



Education  
Public Schools



# Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 10 – Wednesday 14 December 2016

A proud partner of the Whitebridge Community of Schools

Dear Parents/Carers

## PRESENTATION DAY 2016

Welcome special guests, ladies and gentleman, boys and girls to Charlestown Public School Presentation Day 2016.

I would also like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay my respects to the Awabakal elders both past, present and future.

2016 has indeed been a wonderful year for Charlestown Public School. Our students have given their best and our school has had marvellous successes.

Academically, distinctions and credits in English and Mathematics NSW University competitions. Our NAPLAN results were also excellent with all of Year 3 achieving above the state average in all key aspects of literacy and numeracy and Year 5 students achieving high value added growth in spelling and writing. Our Year 5 and Year 6 debating teams grew in strength with each debate and we are very proud of their efforts.

In Creative and Practical Arts, dance, choir and musical groups participated in a wide range of activities including; Grandparents Day in Education Week, Dance Festival and Starstruck. You have already observed our senior girls signing the National Anthem and today you will also hear our wonderful K-2 choir. Our specialist music teacher, Mrs Walsh has introduced a percussion band and a drumming group, as well as the talented ukulele group. Our music program provides rich and varied activities enhancing students' engagement.

In the sporting arena our school enjoyed success in 2016 with both the swimming and athletic carnivals being fun days for all. Students represented the school in soccer, netball, swimming, cross country, hockey, basketball and athletics. Some of our students went to Regional swimming and athletics and represented the Region in basketball at the state competition in Gosford. This year we participated in four gala days, Netball, T Ball, Touch Football and Soccer. The students in Years 3-4 were also part of WHS Year 9 sport mentoring program, as well as the touch football coaching sessions, and thoroughly enjoyed the extra coaching they received. Being an Olympic year our teachers organized a mini-Olympathon to raise funds for our new play equipment. The level of sportsmanship by all participants was of the highest calibre.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 4 2016
15.12.16	CANTEEN CLOSED
15.12.16	Party Day Swim Carnival notes & \$s due
16.12.16	3pm Year 6 clap out Carols commence 6:30pm finish 8pm 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
1.2.17	Y3-6 Swim Carnival (and Y2 students who turn 8 and can competently swim 50m)
2.2.17	2017 Kindergarten students start

A wonderful school vegetable garden was continued this year under the leadership of Mrs Thomson (nee Muir) and Miss Wilks and a dedicated grandparent group. It not only looks terrific but has supplied the canteen with many healthy treats.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the P&C for their support of the school in 2016. Our President, Sue Clark is supported by her fellow executive, Vice President Deb Levin, Secretary Alison Lee and Treasurer Kylee Lowe who are the engine room of the P&C working behind the scenes to keep the organization running. Writing grants has been one of our President's special gifts this year. We have obtained a community grant to supply new appliances in the canteen, Federal Government grant for the play equipment (which I'm sure you've observed as being a wonderful addition to our playground) and a volunteer's grant for new shelving in the canteen storage area. From all of us we thank you for always being there. Whilst we are lucky to have a small band of volunteers, new helpers would be most welcome!

The P&C provided many donations to the school this year. Major expenditures included the school beautification program, purchasing a wide range of resources and equipment, student subsidy for swimming school, motivational speaker Lorin Nicholson, visiting author, numerous Bunnings and election day BBQs this year, organizing Carols by Candlelight, catering for over 1000 students at the netball gala day, A Bingo Fun Day, and a massive extravaganza in the school fete. All of these activities enhance our student's school lives and give opportunities for the school community to work together.

This year we also acknowledge the contributions of our parents, Deb Levin, whose youngest son Noah is leaving the school this year. We appreciate all of yours and Matt's support throughout the years and thank you for your valuable time and tireless effort at our school. There are also many others who have been there for us: reading group helpers, BBQ chefs,

chauffeurs, clothing shop ladies. We have really valued your support over the years.

Thank you to our Canteen Committee led by Nancy Natukokona and Kylee Lowe as the treasurer, and Alison Lee as the buyer. You have done a marvellous job looking after tummy matters.

I would like to make special mention of our School Council: President Kristie Harrison, Community member Ray Swadling, and parents Alanna Jeayes, Glenn Jones, Linda Todorovski, Sue Clark and staff representative Mrs Thomson (nee Muir). Their dedication and commitment is always acknowledged and appreciated.

I would like to especially thank our teaching staff. 2016 has been a challenging and demanding year with the introduction of two new curriculums and introducing changes in growth mindsets and Kidsmatter student wellbeing programs. We welcomed three new staff Miss Hale, Mr Overdijk and our school chaplain Mrs Handscomb, as well as a new baby Toby Etherington and in the new year a baby for Mrs Thomson and another bundle for Mrs Etherington. The excellent outcomes achieved by our students are a credit to the staff of Charlestown Public School and the close partnership with parents who value their child's education.

Our teachers are always well supported by our ancillary staff led by Mrs Janelle Stone. Janelle, Jenny, Rayna and Pam have done a wonderful job. This year Janelle, assisted by Jenny and Rayna, led the way with our new financial system whilst Pam has decided to hand in her Library borrower's card and announce her retirement. We wish her all the best after 41 years with the Department of Education. A truly remarkable record! Our Teacher's aides also deserve special mention Mrs Stead, Mrs Christie, Mrs Palmer and Mrs Dosen. Thank you ladies for your expertise in providing support to our students.

To our Year 6 students, you have been an outstanding group who have contributed to the school in different ways. Your maturity,

sense of fun and perspective have made you a credit to your families and your school. I hope that you take away happy memories and a significant repertoire of skills, knowledge and values as you move to high school. A special mention to our school captains, Noah and Claudia, prefects Ethan and Sam, and House Captains Eti and Rylan who have contributed much to the school this year. I knew from the start of the year when we travelled to Sydney for Leadership Day that I had a fantastic group of school leaders for 2016. It has been wonderful to watch your personal growth and maturity. With the support of the school community, student leaders have raised significant sums of money for a number of worthwhile causes. Congratulations and best wishes and I wish you every success.

I would also like to thank Mrs Gill who is the principle organiser of today's event and our school leaders for compering today's proceedings.

In closing, I would like to thank all of the individuals, families and businesses that have supported our school during 2016. By working together in a trusting, honest relationship combined with your encouragement and support we have raised the academic bar for your children and encouraged respect, integrity, resilience and kindness.

From my family to you and your family, I wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

### **FEEL THE MAGIC**

Last Friday we celebrated "Feel the Magic" raising over \$238 for Camp Magic. Thank you to our school leaders for their enthusiasm and fundraising efforts. Also thank you to the P&C for the special treats available at recess.

### **2017 SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Our sensational swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 1 February next year. This is quite early in the year so student permission notes were sent home last week. There are significant risk factors in organising a carnival so we would appreciate it if all notes and money could be returned by tomorrow.

### **CAROLS COMMUNITY EVENING**

Friday 16 December - There will be carols commencing at 6.30pm and finishing around 8pm.

Our classes will combine to sing two carols and there will be community carols for all to join in throughout the evening

### **CLASS PARTIES**

Thursday 15 December - The primary classes will be walking to the movies whilst infants' classes will be travelling to Speer's Point Park for a fun filled day.

### **CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION**

Congratulations to Zane who received a highly commended in the Honourable Pat Conroy's Christmas card drawing competition. He was the only NSW public school student to be awarded this honour.

### **FIRST DAY 2017**

The first day for the teachers and office staff in 2017 is the staff development day on Friday 27 January (no students).

Classes for students in years 1 to 6 in 2017, start on Monday 30 January 2017.

Have a wonderful holiday with your family and I look forward to seeing you in 2017.

Jayne Thompson  
Principal

### **P&C NEWS**

#### **Carols by Candlelight - Friday 16.12.16**

Please come along and enjoy the festivities and it will be a nice way to end the school year! All preordered novelties will be given to students on Friday. There will only be limited food and novelties available for sale on Friday night to ensure there is no wastage on the night.

Also at Carols we will announce the winner of the Nespresso Pixie Clips Coffee Machine (and cups) valued at \$350. This was a competition started at the Fete, tickets are \$5 each and you choose a number from 1 through to 50. Tickets will be available on the night and also you can buy them from the office.

**Canteen Roster for 2017** will be sent home with students tomorrow. We have a number of vacancies on Friday for lunch counter service.

## 2016 AWARD RECIPIENTS

### Academic Achievement

Kindergarten Andon T  
 Year 1 Olivia J  
 Year 2 Ellie B-D  
 Year 3 Chloe N  
 Year 4 Emily J  
 Year 5 Michelle L  
 Year 6 (DUX) Rylan T

### Sportsperson of the Year

Eti E

### Paddy Sharpe All Rounder Award

Noah L

### NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal

Ethan L

### Public Speaking

Noah L

### Bev Allen Library Award

Madelaine E-H

### Citizenship Awards

Senior Paige R

Junior Jackson E-H

### Class Awards

<b>KM</b>	Lourdes K and Nicholas B Kevin M Jay W Matthew M	Effort and Enthusiasm Technology Home Reading Class Award
<b>1G</b>	Amelia W and Xavier D Ewan P Mackenzie F Jacob H and Caitlin Mc	Effort and Enthusiasm Technology Home Reading Class Awards
<b>2/3D</b>	Sarbella L and Ruby W Michael T Jackson L Madeleine S and Chelsea P	Effort and Enthusiasm Technology Home Reading Class Awards
<b>3/4O</b>	Ashley D and Ryan Mc Jacob J Ekaterina M Lily B-D and Caitlin H	Effort and Enthusiasm Technology Home Reading Class Awards
<b>4/5J</b>	Kyrahlee J and Sophie H Ethan T Charlie L Matilda H and James S	Effort and Enthusiasm Technology Home Reading Class Awards
<b>5/6H</b>	Paul D and Daniel M James C Nathaniel H Jasmine W and Elijah	Effort and Enthusiasm Technology Home Reading Class Awards

### Library Monitors

Madelaine E-H, Hope W, Bailey G and Nicholas B

### Sporting Awards

#### Champions

Junior Girl  
 Junior Boy  
 Senior Girl  
 Senior Boy

#### Swimming

Michellie T  
 Cadell P  
 Claudia H  
 Rylan T

#### Athletics

Caitlin H  
 Ryan Mc  
 Madelaine E-H  
 Eti E

### 2017 Student Executive

Captains: Michelle L and William Or  
 Prefects: Matilda H and Cooper B  
 House Captains: Daniel M and William J



