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Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 1 – Wednesday 27 April 2016

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to a very busy term two! I hope you enjoyed the beautiful warm weather in the holidays and were able to have lots of fun with your children.

This term culminates with students receiving reports for semester 1 and parents having the opportunity to discuss their child's progress at an interview in the last week of term. But there is also a wide variety of events and activities for the children. The calendar gives some information and more will be provided as each event nears.

Thank you for your efforts at the end of first term in raising \$158 for Stewart House. Your generosity is most appreciated. A great time was had by everyone on the last day!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	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 9:45am
4.5.16	Donations for Mother's Day stall School Photograph Day 9:30am
6.5.16	Mother's Day stall 9.35am
9.5.16	Pre-school Information Evening in school Hall 7:00pm
10-12.5	Y3 and Y5 NAPLAN
19.5.16	Zone Cross Country
31.5.16	Last day for payments prior to new finance arrangement
14-18.6	Star Struck Week
15.6.16	ICAS Spelling
16.6.16	Payments can again be made
22.6.16	Y3-6 Netball Gala Day

WELCOME

This term we welcome three new families to our school: Tommy, Tony, Chain, Tyreece, Mackenzie, Paige, Emylia and Jackson. I know the lovely caring and kind students at our school will certainly help the children settle in quickly to their new school.

ANZAC DAY

On Monday, Noah, Ethan and Sam represented the school at the ANZAC ceremony at Lions Park, Charlestown. The students were fine ambassadors for Charlestown PS. Special thanks to the many students who came to the service and your wonderful parents for taking you and allowing you to be part of the service. Also to Miss Hale for making our ANZAC wreath.



CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

This Friday the students who are turning 8 or older this year are competing in the cross country carnival. It will be held at the park, hopefully starting at 9:45 am. The 8, 9 and 10 year olds will run first followed by the older students. Looking forward to seeing you there.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Next Wednesday, 4 May is school photo 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 clean school shirt with brown socks. 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 the last minute to purchase. The uniform shop is open on Wednesday afternoons 2:45 – 3:15pm and Friday mornings 9.00-9.30am. Remember to bring your photo envelopes on the day, or any day before photo day,



(including family ones) to make it easier when purchasing the photos. All orders received after photo day are subject to an additional \$20 search fee.

CHANGES TO PAYMENTS PROCEDURES AT CHARLESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

Charlestown Public School will be transitioning to the new NSW Public School's Finance System and a new bank account on **14 June 2016**.

To help us transition smoothly, there will be interruptions to parent payments.

Between 1 June and 15 June 2016 we will not be able to accept payments by cash, cheque or payments online (POP) as we prepare to close our current bank account and transition to our new one.

Please ensure you have made any outstanding payments before 1 June 2016 including Star Struck costumes, netball gala day and Yr 5/6 excursion to Canberra.

From 16 June 2016, cash cheques and payments online (POP), can be accepted again.

We thank you for your patience and understanding as we change over to our new finance package.

If you have any questions, please phone us on 4943 4063.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Don't forget to bring in your donations before Wednesday 4 May for the Mother's Day stall being held on Friday, 6 May starting at 9:35am. The more presents we have to sell the more presents you receive! If you are able to help out at the stall please let the office know.

KIDS MATTER

This term staff at Charlestown PS will be continuing to further their own knowledge of social and emotional learning in an effort to strengthen the social and emotional skills of the students. Social and emotional learning is about developing the ability to care for others, make responsible decisions, establish positive relationships, and handle challenging situations.

Five social and emotional skill areas have been identified as being essential for good mental health and wellbeing:

self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision-making. KidsMatter Primary has adopted this model due to its sound theoretical and practical basis.

Research shows that children benefit most from social and emotional learning when it is taught in regular school lessons and matched to children's learning stages. When implemented well, social and emotional learning can achieve significant, positive results, and even improve academic and educational outcomes.

Effective implementation requires the involvement of entire school communities in order to support staff and families to develop children's social and emotional competence, and to enable children to practise their skills both at and away from school.

I have included in this newsletter a Kids Matter information sheet which gives you an overview of the program.

2017 ENROLMENTS

At the beginning of Term 2 each year, we look to planning for the following year. A great deal of our planning revolves around enrolments. Therefore, if you or anyone you know, is intending to enrol in 2017 please let the office know as soon as possible.

We are particularly interested in Kindergarten enrolments, hoping to have a full class of 20. Local enrolments are especially important and Out of Zone enrolment enquiries are most welcome.

PRE-SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Charlestown Public School is hosting a joint venture of the Whitebridge Community of schools and the local child care services on Monday 9 May in the school hall. It will provide an overview of the legalities of school enrolment, school expectations, some readiness indicators, and what parents can do to prepare their child for school. There will also be some guest speakers, a behavioural optometrist and a chiropractor. Staff from each of the local schools will be present to answer any questions parents may have and a light supper will be served. All are welcome.

THE CRIME PREVENTION SERIES

I recently mentioned that the NSW Police Commissioner has introduced The Crime Prevention Series. For more information, please refer to:

http://www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_issues/crime_prevention/crime_prevention_tips

In this newsletter, I have included another fact sheet to assist you in protecting your children, called *Protect Your Children Online*. You may like to review these tips as a family.

DEVELOPING SKILLS FOR COPING WITH CHANGE

Seasons for Growth is an educational program which promotes development of resilience and emotional literacy to promote social and emotional wellbeing. It will be run at our school on Thursdays in Term 2. Sessions are approximately 30 minutes in duration and run weekly for 9 weeks.

The program is based on the belief that change, loss and grief are a normal and valuable part of life. Imagery of the four seasons is used to illustrate that grief is cyclical, not a linear journey with a clear end. Peer support is a key element of the program, and confidentiality is strongly emphasised. Our chaplain, Miss Jodie will be implementing the program. It has been used successfully with over 120,000 young people in Australia.

If your child has experienced significant change in their family or personal life (death, separation, divorce, moving house etc.) and you feel they would benefit from participation in this program please contact the school office to indicate your interest.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Our school participates in this state wide Challenge of reading a required number of books before 19 August.

In Year 3 -6 it is 20 books, 15 must be from the Challenge book list and five free choice titles.

Our school has over 350 Year 3-4 books, 380 Year 5-6 books and 200 Year 7-9 making lots of choices for every interest.

Congratulations to the many students who are already well on the way to complete the Challenge. Full rules and booklist are at <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html>

The staff and I look forward to working very closely with all families once again with the focus as always being on improving student learning and wellbeing.

Enjoy your week!

Jayne Thompson
Principal

CANTEEN NEWS AND ROSTER

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
Tues	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

Term 2 Events

May - Mother's Day Stall and Cookie Dough fundraiser

June - Netball Gala Day

COMMUNITY NEWS

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KEEP LOOKING WHEN COOKING

The leading cause of home fires in NSW is leaving cooking unattended.

IF YOUR PAN CATCHES FIRE, HERE'S WHAT TO DO



Turn off the stove (if safe to do so) and use the lid to cover the flame.



Use a fire extinguisher or fire blanket in the first few seconds of ignition if you are confident.



Never use water to put out a fat or oil fire.



Leave the kitchen, close the door and call Triple Zero '000'.

CARBON MONOXIDE FROM OPEN FIRES

Avoid the use of outdoor heating and cooking equipment inside your home. The use of this type of equipment indoors could lead to the build up of Carbon Monoxide which could be fatal.



PREVENT FIRES FROM HEATERS

1. Keep everything **one metre** away from your heater.
2. Install and use as per manufacturer's instructions.
3. If you suspect a fault, have the heater serviced or replaced.
4. Always supervise young children in rooms with open fires or working heaters.
5. Ensure flues and chimneys are regularly cleaned.
6. Strong fire screens should be set up in front of open fires.
7. Never use wheat bags in bed.



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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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