

# CLARENCE TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Kindness**

**Honesty**

**Effort**

## Term 4, Week 5

### Diary Dates 2019

#### 13 November

School Assembly 2:15pm  
Round 1 Semi-finals Public  
Speaking

#### 14 November

Kinder Orientation 2020  
12.00pm – 1.00pm

#### 19 November-29 November

Intensive Swimming Scheme

#### 19 November

P & C Meeting 7pm

#### Book Fair

19 November, 20 November,  
26 November, 27 November

#### 20 November

Grandparents Day

### Student Achievement:

Congratulations to Chloe Flannery who represented Clarence Town Public School at the Dungog Rotary Public Speaking Competition. It was a tough competition with a lot of great public speakers, although Chloe did not win she spoke very clearly and put on a super effort. Chloe displayed great resilience when her speech was interrupted by an official offering her a step stool and secondly, when the timer failed! We are very proud of her – well done Chloe.

Brilliant job Beth West, who read the poem In Flanders Field at the 2019 Clarence Town Remembrance Day Service and to Chloe Flannery and Deynah Bruce, who accompanied by Tait Maytom and Samuel Zuber laid a wreath during the service. The rest of the school had a short 1 minute silence and information session at school.

Great work Year 5, who are doing a mature, responsible job in their Kindergarten 2020 Buddy roles. The Year 5 students are to be highly commended for a great job with our new Kindergarten students.

Well done to the 2020 Kindergarten cohort, who have now had 2 Orientation visits and 2 to go. They have entered the school excited, proud and a little nervous! They are a lovely group of children who are attentive, respectful and polite. Everyone is very proud of them!

A special mention to all staff this week – last Wednesday all teaching and support staff stayed back at school for 3 hours to undertake CPR and Anaphylaxis face to face training. We all passed with flying colours and our accreditation is up to date for another year. This training is an annual expectation of the

DoE, along with various other mandatory trainings, including Child Protection, First Aid, Code of Conduct and online anaphylaxis training, to name a few.

## Principal's News

Welcome to Week 5 and what a challenging week we are having with extreme weather conditions, catastrophic fire danger ratings and smoke haze affecting air quality. This week is about wellbeing – students, staff, school community and Clarence Town Community. Thank you to all parents and carers who have taken action where necessary. We are still operational and while the smoke haze and poor air quality persist there will be no outside activities at Clarence Town Public School. The only time students will be outside is to move to and from the toilets, Library and Computer Lab and Hall. All students will be eating in the Hall and play times will be spent in the Hall, Library or a classroom movie.

NSW DoE has also put in place travel and outside sport bans during this time. This means our Surf Fun Day on Friday will not be going ahead. At this point in time we are attempting to negotiate an alternate date. We will keep parents updated throughout the week.

Meanwhile in class we are maintaining learning as normal to ensure students are kept in routine and are feeling safe.

In the office it is business as usual, plus this week are also going through the DoE Audit process and of course keeping paperwork around the extreme weather and fire danger up to date and accurate! These extreme events do increase the workload for myself and the office staff and we thank you for your patience during this time. I will continue to have regular contact with local RFS and DoE personnel to monitor the situation. At this point in time Clarence Town Public School is still under a watch and act alert and Steve Lowe, our local RFS Captain, has been given an update on the school and how many people we have onsite today. All other information remains the same as yesterday's note and last night's SkoolBag message. NB: I have attached both of these again for anyone who may have missed them.

This week at Clarence Town Public School we have:

Monday – School Audit

Monday – Remembrance Day Service at Clarence Town Cenotaph – Students leaders

Monday – Remembrance Day 1 minute silence at school

Tuesday – **Smoke Haze Warnings and Catastrophic Fire Danger Warnings**

Wednesday – School Audit

Wednesday – Assembly 2:15

Thursday – 2020 Kindergarten visit 12noon-1pm

Thursday – Drum Corp for Stage 3

Friday – **Surf Fun Day postponed**

Friday - Dungog Youth Services at CTPS 9-12

Friday – Mrs Oldfield returns from leave

**Stay safe and don't hesitate to email me at [louise.blakemore@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:louise.blakemore@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone the school on 49964156 if you have any questions, concerns or require support.**



Our new Tawny PBL Mascot is going well. PBL stands for Positive Behaviours For Learning and is the basis of our Student Wellbeing Program in the school.

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



**Our next assembly will be held on Wednesday 13 November at 2.15pm. All parents and friends are invited to attend.**

## **Monday Evening's SkoolBag update - FYI**

### **Air Quality and catastrophic fire warnings – 11/11/19 @ 6:45pm**

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*The smoke haze has continued to worsen throughout today and is expected to continue tomorrow. I*

*would advise parents to keep home and indoors, any children with:*

*asthma and/or respiratory issues*

*hay fever and sinus problems*

*skin conditions*

*children who have been unwell*

*Children who have experienced throat/eye irritations due to the poor air quality.*

*Further to today's supplementary newsletter I would advise any parents who have concerns about tomorrow's forecast fire danger predictions and the well-being of their child/children to keep them at home and indoors. As stated in the supplementary newsletter school will be open under a watch and act alert.*

*Today and over the weekend I have been in touch with local RFS and DoE personnel and at this point in time it is deemed safe for the school to be operational. If this changes notifications will be forwarded in this SkoolBag platform.*

*If children are being kept home please advise the school through the usual channels and ensure they remain closely supervised and indoors.*

*Please email me at [louise.blakemore@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:louise.blakemore@det.nsw.edu.au) or phone the school on 49964156 if you have any questions, concerns or require support.*

*Thank you for your diligence in keeping everyone safe.*

*Louise Blakemore*

*Principal*

### **School Security - IMPORTANT**

Over the weekend we had some teenagers in the school grounds – this occurred on Sunday and 4 teenagers were spotted by our neighbours who contacted the Police. On being informed, I also contacted School Security who sent a patrol. The teenagers, all appeared to be male, were riding scooters in the grounds and were hanging around the buildings. On Monday several cigarette butts were found under the trees in the corner of the Library and Computer Lab and under the tree near the netball court.

**If you see anyone in the school grounds or any suspicious behaviour out of hours or over the weekends please contact school security on 1800 00 88 21.**

Thank you for looking out for our school.

Louise Blakemore



### **Dungog & District Community of Schools – News Update for 2019**

**Vision:** To create a K-12 focus for teaching and learning in the Dungog & District Community of Schools.

Next on the agenda for the D&DCoS is:

- Purchase of mini bots to support our GATS and technology initiatives across the CoS
- Further Writing Professional Learning for staff
- STEM T4L at Dungog PS Term 4
- Planning a 2020 Wellbeing joint Staff Development Day
- Planning a K-12 Drug Education Program
- Launching a D&DCoS Facebook page

So lots on the agenda for Term 4!

Clarence Town Public School will host the next D&DCoS STEAM Focus Group meeting on Tuesday 12 November from 3:30-5:00pm in in Library. Mrs Welsh is our school representative for this project, which plans and coordinates a variety of STEM and STEAM focused projects across our Community of Schools.

NB: This meeting was postponed until Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November due to the weather conditions and fire danger.

## Reminder:

### School Uniform for Term 4 is:

Green shorts/skorts with yellow piping  
Green and yellow/red Unisex shirt  
Green broad brimmed hat  
School shoes/Joggers, preferably black  
White socks

Remember we are still in our transition period so the check summer dress for girls and grey shorts/green school polo shirt for boys, are still acceptable. However, bike shorts and white shirts are not a part of the uniform at CTPS. Year 6 students are able to wear their Year 6 T-shirt on Monday's and Friday's.

**A reminder that the school Canteen will be closed this Friday 15 November.**

**All students will need to bring their fruit, recess, lunch and drinks.**

### Assembly Merit Awards – 6 November 2019

<b>ES1E</b>	Matilda Booth, Bridie Hicks, Macey Thompson
<b>ES1L</b>	Millie Auer, Kingston Kuru, Ivy Preece
<b>S1W</b>	Allirah Galloway, William Houston-Fairhall, Benjiman Terry
<b>S1/2K</b>	Aksel Brand, Taj Metham, Ula Webster
<b>S2/3B</b>	Jasmine Bagnall, Aylia Head, Danyal Dixon
<b>S3MW</b>	Charli Hanmer, Allizae Kuru, Samuel Zuber

### Clarence Town P.S.

**A reminder that due to the new money handling policies in schools, all money from students is to be handed into the office.**

Remember to like us on Facebook and install our Skoolbag App! A great way to keep up to date on the latest news from our school!

### Stage 3 Public Speaking 2019

This week will see the start of our Semi-Finals beginning with round 1 for Public Speaking. It will be held on Wednesday 13 November. Our speakers will be Chloe Flannery, Jacob Head, Emily Robinson, Luke Redman, Claire Bagnall and Samuel Zuber. The topic will be "The 3 things in life I can't live without". Good luck students.

Our winner from last week was Beth West. Congratulations!!!

### **Presentation Day – Wednesday 4 December 2019**

Our annual Presentation Day will be held on Wednesday 4 December at 9.15am in our school hall. All parents and families are invited to attend and celebrate our students' achievements in 2019.

### **Year 6 Farewell – Thursday 5 December 2019**

Our Year 6 Farewell will be held in our school hall on Thursday 5 December from 6.00pm – 8.30pm. The cost for catering is \$30 per person which includes drinks, nibbles, dinner and cake for dessert. Please return your RSVP and payment to school by Friday 15 November. If you have any questions, please contact the school.

### **Kinder Enrolments 2020**

To assist with our planning for 2020 and Kinder Orientation sessions, if you or someone you know has a child intending to start Kindergarten at Clarence Town Public School next year could you please contact the office to register your child.

### **Tawny Awards**

As part of our PBL we have a Tawny Award process where students are recognised for consistent positive behaviour. Students can bring in their Merit Awards and Happy Notes to receive Tawny Awards, as follows:

- Three Merit Awards or Happy Notes or any combination of each = White Tawny Award
- Three White Tawny Awards = Gold Tawny Award
- Three Gold Tawny Awards = Tawny Badge

<b>Canteen Roster – Term 4</b>			
<b>Week</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Friday</b>
Week 5	<b>11 November</b> Val Head Alana Hammond Wendy Sellers	<b>13 November</b> Amy Berends Lisa Ziliotto	<b>15 November</b> <b>Canteen CLOSED</b> <b>Surf Fun Day</b> <b>Excursion Yr 3-6</b>
Week 6	Katie Bagnall Alana Hammond	Lisa Ziliotto Kershia Jones-Clark	Bek Auer Alana Hammond
Week 7	Kelly Ryan Shannon Keighran	Katie Bagnall Wendy Sellers	Amy Berends Alana Hammond
Week 8	Katie Bagnall Wendy Sellers	Kerrie Salter Linda Anderson	Alana Hammond Bek Auer
Week 9	Alana Hammond Rina Rocco	Lisa Ziliotto Kelly Ryan	Kershia Jones-Clark Wendy Sellers
Week 10	<b>Canteen CLOSED</b>	<b>Canteen CLOSED</b>	

## Nov Newsletter 2019 Chaplains Corner

**Let me lead:** Create opportunities for me to take action and lead.

**When you need to make a decision** that your kids disagree with, explain your final choice to them. Thank them for taking time to share their perspective.

Collaboration is at the heart of sharing power.

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# GIRL GUIDES



GIRL GUIDES  
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## meet in your area!

Are you between 5 & 18 years old.

**Come and join in the fun,  
make new friends and learn skills for life!**



For enquiries about joining, please contact:

**Sandra Hebert**

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For more information about Girl Guides visit:

[www.girlguides-nswact.org.au](http://www.girlguides-nswact.org.au)



## Maitland Blacks Junior Rugby

Interested in the 2020 rugby season but want to give it a try first?  
Come along to our free Try Rugby day!

**Who** All kids - boys and girls - turning 5 or older in 2020

**Where** Marcellin Park, Lorn

**When** Sunday 24th November  
9.30am registration  
10am - 12pm activities  
BBQ afterwards!

Email [info@maitlandblacks.com.au](mailto:info@maitlandblacks.com.au)  
for more information.



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