Student Achievement
Our zone athletes competed in the Port Stephens Zone Athletics Carnival last Friday at Raymond Terrace. We can all be proud of our student’s behaviour and effort throughout the day. All the children ran very well and some outstanding efforts were rewarded with places in finals and regional selection. Congratulations to all.
Tahlia Thew (100m 7th), (200m 5th), Tait Maytom (100m 8th), Patrick Neilson (200m 1st) ran strongly in all their events to finish well in their finals. Harry Boyton (3rd) and Jemma Kershaw (1st) in their finals races qualified for the regional carnival to be held later this month at Glendale.
Many thanks to our band of supporters for assisting with transport and managing the children on the day. Your support is much welcomed and appreciated.
Our team was Jayden, Tait, Caleb, Jaxson, Keeghan, Gilbert, Taij, Nathan, Harry B, Harry W, Jack B, Chloe, Jessie, Kyla, Isabella, Makiah, Tahlia, Abbie, Jemma, Ebony, Claudia, Liam and Patrick.

Steve Loffs
Principals News

It was great once again to see so many of our students in their costumes for our Book Week Parade last Wednesday. I’d like to personally say a big thank you to everyone for their efforts in helping with costumes as I know it can often be difficult to organise these. It really is worthwhile to see the smiles that are achieved and the fun that is had at this event. So thanks again for your support.

Also last week Author Jess Black visited us and conducted a writing workshop. Many of our students gained first-hand author experience working with Jess, producing some really quality pieces of writing. Some of these were shared at our Book Parade last week. This week our normal Wednesday afternoon assembly will resume.

Last week was the Zone Athletics Carnival. I would like to offer an apology to students who missed out on competing in the 800m race last week. Due to an oversight of an unclear email we missed the change of date for this particular race as it was held separately to the rest of the Zone Carnival events on the Friday. Despite this unfortunate oversight we had 23 students attend the carnival on Friday, achieving some commendable results at this level. As mentioned above several of our students will go on to compete at Regional level. Congratulations to all of our students, your behaviour and efforts at this event were excellent. Thank you to the parents who were able to help with transport and supervision.

This week our Stage 3 Public Speaking Competition will begin at our Wednesday Whole School Assembly. I wish our Stage 3 students the best of luck with this event. Past years have shown that this is invaluable in building skills and confidence for our Stage 3 students. The competition addresses the Board of Studies English Syllabus goals for children to become confident and involved learners and to be effective communicators. The syllabus states that

"by the end of Stage 3 students communicate effectively, using considered language to entertain, inform and persuade audiences for an increasing range of purposes."

Last week our Stage 3 Students completed NSW University Middle Years Survey. This week they will complete the second survey of the Department of Education’s Tell Them From Me Survey. Next week we would like to offer parents the opportunity to complete the parent version of this data.
collection tool. Attached is more information for you regarding the survey. The survey can be completed online via computer or hand held devices, including IPhone. If you do not have access to the internet we would like to offer the use of the schools Computer Lab next week on Monday afternoon and the following week on Tuesday afternoon between 2 and 4pm. Details on how to access the survey are on the attached information sheet.

Just a reminder to be looking out for getting your child’s costumes together for the school concert which will take place on Wednesday in Week 9, on the 9.9.15. Whilst costumes are not due in yet, we hope to have our first whole school rehearsal next week. We will keep you informed via the newsletter as to when costumes will be required for dress rehearsal.

Next Wednesday Stage 3 will have the opportunity to complete the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics competition. I wish them success with this competition.

**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

Have a great week.
Louise Blakemore
Principal

**PVC Semester Return 2015**

This is to update you on PVC subsidy semester returns. Transport for NSW expects to publish the Semester 1, 2015 Private Vehicle Conveyance subsidy Semester Returns over the next few weeks.

Transport for NSW has been reviewing PVC subsidy claims because it has introduced a new computer system and this has caused a delay. We understand this overall will lead to a delay of several weeks compared to the usual processing time.

Transport for NSW has advised us they are apologetic for the inconvenience.

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**Assembly Item**

This week's assembly is at 2pm in the school hall. S2/3L will perform an item. All parents and friends are welcome.

**Canteen Roster**

**TERM 3**

**Wednesday 19 August**
Tammy Bagnall
Miranda Hensley

**Friday 21 August**
Megan Speedie

**Volunteer needed**

**Monday 24 August**
Tammy Bagnall
Rina Rocco

**Wednesday 26 August**
Sharlene Free
Bianca Hoffman

**Friday 28 August**
Bronwyn Prentice
Dannii Jeffery

**Monday 31 August**
Sam Broadbent
Amanda Shaw

**Wednesday 2 September**
Melissa Morris
Fran White

**Friday 4 September**
Matt Hicks
Mark Zuber

**Monday 7 September**
Katie Bagnall
Linda Richardson

**Wednesday 9 September**
Rina Rocco
Bianca Hoffman

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17 August 2015
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.

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. When the sheet is completed they can be placed into the Collection Box in the school office. The program will close Tuesday 8 September.

Head Lice Alert
It is the time of the year for head lice. There have been a few cases reported in the School. We encourage all parents to make Sunday night “Nit Night” by checking your child’s hair.

Public Speaking
Stage 3 Public Speaking will begin Week 6 Term 3. Our first round will be Wednesday 19 August 2015. This will take place during our weekly school assembly. Parents are welcome to attend the Public Speaking. Our first group of speakers will be Anneeka Knight, Patrick Neilson and Abijade Bee. Good luck!!

Dungog & District School Horse Sports Day
This will take place at Dungog Showground on Friday 18 September 2015. If you are interested entry forms are available from the school office. Entries close Monday 24 August 2015. Entry Fee $20.00 per rider.

Year 5 & 6 Science and Engineering Challenge
A permission note, media consent form and information went home today with all students in years 5 & 6 regarding the Science Challenge at Dungog High School. Our students have attended this day previously and have enjoyed the competition and involvement in engineering and technology. All notes need to be returned no later than Friday 21 August as students are divided into groups for the challenge.

Kinder Enrolment 2016
We are now taking enrolments for Kinder 2016.

If your child will be attending our school next year, please contact the office on 4996 4156 to enrol your child.
Jess Black Author Visit

On Tuesday last week author Jess Black visited our school. Jess is the co-author of the hugely successful Bindi Wildlife Adventure series, the RSPCA Animal Tales series and The Kaboom Kid series with David Warner. Jess has a new four book series called Keeper of the Crystals. Book one, Eve and the Runaway Unicorn. Jess presented two discussion groups with our school, one with the K-2 group and one with the 3-6 years group. All students were thoroughly engaged in Jess’ presentations and workshop. She talked about how she became an author and gave some tips to the students to get started on their journey of writing. After the presentation Jess signed books for students that purchased her books. Then she presented a writing workshop with 20 of our students. Our students explored writing narratives like an author and presenting their work to the writing group at the end of the workshop. Many students from the writing workshop were excited to continue writing their narratives after the writing workshop was over. Jessie Radford, Paige Henley-Turner and Lainee Colefax from S2/3L continued their stories and presented their stories at the Book Week parade. Our school really enjoyed Jess Black's visit.

Karen Brown
Teacher Librarian

Support Your Local Volunteers

Fundraiser Dinner

Saturday 22nd August
6:30pm

Clarence Town School of Arts Hall
Raffle Prize Pool over $2500
Gourmet Dinner & Live Entertainment

Tickets - $45
enquiriesctrfs@gmail.com
Ph Shaun 0429 724 168
St John's Anglican Church
Clarence Town

Annual Walk to Water

Saturday, 12th September 2015

Beginning at 10am

Meeting at the corner of Clarence Town Road & Brentwood Drive

Approximately 4.4 kms along Brentwood Drive, Fatheringay Road, through the Wetlands, then down King and Durham Streets to Lions Park ... where we have water in the Williams River and where a free BBQ will be waiting.

For any enquiries regarding registration or sponsorship, please contact Win Rae on 4996.4780 or 0429.881.510 or we'll see you on the day.

This year, we are raising money throughout Australia for African communities ... to provide necessities such as clean water, health and education support.