Term 3, Week 2

Student Achievement
Our Stage 3 leaders are doing a remarkable job in all areas and they have had two standouts performances:

- At last Friday’s NAIDOC activities they were superb leading their groups through the activities and ensuring everyone in their group was Safe and ready to Learn!
- At yesterday’s Athletics Carnival they were all wonderful looking after the younger students in their Sports House Groups and helping ensure that everyone was Safe.

Excellent Sportsmanship from our PSSA Soccer team was on display last week when they travelled to Raymond Terrace for their latest game. The boys were exceptionally well behaved and Mr Kemp returned to school very proud. The whole team showed
Principals News
As I said last week it is a very busy start to Term 3 and the students and classes have settled in well with everyone in uniform, ready to learn, showing respect and being safe.

Our NAIDOC day went extremely well with everyone having a great time, despite the icy conditions. We did have to move all the activities inside as it was far too cold to be outside even under cover – yes that definitely was sleet falling! The students had the opportunity to experience a variety of cultural experiences thanks to my wonderful staff who had planned highly engaging activities. I would like to thank the parents who braved the cold and helped out in the classrooms, cooking the sausage sizzle, donating cakes and serving recess and lunch. It was another wonderful demonstration of our great community partnerships with school and families working together to make opportunities available to our students. Thanks also to Williams River Bakery and Clarence Town Butcher who supplied the yummy bread and scrumptious sausages.

After several very ordinary days, yesterday turned out beautiful and just perfect for our Athletics Carnival. The day was a brilliant success with the students all doing their best and participating in all activities with resilience and true sporting spirit. Once again the community spirit was strong with my staff lead by Mr Lofts organising a brilliant day, plenty of parent and carers helping out and cheering us on and Mrs Tammy Bagnall organising the best Canteen ever! Once again we utilised Williams River Bakery for the pies and sausage rolls and they were delicious as were the Roast Beef and Gravy rolls (yes I can speak from personal experience – scrumptious)!

Tomorrow Stage 3 Mr Lofts, Mr Lannigan and I will be heading off to Canberra for 3 days for the Canberra Excursion. 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! The only part they are not too keen on is the early start tomorrow at 5:45am!

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.
Friday. Mrs Kelson will be acting Principal on Wednesday and Miss Ellis will be acting Principal on Thursday and Friday.

The only negative news to report is that our school Canteen was targeted last Wednesday evening and someone broke in, while the perpetrator damaged the serving doors during their break and enter they did not damage anything inside or take anything. We believe they were looking for money but of course there are no monies kept in the Canteen or on school grounds anywhere for that matter, so they left empty handed. School Security was on site within 15 minutes and then stayed for the remainder of the evening to ensure the school was safe and secure. The disturbance occurred around 11:30pm and if you happened to see anything around this time could you please report it to Raymond Terrace Police Station. It is extremely unusual for our school to be targeted, indeed this is the first break in during my 5 years as Principal, and I would ask all parents to be diligent and if you see anything unusual to contact School Security on 1300 88 00 21 or call 000.

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

Assembly Item

There will be NO Assembly this Wednesday 22 July as Stage 3 will be in Canberra on their excursion.

Canteen Roster

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Wednesday 22 July
Fran White
Megan Speedie

Friday 24 July
Kerry Salter
Carolynn Flannery

Monday 27 July
Rina Rocco
Robyn Keller

Wednesday 29 July
Tammy Bagnall
Miranda Hensley

Friday 31 July
Sharlene Free
Volunteer needed

Monday 3 August
Katie Bagnall
Linda Richardson

Wednesday 5 August
Kelly Rusak
Lisa Wells

Friday 7 August
Kristy Boyton
Carolynn Flannery
Focus on Reading
During Term 3 I will be continuing training the Vacy, Gresford and Martins Creek Public School staff in Focus on Reading. This training will be after school on Tuesday 4 August and Tuesday 25 August from 3:30-5:30pm.

Little Bits
Seth Winchester and Hayden Prentice have been selected to participate in a combined school technology program called Little Bits. They travelled to Dungog High School last Thursday for a face to face day to learn the basic electronics they will require to participate and each Monday they will be part of an Adobe Connect link up across our Community of Schools to complete a series of tasks. The boys are doing a great job and very excited about their learning.

Ghana Beat My Drum Performance
Our school will be hosting the Ghana Beat My Drum Performance on Tuesday 4 August. Ghana Beat My Drum incorporates audience participation, singing, dancing and drumming to leave audiences feeling exhilarated and inspired as well as enlightened in the ways and culture of Africa and more particularly Ghana. This performance will be held in our school hall and all students are encouraged to attend. The cost of this performance is $5 per student. Permission notes were sent home with today’s newsletter. Please see the office if you did not receive a note.

Sporting Schools – Athletics
Our school will once again be participating in the Sporting Schools Program. This term we are offering students the chance to participate in an Athletics program. This program will run on a Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 3pm to 4pm commencing 28 July to 9 September. Athletics will be held at school. All students have received a permission note with today’s newsletter. Please return the permission note to the office if you would like your child to attend the Sporting Schools Athletics Program.

School Musical Costumes
Our school will once again be holding a school musical this term and all students will be participating. The title for this year’s musical is “Around The World”. Students have received a copy of their classes costume requirements. If you have any questions or are having trouble with any costumes, please see Katie Bagnall.

PSSA Boys Soccer Round 2
Last Thursday Clarence Town's Boys soccer team took on Grahamstown at King Park Soccer field in round 2 of the PSSA Boys Soccer knockout competition. Both sides showed great enthusiasm and commitment from the opening whistle of the game. The first half of the match was a tight contest with both sides having numerous opportunities to score. Grahamstown were fortunate to take a 2-1 lead into half time after Clarence Town missed some crucial chances. The second half
was another close encounter with both sides having opportunities to attack the opposition's goal. Unfortunately Grahamstown were able to take some of their chances and managed to get 2 late goals to post a 4-1 victory. All of the boys put in a huge team effort on the day and they showed great pride in representing our school. I would like to personally thank all the parents and family members that provided transport to the boys for this game. A final congratulation should be given to all the boys for their wonderful efforts throughout this year's competition. Well Done!!!

Mr Kemp

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.

Book Club
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
Entertainment Books are available from the school office at a cost of $60.00.