

# CLARENCE TOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

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**Kindness**

**Honesty**

**Effort**

## Term 3, Week 9

### Student Achievement:

Congratulations to our Stage 3 students for a wonderful excursion to Canberra. Over the 3 days and 2 nights the students displayed respect, safety and a wonderful willingness to learn. I have had lots of positive feedback from the bus driver, accommodation people and tour guides from the trip and they all have wonderful things to say about our students. The clear message coming through was their willingness and readiness to learn. Well done Stage 3 on being wonderful ambassadors for our school.

### Diary Dates 2019

#### September is Fruit n Veg Month

#### 16-17 September

Life Education Van Visit

#### 17 September

P & C Meeting 7pm

#### 18 September

Assembly 2:15pm

#### 19 September

Sam Poolman Netball Clinic for  
Netball Team

#### 20 September

Netball Gala Day @ Paterson

#### 25 September

No Assembly

#### 27 September

Last day of Term 3

#### 14 October

Term 4 begins for students



This Friday our girls Netball team will be travelling to Paterson for a Dungog & District Community of Schools Netball Gala day. The girls have been training hard and they are looking forward to a great day.

### **Principal's News**

Welcome to Week 9, a mix of weather from hot to wet and cold to hot again this week! Students have been asked to make sure they have a jumper packed each day just in case. It is Fruit 'n' Veg Month in September – the teachers are tallying how much fruit the students have each week and the Canteen members will be giving out prizes throughout the term. I would like to thank Miss Bunn for coordinating the Fruit 'n' Veg Month at CTPS and Ms Bushell for signing the Canteen up to support this program in our school.

A few weeks ago I included an extensive section of my Principal's news reporting on our wonderful P&C and all the work they have done for the school. If you would like to support this group or join the P&C the next meeting is tonight at 7pm in the staffroom. All welcome!

This week I complete the 2020 Kindergarten Interviews for students and families. We currently have 18 students for 2020; 11 boys and 7 girls. They are made up of 11 new and 6 existing families (I know that doesn't make 16, because we have another set of twins!). The students I have met so far are delightful and ready for school. We are looking forward to the orientation visits in Term 4 when the 2020 Kindergarten students will have some class time and parents and carers will receive information about school.

As Term 3 draws to a close we are busy planning for 2020 and constantly evaluating our current programs. This week's the students in Years 4-6 will be undertaking the Tell Them From Me Survey and I will also have surveys for parents to complete at our Term 4 Halloween Disco, as normal.

### **This week at Clarence Town Public School we have another busy week:**

Monday – Fruit 'n' Veg Month Continues

Monday – Life Education Visit – S3MW, S1/2K and ES1L

Tuesday – Life Education Visit – S2/3B, S1W and ES1E

Tuesday – P&C Meeting 7pm

Wednesday - Weekly Assembly: Student of the Week will be from

ES1E, but remember in Term 3 there are no class performances due to the Stage 3 Public Speaking Competition.

Thursday – Premier's Sporting Challenge ambassador, Samantha Poolman, will be conducting a sport clinic with our Netball Team prior to Friday's Gala Day

Thursday – Kindergarten 2020 Interviews

Thursday – D&DCoS Puppet Roadshow

Thursday – Drum Corp for Stage 3

Friday – D&DCoS Netball Gala Day at Paterson

Friday – Years 3-6 Sport at oval

Friday - Dungog Youth Services at CTPS 9-12

I will be busy in school on Tuesday, Wednesday conducting Kindergarten 2020 Interviews and meeting with parents and carers for Learning Support Team Updates.

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



## **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

## **Fruit and Veg Month**

A reminder to keep up with eating your fruit and veggies as we head into the third week of Fruit and Veg Month and reap your rewards!

## **Yearly Planner**

Please note that due to circumstances beyond our control I have had to postpone our Clarence Town Public School 170<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration. We were going to celebrate on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, but will now celebrate during Term 4, Week 3 – Wednesday 30 October. There will be the opportunity for the students to dress in olden day clothes, the teachers have prepared olden day lessons and we will have a history display in the library. There will be merchandise for sale to celebrate, a cake and Sausage sizzle.

An updates Term 4 Planner will be attached to next week's newsletter.



**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.

The next on the agenda for the D&DCoS is:

- Purchase of mini bots to support our GATS and technology initiatives across the CoS
- Netball Gala Day
- 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!

**Medical Alert – Reminder**

I am pleased to announce that as each day passes we are getting back to normal with most students recovering from their illnesses. Please stay alert as secondary infections are possible.

**IMPORTANT MEDICAL INFORMATION**

Over the past few weeks and weekend we have had several confirmed cases of Influenza A and Whooping Cough.

Several of our students have been hospitalised for severe symptoms and required drips and monitoring, as well antibiotics and bed rest. If you or your child or children have any flu or cough typos symptoms please consult your GP for advice. These viruses and bacteria’s can spread very quickly, so also remind your children to:

- ❖ Wash their hands regularly, especially after going to the toilet, before and after eating and after wiping their noses
- ❖ Cover their mouths when they cough or cough into their elbow to avoid germs spreading
- ❖ Keep noses free from mucus by blowing and wiping regularly and disposing of tissues immediately and washing hands

**If children are sick please keep them home to prevent the spread of bacteria and virus.**



# Fruit & Veg Month

**Fruit & Veg Month** is a health promotion event for **NSW primary schools** that puts a positive focus on fruit and vegetables. The event is funded by NSW Health.

The theme for this year's event is 'The Adventures of Captain Fruit N Veg!' and it will be held from Monday 2 September to Friday 27 September.

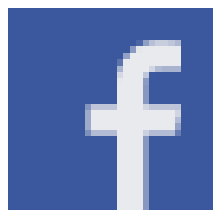


**Clarence Town Public School has registered for Fruit & Veg Month 2019 and have received free resources including:**

- Class posters
- Student reward stickers
- A staffroom copy of the Teacher's Booklet which contains information on classroom and whole of school activities
- New classroom activities for each primary school stage (ES1-S3) that meet selected outcomes from the new NSW PDHPE syllabus
- Access to the student competition
- Canteen suggestions and family/home based idea

Check out the recipes @ [healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)

## Thank You Clarence Town Public School Community



In the last few newsletters I have asked you to spread the word around our community through your neighbours, friends and townfolk to check out our Clarence Town Public School Facebook page to see the great things we do at Clarence Town Public School. I am pleased to let you know that last week our posts reached 395 people!!! Our average prior to that had been 80-100. Keep spreading the word...

### **IMPORTANT Safety Information**

I would like to thank parents and carers for taking care around the school over the past few weeks. The Police have been doing regular patrols at my request to ensure all drives around the school are following the road rules. I have left the information below as a reminder.

#### **Queen Street Crossing**

Thanks to Dungog Shire Council and Tracey Lowry our Crossing Flags have been replaced and are on display each school day.

#### **Marshall Street Crossing**

Over the past month the following misdemeanours have been noted in and around our Marshall Street Island crossing:



- ⊗ **Cars parking in No Stopping and No Parking areas**
- ⊗ **Cars doing u-turns around the pedestrian islands**
- ⊗ **Cars double parking to collect children**

**NB: The disabled parking space in Marshall Street is a designated Disabled Parking Space and anyone parking here requires an authorised disabled sticker.** We currently have a family who require this parking space and it is frequently occupied by cars with able drivers.

All of these create a very unsafe road area! When cars park illegally it makes it very hard for the children to see oncoming traffic and for oncoming traffic to see children! We have had several near misses and we need to work together to ensure all of our students are safe. I have requested Ranger and Police presence around the school during school zone times to encourage safe practice. Last week there were patrols and several people were either given cautions or received tickets.

**I would ask that parents and carers observe parking signs and road rules when dropping off and picking up children at school.**

### **Car Passenger Safety**

This is also a good opportunity to remind parents and carers to:

- ✓ Click clack front 'n' back
- ✓ Get in and out of the car on the footpath side
- ✓ Supervise young children carefully and actively when entering and exiting the car and parking areas.

### **Typing Tournament**

Our school is participating in the EdAlive Software Club for Typing Tournament Online. Typing skills are essential in today's digital world however children using iPads, Tablets and computers from a young age they are developing poor keyboard skills.



Typing Tournament is a simple, powerful typing tutor that will have your children typing properly and quickly in short order. A photocopied leaflet explaining more about Typing Tournament Online will come home from school in the coming week.

The school has funded this resource and will be using it during class technology time. We have made it available for home use as well as regular practice and will greatly support your child's progression. There will be a password attached to the note sent home. Please record this somewhere for future use.

Parents can also download a totally FREE copy of Ultimate Maths Invaders that teaches rapid-fire tables and mental maths – skills so easily lost in today's digital world. To find out more about Typing Tournament or to download your free copy of Ultimate Maths Invaders go to [www.edalive.com/club](http://www.edalive.com/club) and follow the prompts.

<https://www.edalive.com/club/A27934>

### **Sporting Schools Cycling Program**

Our Cycling Sporting School program commenced last Friday 13 September and will run from 3.00pm to 4.30pm. Students who have been accepted into this program have all received a confirmation letter. This program will run on 13 September, 20 September, 27 September and 18 October. Please contact the school if you have any questions about this program.

### **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.

### **Stage 3 Public Speaking 2019**

Our winner from last week was Claire Bagnall. Congratulations Claire!! The next round for Public Speaking will be held Wednesday 18 September. Our speakers will be Noah Wade, Alyra Bannerman, Shyanna Driessen and Nash Jeffery. Good luck students.

### **Meet the Authors**

Throughout Term 3, S3MW have been working hard at developing their creative writing skills. So now it is time for you all to Meet the Authors! Tuesday of Week 10, S3MW will be hosting 'Author Connect' in Homebase 8. From 1.30pm onwards we will welcome students and families alike into our office for a one time only Meet and Greet with these famous authors. Class sets of our novels will be available to pre-order for \$8 on the day to go towards our Stage 3 fundraising for the year. They are all extremely excited and can't wait to see you there!

Have you downloaded our Skoolbag App? The Skoolbag app is the best way for families to stay up-to-date with the school calendar, last minute forms, newsletters and all school communications. Simply go to your app store and download this free app!



**Our next School Assembly  
this Wednesday 18  
September at  
2:15pm.**

**Our next P & C Meeting will  
be held tonight in the School  
Staffroom starting at 7pm.  
Everyone is welcome.**

### **Payments**

Did you know you can make payments online? Simply go to our school website, (clarencetop.schools.nsw.gov.au). By selecting the "Make a Payment" button you will be taken to a secure Westpac Quickweb payment page. Payment for fees, excursions etc can be made and a receipt will be emailed to you straight away!

## Term 4 2019 Canteen Roster - Volunteers Needed

18 October – 2 Volunteers,  
 25 October - 1 Volunteer,  
 30 October - 2 Volunteers,  
 11 November – 1 Volunteer,  
 20 November – 1 Volunteer,  
 27 November – 2 Volunteers,  
 2 December - 2 Volunteers,  
 13 December – 1 Volunteer

21 October - 1 Volunteer  
 28 October - 2 Volunteers  
 4 November – 1 Volunteer  
 18 November - 1 Volunteer  
 22 November – 1 Volunteer  
 29 November – 2 Volunteers  
 9 December – 1 Volunteer

Canteen Roster – Term 3			
Week	Monday	Wednesday	Friday
Week 9	<b>16 September</b> Katie Bagnall Racquel Bates	<b>18 September</b> Lisa Ziliotto Kerrie Salter	<b>20 September</b> Bek Aurer Amy Berends
Week 10	<b>23 September</b> Kershia Jones-Clark Cameron Jones-Clark	<b>25 September</b> Katie Bagnall Michelle Croxton	<b>27 September</b> Kelly Ryan Kristy McLean

## Kinder Enrolment 2020

We are now taking enrolments  
for Kinder 2020.

If your child will be attending our  
school next year, please contact  
the office on  
4996 4156 to enrol your child.



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# RIVER COUNTRY HOEDOWN

26 OCTOBER 2019

Featuring THE WOLFE BROTHERS, THE VIPER CREEK BAND,  
ALEYCE SIMMONDS, 24HOURS & MORE

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## Chaplains Corner – “We Care Trip”

Last weekend I attended a weekend trip to help show support for our farmers in Coonabarabran.

The communities, farmers and shop owners we visited were happy to see us. There was a lot of conversations and laughter exchanged, a bit of sadness too. Life is like that sometimes and having others to share in these times boosts moral.

Prior to leaving students from Clarence Town Public School were asked to write a postcard to the farmers to show our community support. Thank you students, as the farmers read your messages it brought a smile to their faces. “Look Frank, that is gold” is what I witnessed from one wife to her husband as she showed him a postcard.

Further details and photos can be found on the “We Care Road Trip” facebook page.



This is Myles

Myles and I would like to thank you for your support and generosity, what you did what you gave helped farmers

Regards

Marie Knight, Farmer / Lamb Jumpers, Coonabarabran