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**Always Was,
Always Will Be.**
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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Week 5 Term 4!

This week Clarence Town Public School is celebrating NAIDOC Week. Always Was, Always Will Be, recognises that First Nations people have occupied and cared for this continent for over 65,000 years. We acknowledge the Worimi people, who are the traditional custodians of the land our school belongs, a place where children have played, learnt and grown for thousands of years. We are looking forward to celebrating NAIDOC Week, our students will be learning and participating in lessons, art activities and dance. A note was distributed last Friday with all the details for our NAIDOC Day celebrations, including out of uniform and special canteen menu. Last week, I spoke with a range of student focus groups, for our 2021-2024 school planning process. I thought I'd share some the responses from our amazing students. It was wonderful to hear lots of great ideas and beautiful comments about our school.

*"I like learning in class and having a challenge in maths and learning with friends."
"Everyday I look forward to seeing my teachers and friends - both of my teachers put in a lot of effort to make learning fun and help me learn – they always have a good attitude to make our day better."*

Last Friday, I was tasked with an incredibly difficult undertaking to judge the Grand Final of our Public Speaking Competition. Four outstanding speeches were delivered on the morning by Sophie Thompson, Sally Croxton, Emily Robinson and Alina Strilchenko. The girls were tasked with writing an imaginative speech, where they had to project themselves into another character "the morning I woke up as". The crowd were engaged and laughter bounced off the walls of our hall as the speeches were delivered expertly. All of our finalists should be absolutely proud of their efforts. Emily Robinson was crowned the champion, nudging out her closest rival by just 1 point.

Finally, CTPS says farewell 'for now', to Ms Anjella Bunn as she takes leave for the remainder of the term. Ms Bunn's has had a positive and profound impact on the students in her class and our school. We welcome back Mr Steve Lofts who is eager to sustain the great work with S23B for the remainder of the year.

Have a great week,

Mr Lindsell

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HONESTY

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DIARY DATES

Wednesday 11 November

Remembrance day

Naidoc Day

Thursday 12 November

Kinder Orientation 9:30am-12:30pm

Tuesday 17 November

Book Fair

Wednesday 18 November

Book Fair

Thursday 19 November

Kinder Orientation 9:30am-1:30pm

Surf Fun Day—Yr 3-6

Thursday 26 November

Kinder Orientation 9:30am-2:30pm

Public Speaking Grand Final

CTPS would like to congratulate Emily Robinson for winning our Public Speaking Grand Final last Friday.

Well done to all Grand Finalists Sophie Thompson, Sally Croxton and Alina Strilchenko and everyone that participated in the event.

Assembly Merit Awards 6 November

Class	Student's Name
ES1E	James, Grace, Zahli
S1O	Leni, Nicholas, Alexandra
S1W	Bailey, Bridie, Bryson
S2K	Molly, Izayah, Amalia
S2/3B	Jada, Jemima, Lilly
S3GD	Mark, Sally, Benjamin

Congratulations to all our award winners

last week!

Remembrance Day

Our student leaders have been asked to take part in the Remembrance Day service at the town's Cenotaph on Wednesday 11 November. Our school will be laying a wreath and reading a prayer.

All of our students will be displaying a minutes silence at 11am at school.

NAIDOC Day

In support of **NAIDOC** Week, we will be holding our traditional "NAIDOC Day" Celebrations at school this Wednesday 11 November. We are encouraging children to dress in black, red and yellow to represent the aboriginal flag. A gold coin donation for the day would be appreciated. Our school canteen will be selling NAIDOC themed treats at both breaks and students will also be able to purchase wrist bands at the office for \$1.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Millie is a friendly and helpful member of S1W. She has shown great dedication and focus with all her learning and consistently puts in her best effort with all challenges. Millie displays our PBL values consistently and is a great role model for her peers. She has a positive energy that is infectious and puts a smile on everyone's face. Thank you, Millie for being a wonderful part of S1W.

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Stage 2 & 3—Surf Safe Fun Day

Students in Year 3 to Year 6 will be attending a Surf Safe Fun Day at Nobbys Beach on Thursday 19 November. This course is conducted by fully qualified life saving personnel from the Hunter Surf life Saving Education Unit and has been awarded the NSW Surf Life Saving Awards of Excellence-Community Education program. The cost is \$27 per student. It would be appreciated if any outstanding permission notes and payments could be made asap.

Sporting Schools

Thank you to all students who returned their Cricket Sporting Schools permission notes. This program once again filled up very quickly and we have a waiting list for this program! Cricket will run on Monday afternoon's from 3.00pm to 4.00pm from 9 November to 7 December. Thank you to Mr Kemp for organising this opportunity for our students.

Book Fair

Our annual Book Fair will be held on the following days:

- Tuesday 17 November
- Wednesday 18 November
- Tuesday 24 November
- Wednesday 25 November

Students will be able to view the books during library times and make a wish list of any books they would like to purchase.

Kinder Orientation

Our Kinder Orientation program will be held on the following days:

- Thursday 12 November - 9.30am to 12.30pm
- Thursday 19 November - 9.30am to 1.30pm
- Thursday 26 November - 9.30am to 2.30pm

All the student are looking forward to meeting our new Kinders for 2021!

Drink Bottles

A large number of students are coming to school each day with no drink bottles. Unfortunately we are unable to have our bubblers turned on at the moment due to Covid restrictions.

As the weather is warming up, it would be greatly appreciated if all parents could please ensure that students have a drink bottle for school each day. Students are able to refill their drink bottles at the drink station if needed.

Ice Blocks on Sale

Tuesday's & Thursday's

Yr 6 students will be selling ice blocks at lunch and afternoon tea on Tuesday's and Thursday's.

Ice blocks are 50c each. All money raised will go towards the Yr 6 gift to the school.

School Photos—MSP

We have been in contact with MSP in regards to an ETA for school photos.

They have advised that there is quite a backlog due to Covid 19 this year and that our photos should arrive in the next few weeks.

Headlice

As the warmer weather arrives we are asking families to please regularly check your children's hair for headlice and treat if necessary.

Thank You Shaw's Bakery!

We would like to thank Shaw's Bakery for donating the bread for our Breakfast Program. Their generosity is greatly appreciated by all the staff, students and families from our school. Please remember to support these local businesses that support our school!



Canteen Volunteers Required

Our school canteen is looking for volunteers for the following days:

- Monday 16 November x 2 volunteers
- Friday 20 November x 2 volunteers

If you are able to volunteer in our canteen on these days, please contact Bek Auer on 0402 298 760 or the school.

Breakfast Program

Donations Required

We are currently in need of donations of spreads eg: Jam, Vegemite etc for our Breakfast Program. Donations are able to be left at the office.

Canteen Roster

Monday 9 November	Wednesday 11 November	Friday 13 November
Rina Rocco Sue Terry	Bek Auer Kersha, Sam, Kelly	Bek Auer Amy Thompson
Monday 16 November 2 x Volunteers Required	Wednesday 18 November Kerrie Salter Glen Salter	Friday 20 November 2 x Volunteers Required
Monday 23 November Rina Rocco Alana Hammond	Wednesday 25 November Kerrie Salter Linda Anderson	Friday 27 November Kelly Ryan Kristy McLean