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Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 7 – Wednesday 23 November 2016

A proud partner of the Whitebridge Community of Schools

Dear Parents/Carers

Last week I had the privilege of attending the Stronger Smarter program for developing higher expectations and relationships with all stakeholders particularly, Aboriginal children and their families. These relationships honour the humanity of others, and in doing so, acknowledge one's strengths, capacity and human right to opportunities. It was a thought-provoking experience where I look forward to having further conversations, listening and working together with the school community to embed strategies that continue to build positive relationships and support students in achieving their best. Thank you for your understanding during my professional development.

OUR WONDERFUL SCHOOL

Many rumours about our lovely school are travelling through the Whitebridge community at the moment. Stories such as "CPS is amalgamating with Charlestown East and closing down," as well as "CPS students transition to Hunter Sports High in Yr 7" are simply just that, stories. There is absolutely no truth in either rumour, so if you should hear these stories, please shut them down.

We are busy forming classes for next year, please let us know if you are not returning to Charlestown Public School. Similarly, if you know of any newcomers to your street please tell them to enrol in our wonderful, caring school. At the moment we are able to take out of zone enrolments so encourage others to come to our beautiful school!

YEAR 6 PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS

Last week our five finalists, Paul, Rylan, Hope, Paige and Noah, delivered their speeches. The topic was free choice. The students who participated in the competition all performed to a high standard, with the finalists being judged by the staff on a number of criteria. The recipient of the School's Public Speaking award will be announced on Presentation Day in a few weeks, when they will be presented with their award.

Congratulations to all, especially our final five, on the outstanding effort you have made once again.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 4 2016
24.11.16	Last Book Club orders due
1.12.16	Last day for student banking School Council AGM 7pm
2.12.16	K 2017 2 nd Transition afternoon
7.12.16	CANTEEN CLOSED
7.12.16	Presentation Day
8.12.16	P&C & School Council Dinner
9.12.16	Last day for canteen & clothing pool Out of uniform – dress in red, blue & yellow for a gold coin donation
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 to 1.2.17	Pre-arranged Best Start Kinder 2017 Interviews
2.2.17	2017 Kindergarten students start

Click here for [K-2 Party Day note](#)
Click here for [Y3-6 Party Day note](#)

ATTENDANCE

Lately there have been many students who have had poor attendance at school. It is extremely important your child develops a habit of attending school regularly and that all absences are explained by a note within five days of your child returning to school.

Some interesting facts regarding absences and lateness to school – Did you know...

- If your child is regularly late they miss huge amounts of learning time, regular lateness has the same impact as absenteeism.
- Missing one day a week from school from Kindergarten to Year 10 means missing two years and one term of schooling.
- There is direct correlation between attendance and achievement.
- Frequent absences make it difficult for teachers who have to continually re-teach skills.
- Being 15 minutes late to school twice a week equals to missing 5 hours a term and 20 hours a year of missed schooling.
- Patterns of attendance/absence are set up in the early years of schooling.
- Being absent five days a term from Kindergarten to Year 10 adds up to more than one year of missed schooling.

WHS YEAR 10 SERVICE LEARNING PROGRAM

This week four students from Year 10 at Whitebridge High School will join us for their service learning program. We welcome Emma, Hayley, Ellie and Emma back to our school, for what we hope will be a valuable learning experience. We hope these ladies get a glimpse of this very worthy profession because it is teaching that creates all other professions. Welcome!

CANBERRA



Y5-6 receive Certificates from Pat Conroy, MP, Member for Charlestown, following their Canberra visit.

FRESH IS BEST

During Kindergarten orientation visits Mrs Gill has had a guest speaker talk about the benefits of fresh fruit for children. In preschool and Kinder the lunchboxes are full of fruit and "fresh" and somehow over time they can turn to "plastic." Just a reminder to help keep our children as healthy as we can. Just remember, if they're hungry enough, they will eat it. The following link shares some great ideas for healthy lunchboxes.

<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/parents-carers/children-0-5-yrs/packing-healthy-lunchboxes/>

FEEL THE MAGIC

Friday 9 December is set aside as out of uniform day to raise funds for "Feel the Magic." This worthwhile camp assists and supports children who have experienced grief to reach their full potential. Please dress up in red, blue and yellow and bring a gold coin donation. There will also be plenty of special treats available for sale at the canteen.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

The Council AGM will be held on the 1 December at 7pm. Nomination forms for those wishing to be on the school council are available at the office. The school council will also discuss the constitution and role of the school council. Feedback or contributions are welcome to the office.

Many thanks to all those who have contributed to the school council this year.

Enjoy the week

Jayne Thompson
Principal

5/6H NEWS

Only a few more weeks of school to go and students in 5/6H have been very busy attending the Stage 3 excursion to Canberra.

While Year 6 have attended transition days to their high schools that they will attend next year, in class we have been writing Poetry. We have written Catalogue Poems, Colour Poems, Diamante Poems and Dylan Thomas Couplets.

Here are some examples of our Dylan Thomas Couplets:

*Did you ever see a rainbow?
Sparkling brightly, colours splashing,
bringing happiness*
Jasmine

*Did you ever see a baby?
Crying non-stop, crawling everywhere,
making people laugh*
Natalie

*Did you ever see a game of cricket?
Fast bowlers, big hits, fast running*
Daniel

*Did you ever see a bull?
Huge, red eyes, vicious*
Chris

*Did you ever see a computer?
Internet searching, games playing, settings
changing*
Noah

Margaret Hale
Class Teacher

LOST PROPERTY

Found after fete – girls size 6 silver cardigan.

OPAL BUS PASSES FOR 2017

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

CANTEEN

Canteen Help in 2017

We are in the process of drafting the calendar for 2017, if you are able to assist in the canteen in 2017, especially on Fridays for lunch service only, please return the note or leave your details at the office **by Friday 25 November**. This will ensure that we can finalise the roster in early December.

[Seeking canteen volunteers for 2017](#)

Canteen Orders

As there are less than 6 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.

Red Recess Day - Friday 9 December

We have a number of lollies and novelties left over from the Fete that we need to sell before the end of the year so we are having a Red Recess Day on Friday 9th December. Students will be able to purchase the goods and if small consume them during the recess break, for larger items they will be able to take them home. Prices will range from 20c to \$5.00.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thur	24.11.16	J Battle, A Lee
Fri	25.11.16	No orders—counter service at lunch only T Black, K Style
Mon	28.11.16	CLOSED
Tues	29.11.16	CLOSED
Wed	30.11.16	L Todorovski

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

Carols by Candlelight

The note will be sent home today with details of the evening. Please come along and enjoy the festivities and it will be a nice way to end the school year!

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.

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



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Belmont Campus

Do you need skills for the future?
Do you need training in Excel, Word, PowerPoint, Medical, Bookkeeping, Information Technology or Retail?

A range of courses will be offered including full-time, part-time and flexible delivery options in our Personalised Learning Centre. Both day and evening classes are available.

Would you like to study some units for free?
Would you like some training in Business Administration, Accounts, Bookkeeping or Information Technology?

A range of fee free skillsets are available to eligible students who enrol by December 2016 and can be studied until May 2017. These taster courses are a great opportunity to try a new area of study.

Ring NOW to express your interest for skillsets or Semester 1, 2017 courses.

INFORMATION/ENROLMENT SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON
TUESDAY 6 DECEMBER 2016 at 10AM, and
TUESDAY 24 JANUARY 2017 at 10.00AM

2017 Classes commence 6 February 2017

For further information, please give us a call on 4979 6154 or check our website at www.hunter.tafensw.edu.au

CHARLESTOWN Public School FETE

THANKYOU FOR SUPPORTING
OUR FETE!!

We hope you had a wonderful time!!

We would also like to thank the following
businesses for their support

- ~ Creer Property, Charlestown
- ~ McDonalds Restaurants
- ~ Habitat, Adamstown
- ~ Members of the Rainbow LEGO user group
- ~ MamaP Cafe, Charlestown
- ~ Lee's Kitchen, Charlestown Square
- ~ Commonwealth Bank
- ~ Greater Bank
- ~ Photo Booths Newcastle
- ~ Mega Gyros, Charlestown
- ~ Lions Club Australia
- ~ Strike Bowling & Laser Tag
- ~ TimeZone, Charlestown Square
- ~ Platinum Hair & Body, Warners Bay
- ~ Melody Makers
- ~ Jones Family
- ~ Beaumont Tiles, Rutherford
- ~ Hoyts Cinemas, Charlestown
- ~ City Beach, Charlestown

Also a big THANK YOU to the Parent/Grandparent
helpers and Teachers that gave up their
time, so we all could enjoy the Fete .