Term 2, Week 8

Student of the Week: Jordan

Jordan is a very respectful and caring student. He has a very positive attitude towards learning and displays quality work at all times. Jordan is always a fantastic classroom helper and he generously gives up his own time to support his peers. He is always a wonderful role model for other students through his mature behaviour. Jordan is a keen sportsman who really enjoys running around with all his friends. Jordan plays soccer for Clarence Town and he is very proud to represent his home town. He is a true animal lover and he enjoys sharing his knowledge of animals with others. Jordan is a pleasure to teach and we think he will make a terrific student of the week.

Student Achievement
Great Effort to our debating team – Tayla Howarth, Gaby Fren, Gracie Kershaw, Anneeka Knight - who participated in their second round last Tuesday against Dungog PS. The debate was very close with Clarence Town Public School just missing out on the win – keep up the great effort!
Well done Peer Support leaders who are doing a great job leading the Peer Support Lessons this term; a special mention to Tahlia Thew, Matthew Benhard, Harry Thurlow-Gray and Jaxson Stericker for exceptional work with the younger students in their groups.

A huge thank you to Harry Thurlow-Gray and Macy-Lyn Pearson for their assistance and commitment during our 2015 Annual Book Fair; they give their own time to assist with setting up, packing up and managing the sales each day. The Book Fair would not run nearly as smoothly without their help!

Principal's News
Winter certainly hit with a vengeance last week and we had several very cold starts. Thank you to those parents who ensure their children are in full school uniform every day. However, I was somewhat concerned with a large number of students who weren't dressed suitably for the colder weather, while our houses, cars and classrooms are very warm and comfortable, our playground is exposed to the wind and very cold. Could I please ask that you ensure your children have suitable warm clothes for each day at school. The winter uniform is:

Girls: Green Track pants or slacks (not tights)
   White polo shirt or skivvy
   Green Jumper, sloppy joe or jacket*
   Green Waterproof coat*
   White Socks
   Black Shoes

Boys: Grey Pants*
   Green school emblem polo shirt*
   Green jumper, sloppy joe or jacket*
   Green Waterproof coat*
   Grey Socks
   Black Shoes

*These items are available from the P&C Uniform Shop for very reasonable price.
NB: If your child is wearing a beanie, scarf or gloves please ensure they are in school colours – green, white, red.

This week we have two special events, with the PSSA Soccer on Thursday and our K-2 Students travelling to Oakvale Farm on Friday for their excursion.

Next week is School Photos day on Monday and students will need to wear their full Summer Uniform with tracksuits and jumpers/jackets over the top to be easily removed and put back on after the photos. Please ensure that the girls
are not wearing green stockings/tights under their dresses and that boys have their grey shorts on. I realise this is the opposite of what I said in my first paragraph but we changed our photo date because of the storm/floods, this means we are having them at a totally different time slot to usual!

I will be out of school on Tuesday and Wednesday to attend a Transition to High School Project Conference.

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.

Have a great week.
Louise Blakemore
Principal

SCHOOL PHOTOS WILL NOW BE TAKEN ON MONDAY 15 JUNE 2015.
Dungog & District Community of Schools - News Updates

Stage 3 Inter school Sports

This week our Inter School Sports Program sees Clarence Town Public School hosting Vacy PS. The students will be participating in two team sports at Clarence Town Oval and getting to know the Stage 3 students from our Community of Schools and developing friendships ready for High School.

Middle Years Maths Project

I have mentioned our Community of Schools Middle Years Maths Project several times in this term and after a very successful start to the program with Primary School teachers visiting High School classrooms to observe how maths is taught in the high school setting we now have several common goals we are working towards. This week Mr Brown (Head Teacher Mathematics from Dungog HS) and I will be travelling to Coffs Harbour for a two day conference where we hope to be inspired and come back with lots of ideas on how to further expand our project.

K-2 Oakvale Farm Excursion
This excursion will be held on Friday 12 June 2015. The bus will depart the school at 9.00am sharp and return by 3.00pm.

PSSA Soccer
This game will take place on Thursday 11 June at King Park, Raymond Terrace against Grahamstown Public School. Transport will be by private vehicle. We wish the team good luck.

SES Mufti Day
Thank you to everyone for supporting this wonderful mufti day. We raised a total of $142.00 to donate to the local SES.

P&C - Pie Drive
An order sheet for the P&C Pie Drive was sent home last week. The Order sheet and money are due back by Friday 12 June 2015. Thompson’s Bakery are suppling the goods.

P&C – Entertainment Book
The information on this fundraiser was sent home last week with the newsletter. The books are available from the school office at a cost of $60.00.