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Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 1 Week 11 – Wednesday 6 April 2016

A proud partner of the Whitebridge Community of Schools

Dear Parents

Thank you so much to our lovely group of parents who are always helping us out. Whether it be in the canteen, reading groups, P&C fundraising, Election Day BBQ, clothing pool, Easter Hat making, special meal deals, the list goes on. We couldn't run our wonderful school without your amazing help. I would like everyone to have a relaxing holiday and I look forward to a busy term two, with a caring school community.

HIGHLIGHTS

This term there have been many highlights at school. The wonderful Yr 6 students and the caring, kind and friendly manner in which they looked after their new Kinder buddies and the strong leadership skills of Noah, Claudia, Ethan and Sam set a fine example for everyone at the start of the year. We also have our House Captains Eti and Rylan who every lunchtime organise equipment for the students to play with. They also led the school at the swimming carnival and showed great sportsmanship. We had a fantastic day in Sydney at Young Leaders Day!



We have watched the Watershow and participated in Coding for Kids, aerobics, park runs, T-Ball Gala Day and Friday Sport. There has been Harmony Day and Bullying No Way Day combined with the weekly social skills program too. Our sporting champions have done us proud with school representation in basketball, AFL, cricket, hockey, rugby league and zone and regional swimming. Our debaters have learnt how to argue, be positive and negative and reinforce their arguments with facts and opinions.

The staff have been trained in Kismatter, LMBR, Soundwaves Spelling, "Rip It Up Reading" and new History and Geography curriculums.

Parents have visited for information sessions and students have displayed their dancing prowess at the school disco. It certainly has been a wonderful start to the year!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 1 2016
8.4.16	Wear your PJs to school for a gold coin donation for Stewart House. Last day of school for Term 1
	TERM 2 2016
25.4.16	Public Holiday – ANZAC Day
26.4.16	Staff Development Day
27.4.16	All students return to school
29.4.16	Cross Country Carnival

PHOTO DAY

Wednesday 4 May is school photo day. In the holidays practice smiling and showing those pearly whites ready for the big day!

All students are encouraged to wear their full school uniform on this day. Girls are asked to wear the school dress (if they have one) with yellow socks and hair done neatly. Boys should wear their brown shorts and school shirt with brown socks and black shoes. No joggers are to be worn as they are part of our sports uniform and not school uniform.

If new items are needed, please don't leave it until photo day to purchase. The uniform shop is open on Wednesday afternoons 2:45 – 3:15pm and Friday mornings 9.00-9.30am.

Each student brought home their own personal bar coded photo envelope last week – **please take care not to lose them as all envelopes are to be returned on or prior to photo day.**

- ✓ Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request. These photographs are for school aged students attending this school only (ie no babies or parents can be accommodated in these photographs).
- ✓ Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope, however **each** child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- ✓ Please enclose correct money as **no change is given**. Cash, cheques and money orders only made payable to MSP Photography (sorry no credit cards accepted).
- ✓ **Online Payments** – Parents can order and pay online through the MSP website (msp.com.au). Instructions are included on the back of the envelopes. Credit and Debit cards from Mastercard or Visa are accepted. On completion of an online order, the website will display an order reference code which should be written on the back of the envelope, in the box provided. Each child will still be required to bring their envelope on photo-day. Orders can be placed online up to one week after photo-day.
- ✓ All orders received after photo day are subject to an additional \$20 search fee.

PLAYGROUND CHANGES

This year there have been a very high number of entries into our behaviour records including bullying, aggression, rudeness, dangerous play and swearing whilst on the playground at lunchtime. Many of these have occurred in the Years 3-6 where we now have almost ninety students. To provide better opportunities for students to play, it has been decided by the staff and students to offer two areas of play for lunchtime. All staff will be completing extra playground duties each week to give the students more space and freedom of choice in what activities they would like to participate in. Therefore on Monday and Tuesday the park as well as the school playground, will be available at lunchtime, whilst on Wednesday and Thursday the Library, park and playground will be used and on Friday the school playground is available. There is also an interest group being run by our chaplain each Monday and Thursday at lunchtime too.

The K-6 students were surveyed by Mrs Gill last week and all agreed they would like to have the new arrangements for Term Two. Hopefully with extra space and more choices about where to play, we will see a reduction in planning room as well as behaviour entries. It will allow students who have difficulty getting along a chance to be separated and some social skills programs with small numbers of students to occur. Students have also been asked to play with others in their stage group for competitive games such as handball, touch footy and soccer. This allows students to mix with their peers and at times helps alleviate the number of injuries when forty students all want to play touch footy at the one time!

As a result of staff being on daily playground duties it is important to call in at the office to make an appointment, as staff might not be as readily available for "instant interviews."

Our new Student Wellbeing Policy (which was updated at the Community Forum earlier this term) will be sent home to each family as soon as it is approved by School Council, early next term.

ANZAC DAY

All students are invited to attend the Lions Club ANZAC Day service to be held at Lions Park Charlestown on Monday, 25 April at 11am. Please wear your school uniform and be there at 10:50am to meet Mrs Thompson. Our school will also have its own ANZAC Day service on Wednesday 27 April at 2:15pm in the school hall. You are most welcome to attend.

STEWART HOUSE

This year some of our students have the privilege of attending Stewart House in Sydney for two weeks in May. This is a great opportunity for them and a wonderful way for us to help Stewart House is to have a "Pyjamas Day" on Friday. Your gold coin donation will be collected by Year 6 leaders and forwarded to Stewart House early next term.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Mother's Day is just around the corner and to help the P&C collect as many gifts as possible you can donate a present and leave it at the front office. The gifts usually range in price from \$1x to \$5 so the more gifts we have the more presents for you!!



WORKING BEE

Keep 15 May 2016 spare in your diaries for the annual working bee. This year some of the activities include relocating the red Japanese bridge and moving some of the pavers, mulching, planting seeds in the veggie gardens and weeding. We need your help!!!

SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISOR

If you are interested in applying to be our own school crossing supervisor and work with Phil each alternate week, please complete the application form and give it a go. It would be fantastic to have one of our parents as a supervisor.

SCHOOL SECURITY

With the school holidays next week, please keep an eye out for individuals within the school grounds (that should not be there). Please contact the school security number 1300 880 021.

Have a wonderful holiday!

Jayne Thompson
Principal



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Have a great week!!

STAR STRUCK COSTUMES

Calling all dressmakers!

We are looking for some experienced sewers to help make our Star Struck costumes for this year.

The parts of the costumes that need to be made are: Jacket, hat and tie (see image below). Star Struck week begins Wednesday 15 June 2016 and costumes will need to be completed before this date.



If you are able to help out, please contact the school.

In other Star Struck news, tickets go on sale today! (6 April)

Mrs Kondov

FOUND

A pink Disney Minnie Busy Book.
Enquiries to the school office please.

STUDENT BANKING

Commonwealth Bank applications for student bank accounts are available from the school office.

CANTEEN NEWS AND ROSTER

Thur	7.4.16	K Style, T Black, M Rowe
Fri	8.4.16	No orders—counter service at lunch only L Lee, P McNally
Mon	25.4.16	SCHOOL CLOSED
Tue	26.4.16	SCHOOL CLOSED
Wed	27.4.16	N Toavanua, B Sacmaroski, L Maddison
Thu	28.4.16	A Jeayes, L Jones
Fri	29.4.16	No orders—counter service at lunch only J Hope, L Maddison
Mon	2.5.16	CLOSED
Tus	3.5.16	CLOSED
Wed	4.5.16	N Filo, S Taylor

CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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

P&C NEWS

Stronger Communities Program

In September last year the P & C lodged a grant application for the Stronger Communities Program. The program was announced in the 2015 Budget by the Australian Government to fund small capital projects in local communities. We have received official confirmation that a grant for \$10,766 has been approved. These funds will be used to create a small playground area within the school grounds.

Mother's Day Stall

Each year we hold a Mother's Day Stall on the Friday morning before Mother's Day. If you are able to donate any new items for the stall please leave them at the office.

The gifts usually range in price from \$1 to \$5. All students will have an opportunity to purchase one gift each, this may be increased to two but this depends on the number of donations. We also require a

small number of parents to operate the stall, if to can assist from 9:30 til 11:00 am on Friday 6 May please leave your details at the office.

2016/2017 Entertainment Books have arrived

Order your NEW 2016/2017 EntertainmentTM Books and EntertainmentTM Digital Memberships from us today, and 20% of the proceeds contribute towards our fundraising!

Online Order Page,
<https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/342n65>
OR collect a book from the office (\$60)

'You Can' Mobile Phone recycling

If you have any old mobile phones, please drop them into the recycling box in the foyer.

CLOTHING POOL

Brown Jackets

We have a small number of the old plain brown jackets for sale. These are brand new but we are no longer stocking them as we have a new jacket that is jersey lined for extra warmth. These plain brown jackets will be sold from the Clothing Pool for \$20.

New Jacket Orders

For those parents who ordered jackets - they should be available for collection in the first week of Term 2.

Girls Brown Ponte Pants

We have a small number of girls brown long pants available in sizes 4 to 16 for \$10 each.

Term 2 Events

May - Mothers Day Stall and Cookie Dough fundraiser

June - Netball Gala Day

COMMUNITY NEWS



Awesome April Workshops
bricks 4 kidz
Fun Holiday Workshops! Popular Themes
Kids have fun, learn and socialise in a nurturing environment.
FULL DAY \$79
HALF DAY \$39
bricks4kidz.com.au/nsw-lakemacquarie/

Charlestown Uniting Church's Kids Holiday Fun Club

24-26 Milson Street, Charlestown

Wednesday 20 April 2016

(Children in Years K - 6)

9.30am – 3.30pm

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

Includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea

Registrations & payment essential by 15/04/2016

Registration forms and payment can be posted to:

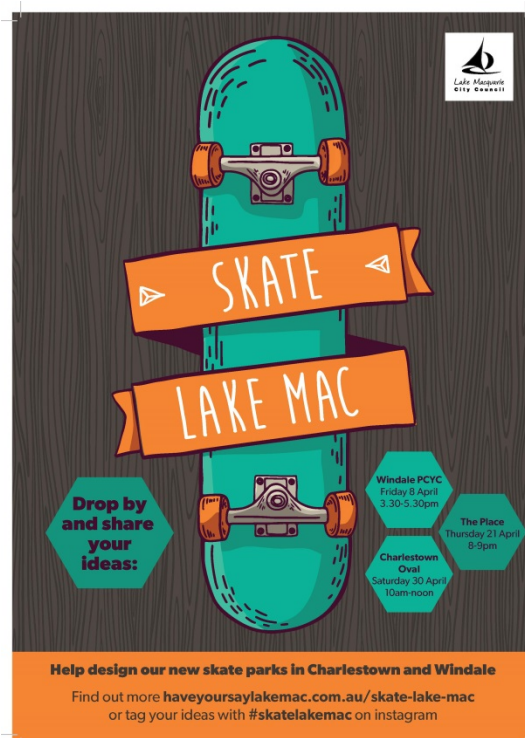
Charlestown Uniting Church

P O Box 449

Charlestown. 2290

For all enquires please phone:

Cathy-4908 1083 OR Laraine-4944 7826



SKATE LAKE MAC
Drop by and share your ideas:
Windale PCYC Friday 8 April 3.30-5.30pm
The Place Thursday 21 April 8-9pm
Charlestown Oval Saturday 30 April 10am-noon
Help design our new skate parks in Charlestown and Windale
Find out more haveyoursaylakemac.com.au/skate-lake-mac
or tag your ideas with #skatelakemac on instagram

CASH FOR CLASSROOMS

WIN UP TO \$2,500* CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

Simply shop at any participating store at Lake Macquarie Fair until Sunday 8 May 2016.

For every dollar you spend, your nominated school will collect one point. The school with the most points wins!

Simply fill in an entry form, enclose your receipts and place it in your school's entry box. Good luck!

PLUS YOU COULD WIN A \$100 GIFT CARD* EACH WEEK!



www.lakemacquariefair.com.au



AN INVITATION TO CARERS

Do you provide care and support to another person?

You are invited to Carer Connections
Take the Opportunity to Connect with other Carers
and listen to our Guest Speaker!

Carers are usually family members or friends who provide support to children or adults who have a disability, mental illness, chronic condition or who are frail aged.

Guest Speaker: Turnbull Hill Lawyers

Topic: "Legal Issues for Carers"

Venue: Club Macquarie, 458 Lake Road, Argenton

Time: 10.00am – 12.00pm

Cost: FREE - includes Morning Tea

When: Wednesday 27 April 2016

RSVP: Wednesday 20 April 2016



For more information or to Register Contact
HNE Carer Education & Support Program – Hunter

on: 4924 6146 or 1300 887 776
or Email: hnelhd-EducareAdmin@hnehealth.nsw.gov.au
(We ask that you RSVP for catering purposes)



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Hunter New England
Local Health District

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communication skills & self development
through drama

New term starting soon

STUDENTS AGED 7-16 years

ENROLLING NOW 4969 2338



Charlestown

Friday & Saturday - Primary, Youth & Senior Youth

email: dramacorp@bigpond.com | www.helenogrady.com.au



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to add vegies at brekky time.

Kids who eat breakfast have higher levels of energy, alertness and concentration.

You might be surprised how easy it is to sneak vegies in at breakfast time.

Here are a few ideas:

- Toast topped with cooked mushrooms, fresh tomatoes, baked beans or creamed corn
- Chop and add left over vegies to an omelette or savoury pancake

Eating vegies at brekky will help your kids eat their 5 serves of vegies a day!



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



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to serve dinner in a flash.

A stir fry is a quick and easy dinner, perfect on school nights for busy families.

And it includes a range of colourful, healthy vegetables.

Pick and choose your favourite combination of sliced fresh veg – capsicum, zucchini, sugar snap peas, green beans, bok choy, celery, mushroom, onion, carrot and cabbage work well. Go vegetarian, or add sliced lean chicken, pork or beef.

Mix 2 tsp reduced salt soy sauce, 1 tbsp honey, 3 tbsp water and 2 tsp cornflour in a jug for the sauce.

Prepare noodles according to packet directions.

Cook veg in a hot pan or wok, add sauce and stir to thicken. Remove from heat and serve over noodles.



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



APRIL 2016 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Bush Skills Adventure For 8 to 12 years 9.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 12 April 2016 Cost: \$20 per child

Make a damper, build a bush shelter, learn basic first aid and other survival skills.



Digby Fixit Live! For 4 to 7 years 10.00am - 12.30pm

Thursday 14 April 2016 Cost: \$20 per child

Author & performer Renee Price will use storytelling, songs & puppets to bring her character Digby alive. This 30 min. performance will be followed by book signing, craft and a chance to meet some of our wetland reptiles at an interactive talk.

Wriggly Wetlanders

For 5 to 8 years 10.00am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 12 April Cost: \$20 per child

Enjoy a wetlands wander, then get creative with craft activities. Enjoy a Tank Talk and get up close and personal with turtles, snakes, and other reptiles.



For all the above activities - Bookings Essential Ph: 4951 6466



Plaster Model Fun Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon

Wednesday 13 April 2016 & Tuesday 19 April 2016 Cost: \$5 per child

Paint a plaster frog, butterfly or other creature.



Tantrum Theatre Workshop Yr 3 - 6 school students 10am - 3pm

Monday 18 to Thursday 21 April 2016 Cost: \$250, (early bird \$200)

Inclusive & collaborative theatre making workshop - develop characters, stories & create your own costume. **Bookings with Tantrum; Ph: 4929 7279**

Public Performances Thurs. 21 April at 11am & 1.30pm Free with entry to HWC.

Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre

A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!

Open 9am to 4pm

Entry

\$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). \$5 general entry.

Activities

- Wetlands Explorer (for 4 to 12 years) available any time during school holidays.
- Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am & 2.30pm.
- Try Dipnetting from the jetty.
- Playtime at Discovery Playground.
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre.
- Tank Talk - Children can learn about reptile behaviour and care. They can handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre. Check at front desk for times.
- Cafe - meals, snacks, ice creams, drinks.
- Shop - affordable gifts for children & adults.





Part-Time Work

School Crossing Supervisors – Work with your community

Permanent Part-Time – Charlestown Public School (00004CIF)

An important person in a child's school life is the School Crossing Supervisor, who ensures they cross the road safely. The role requires minimal hours out of your day and gives something worthwhile back to the community.

The hours will be 10 hours per fortnight and are usually 8.00am to 9.30am and/or 2.30 to 4.00pm Monday to Friday during school terms. The base rate is \$21.37 - \$25.65 per hour.

All the qualifications you need are community spirit, good communication skills, an alert and professional attitude to work and a reliable personality. The casual hours and school holidays would suit a parent or grandparent, a retiree or anyone wanting meaningful work — but not full-time.

Training for your key responsibilities of directing traffic to stop at the designated crossing and giving clear instructions to infants and primary school students to cross the road safely, will be provided. You may be required to attend a health assessment. Appointment is subject to a Working with Children Check clearance.

Roads and Maritime Services is an equal opportunity employer.

For further information on this exciting opportunity please call 1300 305 855 or go to iworkfor.nsw.gov.au.

Applications close Sunday 10 April 2016



Transport
Roads & Maritime
Services

Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2017

Dear Parent/Carer

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without classmates at their own academic and social level. These schools help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the basis of the Opportunity Class Placement Test results and school assessment scores. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 27 July 2016**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2017, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **26 April 2016** in a printed application information booklet and at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. The application website opens on **26 April 2016** and closes on **13 May 2016**. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after **26 April 2016**.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

Yours sincerely

Principal

Note: THIS IS NOT AN APPLICATION FOR ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS. This is a notice to your primary school only that you intend to apply.

TO APPLY YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AND THEN APPLY THROUGH THE HIGH PERFORMING STUDENTS APPLICATION WEBSITE.

Cut along the dotted line and return the completed slip below to this school by next Friday.

Intention to apply: Year 5 entry to an opportunity class in 2017

Student's name: _____ Class: _____

I am interested in applying for opportunity class placement in 2017

Yes ☐ No ☐

I have internet access and will be applying online

☐

OR

I do not have internet access

☐

Signature of parent/carers: _____ Date: _____

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