

Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 6 – Wednesday 16 November 2016

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Dear Parents/Carers

It is hard to believe that this year has flown by and we are 38 days away from Christmas.

What a magnificent school fete we had last week! The weather was perfect, the school looked wonderful and students, staff, community members and parents had a great time! Thank you to the many who volunteered on the day, to those who had a hand in the organisation and to everyone who spent money and enjoyed themselves during the fete afternoon. It would not have been possible without the many hours spent by the P&C and their families. To all of you, what can I say but thank you for providing our students with such a fantastic experience. As one of our loyal community members said: "The school had a lovely feel to it and everyone was enjoying themselves"



THANKYOU

It's great to be back at school this term. Whilst I really enjoyed my leave, I am very pleased to be back and was met by students' happy, smiling faces on my return. I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Gill and the staff for their continued hard work and dedication in teaching your children. Our school has

many wonderful programs that cater for the academic, social, creative and sporting talents of our students. Please encourage your child to be involved and try their very best.

KINDER ORIENTATION

This Friday afternoon we have our second opportunity for our 2017 Kinders to visit the school. They will be visiting from 2:15 – 3:15pm. Year 5 buddies will be with them during this time. Mrs Muir has lots of exciting things planned for them to do. Thanks in advance for making our new families feel welcome at this time. This is a great opportunity to show what a positive school community we have.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 4 2016	
18.11.16	K 2017 1 st Transition afternoon
24.11.16	Last Book Club orders due
1.12.16	Last day for student banking
2.12.16	K 2017 2 nd Transition afternoon
7.12.16	CANTEEN CLOSED
7.12.16	Presentation Day
9.12.16	Last day for canteen and clothing pool
13.12.16	Year 6 Farewell
14.12.16	CANTEEN CLOSED
15.12.16	CANTEEN CLOSED
15.12.16	Party Day
16.12.16	Carols Last day of school for students
TERM 1 2017	
27.1.17	Staff Development Day (pupil free)
27.1.17	Clothing Pool open 8:30-10:30am
30.1.17	Students in Years 1 to 6 return
30.1.17	Pre-arranged Best Start Kinder
to 1.2.17	2017 Interviews
2.2.17	2017 Kindergarten students start

Copy of [K-2 Party Day note](#)

Copy of [Y3-6 Party Day note](#)

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR!

At school at present, classes are busy completing their end of year assessments. These are collected in many ways as we know that pen and paper tests aren't the only way to see how well a child has learnt something. These assessments include teacher observation, discussions with a student, demonstrating a skill using concrete materials, even peer tutoring.

Also at this time teachers are very busy writing reports. As has been the way in the past, Year 1 through to Year 6 show student achievement using A-E reporting. A student who receives a "C" is achieving the expected outcomes for their grade level, and is making sound progress. Students who receive an "A" or "B" are working well above expected grade achievements and can demonstrate their skills and knowledge in a variety of ways. Teachers work together to ensure that across each grade common assessments are done and the marking criteria is the same. You will know where your child is working according to all the children in that grade. Reports will be given out on Monday 5 December.

STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Next Tuesday 22 November our Year 5 students who have nominated for 2017 leadership positions will be presenting their speech to the whole school. This speech needs to outline why they think they would be a good leader and what they would do as a leader. The speech should be no longer than 3 minutes in length. Voting will occur after the speeches via secret ballot. The names of the students successful in obtaining leadership positions will be announced on Presentation Day. I would like to wish Year 5 all the best with their speeches.

YOU CAN DO IT

At this time of year it is necessary for students to keep on developing their social skills and to foster Resilience.

- Commend your child for the things they are good at
- Be a good role model yourself; kids notice how well you cope with stress and then copy your behaviour

- Teach your child to accept that life sometimes isn't fair and that they need to adapt to challenging circumstances
- Involving them in extra-curricular activities helps with social skills but also develops resilience

As our social lives increase in the lead up to the festive season students often become more tired and less patient and tolerant of each other. Helping them develop "Resilience" will enable your child to better cope with stressful situations and adversity.

ROAD SAFETY

Road safety is taught in each and every classroom at a number of times throughout the year. The best teachers of road rules though, are parents.

In the safety interests of all students, parents are asked to:

- Cross Smith and Frederick Streets at the pedestrian crossing holding their (under 10) children's hands following the directions of the crossing supervisor
- NOT use the Staff car park as an entrance/exit to the school, and
- Encourage children dropped off by car to use the pedestrian crossing in the correct manner.

Your co-operation is most appreciated.

Enjoy the week

Jayne Thompson
Principal



4/5J NEWS

This term we have been very busy in English and Mathematics. Everyone loves "Windows" by Jeannie Baker which is the book we have been discussing. It is a beautiful Visual Literacy book that has no words and records the changes to a boy named Sam's neighbourhood over periods in his life. This book ties in perfectly with both Year 4 and Year 5's Geography unit.

We have been writing descriptions using language features, similes, metaphors, alliteration, personification and onomatopoeia. Mrs Holt and I are so proud of their accomplishments. The examples below are written about a page in "Windows".

One late night, Sam and his orange and white cat were looking out of his bay window. There were lots of lights and stars and a bright moon. Sam was going to be 16 tomorrow. Ryan T

Sam looked outside the clear window. He saw a dark night sky that looked deep into space. The lights were as bright as a star. It was 2 am in the morning the wind was whistling. Zane

It was pitch black when Sam looked outside the open window on his 16th birthday. As Sam hugged the cute, furry cat, the next door neighbour looked outside his window. Alex

Sam and his cat were looking through the transparent window. The cat was as fluffy as a poodle. The sky was as black as a panther. The lights were fireflies. Trees were dancing somewhere out there. Cats clawed in combat. Of course the bats bellowed. Rylan

On Sam's 16th birthday, he looked outside the open window. The cute, clever cat came up to Sam for a gentle pat. The lights were as bright as a star. Sam was really tired after his day. The window was slightly open, letting the cool night breeze in. Sam was wearing his blue and white PJs. Kyrhlee

In Maths, we have continued our work in Number and Patterns, Measurement and Geometry and Statistics and Probability. Many improvements have been made by class members and this has led to a feeling of accomplishment.

During Personal Development we have been discussing strategies to keep ourselves safe, the importance of a good network of people you can trust and talk to and that our body is our own. We have also been discussing how important it is to have a growth mindset. Our brains are muscles that need exercise and challenges for them to grow like a sponge. We may not be able to do everything YET but with effort, persistence, resilience and grit everyone can grow their brain. If we can't achieve something one way, we can try another way, or ask for help. This has given everyone added confidence, we are not giving in. We keep up the effort.
Judy Holt/Judy Nolan

OPAL BUS PASSES FOR 2017

[Apply now for 2017 school bus pass.](#)

CANTEEN

Canteen Help in 2017

If you are able to assist in the canteen in 2017, would you please return your details to the office by Friday 25 November. Given the low number of responses we are unsure at this stage that the canteen will be open in 2017.

[Seeking canteen volunteers for 2017](#)

Canteen Orders

As there are less than 10 days of canteen remaining, we may need to substitute items that have been ordered. Children will be consulted should we need to change their order.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thur	17.11.16	K Style, T Black, M Rowe
Fri	18.11.16	No orders—counter service at lunch only L Lee
Mon	21.11.16	CLOSED
Tues	22.11.16	CLOSED
Wed	23.11.16	K McAlister, N Toavanua, L Maddison

CLOTHING POOL NEWS

With the change in weather, we are looking for any second hand girls dresses that you no longer need. If you have any it would be greatly appreciated if you could please drop them into the office for the clothing pool.

CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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

P&C NEWS

FETE - We hoped that you enjoyed the Fete on Friday afternoon. We expect that we have made a profit of approx \$4000. A special thanks to all those parents, grandparents and carers who volunteered their time on Friday afternoon to assist on stalls and the canteen, we would not have been able to do it without you!

P&C and School Council Dinner –

Thursday 8 December

The dinner will be on at Charlestown Bowling Club on Thursday 8 December at 6 pm. If you would like to attend the dinner please leave your details at the office by Friday 25 November.

Carols by Candlelight –

Friday 16 December

A note will be sent home in the next week about Carols by Candlelight. We will have dinner and novelties available for pre-order.

Newcastle Permanent Building Society Introducer Program - We have joined this fundraising program through the NPBS.

When someone applies for a new Newcastle Permanent home or business loan, all they need to do is tell NPBS they were referred by Charlestown Public School P&C and provided their application is eligible the P&C will receive \$600 once the loan has been processed. Please tell your friends, families, work colleagues... basically anyone you know can participate!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Charlestown Uniting Church's Kids Fun Club Advent Workshop

24-26 Milson Street, Charlestown

Thursday 8 December 2016

(Children in Years K - 6)

4pm – 7.30pm

Cost \$10 Child (maximum family payment \$20)

Includes dinner and craft.

Registrations & payment essential by 05/12/2016 – forms available from school office.

No registrations will be taken on the day

Registration forms and payment can be posted to:

Charlestown Uniting Church

P O Box 449

Charlestown. 2290

For all enquires please phone:

Cathy - 4908 1083 OR Laraine - 4944 7826







Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to add veg to the dinner plate.

Boost the vegetable content of the evening meal with these quick and easy additions to the dinner plate.

Serve a mixed salad with a lean meat accompaniment, going for plenty of variety in the colour of the salad ingredients.



Grate extra veg into mince-based dishes.

Add a rainbow of different coloured vegetables to a stir fry.

Serve homemade pizza, reducing the meat content and loading up the veg.

Blend veggies into sauces.

Add other root veg to mashed potato, such as pumpkin and sweet potato.

For more information visit
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Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...grow your own.

Want to get kids excited about vegetables? Then plant the seed!

A veggie patch is a great spring or early summer project and just one way to help entice fussy eaters to sample something from the garden.

Plant some vegetables or herbs in the yard or grow them in window boxes or small pots.

Seeing the plants grow makes them much more interesting to eat.

Want to know more about enticing fussy eaters and preparing fruit and veg-filled family meals?

Ask your school to book a **Fruit & Veg Sense** workshop for parents, or find a workshop in your area at eatittobeatit.com.au.

For more information visit
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or join us at facebook.com/eatittobeatit



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make the festive season fruity.



Fruit makes a healthy addition to the festive season spread and it's great for making all sorts of edible Christmas creations too!

Trees: use a knife or cookie cutter to shape trees from watermelon (left), or place kiwi wedges on a plate and top with star cut from other fruit (below).

Candy cane: place alternate banana and strawberry chunks on a plate to form a cane shape.

Santas: Layer marshmallow, banana and strawberries. Hold together with icing, or a toothpick. Use raisins for eyes and a Jaffa for a nose.



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