Principal’s Update Term 3 Week 1

Term 3 has started the way Term 2 finished - busy. On Monday Mrs Reeves and Mrs Manning attended a course for office staff while Mrs Hanrahan, Miss Rogers and I, along with teachers from the Dungog learning community, explored student behaviour and experiences that affect their performance as well as classroom strategies to improve student learning.

Tuesday saw the return of students and we were joined by Martins Creek Public School as we welcomed Musica Viva’s Sousaphonics to our school.

I have been very impressed with the hard working attitude students have returned with and am looking forward to a very productive term.

Week 3 is Education week and we have been practicing our dance for the Education Week Assembly. This is an after school event on Thursday, 30th July at Dungog High School. We are hoping all students will be able to attend as they are an integral part of our performance and this is a fantastic opportunity to showcase our school.

We also have Raw Art, Canberra excursion, a performance at the Civic theatre as well as sporting activities and curriculum based projects happening this term.

Mrs Murray

Assembly

Congratulations to this week’s award winners:
- Principal’s Award: Jessica W
- Class Awards: Ryan and Santee
- Assembly Award: Jessica W
- Captains Award: Kate

Congratulations to those who received Mathletics Awards for earning 1000 points last week. Mathletics have also noticed the hard work students are doing and special certificates were awarded to Jessica S, Charlie and Michaela.

Enrolments for 2016

We are now taking enrolments for Kindergarten 2016. If you have a child you are intending to enrol, or know of anyone with children who may be interested in attending our school next year, please let the office know and grab an enrolment package.

Education Week

Week 3 is Education week. The Dungog Learning Community Assembly will be held on Thursday, 30th July at Dungog High School.
School from 4:30pm with nibbles available from 4:00pm.

All students are currently working on a dance item with the 'Toy Story' theme to present during this assembly. Students who have a particular role are asked to dress as their character, while all other students can dress as anything around the Toy Story theme.

If you have any questions about this please don’t hesitate to contact the school. Students are asked to be at Dungog High School by 4:15pm dressed for our performance.

On Friday, 31st we will celebrate Education Week at school with a few changes to our usual Friday routine. Parents are invited to a slightly later assembly at 10:00am followed by a morning tea. Parents attending the morning tea are asked to bring a plate to share. Students can also bring a small plate to share with their friends. Our second break will then become our lunch. The canteen will only be available for lunch on this day.

Little Bits Science Project
Yesterday we went to Dungog High School where we were introduced to the Little Bits circuit building kit. We worked with Mr Kelly from the high school, Mr Richards from Dungog PS and students from the Dungog Learning Community of Schools. We made some cool gadgets including the prank hand shaker and a tickle machine. Over the next 6 weeks we will be making other cool projects.

By Jessica S and Aaron

Musica Viva
On Tuesday we were joined by Martins Creek for a performance by the Sousaphonics. We explored the sounds of the saxophone, trumpet, trombone, sousaphone and drums with a jazz focus. Students enjoyed this performance and asked lots of questions about the various instruments and how they made their sounds.

Canberra excursion
The Stage 3 Canberra excursion is getting close. Full payment should be made to the office by Monday, 3rd August. Students will participate in a variety of education programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Living In Antarctica
To finalise our HSIE unit last term on Antarctica, primary students will be participating in a Video Conference on Wednesday 29th July. We will be connecting with Mawson Station, an Australian research base in Antarctica where we will have the opportunity to meet and talk with scientists about how they survive the harsh conditions and the purpose of their time in Antarctica. Recording of this video conference may be used for research and publicity purposes. If you have any objections to your child taking part please contact the school.

Lions Club Presentation
During the holidays, Mrs Murray, Mrs Hanrahan and Mrs Manning attended the annual Lions Club AGM at Clarence Town Bowling Club. We would like to thank the Lions Club who made a donation to our school at this meeting.

P&C News
Recipes for the Family Favourite Cook Book can be sent into the school office or emailed to Leanne at appledoorey@hotmail.com.

Woolworths Earn and Learn - For every $10 spent at Woolies (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards) you will earn a sticker. The more stickers we collect, the more free resources we can choose for our students. Stickers should be placed in the collection box in the foyer. We also have collection boxed located at Woolworths Raymond Terrace Marketplace and Plaza, please encourage family and friends to donate their stickers to our school.

Don’t forget our Rhodes Shopping Centre/Ikea Shopping Trip on 31st October. There are still seats on the bus. Tickets cost $45 including morning tea and there will be some on board fun with a chance to win prizes. Great Christmas Shopping opportunity. Invite friends and family. Call Leanne on 0416 058 557.

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

The next P & C meeting:
Monday, 3rd August at 2:00pm in the Library
All parents welcome!
Assembly award winners
Michaela, Jess, Charlie, Jess W, Ryan, Kate & Santee

Musica Viva - Sousaphonics