Term 3, Week 7

Student of the week: Carlie Crockett ES1L

Carlie is a wonderful student. She is an excellent listener and shows respect at all times. Carlie enjoys reading and writing and always tries her best. Carlie will make a fine student of the week.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to Hayden, Seth, Darby, Anneeka, Jayden, Matthew, Tayla, Abijade, Ronin and Jack for their commitment and achievements through the GATS group.

Great work Liam Garvey-Rae who did a brilliant job joining the Student Leaders to run our Weekly Assembly.

We have many students who have roles within the school that assist with the smooth organisation of each day – congratulations to Samara Archer, Emily Lightfoot, Gracie Kershaw, Caitlyn Lightfoot, Tayla Howarth, Tahlia Thew, Chloe Taylor for undertaking their roles and responsibilities with respect.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 26 August
Mexican Day Canteen
Newcastle Permanent Maths Competition
Assembly 2pm

Thursday 27 August
Rotary Debate – CTPS vs St Bridgets Catholic School at Clarence Town

Thursday 3 September
Father’s Day Stall
Last week the office staff were very impressed with the excellent manners and demonstration of Respect from Charlie Jones and Nash Jeffery as they came to the office window.

**Principals News**

Welcome to Week 7 and it is great to be back on deck after taking some unexpected leave over the past 2 weeks to manage a personal issue. Mrs Kelson and Miss Ellis did a brilliant job as acting Principal in my absence and Mrs Price and Mrs Allen kept the office running in their usual efficient and effective manner.

I did manage to meet several of my school commitments during this time and attended professional development in Business Intelligence. This training is for Principals and School Executive and after completion allows our school to have better access to data and business information which in turn allows us to make more informed decisions when deciding the schools future directions.

Many of you would have noticed that every second Thursday afternoon this term the teaching staff exit school very promptly...as we are all attending Professional Development in an educational practice known as Instructional Rounds. This training was coordinated by our Director of Public Schools Andrew Eastcott and is presented by Newcastle University staff who are specialists in Education and Quality Teaching. This training leads us through the 18 elements of Quality Teaching and is being undertaken by all of the small schools in the Maitland area. Once again the aim of this training is to improve Student Outcomes through improving classroom teaching practice.

I was also able to attend our August P&C meeting which was a very productive meeting with lots of positive discussion and decisions made around a large number of agenda items. Our P&C President, Matt Brown, has included a comprehensive report in the P&C Newsletter attached to this week’s School Newsletter. I am particularly excited about the decision to utilise some special school funds to purchase the School Bag App. Mrs Kelson is currently setting up a 30 day trial of this App and a letter will be posted to all families to explain the process for downloading the App onto your personal devices. Keep an eye out in the post for your information letter. Matt and I also met with a company who are undertaking the work to repair our equipment, soft fall after it was damaged in the storm and they will also quote on a like for like replacement of our current fixed equipment. The meeting was very positive and we look forward to the new equipment.

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**Permission Notes & Payments Due**

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**Awards**

**Wednesday 19 August**

**ES1L**
Marlee Radford, Logan Burgess, Riley Styles

**S1E**
Nash Jeffery, Chloe Edwards, Ebony Shaw

**S1/2 K**
Jordan Jeffery, Phoebeahn White

**S2/3L**
Lainee Colefax, Heidi Sinclair, Nathan Andrews

**S3G**
Caitlin Lightfoot, Declan Middleton, Liam Garvey-Rae

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25 August 2015
to the installation of new equipment this year. The P&C also finalised the cost of tickets for our 2015 Annual School Musical and information regarding ticket sales is further over in this week’s newsletter as tickets are on sale now! We are also all looking forward to our special Canteen Mexican Day where we will feast on Taco and Chicken Quesadillas along with some chocolate treats. This is a special Red day organised by our Canteen Coordinator Mrs Tammy Bagnall. As you are all aware our school Canteen is a registered Healthy School Canteen with all menu items meeting the Healthy School Canteen Government guidelines. These guidelines allow the school to participate in 2 Red days per term with the aim of demonstrating to our students that healthy food choices are our priority but it is also OK to have treats occasionally. Our P&C meetings are very productive and each month the P&C is achieving some wonderful outcomes to improve our school – thank you!

Our preparation for our 2015 Musical is coming ahead well and we will hold our first whole school rehearsal this week where we bring together all the hard work of the past two terms. This is a very exciting time and we are all looking forward to another great concert evening.

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 Say

Have a great week
Louise Blakemore
Principal
**Dungog & District Community of Schools – News Updates**

This week we have two Community of Schools events:

Tuesday Mrs Kelson will meet with our Middle Years Maths Committee to plan the next Stage 3 and Stage 4 Staff Professional development and I will be travelling to Vacy to continue the Focus on Reading training with Gresford, Vacy and Martins Creek Public Schools.

**Road Safety**

As the Road Works around school move further up Queen Street and leave us with our Queen Street areas open again I would like to point out a few situations causing concern that parents picking children up and dropping off need to be aware of – this is particularly important as the Parking signs have not been reinstated yet!

- With the changes to Queen Street at the bottom corner of school we have a reduced parking on the school side due to the turning lane into Rifle Street over the bridge. Parking below the school side double gate actually blocks the designated traffic lane – please leave this area clear.

- The Stop signs at the corner of Queen and Marshall Streets are difficult to see and some are missing altogether so please remember to look carefully before proceeding through this crossing.

- On the school side of Marshall Street at the Queen Street Stop sign vision to the left is impeded by the cars parked outside the school so once again take extra care in this area.

- The Marshall Street crossing area is also a problem with cars parking on the school side of Marshall Street adjacent to the school Administration Block. The cars in this area block the view of this crossing area so please take extra care when choosing where to park.

My recommendation for the Safest parking area if the Marshall Street parks are full is to continue to use the bottom area of the school in Rifle Street. The children can safely walk along the new footpath to the bridge and meet parents here.

Please remind children to always cross at the school crossing on Queen Street when dropping them off or picking them up across the road.

The school and P&C are both contacting the council to have the crossing lines painted and the parking signs reinstated as soon as possible.

**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.

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PVC Semester Return 2015

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.

We have contacted Transport NSW on several occasions and they can’t give us a date as to when your subsidy returns will be processed for Semester 1. Transport NSW encourages all parents to enquire about the delay in this process. Phone them on 1800 010 123 follow the prompt and press 1 for private vehicle conveyance.

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

Our winner for round 1 Public Speaking was Anneeka Knight. Congratulations!!! Round 2 will be Wednesday 26 August 2015. This will take place during our weekly school assembly. Parents are welcome to attend the Public Speaking. Our speakers will be Tayla Howarth, Jack Boyton, Macy-Lyn Pearson and Hayden Prentice.

Good luck!!

Year 6 Fundraiser

Year 6 will begin selling water ice-blocks on a Tuesday and Thursday at lunch time as part of their fundraising efforts for their gift to the school. Ice-blocks are 50c each and a range of flavours are available.

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.
SCHOOL MUSICAL

We are looking forward to presenting to you our school musical – “Around the World”. There will be two performances on Wednesday 9 September 2015.

The first will be a Matinee Performance starting at 1.30pm; the tickets are $2.50 each.

The second an Evening Performance starting at 6.00pm, these tickets will be $5.00 per ticket.

Tickets can be purchased from the School Office and will be on sale from Wednesday 26 August.

You will be able to select your seating preference at the Office when you purchase your tickets.

CRICKET PLAYERS WANTED

Clarence Town is trying to get a junior cricket team together to play on Saturday mornings in the Maitland competition. Any players aged between 10 – 13 years old are being sought to form a team. No experience required.

If you are interested please phone Brad on 49 975 360 or 0448 923 887.

Seaham Cricket Club Junior Registrations

Cricket Registrations will be held at Brandon Park on the 30th of August and 6th of September from 10am-12noon. This includes the Milo In2cricket program and all of the junior teams.

Milo In2cricket will be on Friday afternoon from 5:00-6:30pm at Brandon Park. It will run from the 6th of November to the 11th of December and then for a further six Friday afternoons when school goes back in 2016. The cost per child will be $80.00 and they will receive a pack from Cricket NSW which includes a shirt, hat, backpack, bat and ball. Plus each player will receive a free sausage sandwich from the BBQ at the end of Milo cricket each week. There will be two levels of Milo In2cricket which will suit children from 4 to 10 years of age.

Seaham Cricket Club is registering Junior teams for competition in the Maitland Junior District comp from Under 10’s to Under 16’s. Cricket runs on a Saturday morning from 8:30-11:30am starting in October and concluding in March next year with about a six week break over the school holidays. Games are played in the Maitland region. The teams also train once or twice a week at Brandon Park.

Maitland Junior District Cricket is also starting Milo T20 Blast in Maitland on a week night and in Raymond Terrace on a Saturday morning for 8-12 year olds. Registration costs $99.00.

For any further information please contact Jim & Melanie Meredith on melanie@mcolaw.com.au or 4988 6349.