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Kindness

Honesty

Effort

Term 1, Week 8

Student of the Week: Macey ES1E



Macey is a polite, reliable and popular student. She is a conscientious student who completes all tasks efficiently. Macey is able to show respect for the ideas and opinions of others. She is extremely courteous and thoughtful and her gentle nature is a wonderful example for all children. Macey has a terrific sense of humour and always has a smile on her face. Macey demonstrates our school PBL Values of : Respect, Safety and Learning. She is a wonderful friend and an excellent role model in our school. Congratulations Macey!!!!

Student Achievement

Well done to Boston for improvement in effort across all his learning. Also in Mr Loft's class, Sophie participated well in our National Day against Bullying activities.

Sophie and Mark from S2/3B have to be commended for their academic achievements so far this year. Logan has also been putting in an impressive effort at home with his Study Ladder activities.

Diary Dates

2019

Term 1

Tuesday 19 March

EOI Due for High School 2020

Wednesday 20 March

School Assembly 2:15pm

Thursday 21 March

Reg Kelly Shield Cricket Vs Tenambit 10am

Friday 22 March

Stage 2 Swimming 4 Sport

Stage 3 Swimming 4 Sport

Ride 2 School Day

Friday 29 March

Easter Mufti Day

Friday 5 April

Easter Raffle Tickets Due Back

Wednesday 10 April

School Photos

Friday 12 April

Last Day Term 1
Easter Raffle Drawn

Tuesday 30 April

All students return for Term 2

Principal's News

Welcome to Week 8 and some cooler weather, which means warmer uniforms. Please see Mrs Ryan at the Uniform Shop for jumpers and order forms for the new unisex uniform which will begin with our Term 2 Winter Uniform.

We had a frantically busy Week 7 with contractors in to demonstrate new Interactive Whiteboards (IWB); our current boards are quite aged now and becoming very faint and hard to see. These IWB are an essential part of the teaching in each classroom and ensuring we maintain our future focused learning technologies within our school. The life span of these boards is around 10 years and our current ones are 15 years old! We will look at replacing the ones in the 2 Kindergarten rooms in the next few months, as they are the worst affected at the moment. We will then look at rolling out 2 new ones per year over the next 3 years – the IWB cost between \$5,000-\$7,000 each + yearly licence agreements and software to support teaching and learning lessons. So a considerable economic input from our budget point of view. Ms Kelson and Mrs Oldfield are working hard to access the most appropriate devices for our needs at the best possible price.

We then had Mrs Price and Mrs Oldfield attend the new School Website Professional Learning on Tuesday, along with a visit from Relay for Life – merchandise is still available at the office and Our P&C AGM. Thank you to Mr Lofts who attended in my absence. I would like to publicly thank the outgoing P&C members, Sharon Robinson, Lisa Ziliotto, Kershia Jones-Clark, Kerrie Salter, Jaimy West and Kelly Ryan for the amazing job they have done in 2018. Their leadership and commitment to our school through these roles is immeasurable and greatly appreciated. In 2019 we welcome the following P&C Executive:

President – Sharon Robinson
Vice President – Lisa Ziliotto
Secretary – Kershia Jones-Clark
Treasurer – Vacant
Canteen Coordinator – Vacant
Uniform Shop Coordinator – vacant.

On Thursday our students participated in our annual relay for Life sporting tabloid to support this wonderful event. The Stage 2 and 3 teachers, along with staff from Branxton and Vacy

Permission Notes & Payments Due

ES1E

Mathletics
Voluntary School Contribution

ES1L

Mathletics
Voluntary School Contribution

S1/2K

Mathletics
Voluntary School Contribution

S1W

Mathletics
Voluntary School Contribution

S2/3B

Mathletics
Voluntary School Contribution
Year 5 Canberra Excursion
\$100 Deposit

S3MW

Yr 5, Yr 6 Drum Corp
Stage 3 Canberra Excursion
\$100 Deposit

Awards

13 March 2019

ES1E Leni Beeton, Boston
Gore, Bryson O'Dwyer

ES1L Levi Bancroft, Ava,
Scarlet Rumph

S1/2K Maliyah Bancroft, Riley
Croxtton, Ava Jones-Clark

S1W Angus Dick, Elouise
Grills,

S2/3B Lachlan Gifford, Lane
Jones, Willow Waterford

S3MW Seton Colefax, Charli
Hanmer, Emily Robinson

Public Schools also participated in further Writing Professional Learning lead by me and Mrs Chambers, from Maitland Office. The opportunity to meet with teachers from other schools and share ideas and teaching strategies is invaluable and we hope to be able to undertake more Professional Learning in this model. Then, of course, the National Day Against Bullying concluded our week with wonderful teaching and learning opportunities around friend ship and positive behaviour. This supports our ongoing Anti Bullying focus at Clarence Town Public School and is an integral part of our Positive Behaviour For Learning (PBL). To conclude the event our students and staff met in the Hall to pledge their allegiance to antibullying, by stating:

Today I make a COMMITMENT to take a stand against bullying.

I will treat others with RESPECT and KINDNESS.

I will keep our school SAFE by being HONEST AND FAIR TO ALL.

I have LEARNED not to be a bystander and to put all my EFFORT into being a positive role model.

...and placing a rainbow of handprints on the back wall of the hall as a reminder of our commitment to Working Together to say NO! to bullying. Thank you to those parents and carers who were able to attend the event in the Hall on the day to support the Working Together to say NO! to bullying message.

In light of the horrendous events in Christchurch last Friday this was an apt sentiment. I pass on my sympathy, prayers and thoughts to the victims, survivors, witnesses, emergency services personnel, medical personnel and their families. The importance of teaching our children to be good friends and tolerant citizens has certainly been underlined. If you feel your child(ren) need extra support or counselling after this event please let me know asap so we can put all the appropriate actions in place. Teachers will be watching closely for any signs that students may be suffering from this event so we can act promptly to ensure all our students feel safe and cared for.

Assembly Item

Wednesday 20 March is our School Assembly in the hall. Assembly starts at 2:15pm. ES1L will be performing the assembly item.

All parents and friends are welcome.

Canteen Roster

TERM 1 2019

20 March

Kerrie Salter
Rose Preece

22 March

Jaimy West
Sue Boyd

25 March

Kershia Jones Clark
Emma Rumph

27 March

Michelle Croxton
Katie Bagnall

29 March

Kristy McLean
Kelly Ryan

1 April

Rina Rocco
Sue Shillington

3 April

Kerrie Salter
Linda Anderson

5 April

Bec Auer
Lisa Ziliotto

This week at Clarence Town Public School we have:

Monday – **Easter Raffle Tickets** sent out

Tuesday – **Year 6 Expressions of Interest for Year 7 High School - due TOMORROW!**

Wednesday – **Weekly Assembly:** 2:15-3:00pm

Wednesday – **Dungog High School Year 5 and 6 students Information Session** 5-7pm at Dungog High School

Thursday – Our **PBL lessons** for 2019 continue for all classes

Thursday – **Drum Corp** for Stage 3

Thursday – Reg Kelly Cricket vs Tenambit

Friday – **Swimming for Sport** for Stage 2 and 3 begins

Saturday – Clarence Town Public School P&C Election BBQ and Cake Stall in our school Canteen from 7am-2pm.

Last week the Kindergarten Best Start Reports were posted home. Any Kindergarten parents wishing to discuss the reports can contact the school for an appointment. Attached to this week's newsletter is information regarding the 2019 Year 3 and Year 5 NAPLAN testing. In 2018 Clarence Town Public School was one of the first groups to volunteer for the online platform and we will be online again in 2019. There is also a Department of Education Information Article regarding Whooping Cough. Please read these carefully and once again make an appointment or email any questions/concerns to louise.blakemore@det.nsw.edu.au

This week I will be very busy with a variety of in and out of school events. Today I am in meetings all day, Tuesday I will also be in meetings in the morning and Mrs Price and I will be at Budget training in the afternoon and then to Francis Greenway High School in the evening for a PBL information session. As Mrs Allen will be in the office on her own, so please be patient as the office has been very busy with student illness etc. Wednesday I will be in school briefly to lead our regular Staff Meeting Professional Learning and then I will be heading to Maitland Office as the Principal Representative on a panel for a Principal position in the Upper Hunter. Thursday and Friday Mrs Oldfield will be in Sydney to attend the Leadership Development Initiative. On Friday I will be attending the Term 1 Primary Principals Meeting at Nulkaba. Then on Saturday I will be at school for the P&C Election BBQ and Cake Stall. Ms Kelson will be acting Principal in my absence on Tuesday and Wednesday and Miss Ellis on Friday.

Reminder: We have 2 phone lines and they are often both busy. if you are having trouble when ringing please once again be patient and keep trying or if the matter is less urgent email the school on clarenceto-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

School Photos

Our School photos will be taken on Wednesday 10th April 2019 by MSP Photography. The envelopes are personalised with your child's name, and barcoded. It is very important that **each child return the envelope to school – even if you are not going to purchase any photographs**. If you would like family photos, please collect a family photo envelope from the office. **Students who have a parent not residing with them, who would like a photo pack, please contact the office for another envelope. This is the responsibility of the parent.**

All envelopes must be returned to school by **FRIDAY 29 March 2019**.





Reminders:

We have also introduced our new Tawny PBL Mascot. PBL stands for Positive Behaviours For Learning and is the basis of our Student Wellbeing Program in the school. Our PBL Values - Learning, Safety and Respect are an important component of everyday life at Clarence Town Public School. This week our focus lessons are around Anti-Bullying and Kindness (a key feature of our school motto - Kindness, Honesty, Effort)

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

RELAY FOR LIFE MERCHANDISE

These items will be available to purchase tomorrow when our school gets a visit from Dougal Bear in support of Relay For Life.

Stickers 20c

Dougal Bear badges 50c

Drink Bottles \$15

Wrist Bands \$6

Sheets of Relay Stickers \$3

Hats \$15

Dougal Bears \$10

Year 7 2020 Expression of Interest

These forms went home today with each Year 6 student. Please complete the form and return to the office no later than Tuesday 19 March 2019. If you have any problems completing this form please contact the school.

Student Emergency Contact Detail Report

It is important we verify our records to ensure we have correct contact details for your child.

A green note was sent home last week with every student. Could you please make any changes if necessary and sign the bottom of the form (even if all the details are correct) and return to the office as soon as possible.



Voluntary School Contribution

Our 2019 School Fees will be the same as previous years - \$20.00 per student or \$40.00 per Family. We keep these fees as reasonable as possible and there has not been a fee rise in my time at Clarence Town Public School. These fees are used to purchase classroom stationery supplies eg exercise books, rulers, pencils, pens, erasers, sharpeners, glue, scissors, etc.

Contribution

SMS Service

Our school has an SMS service for student attendance. Parents will be notified by SMS message when their child is absent from school. This service is up and running for 2019. You will be able to reply via text message with an explanation to the school for your child's absence. If you have any questions regarding this process, please contact the school.

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion – Commitment Note

A note was sent home last week for all Stage 3 Students. The excursion will take place Term 3 Monday 9 September to Wednesday 11 September 2019. The approximate cost is \$350.00, this price is to be confirmed. Please complete the commitment note and return with your \$100 deposit by Friday 29 March 2019.

Mathletics Fee

Once again in 2019 we will be implementing the Mathematics Mathletics Program across all grades K-6. This is a brilliant program which offers ability/grade based maths exercises for the year. This is a great supplement to Homework and with easy to follow instructions and explanations is great for students and parents alike. All students will be using the Mathletics program at school and I would strongly encourage all parents to purchase the licence, at the cost of \$12.00 per student, so your child receives their password to use the program at home.



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.

Year 7 2020 and 2021 Information Evening

On Wednesday 20 March, Dungog High School will be welcoming our potential new Year 7 students of 2020 and 2021, with an Information Evening from 5-7pm. Parents, students, family and friends of Dungog High School are welcome to attend and experience the learning environment of our school.

From this event, we aim to have our guests leave feeling confident that Dungog High School is focused on achieving excellence in teaching, learning and leading to meet the needs of all our students. For more information about preparing your Year 5-6 children for high school, please see the wide variety of resources at the Department of Education's website link:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/practical-help-for-parents-and-carers/year-by-year/starting-high-school>

<https://youtu.be/lzCZfr-9WIk>

Spread the Word:

Clarence Town Public School P&C will be running a BBQ, including Bacon and Egg Sandwiches and Sausage Sizzle along with a Cake Stall during the 2019 Elections on Saturday 23rd March. Tea, coffee and cold drinks will also be available.

Please let your neighbours and friends know.

The P&C are also asking for donations for the cake stall and any volunteers who can spare some time to man the Canteen. Do not worry if you haven't done anything like this before as their will be experienced folk on hand to support you.

All proceeds for the day will go towards supporting school programs for our students.



RIDE2SCHOOL

This Friday 22 March 2019 is Ride2school day. We encourage as many students as possible to take part in this annual event. Ride 2 school safely promotes activity and good health.

All students will be given a Ride 2 school colouring in form today to do at home.



Whooping Cough (Pertussis)

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The Ministry of Health is preparing a public information campaign about the dangers of Whooping Cough (pertussis), which has been increasing in incidence across NSW in 2018 and is expected to continue to increase in 2019. The Ministry has asked the Department of Education to support the campaign by sending information to primary and secondary schools. Information from the Ministry of Health about Whooping Cough is provided below.

Keep coughing kids home and see your GP.

Whooping cough (also called pertussis) began increasing across NSW towards the end of 2018, especially in children between the ages of 5 and 14 years. NSW Health anticipates that this increase will continue into 2019.

School-aged children who are infected with whooping cough usually experience a troubling cough that can persist for months, but they rarely get severe illness. However they can spread the infection to younger siblings and other more vulnerable people, who are at higher risk of severe disease. Whooping cough can be a life threatening infection in babies.

What can you do to prevent whooping cough?

1. Make sure vaccinations are up to date for all family members
2. Be alert for symptoms of whooping cough
3. Keep coughing kids home, to prevent them spreading the infection to others, and see your GP to get them tested for whooping cough

For more information on Whooping Cough and vaccination visit the [NSW Health Website](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx)(<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/whoopingcough/Pages/default.aspx>)

You can also find out about other important infectious disease alerts by visiting the [alerts page](https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/default.aspx)(<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/alerts/Pages/default.aspx>)

Public demonstration site

In advance of taking [NAPLAN Online](#), students, teachers and parents are invited to use the public demonstration tests to familiarise themselves with the type of questions and related functionalities available in the NAPLAN Online assessment.

Some of the [key features](#) include a range of question types, onscreen tools, timers and interactive navigation. Students are encouraged to try all the tests for their year level to practise the complete range of question formats available in the online assessment.

The demonstration tests cover a sample of possible questions and do not reflect the range of literacy and numeracy content or skills NAPLAN Online will assess. While it is helpful for students to become familiar and comfortable with the format of the online test, ACARA does not encourage students to study separately for NAPLAN. That is why you will not find answers to the demonstration tests.

All question types are [keyboard accessible](#). Where applicable, there are tests that provide adjustments (audio and visual alternative questions, and five colour themes), which may improve accessibility for some students with disability to access NAPLAN Online. Students with disability should undertake the demonstration tests at their school, to help determine what accessibility adjustments they may require.

The demonstration tests will work with many devices and browsers but not all. Before starting, check if your device or browser meets the minimum [technical requirements](#) to ensure the tests function and display as intended.

The links below take you to demonstration tests for conventions of language (grammar, punctuation, and spelling), numeracy, reading and writing for each NAPLAN test year level: 3, 5, 7 and 9. As all Year 3 students will complete the writing test on paper, there is no Year 3 demonstration test for writing.

<http://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

Seaham Storm Baseball Club

The Seaham Storm Baseball Club is looking for juniors who might be interested in playing winter ball sports such as T ball and Zuka ball forms of junior baseball. These games are played on Sunday morning at various grounds before Major League Baseball fixtures.

T ball is played by juniors 7 to 10 years of age. The ball is mounted on a metal T eliminating the need for pitching. Zuka ball for 11 year olds, is the introduction of a pitched ball, with players developing the ability to hit and run as well as fielding.

Seaham Storm fees for the winter season is \$130 for T ball and \$150 for Zuka ball. This fee includes club socks, Storm cap and the free loan of a club shirt and pants for the season. There are no other hidden fees, especially for struggling families.

Please contact our Secretary Kim Crosby on 0412 006 514 or 49886118.

