



Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 1 – Wednesday 12 October 2016

A proud partner of the Whitebridge Community of Schools

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to Term 4. This term will be a very busy one so please make sure you stay informed by reading the newsletter and downloading the school app.

SWIM SCHOOL

Just a reminder that swim school has started this week and will run for the rest of this week and next week. All students in Years 2-6 are expected to attend. Students need to bring swimmers, a towel and a plastic bag for wet clothes each day. Your child might like to also bring goggles or a swim cap. Please make sure all belongings are labelled with your child's name.

LION KING

Next week the students who have paid for Lion King will be travelling by bus to Hunter School of Performing Arts. Six staff members will be accompanying the 108 students. There is an interval during the performance. Due to the tight timeframe between returning to school and swim school, students are asked to take their lunch to Lion King in a labelled plastic bag. Lunch will be eaten during the interval.

HOME READING

Hopefully students have all been reading over the holidays. It is important for all students to read for a minimum of 15 minutes per day so please factor in time for this to occur during this busy time of year. Students are expected to bring their home reading folder to school with their homework each Friday to be checked by the class teacher. Children are provided with regular opportunities to change their home reading books throughout each week.

MINDSETS

During Term 3, staff undertook 3 professional development sessions on Mindsets. During these sessions staff learnt about the brain, how learning occurs and the power of our thinking on learning. Staff learnt the following things about the brain:

- Our brains are like sponges. They are designed to soak in information.
- Our brains are like muscles. They need to be exercised to grow. We exercise our brain by participating in challenging tasks.
- When we learn something a connection is made between neurons in our brain. The more we practise the skill or concept the stronger the connections get. Connections can weaken over time from under use.

Teachers will be sharing what they have learnt with students over the course of this term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 4 2016
10 to 21.10.16	Y2-6 Swim Program 1:45-3pm for 10 days
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
13.12.16	Year 6 Farewell
15.12.16	Party Day
16.12.16	Carols Last day of school for students

YOU CAN DO IT

This term our You Can Do It focus is on persistence. Persistence is about not giving up when we can't do something or when things don't go our way. We need to remind our students of the need to try, try and try again. Please talk to students about the benefit of persistence in your own life and in the life of others. You may be surprised to know that Thomas Edison had over 1000 attempts at making a commercially viable light globe before he succeeded. That is a lot of persistence!

PARENT SURVEY RESULTS

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

- 97.3% of families believe that the student wellbeing programs used in the school are effective
- 57% of families indicated that they were familiar with the new school Wellbeing Policy that was distributed in Term 2

Suggestions given in response to the question 'What are three things that the school and community could do better to improve students' learning outcomes?'

- Start a preschool program
- Provide more programs for students who are excelling
- Provide more frequent information
- More volunteers helping with reading in classrooms
- Opportunities to learn a foreign language
- More hands on Science
- More classroom assistance for Maths
- After school groups for students
- Try creative, proactive ways to engage with parents
- Have somewhere warmer to sit at lunch
- Less outings
- Funding for computers and books
- Pay closer attention to each child's needs
- Parent workshops on assisting students to read

WEEKS 1-5

I will be relieving as principal for the first five weeks of the term whilst Mrs Thompson is enjoying some well earned long service leave. During this time I will continue to teach 1G. Please feel free to make an appointment with me to discuss any issues or concerns.

Regards

Trisha Gill
Relieving Principal

POP (ParentOnlinePayments)

Parents can pay for excursions, school contributions, sport etc safely and securely from the comfort of home! Please note if payments are made after 6pm the school will receive your payment notification the day after next (2 days).

Parents can access the schools website via computer, mobile phone or tablet. The **\$ Make a payment** link can be found on the ribbon on the school's Website. By selecting this link you will be taken to a secure Westpac payment page. You will no longer be in the school's website.

The payment process is intuitive and follows the format of many other online payments that are used every day.

[Click here to download ParentOnlinePayments Instructions](#)

SKOOLBAG APP

Receive alerts, reminders and links to documents quickly on your iPhone, Android device and Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device -

[Click here to download Instructions for Skoolbag App.](#)

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

Wed	12.10.16	L Maddison, N Toavanua, B Sacmaroski
Thur	13.10.16	A Jeayes, L Jones
Fri	14.10.16	No orders—counter service at lunch only J Hope, L Maddison
Mon	17.10.16	CLOSED
Tues	18.10.16	CLOSED
Wed	19.10.16	S Taylor, N Filo

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

COMMUNITY NEWS

Family Matters @



Talks for Mums, Dads and Carers of babies, toddlers and pre-school

We will be exploring development, behavior and emotions and suggesting practical strategies.

Presenters will include Pediatrician Dr Rebecca Russell, Occupational Therapist Rhiannon Pilgrim, Parenting Consultant Helen Davison and Speech Pathologists Michelle Batey and Amy Pollitt. Each talk will include a question time.

NOTE New Dates and Times
Tuesday evenings at Whitebridge
Wellness Centre – corner of Dudley Rd
and Bulls Garden Rd Whitebridge.



Only two left in the series

18 October at 6pm — Sleep, understanding babies and toddlers routines, preschool environment and sleep disorders **PLUS** "Poo" talk (constipation is common!!), toilet training and signs of readiness.

8 November at 6pm - Language development, talking and reading with your baby plus activities including music and reading.

Booking essential – email info@wwcentre.org.au or ring 49460580
Cost: Donation to the Wellness Centre.

Enquiries: Rhiannon 4023 2333

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HEY KIDS!
WANT TO PLAY RUGBY?

4-7 YEARS

\$50 PER CHILD

ALL GAMES PLAYED AT WALTERS PARK SPEERS POINT

Lake Macquarie RUGBY CLUB

For more information contact **Rob Taylor 0417 309 588**

CHARLESTOWN Public School FETE



FRIDAY 11th 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.

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