

# CLARENCE TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Kindness**

**Honesty**

**Effort**

## Term 2, Week 4

### Diary Dates 2019

**Naplan Language – 21 & 22 May**

**Naplan Numeracy – 23 & 24 May**

**Tuesday 21 May**

P&C Meeting

**Wednesday 22 May**

School Assembly 2:15pm

**Wednesday 22 May**

SES Orange Day

**Friday 24 May**

Boys Softball Gala

**Wednesday 29 May**

NO SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

**Thursday 30 May**

Stage 2 Excursion to Reptile Park

### Student of the Week: Aleira



Aleira is a bright, bubbly and helpful student who strives to do her best in all areas of school life. She can always be seen displaying our Tawny 5 and upholding our school values. Aleira takes pride in her work and is a wonderful role model for her classmates and peers. She has embraced her senior responsibilities for the sound room, ringing our school bell and guiding our kindy students into their first year.

Well done Aleira, we love having you in S3MW.

Congratulations to April Hensley-Turner who is the recipient of the Gulawa Scholarship. This scholarship is sponsored by Glencore and is for ATSI students who achieve high results in the Year 5 NAPLAN Assessment. The Scholarship is for 3 years from Year 6-8 and supports the student's education and assists them to determine their possible future educational and work pathways. April will be recognised at a special award ceremony at the 2019 Gulawa Camp on Tuesday afternoon.

Well done to our Year 3 and 5 students who are in the middle of the 2019 NAPLAN testing period for online schools. The students have shown wonderful poise and resilience as they have completed each test. Last week they completed Writing and Reading and this week it is Language Conventions (Grammar and Spelling) and Numeracy.

This Friday our boys Softball team will be participating in a gala day. The boys have been wonderful role models and representatives for our school and we are very proud of their achievements.

## **Principal's News**

Welcome to Week 4 and Term 2 is well under way and buzzing along with lots of wonderful opportunities for our students across a variety of areas. Thank you to parents and carers who have been wonderful in their support and communication with teachers, to ensure an easy and successful transition to Term 2. This wonderful teamwork underpins our positive school culture; if you have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher or the office or email me on [louise.blakemore@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:louise.blakemore@det.nsw.edu.au).

Continuing this teamwork our hard working P&C held a cake stall and BBQ at the election on Saturday. On behalf of our whole school community I would like to thank everyone who donated cakes and slices for sale and volunteered on the day. Thank you to Sharon Robinson and Kershia Jones-Clark for their organisation as well as Emma Kowaliw, Kelly Ryan, Kerrie Salter, Brad Robinson, Linda Anderson, Anna Beeton and Jen Atcheson for giving of their time to man the BBQ and Canteen on the day. This support means so much for our school and shows the continued commitment and dedication to our school. Thank you all.

We are currently making the transition to our new unisex school uniform and there has been a great response thus far, however, we still have some incorrect uniform pieces appearing in the form of the bike shorts – please note that while there is a 3 year transition into the new school uniform, bike shorts have never been a part of the uniform at Clarence Town Public School. We are currently working towards establishing a clothing pool, so any student arriving at school in the incorrect uniform will be supplied with the correct uniform while engaged in activities at Clarence Town Public School. Our school and P&C have been working very hard to ensure a smooth transition to the new uniform and we ask for all parents and carers to support this process by ensuring all students are in the correct school uniform:

### **Winter Uniform:**

Unisex yellow/red and green sport shirt with school emblem (now the everyday shirt)

Unisex Green track pants with yellow piping or Green shorts/skorts for warmer days

Bottle Green broad brimmed hat with school emblem

Bottle Green unisex jacket with school emblem

Bottle Green jumper or sloppy joe

White or grey socks and joggers/shoes (preferably black)

Being in the correct school uniform is the easiest way of showing respect for ourselves, our class mates and our school. **If you require any assistance to meet these uniform standards please contact me as soon as possible for support.**

This week at Clarence Town Public School we have:

**Tuesday** – NAPLAN Language Conventions Year 3 and Year 5

**Tuesday** – **P&C meeting 7pm** in the staffroom – all welcome.

**Wednesday** – **SES Orange Mufti day**, with gold coin donation for our local SES

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

**Thursday** – Our **Peer Support** for 2019 continues for all classes – I have attached an article to today's newsletter "Helping your child make and keep friends" which may be of interest

**Thursday** – **Drum Corp** for Stage 3

**Friday** – **Community Based Sport** for Stage 2 and 3 and **K-2 Sport at school**

**Friday** – **Boys Softball Gala Day**

Please see attached flyers regarding local events and general educational information – **please pay particular attention to a meeting on June 4 to support the mental health of our young people through sport.**

On Monday morning I attended updates at Maitland Office, then Tuesday afternoon I will be travelling to the Great Aussie Bush Camp for the 2019 Gulawa Award Ceremony, where April Hensley-Turner will be recognised for her wonderful academic achievements, Wednesday afternoon I will be at Maitland Office again and Friday afternoon I will be attending the D&DCoS term 2 meeting. Mrs Kelson and Mrs Oldfield will be acting Principal during these times.

*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.



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 22 May 2019 in the school hall. Assembly begins at 2:15pm and ES1L will be performing the assembly item.**

## Tips for supporting your child's education:

### **Why is quick number fact recall so important?**

- Automatic recall of basic number facts is generally considered to be a key foundation for higher-order math skills.
- Basic number facts are the answers to simple equations in addition (e.g.  $3 + 2$ ), subtraction (e.g.  $9 - 5$ ), multiplication (e.g.  $6 \times 4$ ), and division (e.g.  $15 \div 3$ ).
- When children have automatic recall of these facts, they can quickly retrieve answers from their long-term memory without having to rely on counting strategies, such as counting on fingers. For information to be stored in the long term memory, daily revision is needed at school and at home.
- Lack of quick number recall creates problems as children advance to later stages, because the need to rely on laborious counting strategies create a drain on the cognitive thinking needed for learning more advanced mathematics.
- At school, daily focus is given to automatic recall of addition and subtraction facts. This does not have to add to the weekly home learning load...a simple game in the car to- and from school will do just the job!

To support this processes we will be introducing Numeracy @ Home activities in Term 3. During Term 2 Mrs Flannery is volunteering in the school and setting up homework, games based fun Maths activities!



## **Wednesday 22 May SES Orange Mufti Day Gold Coin Donation to support our local SES**

All students are invited to wear orange on Wednesday 22 May to support our local SES. As with all mufti days, we need to remember to wear broad brimmed hats (no caps), short/long sleeves (no tank tops) and enclosed shoes (no slip on shoes or thongs) for safety.



### Stage 2 Reptile Excursion – 30 May

Students in Year 3 and 4 will be attending an excursion to the Reptile Park on Thursday 30 May. The permission note and payment for this excursion were due last Friday. If you are having problems please contact the school office.

### Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

A note went home last week regarding final payment and the medical consent note for this excursion. The total cost is \$370-00 per student. Students have already paid \$100-00 non-refundable deposit. The final amount owing is \$270-00. The remaining balance can be paid in instalments with the final amount due 9 August 2019. Can parents please complete the medical consent form and return to the office by 7 June 2019.

Canteen Roster – Term 2			
Week	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Week 4	Shannon Keighran Kylie Bushell	Lisa Ziliotto Amy Berends	Jaimy West Sue Boyd
Week 5	Rina Rocco Kelly Ryan	Kerrie Salter Glen Salter	Amie Wilson <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
Week 6	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Kershia Jones Clark Anna Beeton	Bek Aurer Amie Wilson
Week 7	<b>LONG WEEKEND</b>	Lisa Ziliotto Sam Booth	Jaimy West Sue Boyd

### Assembly Merit Awards – Wednesday 15 May 2019

- ES1E**      Mali Metham, Macey Thompson, Sebastian Ziliotto
- ES1L**      Montana-Connie Davey, Nicholas Henry, Ivy Preece
- S1W**        Lucas Atcheson, Bailey Billinghamurst, Harry Kowaliw
- S1/2K**     Darcy Booth, Ava Jones-Clark, Finn McLean
- S2/3B**     Paige Cameron, Benjamin Henry, Riley Styles
- S3MW**     Xavier Hicks, Luke Redman, Nathaniel Stericker



## Dungog & District Community of Schools – News Update for 2018

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

This Friday I meet with the Principals and Maitland Office Support staff for our Term 2 Dungog & District Community of Schools (D&DCoS) meeting. We have an exciting agenda which will include an upcoming Shadow Puppet Program for selected students, Dungog Science in the Streets Day, a joint NAIDOC event for all of our schools and our 2019 Education Week Award Ceremony. We have created and are now sustaining a wonderful D&DCoS platform to ensure wonderful opportunities for all our students and staff from K-12.



# Lions Clubs International

### Clarence Town Lions Club Corner:

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May** Monthly Community Markets at the Bowling Club from 8.00am till midday . The markets are like any other business in town where we need the support of the locals so we can keep running. Plenty of items to suit everyone from Plants to candles, garden equipment, homemade pickles, jams and cakes as well as a wonderful selection of second hand goods and the Scouts Sausage Sizzle. Why not come and have a lovely day out and support the stall holders and the Lions Club

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May** Lions Club annual fund raiser at the Clarence Town Bowling Club. Barefoot Bowls at 4.00pm so come along and try your luck it's allot of fun. The club also has its Sunday Meat Raffle with tickets on sale from 5.00pm and all profits from the raffle are donated to the Lions Club, so by attending you are supporting the Bowling Club and The Lions. Why not make an evening out of it, play some bowls, have a meal (new Chef) grab some raffle tickets and relax. We look forward to seeing you there.