Term 2, Week 10

Student of the Week: Jesse Hoffman S1E

Jesse is a bubbly and friendly student. He is always keen, enthusiastic and eager to learn. Jesse shows persistent effort and determination.

Jesse has developed good work habits and can be relied upon to do his best. Jesse likes to play with his friends and he enjoys playing soccer. Congratulations Jesse!

Student Achievement
Wonderful work Carlie, Riley and Sophie from ES1E who visited Ms Blakemore’s office last week to show some quality writing work…excellent writing and super illustrations!

Congratulations to the boys in S3G who did an amazing job last Monday during the School Photo sessions and to Anneeka and

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Jayden who were a great help to the photographers and teachers assisting with organising classes and students for photos.

A very special mention to Clarence Town Preschool Students who visited our school Library last Thursday – many of these littlies will be coming to Clarence Town Public School in the next 2 years – and their manners, behaviour and enthusiasm were exceptional!

Principal’s News
The days are flying by and we are nearly at the end of Term 2 already and Winter has set in. It has been an extremely successful term, despite the troublesome start and we have managed to cover a huge range of learning opportunities from the classroom; to the sporting field; to the debating table; to the Book Fair; to Peer Support; to the Bowling Club; to the High School; to community events; to the partner Primary Schools; to the Reptile Park; to Oakvale Farm; to school photos and there are more opportunities to come in the remaining few days with:

- Next round of the debating
- 65 Roses fundraiser and Crazy Hair Day
- Heart Foundation Cupcake Stall
- Author visit at the preschool

…and reports to be sent home on Friday! Any student not at school on Friday will have their report posted home. It has certainly been a term filled with opportunities for everyone.

The Peer Support Program has been very successful this year with students engaging in a series of anti-bullying lessons led by Stage 3 students. The Stage 3 students have really done a great job preparing the lessons and implementing them and the younger students have been ready to learn, respectful and engaged in the lessons. We are seeing an increase in students proactively resolving issues with each other and a reduction in referrals to time out; which can also be attributed to our PBL program which continues to reward students for positive behaviour while assisting students to resolve issues quickly and develop positive social skills and habits. Our values Respect, Learning and Safety are well known by all students and all students recognise our Tawny 5 School Rules and the 6 L’s of learning.

The school excursion program is again running well with our Stage 2 students enjoying a very successful learning day at the Reptile Park where they were able to interact with native animals and learn in a hands-on presentation and practical
environment. Mr Kemp having to hold the giant python was a highlight for many students and Mr Lannigan was glad he wasn’t chosen this year! Likewise the Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students had a super day exploring Oakvale Farm where they also had the opportunity for hand-on learning. The students were so excited and full of stories of milking cows, touching reptiles, patting koalas and kangaroos and seeing the barn yard nursery animals…but the free ice block was a definite highlight for many! The program will continue next term with our Stage 3 students heading to Canberra in Week 2 of the term to enjoy the learning experiences of our Nation’s Capital.

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Our continued support of community projects is again a feature of our success this term with our contribution to the School of Arts 100th Birthday celebration, the local Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser, school fundraisers for our local SES and cystic Fibrosis. We have also continued to build on our relationships with local businesses by mutual support platforms.

All of these events and learning opportunities reflect the great school community, local community and wider community links we have to improve student outcomes for all of our kids.

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**

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• I can work quietly
• I can follow instructions
• I can control what I do and Say

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 14th July for Term 3!

Have a great week.
Louise Blakemore
Principal

Dungog & District Community of Schools – News Updates

Sports Gala Day
Unfortunately the Stage 3 Sports Gala Day to be held at Dungog High School has been postponed due to the wet weather. This day will still go ahead and we will notify parents of the new date early next term.

Focus on Reading
I will be travelling to Vacy Public School on Tuesday afternoon to continue training the Vacy, Gresford and Martins Creek Public School staff in Focus on Reading.

Term 3 Staff Development Day
At the Term 3 Staff Development Day on Monday 13th July all schools from our Dungog & District Community of Schools will be coming to Clarence Town Public School to participate in our annual training day. This year the focus will be on Student Welfare. There will be four guest presenters taking us through a series of training sessions which will continue to give our Community of Schools common approaches and goals to support our students. Clarence Town Sport and Bowling Club will once again be catering – thanks Sean, Alana and your teams.

PSSA Soccer
Unfortunately our PSSA Soccer match which was to be held on Thursday 25 June has had to again be postponed. Hopefully we will have better luck organising a game early in Term 3.

Cystic Fibrosis
Clarence Town Public School will be supporting Cystic Fibrosis this week and next…this week merchandise will be on sale. The office has Lip Balm, Bracelets, Earbuds, 65 Roses Day pins and 65 Roses Day key rings for sale. All items are $5.00

On Wednesday 24 June we will have a crazy hair day with a Gold Coin Donation.

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Help our kids help our Community ...

Thursday 25 June

Several Stage 2 students have planned a fundraiser for next Thursday 25th June.

There will be cupcakes for sale for 50c, $1.00, $1.50 and $2.00.

+ a variety of Stationery from 10c - $1.00 + a Jelly Bean Guessing Competition 20c / guess

The money raised from the cupcake sale will go to the Heart Foundation and the funds from the stationery and Jelly Bean Guessing Comp will go towards Cystic Fibrosis.

P&C – Entertainment Book

Please see flyer for further information on the Entertainment Books which was sent home with today’s newsletter. Entertainment Books are available from the school office at a cost of $60.00.

Dungog & District Little Athletics

This is your last chance to make Little Athletics happen in your community for your kids.

This is a safe, healthy activity for our kids. So many kids had such a fantastic time and we would not want to see this wonderful sporting activity be lost to our community.

So we want to see you all at the AGM on Tuesday 23rd June, 4pm.