



# Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 7 – Wednesday 8 June 2016

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Dear Parents

## THE COUNTDOWN COMMENCES...

We are but a few days away from our LMBR (Learning Management and Business reform) launch which will replace finance, payroll and student admin systems across 2230 public schools in NSW. The intense training for the 'roll out' of the new LMBR system is now almost complete and 'take off' officially occurs next Tuesday. Please note that minimal office interactions will take place for a few days after the launch whilst we transition operating systems as well as massive amounts of data to the new platform.

In terms of how this will impact you, these changes will significantly alter how schools operate financially. No longer will schools have individual bank accounts and cheque books. All finance will be centrally controlled and payments made offsite to service providers. This will mean changes in payments for you as we will no longer be able to accept late payments for events, excursions and the like. Please be aware this is not our office ladies' fault and is something completely out of their control. The best way to avoid this is to make sure payments are made early and ahead of time so that our office staff does not have to be the bearer of news that may cause some frustration.

These changes to finance and student administration are well overdue and will allow systems and software packages to be put into place that meet the needs of a 21st century organisation. Student record keeping and information will be all able to be housed in the one place and be easily digitally shared between schools when

students head off to high school or move into our area. I will keep you posted on other changes that may come to light within LMBR that may alter the way you interact with the school office.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 2 2016
14-18.6	Star Struck Week
15.6.16	ICAS Spelling P&C Meeting 9:30am
16.6.16	Expected date for Cookie Dough orders to be delivered
20.6.16	Payments can again be made
22.6.16	Y3-6 Netball Gala Day
28.6.16	K, Y3, Y6-A Matter of Seconds
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

## STARSTRUCK

Best wishes to our wonderful performers! Next week will truly be a very special week and we know that they will make our school and their parents proud.

A special mention needs to be made of the fantastic work of Mrs Kondov and Mrs Thomson who have put in so much extra time and effort to ensure the success of this performance activity. Also, thank you to one of our parents, Sue, who found our navy blazers online and made our costumes so much easier to put together.

Have you purchased your tickets? It's not too late! "Our Heroes" with Starstruck at the Entertainment Centre and enjoy a night of music, drama and dance.

### **CAKE STALL**

Last Friday was the Star Struck Cake Stall. It was a Master Chef delight!! Thank you for your generosity and kindness in supporting our Star Struck students. We raised enough money to pay for tea for the students and other special treats.

### **YOU CAN DO IT**

We are now focusing on developing confidence in our students. Students show confidence when they present a difficult talk to the rest of the class, greet adults with good eye contact and use the adult's name, or share a new idea with the teacher, class or family. Encourage and praise your child at home for taking risks and not being afraid to make a mistake. Please remember to encourage your child to develop confidence and have a go at difficult activities even if mistakes are being made it's important to try their best.

### **READING GROUPS**

Each day all students participate in reading groups across K-6. As always it is wonderful to have an extra pair of hands in each room to help with reading groups. Times vary between 9:45-11:45 so please ask your child's teacher when they have reading groups. You are always welcome to come and listen to students read and your help is most appreciated.

### **PARENT/TEACHER INTERVIEWS**

An invitation is extended to all families to meet with their child's teacher to discuss the Semester 1 report and to set goals for Semester 2.

Each teacher has spent a great deal of time on each report. The reports are based on information collected during the first two terms. Only so much can be written and an interview provides an opportunity for parents to ask questions and get the real detail. Please complete the form for a Parent/Teacher interview and return to school as soon as possible.

### **GREAT APPS FOR MATHS**

Encourage your child to learn their times tables with these two new free apps: "AB Maths" and "Times Tables Game" With improved tables knowledge your child will be able to complete their problem solving, long multiplication and division and be ahead of the class. Go for it!

### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Our students are now delivering their speeches in their classrooms and decisions will be made in the next two weeks for our Public Speaking representatives. The winners from our stage 1, 2 and 3 competitions will then go and compete at the Zone PS finals in August.

### **ELECTION DAY**

The P&C is looking for volunteers to help with the BBQ and Cake Stall on Election Day. All help is very much appreciated, so if you are able to volunteer on the day, please leave your contact details at the office. Tell your friends & family, we'd love to see them here at CPS on Election Day!

### **IT'S HIGH TIME THE CAPSULE WAS OPENED**

A celebration of 50 years took place this Tuesday at Charlestown Library as various dignitaries gathered to witness the opening of the 50 year time capsule that is packed with all things 'Charlestowny'. A special invitation was offered to CPS and I attended the opening along with two of our school leaders, Ethan and Noah.

### **STUDENT WELLBEING**

I would like to congratulate our students for their improved behaviour at school both on the playground and in the classroom. Well done everyone for following the school rules and making sensible choices in your behaviour. Please ensure you have read through our new Student Wellbeing Policy sent home last week with your child.

Have a wonderful week,

Jayne Thompson  
Principal

### **AWARDS**

Congratulations to Ashley and Zac on achieving their Principal's and Reading Recovery Awards last week.



## 5/6H NEWS

This term has been a very busy one in 5/6H. Students in Year 5 sat the NAPLAN test early in the term. In the past few weeks some of our Year 5 budding chefs and photographers have attended Whitebridge High School to participate in cooking and photography classes. Last week, 7 students from our class had their first round of debates, competing against other local schools. Next week, many students in our class will be representing the school at Star Struck. We wish them all the best of luck, and hope they enjoy this wonderful opportunity to perform in front of a large audience.

Throughout the term, 5/6H have been lucky enough to join 4/5J in the computer lab to participate in lessons using the Pro-Bots and Bee-Bots. The students have been learning to code the Pro-Bots and Bee-Bots to navigate a specific path. They enjoy using technology in the classroom, especially during maths groups, when the class use their skills in technology to practise the mathematical concept for the week.



In art, 5/6H have been focusing on 'Art around the Globe'. The students have created some amazing artwork inspired by Ken Done, Monet, Picasso and Andy Warhol.

This week we welcome Miss File to our classroom. Miss File comes to us from the University of Newcastle and will be joining us till the end of term.

5/6H are looking forward to the Netball Gala Day in Week 9 and in Week 10 the Year 6 fundraising day, where they will get to display their skills in Bingo.

*Miss Margaret Hale*

## 5/6H ART AROUND THE GLOBE



## YEAR 5 DEBATING

Last week the Year 5 Debating team participated in two debates. The first debate was held at school against Kotara South PS. The topic for the debate was 'Summer is better than Winter'. We were the negative team and we narrowly won the debate with the team line 'Winter for the Winners'.

For our second debate we travelled to Cardiff South PS. The topic for this debate was 'Animals should not be kept in cages'. This time we were the affirmative team. It was a close debate and very exciting to listen to. Once again it was a very close debate, but Cardiff South was awarded the win.

We really enjoyed our first experience as debaters. We can't wait until the next one. Also a big thank you to Noah, who was a wonderful mentor to us for these two debates.

*Matilda, Isaac, William and Nate*



## YEAR 6 DEBATING

Last Thursday, Year 6 debaters travelled to Charlestown South to participate in their first debate of the year. The topic for the debate was 'Children should only watch television on the weekend'. We were the affirmative team and came up with some very strong arguments. It was a really exciting debate and very close. Unfortunately, we didn't get the win but we were given constructive feedback to help us for the next debate.

*Hope, Elijah, Ethan and Rylan.*

## CANTEEN NEWS AND ROSTER

Thu	9.6.16	J Battle, A Lee
Fri	10.6.16	<b>No orders—counter service at lunch only</b> K Style, T Black
Mon	13.6.16	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tues	14.6.16	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wed	15.6.16	K McAlister, E Tenbohmer

## CLOTHING POOL HOURS

<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>2:45 pm – 3:15 pm</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>9:00 am – 9:30 am</b>

## P&C NEWS

### Cookie Dough

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 – 17th June, 12th August, 9th September, 4th November and 2nd December.

## COMMUNITY NEWS



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## Good for Kids good for life

### GOOD NUTRITION FROM DAWN TO DUSK

Regular snacks throughout the day help control blood sugar levels and regulate mood swings.

Having a healthy snack prepared when the kids come home from school can improve homework productivity and reduce irritability before dinner.

Why not try some of these afternoon snack ideas:

- Savoury pikelets
- Warm Milo with low fat milk
- Wholegrain toast fingers with low fat cheese
- Raisin toast
- Fruit & vegetable smoothies
- Fruit slices
- Homemade frozen yoghurt and fruit pops



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### RECIPE: BEANY MELTS

INGREDIENTS	QUANTITY
Spring onion, chopped	2
Capsicum, diced	1
Reduced salt baked beans	130g can
Sweet corn kernels	1/3 cup
English muffins (whole wheat)	2
Reduced fat cheddar cheese, grated	4 tbsp
Black pepper to season	

#### METHOD

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C (180°C fan-forced).
2. Mix spring onion, capsicum, baked beans and corn kernels in a bowl.
3. Split the muffins in half, and spoon the baked bean mixture evenly on top of the four muffin halves. Sprinkle each muffin with 1 tablespoon grated cheese and a little pepper.
4. Arrange on a baking tray. Bake until they are completely heated through and the cheese is a light golden brown – about 15 minutes, then serve. When cool can be packed for lunch box.

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### EATING WITH THE SEASON

A change in season brings with it a change in seasonal fruit and vegetables.

Cooking with fruit and vegetables that are in season not only supports sustainability but also lowers the price of your grocery bill!

Here are a few fruit and vegetables in season over the coming months:

- Apples
- Mandarins
- Kiwi Fruit
- Oranges
- Pumpkin
- Sweet potato
- Parsnip
- Broccoli



Make sure you include these in your grocery shopping over winter!

# PARENTS

Has your child's private tutor or coach had a  
**Working With Children Check?**



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