Term 3, Week 1

Student of the Week: Gracie S2/3L

Gracie has been at Clarence Town Public School since she was in kindergarten. She is a fine student and she likes school. Gracie really enjoys sport. She always does her best and she displays excellent sportsmanship. Gracie is helpful in class, the playground and she is popular and a good leader. Gracie is kind, she is honest and she always gives her best effort. She considers safety, she is respectful and she has a love of learning. We think she will be an excellent student of the week.

Student Achievement
Congratulations to Lilly Palmer, Jesse Radford, Eboney Preece, Emily Layzell, Layla Kelly, Lainee Colefax and Ronin Elloy who organised, cooked, supplied stationery and Jelly Beans for a combined Cake Stall/Jelly Bean Guessing Competition and Stationery sale to raise money for The Heart Foundation and Cystic Fibrosis at the end of Term 2. This was a wonderful effort and the students raised $135.95 for the Heart Foundation and $66.60 for Cystic Fibrosis – that’s a total of $202.55! This was a
wonderful altruistic event and thank you to the parents that supported the students to make this event such a great success.

Well done to all students who participated in our Crazy Hair Day on the last Wednesday of Term 2 – we had some wild colours and bouncy plaits and lots of weird and wacky styles! We raised a further $82.60 for Cystic Fibrosis + the 65 Roses merchandise of $190.00 which made a wonderful total of $272.60.

Principal’s News

Welcome to Term 3 and Winter is definitely here, I trust you all had an enjoyable break with the students at home and thank you to everyone for getting the students to school on time today, ready to learn and in school uniform. We welcome two new students today with Mackayla joining S2/3L and Jentson joining ES1L – we extend a warm welcome to our new students and their families.

During the holidays the “flashing school 40” signs were installed. This will help contribute towards the safety of our students. Hopefully when drivers see this they will slow down and stick to the speed limit.

We have a busy term ahead with the next 3 weeks being particularly full, so please keep an eye out for notes and information so you don’t miss anything. We start this week with our NAIDOC celebration this Friday. Miss Ellis has worked closely with the teachers to organise an exciting day of activities, along with a sausage sizzle lunch opportunity. Please see the information further over in the newsletter.

Next week will also be busy, starting with our annual Athletics Carnival on Monday 20th July at the Rugby League Oval. All students will go straight to the oval and be dismissed from the oval on the day. There will be a teacher on duty under the Rugby League Canteen covered area from 8:30am and we will have roll marking at 9:00 am and the carnival will start from there. This is always a fun day with lots of community and parent support and we look forward to another fun event this year.

Then on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday the Stage 3 students will be off on their Canberra Excursion with Mr Lannigan, Mr Lofts and I. The students are very excited and looking forward to a busy itinerary, including The Australian War Memorial, Mount Ainsley, The Dinosaur Mueseum, Parliament House, Old Parliament House, Electoral Education Centre,
Telstra Tower, Australian Institute of Sport and Questacon! Back at school during this time Miss Bunn will be teaching ES1L and Miss Greig will teach Mr Lannigan’s Year 4 students on Wednesday and Mrs Etchells will teach them Thursday and Friday.

Then Week 3 is Education Week and we will have our school Open Day on Wednesday 29th July and our Dungog & District Community of Schools Education (DDC0S) Week Award Ceremony will be on Thursday 30th July.

This term will also be busy for staff with plenty of Professional Development, we started yesterday during our annual DDCoS combined Staff Development Day. We had 4 Key Note Speakers with our focus being on Student Wellbeing. It was a very successful day with lots of opportunities to network with our Community of Schools and share ideas and strategies. Clarence Town Public School hosted the event again this year and I would like to thank my staff who assisted with the organisation of the day. I would also like to acknowledge Williams River Bakery for the wonderful scones we enjoyed for morning tea and Clarence Town Sport, Recreation and Bowls Club who supplied an expansive and delicious lunch.

During this term teachers will also be undertaking 4 x 3 hour professional learning sessions around Quality Teaching and this training will be on a Thursday afternoon at Maitland where we will join with all the small schools from our area to undertake this training. At school we will be continuing our Focus on Reading, National Syllabus and Teacher Accreditation professional learning and Miss Ellis will be continuing her L3 training.

The school holiday Sport Program was a big success again these holiday’s with many of our students attending. I would like to pass on a huge thank you to Mr Lofts and the Committee for their volunteer time in organising these great days to give our students the opportunity to experience a variety of sport activities and meet new friends.

Last Monday night I was invited to attend the annual Clarence Town Lions Club change over dinner. It was a lovely evening with a delicious dinner and excellent company. The Lions Club also very kindly donated $250.00 to the school which will be used to purchase books for our school Library.

As of July 1 2015 the NSW Department of Education and Communities (DEC) had a change of name and will now be known as the NSW Department of Education (DoE).
This week we will focus on our Respect indicators in PBL:
- Care for Property and Equipment
- Follow Instructions the First time
- Use Positive Language

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 Sa

Have a great week.
Louise Blakemore
Principal

Woolworths Earn & Learn

Once again Clarence Town Public School is participating in this program. We encourage parents, grandparents, teachers and students to support this program by collecting Earn & Learn Stickers. These stickers need to be stuck onto the Sticker Sheet attached to today’s newsletter. Extra sheets are available from the School. When the sheet is completed they can be placed into the Collection Box in the school office. The program will start on Wednesday 15 July and close Tuesday 8 September.

The school will be able to purchase resources from Modern Teaching Aids from the points earned at the conclusion of the program. We can choose resources across all curriculum areas, including Maths, English, Science, Art & Craft, Sports and more.

Book Club

Book Club was sent home today. Book Club orders and money are due back Monday 27 July 2015 at 9am. If you are paying by cheque please make it payable to Clarence Town Public School. This is important as we do all orders online and must issue only one cheque.

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.
Focus on Reading

During Term 3 I will be continuing 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 yesterday all schools from our Dungog & District Community of Schools came to Clarence Town Public School to participate in our annual training day. This year the focus was on Student Welfare. There were 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.

Naidoc Day & P & C

In conjunction with NAIDOC Day celebrations the P&C are holding a sausage sizzle and cake stall along with canteen items (chips & drinks). The following foods can be purchased on the day:

- Sausage Sandwich  $2.50
- Cakes – priced on the day
- Tea & Coffee  $2.00
- Can of soft drink  $2.00

Also, we need volunteers for cooking and serving the BBQ and to bake cakes for the stall. Please list all ingredients on the container of any cooking that is sent in for the cake stall.

If you can provide assistance with any of these can you please let us know via the following:

Text message or phone – Tammy 0427 964 078

Thank you for your support

Athletics Carnival

A note went home today for the Athletics Carnival which will be held on Monday 20 July at the Rugby League Field. Please make sure the permission note is returned tomorrow Wednesday 15 July.
Registration NOW OPEN!! Woohoo

REGISTER NOW at https://register.canbook.me/dungogdashdawdle

Come help us raise much-needed funds for the Dungog Shire Community Centre Inc. Needed more now than ever to support the recovery effort in the Dungog Shire after that terrible night, there’s still an on-going need, especially for money that can be well targeted to the needs of individuals and families.

So if you can’t Run or Walk you can support by make a donation to the Dungog Shire Community Centre see our websites on how to donate www.dins.org.au

And donations above $2 are tax deductible.

So to make a donation at our website or add it on when you register!