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Welcome to Week 9, Term 4!

Last week was a big week for all at Clarence Town Public School. It was just wonderful to celebrate student achievement and effort with our annual Presentation Day Assembly! A big congratulations to all the award winners and our incoming student leaders and captains for 2021.

School Captains: Jada Garvey-Rae and Mark Bates.

School Leaders: Sophie Thompson, Ewan Head, Riley Flannery and Aylia Head.

A big thank you to all of our hard-working teachers and support staff for making the day run successfully. I would also like to extend that thank you to all of families who visited on the day, thank you for following our guidelines and making the process smooth and successful. We hope you enjoyed our Presentation Day Assembly for 2020.

We also rounded off the week with a fabulous fundraiser organised by our Year 6 students. Crazy Hair & Sock day was a great success with many students enjoying the opportunity to show off some cool socks and wacky hair dos. Our students raised just shy of \$100.

Party Days

Infants Party Day at Inflatable World is this Friday, our students and teachers are looking forward to a fun-filled day. Next Tuesday will be our **Primary Party Day** at the Great Aussie Bush Camp, which will be an adventure for all. Please ensure you've read all communication carefully and are prepared for the party days ahead.

Year 6 Graduation

Our Year 6 Graduation evening is scheduled for tomorrow from 5:30-8pm at the Bowling Club. As I write this newsletter, Ms Greig and Mrs Oldfield are busily preparing to ensure the night is one our students will never forget. I'm looking forward to

recognising our students as they complete their time at Clarence Town Public School ready for the next phase of their schooling. **A reminder**—Year 6 will be doing their final 'walk-out' of CTPS, which will culminate with the ringing of the old school bell, next Wednesday.

Our Kinder students have their special Kinder Presentation Assembly, this Wednesday morning at 9.30am, we hope all Kinder parents can attend to watch them receive their special graduation books.

Have a great week,

Mr Lindsell

Relieving Principal



Presentation Day 2020

Congratulations to the following students that received awards at last week's Presentation day

ES1E	S1O	S1W	S2/3B	S2K	S3GD
Zahli	Matilda	Jordynn	Rahnaia	Molly	Charlie
Lewis	Matilda	Bailey	Riley	Ayrton	Sophie
Maicee	Sophie	Tia	Patrick	Amalia	Aylia
James	Mali	Lucas	Jemima	Taj	Mark
Blake	Kingston	Bridie	Ben	Ella	Jentsen
Stirling	Leni	Boston	Samuel	James	Matilda
Sebbri	Lola-May	Millie	Duncan	Ava	Keira
Technology	Library	Sports Award	Sports Award Senior	Sports Award	
Charlie	Grace	Rahnaia –Junior Girl	Mark-11 Yrs Swim	Jessica-Athletics	
Patrick	Ivy	Darcy—Junior Boy	Jessica-Snr Girl Swim	Jesse-Athletics	
Jordan	Laura	Jessica-Senior Girl	Charlie-Snr Boy Swim		
Marshall	Parker	Mark-Senior Boy	Rahnaia– Athletics		
Lily	Wyatt	Molly-Jnr Girl Swim	Darcy-Athletics		
Christiam	Alina	Darcy-Jnr Boy Swim	Mark-Athletics		
		Sophie-11 Yrs Swim	Willow-Athletics		

P&C Sportsmanship	Nash
Premiers Sporting Challenge Medal	Finn
Lindsay Stibbard Citizenship Award	Emily
Public Speaking Award	Emily
Principals Award for Effort and Achievement	Piper
Principals Award for Most Improved	Piper
Clarence Town Lions Club Dux Award	Sally

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Presentation Day Photos 2020



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DIARY DATES

Monday 7 December

Last Day for Cricket Sporting Schools Program

Tuesday 8 December

Yr 6 Farewell

Wednesday 9 December

Kinder Graduation

Friday 11 December

K-2 Party Day Excursion—Inflatable World

Monday 14 December

Xmas Shirt Mufti Day

Tuesday 15 December

Yr 3-6 Party Day Excursion—Aussie Bush Camp

Wednesday 16 December

Last Day of School for Students

Friday 29 January

Yr 1-6 Return to School

Monday 1 February

Kinder Start School



Dungog Film

Festival

Earlier in the term our stage 3 students created film entries for the Dungog 'Film By' Festival. Our films, and those from surrounding schools, can be viewed here <https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/fbrh>.

Please scroll down to the bottom of the page to select the link to view the films. There is an award for 'Audience Choice' so we would appreciate you taking the time to vote for one of our films. Please select the 'Have your say' link to vote.

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Headlice

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

Term 1 2021 Canteen Roster

We are in the process of trying to fill our Term 1 2021 Canteen Roster. If you would like to volunteer in the canteen in 2021, please contact Kerrie Salter on 0428 628 615 or the school on 4996 4156. Volunteering in our canteen is a great way to meet other families as well as assisting in raising funds for our school!

January 2021

YWCA Hunter Vacation Care

School holiday fun for primary school children

Monday, 4 January CLOSED	Tuesday, 5 January NEW YEAR PARTY	Wednesday, 6 January WHERE'S WALLY?	Thursday, 7 January MESSTIVAL	Friday, 8 January STOCKTON FUN RIDE
Monday, 11 January AROUND THE WORLD IN 60 DAYS	Tuesday, 12 January DRESS UP DAY	Wednesday, 13 January Under the Sea	Thursday, 14 January COLOUR FUN RUN	Friday, 15 January ARTY PARTY
Monday, 18 January DANCE BATTLE	Tuesday, 19 January SPY CLUB	Wednesday, 20 January GUMS TO BUMS	Thursday, 21 January PANDA PARTY	Friday, 22 January WATER WARS
Monday, 25 January Artz Puddle Animals	Tuesday, 26 January CLOSED	Wednesday, 27 January GET GROOVY	Thursday, 28 January CAROL GROOVE	Friday, 29 January CLOSED



YWCA HUNTER REGION INC
24 Dawson Street, Cooks Hill 2300
Opening Hours - 7.30am-6.00pm
☎ 02 4929 2954
✉ info@ywcahunterregion.org.au
🌐 www.ywcahunterregion.org.au/vacation-care
💰 Cost from \$55 per day (CCS available to eligible families)
Places are limited. Book today. Don't miss out!

SkoalBag

Don't forget to download our school's SkoalBag app to ensure that you are kept in the loop on:

- School newsletters
- Notices
- Events
- Cancellations
- Reminders
- ...and more!

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS Just download the "SkoalBag" app on your phone, open the app and add our school!



Canteen Roster		
Monday 7 December Rina Rocco Sue Shillington	Wednesday 9 December Kerrie Salter Glen Salter	Friday 11 December Haylee Shaw Kristy McLean
Monday 14 December Rina Rocco Sue Terry	Wednesday 16 December Bek Auer Rose Preece	

Impetigo

Please be aware that there has been a confirmed case of Impetigo at our school.

Below is a fact sheet with more information about detection and treatment.



Communicable Diseases Factsheet

Impetigo

Last updated: March 2017

What is impetigo?

Impetigo is a bacterial skin infection caused by *Streptococcus* and *Staphylococcus* bacteria. It is commonly known as 'school sores' because a majority of cases are in school-aged children. However, it can also affect infants, adults and adolescents.

Uncomplicated impetigo does not cause permanent damage to the skin, but is highly contagious.

What does it look like?

Impetigo occurs in two forms, blistering and crusted. In blistering impetigo the blisters arise on previously normal skin, and rapidly grow in size and number. The blisters quickly burst and leave slightly moist or glazed areas with a brown crust at the edge. The spots expand even after they break open and can be many centimetres wide. They sometimes clear in the centre to produce ring shaped patterns. They are not usually painful, but can be itchy.

Crusted impetigo has a thick soft yellow crust. Beneath this crust is a moist red area. Crusted impetigo spots grow slowly and are always smaller than the fully developed spots of blistering impetigo. They are not usually painful, but can be itchy.

Impetigo can occur on top of other skin conditions, particularly itchy ones. When the skin is scratched the infection can enter through the broken skin. Some of these conditions are atopic dermatitis (eczema), scabies, insect bites and head lice.

In cases where a larger area of skin is affected, patients may also have a fever, swollen lymph nodes or feel generally unwell.

How is it diagnosed?

Your doctor may diagnose impetigo based on a visual inspection of the blisters/ sores, or by taking a swab to test for bacteria and check which antibiotic to use. The result of the swab takes several days.

How is it treated?

Depending on how bad the infection is, your doctor may recommend the use of an antibiotic ointment or oral antibiotics in severe cases. Antibiotic ointment should be continued until the sores have completely healed. If oral antibiotics are given it is important to finish the whole course of treatment (usually 5 days) and not stop when the impetigo starts to clear.

Sores should be cleaned every 8 – 12 hours, dried thoroughly and covered with a waterproof dressing. Bathing the blisters with salty water will help to dry them out (use saline solution or dissolve about half a teaspoon of salt in a cup of water).

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How is it spread?

Impetigo is very easy to catch from other people. Impetigo is usually spread through direct contact with other infected people.

The bacteria primarily enter through damaged skin. People with conditions causing long-term damage to their skin, such as eczema or atopic dermatitis, are at greater risk of infection.

How can you avoid spreading the infection?

While you have the infection:

- Sores should be kept clean and covered with a waterproof dressing to prevent them being touched or scratched.
- Used dressings should be placed in a sealed bag and put in the garbage bin as soon as they are removed.
- Hands should be washed thoroughly with soap and running water for 10 – 15 seconds after sores are touched or redressed.
- Children with impetigo should be kept home from school or other group settings if their wounds cannot be kept covered until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has been started, or until the blisters have dried out if antibiotics are not used.

To prevent impetigo children should be taught:

- To wash their hands often with soap. Resources on handwashing can be found at <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/guidelines-publications/ch55>.
- Not to scratch scabs or pick their nose.
- Not to share their clothes, towels, or toothbrushes.
- To have scratches and cuts cleaned and covered.

Parents should be careful not to allow items such as clothes, towels, bed sheets, razors or toothbrushes used by the affected person to be used by others. Other grooming items, such as nail scissors or tweezers, should be disinfected/washed thoroughly after each use.

In addition to general hygiene measures, specific measures to prevent spread in schools and childcare include:

- Teachers, children and families should understand the importance of hand washing, covering sores and staying home if sick
- Hand washing products (soap dispensers, running water and paper towels) should be available and accessible
- Activities should allow time for hand washing as part of routine practice (before eating and after going to the toilet)
- Temporary exclusion from child care or school if their wounds cannot be kept covered until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has been started, or until the blisters have dried out if antibiotics are not used
- Surfaces such as counters, desks and toys that come in contact with uncovered or poorly covered infections, should be cleaned daily with detergent, and whenever visibly contaminated.

Impetigo is dangerous for babies

It is important for people with impetigo to keep away from newborns and young babies. Newborn babies are particularly susceptible to impetigo because their immune systems are not fully developed.

What is the public health response?

Impetigo is not notifiable in NSW. Public health units can advise on the control of outbreaks.

Group A streptococcal infection may lead to other rare conditions such as acute post-streptococcal glomerulonephritis 3–6 weeks after the skin infection, which is associated with antibodies produced to fight streptococcal infection.

In communities in Australia that have cases of rheumatic heart disease, episodes of acute rheumatic fever are thought to be triggered by impetigo as well as by throat infections with group A *Streptococcus*. In those communities prompt treatment and control of impetigo is an important part of preventing rheumatic heart disease.

For further information please call your local Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055

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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.