

Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 9 – Wednesday 7 December 2016

A proud partner of the Whitebridge Community of Schools

Dear Parents/Carers

It's here!!! Our new playground equipment has finally been installed and it is absolutely amazing! Thank you so much to the P&C for your wonderful fundraising efforts, we are extremely grateful to you.



Hour of Coding

ABC Splash has introduced their "Hour of Coding" to occur this week. All primary classes will be participating in this technological event. We are excited to be taking the **coding challenge** to mark this year's Hour of Code. This is dedicated to nurturing new coding skills.



JD MAGIC SHOW

Many thanks to our "Charlie's Angels" playgroup who invited us to "JD Magic Show" last week. Joel Howlett is a local talent, full of magic tricks and provided a really entertaining show. Can you work out how he pulled a rabbit out of the box?

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 4 2016
7.12.16	CANTEEN CLOSED CLOTHING POOL CLOSED 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 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
2.2.17	2017 Kindergarten students start

NOTES DUE

Before 9 December

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

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

Before 15 December

Click for [Y3-6 Swimming Carnival](#)

REPORTS

Last Monday all students received their reports. It provided a summary of the content covered in class and each child's achievements in Terms 3 and 4.

Every school in NSW uses a five point assessment of achievement, with an A-E scale used at our school. The scale is explained in detail on the front cover of the report. Most students will receive a C which indicates that a student has a sound knowledge and is progressing at the required rate.

An effort scale from 5 to 1 is used to indicate the amount of effort a student in years 1 to 6 is putting into a subject, with 5 being the highest.

The A-E scale, the effort scale and the teacher comment need to be read together to get a sense of progress and effort.

If required, every parent has the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher, who can provide in-depth comments on your child's progress across all six key learning areas. Interviews are to be booked by contacting your child's teacher.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT

On Thursday 8 December we are fortunate to have some special Christmas craft for the students. This will be in the form of mosaics for K-4 and tie-dye for Yrs 5-6. All students will wear a protective art shirt and be under the instruction of the class teacher and also the mosaic teacher. Yrs K-4 will complete their activity on Thursday, whilst Yrs 5-6 will finish theirs the following day.

Please note that there is a stop work meeting for teachers in the morning of 8 December and school begins at 10:30am for all students. There will be minimal supervision at school for students.

No lunch orders will be available on this day.

FEEL THE MAGIC

Friday 9 December is the out of uniform day for K-6 students to raise money for "Feel the Magic." Dress in your favourite red, blue or yellow outfit, bring a gold coin donation and purchase yummy treats from the canteen at recess.

On this day there will also be a special assembly for our dance group, school percussion band and also Noah to share his "Feel the Magic" experiences with everyone. We hope to see you there at 1:20pm.

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 Thursday 15 December.

CAROLS COMMUNITY EVENING

Planning is under way for our community carols evening on 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

LAST'S

As the year comes to an end, a number of 'lasts' happen:

- Last canteen day on Friday, 9 Dec. Many thanks for all your help this year.
- Last school assembly – Friday, 9 December – a special assembly for the ukulele and dance groups to perform.
- The Year 6 Farewell will be held in the evening of Tuesday 13 December
- Last day for students – Friday 16 December – Year 6 and leaving students 'Clap Out' will be held at 3pm outside the school hall.

Students are expected to be in full school uniform except for "Feel the Magic" fundraising day this coming Friday and Party Day on Thursday 13 December.

CLASS PARTIES

Notes have been distributed for the end of year class parties on Thursday 15 December. The primary classes will be walking to the movies whilst infants' classes will be travelling to Speers Point Park for a fun filled day.

FIRST DAY 2017

The first day for the teachers and office staff in 2017 is the Staff Development Day on Friday 27 January.

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

LAST NEWSLETTER for 2016

Next week will be the last Newsletter for 2016. It will contain a list of all of the award winners from the Presentation Day Assembly.

Enjoy the week

Jayne Thompson
Principal

LOST PROPERTY

Found after fete – girls size 6 silver cardigan.

OPAL BUS PASSES FOR 2017

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

CANTEEN

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 9 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	8.12.16	A Jeayes, L Jones
Fri	9.12.16	No orders—counter service at lunch only J Hope, L Maddison

CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE REST OF THE YEAR

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

LAST DAY FOR CLOTHING POOL FOR THIS YEAR IS FRIDAY 12 DEC	
Fridays	9:00 am – 9:30 am

P&C NEWS

Carols by Candlelight- Friday 16 December

Please come along and enjoy the festivities and it will be a nice way to end the school year! If you would like to purchase any food or novelties for the night please return your order form by Tuesday 6 December. All food and novelties need to be ordered 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.

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

"I WANT TO BE LIKE YOU!"



The "feel good" Family Friendly Variety Show of 2017!

The program includes Magic, Juggling, Comedy and one of the most unique "Soap Bubble" acts in the world!

20th January at 11am at Niagara Park Stadium

(With "Kids Workshops" at 12:30 and 2pm)

18th February at 3:00pm and 7:30 pm. Lake Macquarie Performing Arts Centre Warnersbay.

Tickets only \$15 per person or \$12 for groups of 4 or more.

To book, simply type "I Want To Be Like You" into www.trybooking.com or for more information visit and "Like" the facebook page: "I Want To Be Like You – Show"

School Holiday Parent Kit

SUN SAFETY

Summer school holidays provide endless opportunities for hours of outdoor fun. However, ultraviolet (UV) radiation levels from the sun in Australia are strongest from November to March. Children require special care to reduce the damage from UV radiation exposure, which causes sunburn and can lead to skin cancer.

The SunSmart UV Alert is a tool you can use to protect yourself from UV radiation. It indicates the amount of UV radiation from the sun that reaches the earth's surface. The higher the index value, the greater the potential for damage to your skin. When the UV index is forecast to reach three or above, you need to be SunSmart.

Unprotected sun and UV radiation exposure in the first fifteen years of life increases the chances of getting skin cancer later in life significantly.

PLANNING THE DAY

It can take as little as 15 minutes for sunburn and skin damage to occur. UV radiation levels are strongest in the middle of the day so plan to be outdoors before 11am or after 3pm in daylight saving time – or before 10am and after 2pm during the rest of the year.

SEEK OUT SHADE OR BRING YOUR OWN

- When you're outdoors, stay in the shade. If you're going somewhere where there are no trees or you are unsure what shade protection is available, bring your own shade, such as a large umbrella.

DRESS SUN SMART

There are lots of cool, comfortable and fashionable clothes that offer sun protection, but they have to cover the skin to protect it. If wearing shorts go for knee length and select loose fitting clothes made from fabric which does not let light through.

- **Swimwear:** Rash vests are sold in all sizes and when teamed with long shorts are a sun-sensible swimwear solution. Look for vests that have an ultraviolet protection factor (UPF) level on their tags. The higher the number, the greater the protection from UV radiation. A UPF of 50+ gives the best protection.
- **Hats:** Hats should be worn whenever children are outside and provide protection to the face, neck and ears. Broad brimmed hats should have a brim at least 7.5 centimetres wide. Bucket style hats should have a 6 centimetre brim. Legionnaire-style hats should have a flap that covers the neck and meets the sides of the front peak to provide protection to the sides of the face. Baseball caps are not recommended. Remember that cords in hats can get caught in playground equipment and pose a serious hazard. Hats with a safety release mechanism, or bucket hats without ears, are recommended.
- **Sunglasses:** Some kids love these as a fashion accessory – but they are also important to protect young eyes from UV radiation damage. The best styles are close fitting wraparound sunglasses that stop UV radiation rays from getting in

from the side and meet the Australian Standard AS1067.

- **Sunscreen:** Sunscreen is an important sun protection measure, however it does not offer 100 percent protection from the sun. To get the most protection, sunscreen should be applied 20 minutes before going outside. Use broadspectrum SPF30+ water resistant sunscreen on areas not protected by clothing. Remember to reapply every two hours or more often if wiped, sweated or washed off.
- Clothing, hats and shade provide the best coverage for babies and very young children.

BE A SUN SMART ROLE MODEL

Children copy those around them and learn by imitation. It is unfair to expect a child to wear a hat and sunscreen if you do not do the same. If you adopt sun smart behaviour it is more likely that children around you will pick up on the habit.

EXPLAIN TO CHILDREN WHY SUN PROTECTION IS IMPORTANT

Children respond better when an issue is explained to them and they benefit greatly from encouragement. Discussing what UV radiation is and why you need to cover up can be an important step in starting lifelong sun protection behaviour.

TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Parents with babies should always carry a tube of sunscreen, a bottle of boiled water, a small sheet or blanket, a soft legionnaires cap and a lightweight baggy romper suit which covers the legs and arms.
- Establish good summer habits at home by making sun protection an everyday practice. Encourage children to apply sunscreen every morning after they brush their teeth.

Community Services thanks these organisations for their contribution to this fact sheet and invites you to visit their websites for more information.

www.community.nsw.gov.au

NSW HEALTH
www.health.nsw.gov.au

Kidsafe
www.kidsafensw.org

The Cancer Council
New South Wales
www.cancercouncil.com.au

NSW GOVERNMENT
Human Services
Community Services