to School Day. We encourage all Clarence Town Public School students to walk to school on this day. The day promotes the importance of children having 60 minutes of regular physical activity each day, and encourages parents, carers and children to build walking to school into their daily routine. The objectives of the day are:

1. Better health and road safety
2. Cleaner air
3. Less traffic
4. Improved transport

SES Mufti Day
Due to the severe storm we had last month our school will be holding a mufti day this Friday 5th June to raise money for the State Emergency Service. Students are asked to come dressed to school in orange and make a gold coin donation in support of our SES volunteers. Your support is always appreciated.

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P&C - Pie Drive
Attached to today's newsletter is an order sheet for the P&C Pie Drive. The Order sheet and money are due back by Friday 12 June 2015. Thompson’s Bakery are supplying the goods.

P&C – Entertainment Book
The information on this fundraiser is with today's newsletter. The books are available from the school office at a cost of $60.00.