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Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 3 Week 10 – Wednesday 21 September 2016

A proud partner of the Whitebridge Community of Schools

Dear Parents/Carers

We are at the end of a very busy term. I would like to say thank you for your wonderful support this term and wish everyone the best over the holiday break. Congratulations to everyone for continually ensuring our students receive a wonderful all round education.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY	
	TERM 3 2016
22.9.16	Y3-4 Charlestown Cup
23.9.16	Last day of term
	TERM 4 2016
10 to 21.10.16	Y2-6 Swim Program 1:45-3pm for 10 days
10.10.16	Monday – all students return
12.10.16	Y6 WHS Uniform fittings 9am at CPS
18.10.16	Lion King Excursion
25.10.16	Kinder 2017 Orientation Day
2-4.11.16	Stage 3 Canberra
11.11.16	School Fete 3.00-6.00pm
18.11.16	K 2017 1 st Transition afternoon
2.12.16	K 2017 2 nd Transition afternoon
7.12.16	Presentation Day
9.12.16	Carols
13.12.16	Year 6 Farewell
15.12.16	Party Day
16.12.16	Last day of school for students

WHAT'S HAPPENED THIS TERM?

We began the term with a wonderful celebration of NAIDOC Day followed by the Athletics Carnival all in the first two weeks! Then we had Education Week, Book Fair and Grandparents Day all rolled into one with Hunter Dance Festival, Public Speaking and Debating championships too.

There has been the Aunty Peach visiting anti-bullying show and Buddy Training for Year 5 students. The K-2 students have visited the Wetlands and everyone has participated in gymnastics. The Enrichment days at Whitebridge High School have been popular for our Year 5 students attending Maths and Science. On the sporting field we have participated in the Charlestown Cup, Soccer Gala Day, touch football coaching sessions from WHS and sports coaching lessons conducted by Yr 9 students from the high school too. Combined with our daily PE and the Premier's Sporting Challenge, our students are becoming more skilful and really enjoy actively participating. Our students have also attended Gifted and Talented camps in Maths and Creative and Performing Arts. Project Based Learning has also been introduced in Years 4-6 involving Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths skills.

During this term the staff has also been busy implementing new units in Geography and consolidating some Explicit Direct Instruction strategies in helping students to develop their working memory. The new Managing Challenging Children course has also been completed, combining with the Whitebridge Community of Schools for further professional development.

This term we have been fortunate to have two intern teachers from Newcastle University. I wish Mr Dominick and Miss Grout-Parkes all the best in their teaching careers.

However, none of this could be possible without the support from the P&C, the staff

and students working together. We are very fortunate that our small, parent group is always there for us; organising meal deals, cooking BBQ's, running raffles and driving us to events. Thank you so much!! But we need more help from all of you, especially with the fete organisation. Even if you can spare an hour to "man a stall" it would be greatly appreciated. Many, many hands make light work, so please join in.

A HUGE THANK YOU

Congratulations and thank you for your generous donations in sponsoring the Mini-Olympics. A total of \$3165 was raised which is an amazing effort! The winning class receiving the pizza lunch on Friday is 5/6J. The funds will be put towards the new playground equipment.

ONLINE NEWSLETTERS

Next term we will be trialling online newsletters via our website. Hard copies will be available at the office should you require one. All of our excursion/permission notes are also available on the website.

UNSW MATHS RESULTS

Congratulations to Chloe and Lily both in Year 3 who gained a Distinction and Credit respectively in the UNSW Maths assessment held during the term.

LEADERSHIP DAY

Last Wednesday our Year 6 students attended the Whitebridge Community of Schools Leadership Day at Kahibah PS. They were extremely well behaved, showing great manners and co-operative behaviour. The special guests from Master Chef were Tresne and Carly who spoke about "Their happiness mission." Thank you to our parents who not only transported us, but stayed the day to assist in the canteen.



SURVEY RESULTS

Further parent survey results (from 38 families out of 95) are included in this week's newsletter:

- 98% agree that CPS is a school where families are invited and encouraged to be involved in the classroom and school activities.
- 98% agree that parents are encouraged to contact the school to discuss concerns relating to their child
- 93% agree CPS shares information about student learning between home and school
- 98% agree that CPS continually finds ways to improve what it does

Words to describe CPS:

Friendly, supportive, safe, family oriented, caring, quality teaching, personal, vibrant, positive, inviting, welcoming, thoughtful, great staff, total commitment, excellence, respectful, responsible, fun, a wonderful over achieving small school.

SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM

The DEC swim school program starts on Day One of Term 4. This is combined with our own school's swim program for all students in Years 2-6. The P&C are generously subsidising swim school, reducing it from \$35 to \$25 per child. Thank you so much to our wonderful P&C!!! **All funds need to be finalised by this Friday morning.**

HALL OF FAME

It is that time of year again where we are asking for nominations for the CPS Hall of Fame. The nominations are of ex-students of CPS who made an outstanding achievement in their field. Please think hard as the nominations need to be in by the end of Week 2 Term 4 (21 October)

BITS AND PIECES

Please remember to keep our children safe as accidents can happen during holiday time. During the holidays it is often quite common for children to be allowed to go out to places by themselves or without adult supervision. Remember that they are still children and they need to be supervised. A discussion re stranger danger would be appropriate with your

children. Please keep them safe during these school holidays.

Remember everyone returns on Monday 10 October and we look forward to a very busy and fabulous conclusion to the last term of 2016.

SCHOOL SECURITY

Please be aware that while we are on holidays there is the chance of people entering the school grounds. If you happen to see people doing the wrong thing on the school grounds please contact the Department of Education School Security Hotline on: 1300 880 221.

Have a wonderful holiday and I look forward to seeing you after my long service leave, returning on 11 November, ready for the fete.

Kind regards

Jayne Thompson
Principal

CANTEEN NEWS

We are trialling a new item at the canteen, it is 'Twisted' Watermelon and Mango flavoured Frozen Yoghurt. It is classified as an amber product and is selling for \$2 per tub.

CANTEEN NEWS AND ROSTER

Thur	22.9.16	K Style, T Black, M Rowe
Fri	23.9.16	No orders—counter service at lunch only P McNally, L Lee
Term 4		
Mon	10.10.16	CLOSED
Tues	11.10.16	CLOSED
Wed	12.10.16	L Maddison, N Toavanua, B Sacmaroski
Thur	13.10.16	A Jeayes, L Jones

LIBRARY NEWS

A reminder about the book covering session in the library tomorrow 22 September 12:30-1.30pm. Any parents interested in helping to cover some of our new books, please be at the office by 12:30 pm. If you have not already done so,

you will be required to complete a Working with Children Volunteer Declaration (copies available at office). Thank you in advance.

Kirsty Nash
Relieving Teacher Librarian

CLOTHING POOL HOURS

Wednesdays	2:45 pm – 3:15 pm
Fridays	9:00 am – 9:30 am

COMMUNITY NEWS

PCYC Lake Macquarie
Ph: (02) 4948 6622
Lake St, Windale NSW 2306

Theme days & excursions:
Laser Tag
Safety Day
Ten Pin Bowling
Movies
Halloween Disco
& much much more!

PCYC Lake Macquarie Kidzcare
Vacation Care
Commencing Monday 26th September 2016
Book now to secure your spot!

Week 1: 26th – 30th September
Week 2: 4th – 7th October
*CCB rebate offered

Melbourne Cup
Tuesday 1 November 2016 from 11.30am
\$65 per person

PROUDLY SUPPORTING
Charlie's Run 4 Kids

Includes... \$10 per ticket is being donated to Charlie's Run 4 Kids
Glass of Craigmoor NV Sparkling from Outlay Wines or schooner of beer on arrival
Buffet lunch including canapes, seafood/roast/dessert bars, tea/coffee
• \$1 mystery trifecta • Entertainment by Spike Ryan • Full TAB facility • Live race coverage on the big screen
WEAR A TOUCH OF HOT PINK to support our chosen charity

PRIZES FOR:
Best Dressed Lady, Best Dressed Man, Best Dressed Couple, Most Stylish Hat, Lucky Door Prizes

Special dietary requirements can be catered for but must be specified when booking
Tickets are available at the Bar – BOOK NOW!

Launch of the Verandah with
SAXANDRA

Sunday 16 October 2016
3pm – 6pm
Including a Wedding/Event Showcase

Book a Wedding/Event on the day (with a deposit) & we will offer
FREE room hire & FREE canapes
on arrival for your event...
Conditions apply

Bookings in The Etna Restaurant
for lunch & dinner essential on 4543 2367

CHARLESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION UPDATE

The P & C have a number of events in coming months which we require your assistance with.

School Fete – Friday 11th November from 3pm til 6pm

Planning is underway for the Fete. If you own a business or know a business that would like to donate prizes for either the raffle or the Chocolate Wheel. Please leave your contact details at the office and we will be in touch. For the Fete to be a successful event, we require your help.

I am able to assist with:

FETE – Friday 11th November from 3.00 to 6.00 pm

- 2.00 – 3.00
- 3.00 – 4.00
- 4.00 – 5.00
- 5.00 – 6.00

Name :Contact Number :



What we can confirm so far . . . **SIDESHOW ALLEY** **BBQ**
Mega raffle **Showbags** **CAKE STALL**
LEGO DISPLAY **BOX MAZE**

With only 8 weeks to the fete it is time to ask for your assistance . . .

- Do you have any books, plants or bric a brac that we could sell at the Fete?
Please Note: We are not able to accept electrical goods or items of clothing.
- For Sideshow alley we need prizes – do you have any unused kids stationary items for eg pencils, erasers ?
 - New toys or novelties ?
 - Chocolates any size any variety?
- Do you own a business or know someone who would be willing to donate a prize for the Chocolate Wheel?
- Can you spare an hour on the night to assist with the stalls? To ensure ALL parents are able to enjoy the night we need volunteers.

If you have any questions about the Fete, please email cpsfete@hotmail.com