Principal’s Update Term 2 Week 3

We had lovely weather for our school photos yesterday. These will hopefully be available towards the end of the term.

As part of the Sporting Schools Program, we received a generous grant to put towards sporting activities this term. On Wednesday we had our first gymnastics session which was enjoyed by all students. We have also been able to organise a tennis sessions which will begin next week, all at no cost to parents!

Next week is a big week for Year 3 and Year 5 students across the State as they sit the NAPLAN tests. These tests are marked centrally with results not available until towards the end of Term 3.

At the P&C meeting on Monday, I presented the Strategic Plan that our school will be following over the next 3 to 5 years. This plan was created from feedback from staff, students and parents/carers and guides the future directions of our school. This can be downloaded from our school website in the ‘Our School’ section by choosing the ‘School Plan’ option.

Mrs Murray

Assembly
Congratulations to this week’s award winners:
Principal Award: Dannii
Class Awards: Jayden and Siobhan
Assembly Award: Riley
Captains Award: Kate
Mathletics Gold Award was presented to Charlie for gaining 1000 points for 20 weeks.

Canberra Excursion
A reminder that payments for the Canberra Excursion can be made to the office. A payment of $25 per week would easily pay for the excursion before we leave. Invoices and a payment plan will be sent home soon.

Sporting Schools
Wednesday saw our first Sporting Schools gymnastics program begin. Students had a fantastic time using the wonderful equipment. This program has been funded through a sporting grant we received. After looking at our finances, the grant has provided enough funds for us to participate in a second sport this
term. Beginning next week on Tuesdays from 12:30pm-1:30pm, students will also be taking part in tennis which will be facilitated by a trained provider. Tennis will continue each Tuesday until the end of term.

Stage 3 LMG Sport Days
Next Friday, 15th May, will be our first LMG Sport afternoon where students in Stage 3 will travel to Paterson Public School to take part in friendly sports activities with Clarence Town PS and Paterson PS.

Stewart House Fundraising Envelopes
Envelopes were sent home last week for the this year’s Stewart House Donation Drive. Stewart House provides holidays for disadvantaged students from NSW public schools. Your donation will support this worthy cause.

An unexpected treat! A box of lovely, fresh finger buns was delivered to school by Baker’s Delight, Raymond Terrace. Thank you Baker’s Delight!

P&C News:
The next P & C meeting will take place on Monday 1st June at 2pm in the library. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

NAPLAN
Students in Year 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN test next week. Students should not feel worried about the tests - although some anxiety may be experienced. The tests are designed to help the school identify areas of student need and strength. There are four tests:
Tuesday: Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Writing
Wednesday: Reading
Thursday: Numeracy
Friday: Catch up day if needed
Please try to have your child at school on the day of the testing. More information on NAPLAN can be found at: http://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/naplan.html

Canteen
Canteen begins next Friday, 15th May. If you are able to volunteer some time please inform Leanne Doorey or the school office of your availability.

AUSTRALIA’S BIGGEST MORNING TEA
Thursday 28th May
9am—11.30am
Clarence Town School of Arts
Great entertainment (as usual)
Phone Paula on 0457 188 376
Cooking greatly appreciated

Library
Remember your Library Bag on Fridays to protect the books we borrow.

*** P&C Meeting ***
Next meeting: Monday, 1st June
2:00pm in the Library
All parents welcome!