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# Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 2 – Wednesday 19 October 2016

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Dear Parents/Carers

## LION KING

What a great day students had yesterday at the performance of the Lion King. For many of the students, it was their first experience of live theatre. All were impressed by the singing, set design and costuming. Teachers reported that students were well behaved and enjoyed themselves immensely.

## MINDSETS

Research has shown that there are two mindsets that determine how likely we are to succeed in life. Some people have a fixed mindset. These people believe that intelligence is genetic and there is little we can do to improve our chances of success – we are either born smart or we are not. Mistakes and tests confirm our level of intelligence. People who have a growth mindset believe that our intelligence can be developed through dedication and hardwork. These people view mistakes as learning opportunities. At CPS we are trying to foster a growth mindset. The link below provided a good overview of these mindsets.

<http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=explaining+mindsets+to+kids+video&view=detail&mid=C97D86F802978BE30ABBC97D86F802978BE30ABB&FORM=VIRE>

## YEAR 6 TESTING FOR WHS

Please note that the date for Year 6 testing has changed. Testing will now occur next Thursday 27 October. This testing will occur during class time at our school.

## YOU CAN DO IT

This term our You Can Do It focus is on persistence. This week look for ways that your child is displaying persistence and praise them for it. Stress that mistakes are valuable if we learn from them. You might like to watch the video below on mistakes that changed the world with your children to reinforce persistence.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pf\\_Qv3q0M\\_c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pf_Qv3q0M_c)

## KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION

Our 2017 Kindergarten orientation morning will be held next Tuesday 25 October. We are expecting 17 new Kinder students to attend. They will spend a lovely morning with their Year 5 buddies whilst their parents attend an information session. It is not too late for students to enroll for next year. If you know of anyone living in our local area with a child who could start school in 2017 please pass this information on to them.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 4 2016
10 to 21.10.16	Y2-6 Swim Program 1:45-3pm for 10 days
25.10.16	Kinder 2017 Orientation Day
27.10.16	Year 6 testing
2-4.11.16	Stage 3 Canberra
11.11.16	School Fete 3.00-6.00pm
18.11.16	K 2017 1 <sup>st</sup> Transition afternoon
2.12.16	K 2017 2 <sup>nd</sup> Transition afternoon
7.12.16	Presentation Day
13.12.16	Year 6 Farewell
15.12.16	Party Day
16.12.16	Carols Last day of school for students

## **SURVEY RESULTS**

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

- 71.9% agreed that the school had kept them informed about the teaching of History and Geography
- 78% would like more information about the teaching of History and Geography with 68% requesting this information to be included in Newsletters. Information about the teaching of these subject has been and will continue to be included in our newsletters.

## **ICAS MATHEMATICS RESULTS**

Congratulations to the following students for their result in the ICAS Mathematics test;

Chloe – Distinction

Lily – Merit

Chrystina, Ekaterina, Jacob, Jimmy, Michellie, Rylan – Participation

## **Applications for Year 7 entry into selective high schools in 2018**

Notes have been sent home with all Year 5 students in regards to applying for a place at a selective high school for 2018. This note, which contains all the information you need to apply, is available on our website if it has been misplaced.

Have a fabulous week.

Trisha Gill

Relieving Principal

## **LIBRARY NEWS**

We have had a fun start to the term in the library, with all of our new book purchases made from the proceeds of our book fair now available to borrow. Stage 2 and 3 students in particular are enjoying the new high-interest book series such as Scarlett & Ivy, Max Remy, Ella Diaries, Weirdo, Tom Gates and more. Don't forget that reservations can be made so that students don't have to wait too long for the next book.

This week a notice will be sent home with students who have overdue library books, requesting their return. All resources are required back in the library so that we can

effectively conduct our annual stocktake. Thank you in advance for assisting us in ensuring our library resources are complete and available for all teachers and students to enjoy.

Kirsty Nash

Relieving Teacher Librarian

## **CANTEEN NEWS**

Frozen Yoghurt - we have been able to secure additional flavours and will now stock Watermelon & Mango, Strawberry and Chocolate varieties. They are selling for \$2.00 each.

Yoghurt stars and corn on the cob will no longer be available.

We have decided to trial a number of products for Term 4... they are

1. Wraps - Chicken and Salad \$3.50,  
Ham and Salad \$3.50,  
Salad Wrap \$3.00 and a  
Toasted Chicken tender & cheese \$3.00.  
These are a green item.
2. Apple and cinnamon muffins - \$2.00

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

Thur	20.10.16	K Style, T Black, M Rowe
Fri	21.10.16	<b>No orders—counter service at lunch only</b> P McNally, L Lee
Mon	24.10.16	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tues	25.10.16	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wed	26.10.16	K Bassett, L Todorovski

## **CLOTHING POOL NEWS**

With the warmer weather upon us we are looking for quality second hand dresses for the clothing pool. If you have any please drop them in at the office or the Clothing Pool.

## **CLOTHING POOL HOURS**

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

## 1G NEWS

We have had a great start to Term 4 with everyone back in the routine of learning with Mrs Gill.

In literacy groups this term we are working really hard to improve our use of comprehension strategies. We are also continuing to practise our fast words which will help increase the speed and accuracy of our reading. This term we will be learning to write narratives and expositions. In the first two weeks we have been learning how to use conjunctions to join sentences together. We will also learn how to write in paragraphs and how to use speech marks.

This term in English we are completing a unit on traditional tales. We are making a chart to compare the characters, setting, complications, and resolutions in these texts. We will also compare different versions and talk about how these texts have been adapted. Learning to identify point of view in texts will be a major focus of this unit also. This unit will be accompanied by an Art unit on Magic and Make Believe.

This term in maths we will be completing activities around the following topics; Time, 2D and 3D shapes, number, multiplication, area, addition, position and mass. We have already learnt to identify rhombuses, trapeziums, hexagons and different types of lines. We have been practising saying the days of the week and months of the year in order and making "o'clock" and "half past" times on clocks.

We are all trying hard with our learning and are looking forward to the term ahead.

## 1G writing about their brains

*Our marvellous brain is like a muscle. Our brain is like a sponge. It soaks up information. You either have a fixed or a growth mindset. When you have a fixed mindset, if you make a mistake you give up but you can turn it around by saying I just can't do it yet. If you don't practise, your neurons shrink until they are gone. By Jacob P*

*Our brain is like a muscle. It needs exercise. Our brain has something called neurons and if you stop challenging them*

*they will get smaller. You can have a fixed mindset or a growth mindset. You are not born not smart or smart. You choose if you are. By Lily*

*A brain is like a sponge. It soaks up information. Our brain is like a muscle. It needs exercise. A fixed mindset says I can't do it. A growth mindset says I did it wrong but I don't care that I made a mistake. I will try again. By Okyanus*

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Good for Kids good for life

#### LONGER DAYS = MORE OUTDOOR PLAY!

Outdoor play gives children the opportunity to experience the natural environment and have adventures! Now that daylight savings has started children have even more opportunity to get outside before school, after school and on the weekends.

Make the most of the sunlight by having some outdoor activities planned in advance. Consider installing a basketball hoop for summer evenings or planning to build a cubby house on the weekends. Playing outdoors with neighbourhood play mates is a great after school activity. Family activities could include a bushwalk or beach cricket day.



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Nutrition Snippet

### The simplest way

...to eat your teeth clean.

Poor snack choices affect your child's weight, teeth and overall health. Try this activity to see what different foods do to teeth.

Eat the following foods, in order, in front of a mirror to see:

**Oreo biscuit** – a "sticky sweet" food that will fall in to all the grooves of the teeth;  
**Carrot** – a firm textured, unprocessed food that increases saliva flow and will remove the Oreo particles;  
**Cheese cube** – a powerful protector of teeth that neutralises mouth acid and remineralises the enamel coating of your teeth.

So stick with "firm favourites" (e.g. fruit and veg) and "powerful protectors" (e.g. cheese, milk, water) and avoid "sticky sweet" foods (e.g. biscuits, cakes, muesli bars, lollies). "Sweet acidic" juice, cordial, sport and soft drinks can attack teeth too.

Courtesy of: Hunter New England Health, Oral Health Promotion Unit, "Healthy Tums Healthy Gums" program.

For more information visit  
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# CHARLESTOWN Public School FETE



**FRIDAY 11<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 3 – 6 PM**

Newsletter No. 3

With only 5 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 ?

## ➤ **HELP REQUIRED**

**We need to secure more assistance for the FETE otherwise we will have to reduce some of the activities planned. We need at least 12 parent volunteers per timeslot ... this is in addition to the teachers and members of the P & C who will also be assisting on stalls. If you are able to assist, please write your name and phone number below and return to the office.**

	<b>Cake Stall/Canteen</b>	<b>Bric a Brac Stall</b>	<b>Sideshow Alley</b>
<b>3.00 – 4.00</b>	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.
<b>4.00 – 5.00</b>	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.
<b>5.00 – 6.00</b>	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.	1. 2. 3. 4.

If you have any questions about the Fete, please email [cpsfete@hotmail.com](mailto:cpsfete@hotmail.com)