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Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 4 – Wednesday 18 May 2016

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Dear Parents

I begin the newsletter this week with a quote: *"Education is for improving the lives of others and for leaving your community and world better than you found it."* Marian Wright Edelman

Thank you so much to the wonderful parents who came to our working bee last Sunday. Our school is certainly a better place for having your dedication, hard work and commitment on a lovely, sunny Sunday morning! Our students appreciate you giving up your time and see you as positive role models "doing that bit extra" in being part of our school community. Congratulations on your amazing efforts!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 2 2016
18.5.16	Zone Cross Country
25.5.16	P&C Meeting 9:30am
27.5.16	Last day for Cookie Dough orders and money
31.5.16	Last day for payments prior to new finance arrangement
14-18.6	Star Struck Week
15.6.16	ICAS Spelling P&C Meeting 9:30am
16.6.16	Payments can again be made Expected date for Cookie Dough orders to be delivered
22.6.16	Y3-6 Netball Gala Day
2.7.16	Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall 7:30 am to 1:30 pm

KINDERGARTEN 2017

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2017 are now being taken. Please contact the Office on 4943 4063 and leave the details of any child intending to enrol next year. We welcome all students from 4 years and 6 months of age.

STARSTRUCK

Star Struck rehearsals begin next week. This is a fantastic performance opportunity for our senior students in Years 3-6 and they are truly enjoying the experience. Best wishes to the 16 involved and a big thank you to Mrs Thomson (previously Miss Muir) and Mrs Kondov for their commitment in allowing this event to happen. All costume items should be brought to school as soon as possible in a clearly labelled plastic bag. Blazers, ties, caps and wrist bands have been purchased by the school for \$25 per student. Please pay before 1 June so that accounts can be finalised.

COLDER WEATHER

It seems that the cooler weather has now arrived and will be with us for some time. There are some reminders that need to be highlighted:

1. it is essential that parents send in a note explaining absences for every day a child is absent within 7 days of absence
2. it is advisable to keep your child home if they are feeling unwell. Schools are a great place for germs to be spread
3. schools cannot issue any medications unless this has been discussed with your doctor and the appropriate forms have been completed

Uniforms at our school are very important and winter time is no different. The P&C has an extensive and well-stocked Clothing Pool. Parents are able to purchase from the Clothing Pool every Wednesday afternoon (2.45 – 3.15pm) and Friday morning (9.00-9.30am). A price list is available at the Office and on the school web site.

WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Walk Safely to School Day is an annual community event and will be held this year on Friday 22 May. This day encourages us to consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school is not realistic for some of us, a walk can be built into your family's daily routine. Consider the following options for walking:

- Walk the whole way to school
- If your child catches the bus to school walk with them past your usual stop to the next bus stop
- If you have to drive, park a few blocks away from the school and then walk

Regular walking is a great form of exercise and gives you the opportunity to reinforce road safety messages with your child. Road safety lessons were undertaken in Term 1 and your child should be able to demonstrate the safe way to cross a road. Please note that the RMS suggests that children up to 10 years of age need to have their hand held to cross the road.

Remember, active children are healthy children so start planning your walk to school now.

NETBALL GALA DAY

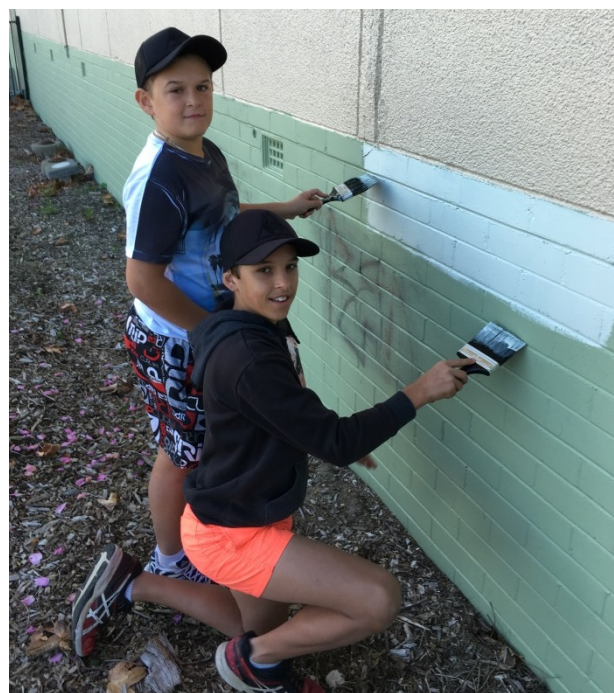
Notes were handed out last week for the netball gala day. We are able to form 6 teams of children from Yrs 3-6 and it's always a fun day. Our P&C use the day as a major fundraiser organising the canteen so please come along and lend a hand.

P&C MEETING

Our next P&C meeting is being held Wednesday 25 May at 9:30am in the music room. Come along and be part of the fund raising and planning in our school. It's a chance to meet new people and new faces are always welcome.

Have a fabulous week!

Jayne Thompson
Principal



2/3D NEWS

This term has already had a busy start, but we are excited for all that's left to come! We are also excited to welcome our two new students, Chain and Emylia, to our class.

Year Three has certainly had a busy time completing NAPLAN last week! They have all worked very hard and should be proud of their efforts!

We are enjoying our new spelling program 'Soundwaves' and are working hard learning to spell a lot of different words to use in our writing.

Our reading is improving every day and we are working hard during our literacy groups. We have been reading a range of texts and focusing on reading with expression and fluency.

Although we do lots of reading at school it is also very important that each student practices reading at home each night.

We are continuing to focus on 2 strands of maths each week and are enjoying participating in group activities including lots of hands on, computer and iPad activities. This term we have also started 'Count Me In' maths groups on Mondays and Tuesdays.

Our writing focus for the term is the continuation of Exposition writing, followed by Recounts and Information Reports. We are doing our best to learn about the structure of these text types as well as using the correct vocabulary and improving our sentences through Power Writing.

We also visit the computer lab on a Thursday where we are extending our skills in the program Microsoft Word. We are working hard to learn some functions of this program and to become faster with our typing.

Here are some examples of our writing:

Why you should buy Rock'n'roll Barbie ***by Ellie***

I think Rock'n'roll Barbie is the best toy ever in the market. You should buy it!

Firstly, you get two for the price of one. It's fun to play with and they have beautiful dresses.

Secondly, they are Barbie dolls and they are in a band and they have pink shoes.

Finally, they sing two songs! It even comes with a guitar!

That's why I think you should buy Rock'n'roll Barbie!

Why you should buy 'Rockin' Royals' ***by Emylia***

I think you need this toy, it is the best toy on the market!

Firstly, you should buy it because it has a stage setup. You can make it and take it apart.

Secondly, you will never stop playing with it because it is so awesome.

Finally, you will love this for your birthday, Easter or Christmas! It would bring you so much joy and happiness.

That's why I think you should buy this toy. It is so awesome!





CANTEEN NEWS AND ROSTER

Thu	19.5.16	J Hope, L Fluechter
Fri	20.5.16	No orders—counter service at lunch only L Lee
Mon	23.5.16	CLOSED
Tues	24.5.16	CLOSED
Wed	25.5.16	L Maddison, N Toavanua, B Sacmaroski

CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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

P&C NEWS

Cookie Dough – due Friday 27 May

Order forms were sent home last week. At this stage we only have a handful of orders and as such do not meet the minimum required to place an order.

Please return the order forms, money (if required) and your preferred instant prize/s to the office by Friday 27 May. Delivery is expected to be on Thursday 16 June.

Netball Gala Day - Wednesday 22 June

We will be catering at the Netball Gala Day. If you are able to assist on the day, please leave your details at the office.

Entertainment Books

Entertainment books are now available for sale and collection from the office. Each book costs \$60 and has hundreds of dollars' worth of savings at local and national businesses. Now choose from traditional Book or Digital Membership!

Federal Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall – Saturday 2 July

We require assistance on this day also, to serve bacon and egg rolls, sausage/steak sandwiches and drinks. We will also be selling cakes/biscuits/slices and of course lamingtons!

We are looking for volunteers from 7.30 – 9.30, 9.30 - 11.30 and 11.30 - 1.30.

If you are able to supply any homemade cakes/biscuits/slices that can be sold on the day we need all goods to be clearly labelled with the ingredients that were used. These can be delivered to the school on the Friday afternoon or early on the Saturday morning.

Newcastle Permanent Building Society Introducer Program

We joined this fundraising program through the NPBS in 2014. 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!

'You Can' Mobile phone recycling

If you have any old mobile phones, please drop them into the recycling box in the office 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 are available for payment and collection from the Clothing Pool Wednesday afternoons 2:45-3:15pm or Friday mornings 9:00-9:30am.

Girls Brown Ponte Pants

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

Girls Dresses

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.

Canteen

Friday Vacancy

We have a vacancy on a Friday which is for lunch service only. If you are available to work any of the following Fridays, please leave your details at the office – 20th May, 17th June, 12th August, 9th September, 4th November and 2nd December.

COMMUNITY NEWS



The poster is for a 'SMART Code' Coding & Computer Science Holiday Workshop. It features a blue background with a yellow circle in the center containing the text 'Coding & Computer Science Holiday Workshop'. To the right of the circle is a blue circle with 'JULY 5th - 6th 9am - 3pm'. Below the central circle is a blue circle with '\$85 Registration'. To the right of the central circle is a blue circle with 'SCIENCE MATHS AND REAL TECHNOLOGY'. Below the central circle is a blue circle with '2 Days of on campus, coding fun!'. At the bottom left is a blue circle with 'For more information and Registration visit: www.newcastle.edu.au/smart'. At the bottom right is a blue circle with 'Ages 10 - 14 years', 'No prior knowledge required', 'Learn the science of coding', 'Design your own App', 'SMARTbots science show', and 'University Campus experience'. The University of Newcastle Australia logo is in the top right corner. The NSW Chief Scientist & Engineer logo is in the bottom right corner.

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ENGAGING ADOLESCENTS™ PARENT COURSE

Parenting skills for resolving teenage behaviour problems

A three-session program for parents and carers
at Allambi Care

28 Fraser Pde, Charlestown

When: 6th, 13th & 20th June 2016

Time: 6pm – 8.45pm

Cost: \$20, light refreshments included.

Learn:

- ✓ Some common ground shared by parents & reasonable expectations to have about adolescents
- ✓ New understandings of adolescence
- ✓ A three-option model & flow chart for decision-making
- ✓ Self-check-in, first-for parents
- ✓ Building relationship with your teenager and making the best of your non-crisis conversations with them
- ✓ Skills for tough conversations for handling those problems you just can't ignore

What parents have said...

A step dad recalled an incident at the weekend with his 12 year old step daughter. He said that the input he had received the previous week from the course helped him keep his cool and brought a more favourable outcome.

A single Mum who had presented as quite anxious on the first night told the group in week 2 that she had made an appointment with her 15 year old son during the week and had had a far more favourable discussion with him than would previously have been the case.

Who's running it?

The trainer for this course is Michael Burke who works as an Adolescent & Family Counsellor in the East Lake Macquarie Local Government Area.

Registration is required

Limited spaces are available, please register for this course by contacting Michael before 3rd June 2016 ph. 0408 474 602.



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