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Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 10 – Wednesday 29 June 2016

A proud partner of the Whitebridge Community of Schools

Dear Parents

Term 2 has been a very busy and productive term and I would like to thank everyone for their enthusiasm, contributions and efforts over the past ten weeks. I'm not quite sure where the weeks went too however, it has been a very successful term. Many of the events and programs that have been run this term, once again show the incredible team work that is so evident at our wonderful school. Wishing everyone a relaxing two week break – one with lots of sunshine.

THURSDAY BINGO DAY

Don't forget to come out of uniform (gold coin donation) tomorrow to raise money for the Yr. 6 farewell. There's the meal deal as well as bingo games to enjoy. All bingo cards are \$1 each, with Yr. 6 helpers there to assist our K-2 students. Plenty of bingo cards are still available. If you haven't had the chance to guess how many lollies are in the jar there's still a few days left - 3 guesses from 50c.

NAIDOC DAY

On Tuesday Week One, the children will be celebrating NAIDOC Week with lots of activities including face painting, dance, drama, music, cooking and storytelling. The highlight will be the performance from Aboriginal artist Sean Caboolture after lunch. These wonderful activities will develop a greater understanding of Aboriginal people and their culture. A note was sent home last week with the cost of \$5 to be paid by the first day back.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The athletics carnival will also be held in the first week back on Wednesday. Come along and watch your children enjoy a day of fun sporting activities. The P & C are having a meal deal as well, so we hope to see you there supporting the school.

ROBOTS-AN ENRICHMENT - ACTIVITY

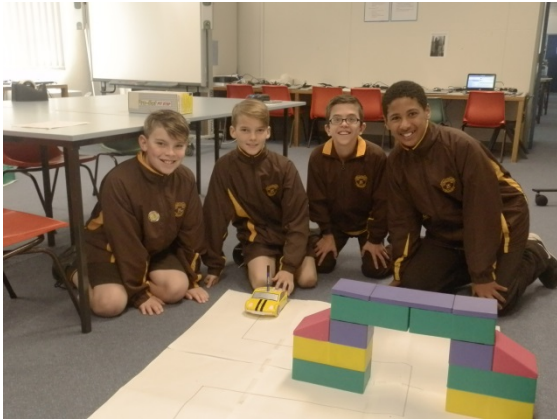
This term students from Yrs. 4-6 programmed robots to complete an obstacle course. They used engineering, technology and maths skills to make a course. Thank you to Mrs Gill for organising the group and teaching us to use the robots. We will now be able to use these skills in our everyday life.

By Will, William and Rylan



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 2 2016	
Wk. 10	No student banking this week
30.6.16	Yr 6 fundraiser – out of uniform for a gold coin donation. Don't forget your money for fun games.
2.7.16	Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall 7:30 am to 1:30 pm
TERM 3 2016	
19.7.16	All student return to school K-6 NAIDOC celebrations
20.7.16	K-6 Athletics Carnival
26.7.16	K-6 Life Education Visit



NETBALL GALA DAY

Despite the initial cold and windy weather last Wednesday, it was a very successful day. Special thanks to our wonderful P&C for helping us out and our great students for showing sportsmanship and fabulous behaviour throughout the day.



EDUCATION WEEK NEWS

In Term 3 we are excited to celebrate Book Week and Education Week together, during Week 3. The Book Week Theme for 2016 is 'Australia, Story Country', and we are planning some fun activities, including a parade and Book Fair. On Thursday 4th August our library will host our annual book fair. Books will range in price from \$1 to \$15, and are sourced from the local company Ashton Scholastic. This year there will be a "Book Week" parade. Because the theme is not too specific, students can come dressed as any book character they would like. I know we can expect some very creative costumes as we represent 'Australia, Story Country'. So mark the date on your calendar, and come and enjoy the wonderful teaching and learning environment that we call Charlestown Public School.

Grandparents are also invited to spend some time in the classrooms and have recess with their grandchildren. The world's biggest morning tea will be held at recess to raise funds for Cancer so come along and spend some time in the playground with our students—they'll love to see you here.

A MATTER OF SECONDS

On Tuesday we were fortunate to have Hunter Surf Lifesaving visit Kinder, Yr. 3 and Yr. 6 to teach about water and beach safety. Lots of beach awareness examples as well as the steps involved in CPR were shown to the students. It's great to live on the coast and near a swimming pool at Charlestown, so swimming lessons and water safety is a necessary part of our way of life.

SCHOOL DAYS

This Friday, 1 July, will be the last day of this term. The winter holidays will run from Monday 4 July to Monday 18 July. Our staff will return on Monday 18 July for a School Development Day. We will combine with the other six Whitebridge Community of Schools (WCOS) for the first half of the day. Staff will complete a workshop on the new teacher accreditation and then complete a choice of individual workshops on Ipads, Students on the Spectrum, Laptop Program, Edmodo and Blogging, English Program Collaboration, School Music Events, Classroom Drama, PE Boys Education, Aboriginal Perspectives and LAST Teachers get together. The remainder of the day will be spent on Kidsmatter and also training in the new LMBR finance package back at school.

A reminder that the office will be closed on Monday morning 18 July until 12:30pm. Students return to school on **Tuesday 19 July** to commence Term 3.

ELECTION DAY STALL (Saturday 2 July 2016)

What is an election without an Election Day stall.....The P&C are running a BBQ and cake stall on Election Day. A BBQ will be running throughout the morning and will cater for the needs of all the hungry voters. If you can spare an hour or two your help would be most appreciated at the stall.

CAKE STALL

The P&C are asking for donations of baked goods. What to bake? Some suggestions are biscuits, slices, whole cakes, patty cakes, rocky road, fudge, anything you are happy to cook would be great! This is a great way for the P&C to raise funds from the wider community as they come to vote. Ingredients need to be recorded on all donated items.

PLAYGROUP

A reminder that our playgroup runs every Wednesday morning from 9.30-11.30am. We would love to see new faces! It is supported by many of our parents and is a friendly and supportive group in the local area.

Playgroups offer an opportunity for children aged 0-5 years to meet, play and

learn with other children and a chance for parents and carers to mix with others. Playgroup gives children an opportunity to have fun, make new friends and develop new skills through informal play. All playgroups are different, but the emphasis is on fun and friendship ...*come along and join us!*

EVERY STUDENT, EVERY SCHOOL - CHILD BEHAVIOUR

Sue Larkey suggests 11 questions we should ask to find solutions to a child's behaviour:

"All behaviour serves a purpose. Behaviour occurs for many reasons and it is often helpful to ask everyone who has seen a behaviour the 11 key questions below. This will then guide you to what the purpose of the behaviour is and how you can replace it. Unfortunately, you can't stop behaviour – but you can replace it" Sue Larkey (2016).

Key things to ask when you see behaviour:

1. What is the child trying to communicate?
2. Has the child understood the words you have used?
3. Could the behaviour be sensory? If so, what sensory tools can we use?
4. Could the behaviour be a sign of anxiety?
5. Does this behaviour happen in a range of places such as home/school etc?
6. How can we replace the behaviour?
7. What strategies have been attempted?
8. What strategies have worked in the past?
9. How will we reward a change in behaviour?
10. Are any structures, visuals, adaptations, timers etc. required?
11. Is this a battle we really need to have?

Excerpt from The Teacher Assistants Big Blue Book of Ideas.

Have a great holiday

Jayne Thompson
Principal

CANTEEN NEWS AND ROSTER

Thu	30.6.16	K. Style, T. Black, M. Rowe
Fri	01.7.16	No orders—counter service at lunch only P. McNally, L. Lee
Mon	18.7.16	CLOSED
Tues	19.7.16	CLOSED
Wed	20.7.16	L. Maddison, N. Toavanua, B. Sacmaroski
Thur	21.7.16	A Jeayes, L Jones
Fri	22.7.16	J Hope & L Maddison

CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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

P&C NEWS

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.

'You Can' Mobile phone recycling

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

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!

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

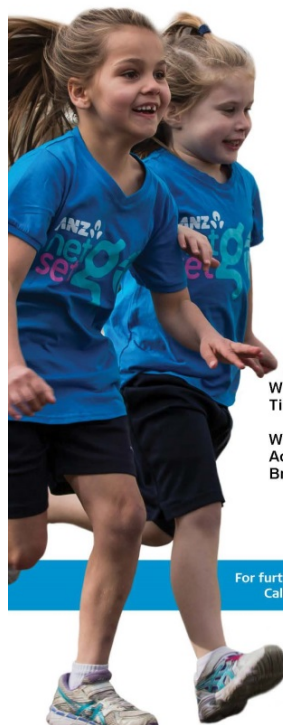
We have a small number of girls brown long pants available in sizes 4 to 16 for \$10 each.

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.



NETBALL | FUN | FRIENDS | FITNESS **Holiday Clinic Fun**



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SCHOOL HOLIDAY
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- Tailored to all abilities
- Learn and improve your netball skills
- Make new friends
- Get lots of exercise in a safe environment
- Receive a Netball NSW goodie bag; and Certificate of Participation

ONLY \$40 PER CHILD

When: Thursday 7th July 2016
Time: From 9:00am – 12:00pm with Registration at 8:30am
Where: Charlestown Netball Association
Address: Bula Street, Charlestown
Bring: Healthy snacks, drink bottle, sunscreen and a hat

For further information or to register visit letsplaynetball.com
Call (02) 9951 5000 or email netball@netballnsw.com



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Go4Fun is a FREE 10 week program which runs over one school term after school hours. During the program children and their families get involved in fun games and activities and learn about delicious nutritious foods they can eat every day.

Children need to be 7-13 years old and a parent or carer also needs to attend. Younger and/or older siblings are encouraged to attend.

Go to www.go4fun.com.au or call 1800 780 900 to see if your child could do Go4Fun.

Charlestown Uniting Church's Kids Holiday Fun Club

24-26 Milson Street, Charlestown

Wednesday 13 July 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 07/07/2016

No registrations will be taken on the day
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

FUN HOLIDAY Workshops



Fun School Holiday Workshops!

Kids have fun, learn and socialise in a nurturing environment.

Awesome themes include Galaxy Far Away, Remote Control Mania and Mining and Crafting. Plus some great new themes - Advanced Brick Challenge (ages 9-12) and Extreme Adventures.



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our Group
Booking Rate

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**School
Holiday
Adventures**

JULY 2016 SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Bush Skills Level 1

For 7 to 10 years 9.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 5th & Thursday 14 July Cost: \$20 per child

Make (and eat) a damper, build a bush shelter. Enjoy a bush walk and learn basic survival skills. Meet our resident reptiles.



Bush Skills Level 2

For 10 to 13 years 9.30am - 12.30pm

Tuesday 5th & Thursday 14 July Cost: \$20 per child

Make (and eat) a jam twisty. Learn to throw a rescue rope and ties knots to build bush furniture and a ballista. Enjoy a reptile encounter.

Turtle Time

For 4 to 8 years 10.00am - 12.30pm

Wednesday 6th & 13th July Cost: \$20 per child

Meet the wetlands resident turtles. Enjoy turtle craft and snack and go turtle spotting around the wetlands. Includes a reptile encounter.



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



Sand Art Fun

Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon

Monday 4th & Tuesday 12 July Cost: \$5 per child

Use coloured sand to make an animal picture.

Wetlands Explorer

For 4 to 12 years

Available any time during the school holidays. Cost: Free

Collect your map and follow the trail. Answer the questions and become a Wetlands Explorer. Go into the draw for a weekly prize.



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.

