Term 1, Week 5

Student of the Week: Mia  S1C

Mia is a dedicated student who always gives 100% in all learning activities. She never gives up and always encourages her peers to remain on task. Mia is a courteous student who is caring and helpful to all students in our school. She has an excellent work ethic and is a wonderful role model for her peers. Congratulations Mia!!!

Student Achievement
Congratulations to Sam Cangiano who came up with the idea to have an official opening complete with ribbon cutting for our new Playground Equipment.

Outstanding effort in Touch Football by Claudia, Ebony, Jess, Makiah, Kyla and Leila – see photo and story further over in newsletter.
Great work Student Leaders - Samara, Jack, Abbie, Ronin, and Guest Speakers - Makiah and Keeghan who hosted our first Weekly Assembly for 2016 last week.

Principal’s News
Welcome to week 5 and another wonderful week at Clarence Town Public School. Our programs are all up and running this week and going well. Mr Kemp is currently off school as he had an appendicitis attack last week and is currently awaiting surgery – we wish him a speedie recovery. Mr Kemp will be away for at least another week and Miss Bunn and Mrs Jensen will be covering S2K in his absence. S2K are busy making Get Well cards and messages to send to Mr Kemp.

Our 2016 Sporting Schools Program is progressing well with Softball and Netball being the chosen sports this term. Local coaches are teaching the students the skills involved to successfully play these sports and the students are having a great time on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Parents and Carers are more than welcome to attend the sessions from 3-4pm to watch the brilliant progress the students are making.

This week we have our:
- Swimming for Sport continuing for Stage 2 (Friday) and Stage 3 (Wednesday);
- Our Weekly Assembly will be held on Wednesday and our new Captains and Student Leaders are looking forward to hosting their next assembly and S2/3L are excited about doing their performance.

Our school/parent/community partnership is working well and our first P&C meeting for 2016 was an outstanding success. We had 20 parents represented and some wonderful information sharing and planning. Thank you to all the new and existing parents who gave their time to become involved and be part of the decision making processes at the school.

The other joint project updates are:

Fixed Equipment: After several delays the equipment installation is now complete and the installation of the Softfall has started and is expected to be completed this week. After Sam’s brilliant suggestion we are planning an official opening ceremony which will probably be early next week – I will advertise the time and date as soon as arrangements have been finalised.
School Bus Service: After meeting with the bus company last week there are still some matters we need to address. The first being the approval of an actual school bus stop; our P&C President, Mr Matthew Brown, is following this up with Dungog Council for us. If you have any specific questions please give me a ring at school or drop me an email: louise.blakemore@det.nsw.edu.au

Before and After School Care: This service for our school is still being actively pursued by both the school and the P&C. Attached to this week’s newsletter is a survey to assess need requirements for each day. I have started a submission for a $20,000 grant to support the P&C implementing this program within our school – watch this space! I will keep you posted on these fronts and advertise start dates as soon as I know anything. I would like to thank the P&C for their hard work in supporting these projects within our school and community.

The P&C has now set dates for their 2016 fund raising and events, as follows:
- Bulb fundraiser – to be distributed to families this week
- Eater Raffle – drawn 23/3/16
- Friday 13th Disco – 13/5/16
- School Musical Concert – 7/9/16
- Community Hoedown – possible date 21/10/16

Thank you to the committee members for your great input.

I also met with Mrs Kerrie Salter to discuss the beatification of our school by establishing a gardening group to focus on improving our existing garden areas. Thank you to Mrs Amber Flannery who also supplied some great ideas for us to discuss. This will be a long term project and we are looking for volunteers to assist with expertise and manual labour! If you would like to help out please let Kerrie or I know.

I will be out of school on Friday this week to attend a Primary Principals Reference Group Student Wellbeing meeting in Sydney. Miss Ellis will be acting Principal in my absence.

We are constantly reminding students of our PBL Values and school motto along with our Tawny 5 Rules and I would also encourage parents to use these words when celebrating positive behaviour and discussing negative choices with your child.
The 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

The School motto: Kindness Honesty Effort

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Values: Learning Safety Respect

Through working together we create the best opportunities and learning experiences for all our students.

Have a great week.
Louise Blakemore
Principal

Class Equipment

To support school supplies we would request that the students bring the following equipment to school:

Year 2-6

- A large pencil case with coloured pencils, NB: Textas are optional
- A small pencil case with – lead pencils, eraser, glue stick, sharpener and for Years 4-6 blue, red and black pens.

K-6

- Glue Stick
- Box of tissues

School Voluntary Contribution

Our school voluntary contribution has been set this year at $20 per student or $40 per family. This voluntary contribution is used to purchase books and resources for students. It would be appreciated if parents could pay this contribution as soon as possible.

Skoolbag App Hints

Did you know that you can send absence notices to the school on our Skoolbag App?

Go to eForms on your menu bar and select Absentee Form and enter your child’s details.

No more having to write a note when your child returns to school!!!

Remember to set up your child’s new class groups by selecting the More button and select Setup Push Notifications. Simply tap on your child’s class until the “on” button is selected.
Mathletics
All students are now using Mathletics in class. Mathletics helps students enjoy Maths and achieve great results. Students are able to access Mathletics via the internet at school and at home. Each student is given a unique user name and password to be able to log onto Mathletics.

As we believe this is an excellent aid to your child’s learning, the school will subsidise the cost of this program. Parents are asked to contribute $12 per student for the cost of this program. It would be appreciated if all payments for Mathletics could be made as soon as possible.

Student Emergency Contact Details
All students received today an envelope with their child’s emergency contact details (pink note). Can parents please check all details and make any corrections necessary and return to the school as soon as possible. If the details are correct please initial the page and return.

Asthma Care Plan
If your child suffers from Asthma we will require an Asthma Care Plan to be completed ASAP.

Scripture
Scripture will be on Thursday’s. If you do not want your child to participate please write a note and send it into the office.

Working with Children Declaration
All volunteers in our school eg. Canteen volunteer, classroom helper, driving children to and from sporting activities etc. are required to complete a Working with Children Check Declaration. All declarations must have 100 points of identity attached to the declaration. Please note the office is able to photocopy the identity check when Working with Children Check declaration is returned. If you completed this form last year you are not required to complete another form as this last for 5 years.

Any parents who have completed the online Working With Children Check and has received a Working with Children Clearance letter, please supply the office with a copy of the letter. These parents are not required to complete the declaration. Please see the office if you have any questions.

Year 6 Fundraiser
Year 6 will be selling water ice-blocks on a Tuesday and Thursday at lunch time as part of their fundraising efforts. Ice-blocks are 50c each and a range of flavours are available.
Application for Extended Leave- Family Holiday
The Department of Education now requires parents/carers to complete an “Application for Extended Leave Form” when you are undertaking a family holiday during school terms, family business or bereavement. At Clarence Town Public School this form is required for leave of 5 days or more. Travel documentation, such as travel itinerary or e-ticket should be attached to the application if requested by the Principal. All application forms need to be completed before your leave commences and are available from the school office.

Library Bags
These Library bags are available from the office at a cost of $2.00 each. They have the school logo on them.

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.

Easter Egg Mufti Day
Thursday 17 March 2016 is our Annual Easter Egg Fine Mufti Day. The students can come to school out of uniform and the ‘fine’ is a donation to the P&C Easter Egg Raffle. These donations will then be made into the 2016 Easter Raffle Prizes. Donations of Easter Eggs, as well as baskets and decorations are also appreciated.

Easter Hat Parade & Raffle
This will be held on Wednesday 23 March 2016.

Dungog & District Community of Schools - News Updates

As I mentioned in last week’s newsletter we hosted our Term 1 Dungog & District Community of Schools (D&DCoS) meeting last Friday. We have once again identified projects for 2016, which include:
• Middle Years Maths Project – to improve student outcomes in Maths and develop a more positive attitude to Maths to improve engagement in learning.
• Focus on Reading – to improve reading comprehension K-10
• Stage 3 Inter School Sport Program – to allow our Stage 3 students to meet and form friendships as part of our transition to High School plan.
• Gifted and Talented Programs – the first program in 2016 will be Computer Coding.
• Combined School Olympics Activity Day – Term 3 2016

We are also looking at developing a Writing Project across our schools and our annual Term 3 combined Staff Development Day will focus on Online Learning and Engagement for Students.

We had a very productive meeting and look forward to another successful year in 2016.

Dungog High School would like to invite year 5 & 6 students and their families to the annual Dungog High School Information Evening on the Wednesday 24th of February. The Transition Evening will provide opportunities for students and parents to meet staff and tour the school. A free sausage sizzle and beverages will be available on the night.

Time: 5pm
Place: Dungog High School MPC
Contact Details: Mrs Denise McKinna 49923022

ROLL UP YOUR SLEEVES AND GIVE BLOOD

Mobile Blood Service visiting:

Clarence Town Bowling Club – Cnr Prince & Durham Streets on Tuesday 15 March 2016
1:30pm – 7:00pm

Drink up – Have 3 or 4 glasses of water or juice in the hours before you donate

Eat!! Have a good size breakfast or lunch

Bring photo ID with you.
The girls did Beresfield Bandits proud when they represented their club at the 2016 State Cup in Port Macquarie at the weekend. There were 357 teams competing, biggest in the country. Local girls – Claudia Watt, Eboney Preece, Jess Radford, Makiah Archer, Kyla Radford and Leila Kelly make up part of the team.

The girls played 7 games of Touch Football over the weekend and while they were defeated in each game they gave their best and showed wonderful improvement each game. A huge Effort at representative level – well done!

CLARENCE TOWN SOCCER CLUB

Registration for 2016 season.

FUN DAY REGISTRATION DAY
Sunday 28 Feb from 10am Reg Ford Oval

ID required Please contact
Margaret on 0410 020 527 for any queries

All players must register online first at Myfootball.com.au
The Little Juddies

One of our local families is supporting The Little Juddies “Food & Feed Run 2016”, for our struggling Aussie Farmers in drought stricken Western Queensland as an Official Drop-Off Point. Families who wish to support the program can drop donations to Clarence Town Public School where they will be picked up and taken to the Official Drop Off Point.

Items for donation include:

- Non-Perishable Food
- Water (Bottled 24 packs, 4-20 Litre Cartons/Bottles or 1000 Litre Crates)
- Juice, Cordial, Soft Drink
- Flour, Sugar, Jelly packs
- Baby Formula, Baby Food, Nappies, Baby Products
- First Aid (Band Aids, Dettol, bandages, etc)
- Toiletries (including ladies hygiene products, toothpaste, soaps, powder, shampoo, etc)
- Cat & Dog Food
- Hay & Feed – please contact school and direct delivery to drop off point will be organised
- Pre-paid Visas
- Woolworths Gift Cards

NB: All items need to be new and in date, with packaging complete for safety and ease of transportation.
A basket will be in the foyer at school for donations.

Thank you for your support
A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health

We welcome information from parents about your child's health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. Our school asks for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal or office. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your son or daughter’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.
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“Thank you for giving us the confidence to sing & dance on stage”
Dear Parents and Carers,

This survey is to assist with our application for a $20,000 grant to assist our P&C to establish a Before and After School Care service at Clarence Town Public School. We require all families to complete the survey and return to school by Friday 26th February; we have a much better chance of receiving the grant if all families respond – whether you will use the service or not.

Name: __________________

Please tick where appropriate:

I would utilise before and after School Care at Clarence Town Public School: [ ] Yes  [ ] No

Please tick days and time you would access and indicate how many children. NB: Children need to be attending Clarence Town Public School:

- Monday  [ ] Before School (6:30-8:30am) [ ] After School (3:00-6:00pm) ____ Children
- Tuesday  [ ] Before School (6:30-8:30am) [ ] After School (3:00-6:00pm) ____ Children
- Wednesday  [ ] Before School (6:30-8:30am) [ ] After School (3:00-6:00pm) ____ Children
- Thursday  [ ] Before School (6:30-8:30am) [ ] After School (3:00-6:00pm) ____ Children
- Friday  [ ] Before School (6:30-8:30am) [ ] After School (3:00-6:00pm) ____ Children

I would use this service [ ] Daily, [ ] Weekly, [ ] Fortnightly, [ ] Monthly, [ ] As need arises

Additional Comments:

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Thank you for your assistance

Louise Blakemore

Principal