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Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 3 Week 1 – Wednesday 20 July 2016

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Dear Parents

Welcome back to a fantastic term filled with many learning opportunities and occasions for you to participate in school activities. Already this term we have experienced NAIDOC Day. Thank you to all staff and P&C for a great start to the term.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 3 2016
26.7.16	K-6 Life Education Visit
27.7.16	K-6 Athletics Carnival
27.7.16	Meal Deal
29.7.16	Beanie Day
4.8.16	Grandparents' Day
5.8.16	Gymnastics – every Friday
10.8.16	Y5-6 Soccer Gala Day
17/18.8.16	Zone Athletics
26.8.16	Science & Engineering Challenge
2.9.16	Father's Day Breakfast
12.9.16	Wetlands K-2
18.9.16	Bunnings BBQ - Belmont
21.9.16	Y5-6 Touch Gala Day
22.9.16	Y3-4 Charlestown Cup



NAIDOC DAY

Our NAIDOC Day celebrations involved wonderful activities including face painting, dance, cooking, storytelling, music, drawing and drama. Sean Choolburra (of the Bangarra Dance Company) from the Townsville and Palm Island area also played the didgeridoo and performed for us. Along with Jodie Stewart (Aboriginal Education Officer) and Uncle Leigh, we celebrated, learnt about Aboriginal way of life and showed respect and inclusivity for Aboriginals with our NAIDOC Day celebrations.

STAFF NEWS

I am very pleased to announce the exciting news that Mrs Thomson and her husband Kris are expecting a bundle of baby joy in January! We also welcome our Intern teachers from Newcastle University who are spending this term with us. Mr Dominick is teaching 1G, Miss Grout-Parkes is teaching KM and Miss Reynolds is teaching 4/5N. We also welcome Mrs Nash as our new Librarian, replacing Ms Saville. We wish these special visitors to our school a fabulous time teaching the great students at Charlestown Public school.

EDUCATION WEEK EXTRAVAGANZA

In a fortnight it is Open Day for Education Week on Thursday, 4 August. Grandparents are welcome in classrooms from 10:45am, followed by the world's biggest morning tea (gold coin donation) for Cancer Council, a mini showcase and Book Fair Parade. It will be a wonderful day and all are welcome. Looking forward to seeing the students in their fabulous book parade costumes, and parents are most welcome to our school too.

MONEY, MONEY, MONEY

There are many extra-curricular activities this term requiring payments to be made at school. Please help us out by having the correct money in a clearly marked envelope with your child's teacher, class and what the funds are for. If you have more than one child please give a separate envelope to each of your children. This can be given to the class teacher and not the office staff. As a result payments go into the money folders at school and teachers can keep track of who has paid. An even better option is to use the "Parent Online Payment" method with the "make a payment" tab on the school website, with the payment automatically debited from your credit card. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following students for their above 95% attendance at the end of Semester One: Lourdes, Kevin, Matthew M, Andon, Lachlan, Kiedis, Xavier, Jacob H, Lukas, Olivia, Ewan, Eliza, Noah B, Alexander, Jackson L, Seth N-G, Sitapak, Ruby, Karlynda, Lily, Lara, Jacob J, Freddie, Katya, Chloe, Cadell, Eligh, Jacob S, Ashley D, Jackson E-H, Zane, Tommy, Tony, Kyralee, Mia, Cameron, Charlie, Michellie, Clayton, Cooper B, James C, Nate, Nofilia, Codey, Isabelle, Samuel, Paul, Madelaine, Claudia, Noah L, Jasmine and Hope. Wonderful to see so many students obtaining a high attendance rate!

BEANIE DAY

Next Friday 29 July the students will raise funds for Brain Cancer Research by wearing their favourite beanie to school.

Please bring in a gold coin donation to support this worthwhile cause.

YOU CAN DO IT!

This term the focus is on developing Resilience. In developing resilience try to be positive in your thinking and don't put yourself down when something bad happens. It's okay to make mistakes as they are a normal part of life and you learn from your mistakes. Being resilient also means doing things you sometimes don't like and being tolerant of each other. It's good to find out about each other, meet new people and not be judgemental.

GREEN THUMBS!!

As a result of the many voters who attended our school at the start of the holidays, I have received many favourable comments about our beautiful gardens. They are looking really wonderful with the work of the amazing helpers in the P&C. Special thanks to you for pruning, chopping, planting, mulching, weeding and watering our gardens. Please support our P&C with their fundraising activities and most importantly be involved. All profits go towards improving your child's education and develop our school, so please show your enthusiasm in their fundraising activities.

The newest addition to our playground in the coming months will be the installation of some new equipment from Moduplay. This has been made possible with the fundraising by the P&C and a Federal Government Community grant. Keep an eye out for photos of the new equipment in the coming weeks' newsletters.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The carnival which was due to be held today will now be next Wednesday, 27 July. Looking forward to seeing you there.

There is a new Meal Deal note for children and parents. Parents meal deal orders from today's postponed carnival will be carried over to next week.

NEWS FROM LAST TERM

The Thursday Bingo Day was a huge hit raising money for the Yr. 5/6 farewell at the end of the year. Thanks to everyone for

their support and the great way everyone interacted and enjoyed themselves on the day. \$580 was raised.

As coach of the hunter Netball team I will be at the state netball titles in Albury all next week. Hopefully it won't be too cold!! Mrs Gill will be relieving me as Principal. Enjoy the week and I look forward to seeing you at the many activities in the coming weeks.

Jayne Thompson
Principal

NAIDOC DAY STORIES:

The best part of the day was the face painting. I also liked the Johnny cakes and the didgeridoo. I really liked my day!
By Sitapak

The best part of NAIDOC Day is when Sean did the fire in the hall and made smoke. By Breeze

The best part of the day was the face painting because it was fun. By Kodai

The best part of the day was the didgeridoo and Johnny cakes. By Seth

The best part of NAIDOC Day was playing the didgeridoo. I was trying so hard to do it. By Malakai

The best part of the day was music, Johnny cakes, face painting, the stories we heard and I liked it when Sean made the fire. By Sarbella.

The best part of the day was the face painting because you used red, black and yellow colours. By Dylan

The best part of NAIDOC day was all of it!! We ate Johnny cakes, saw a show with Sean and had our faces painted! By Jackson

The best part was when I got my face painted. I liked it when I drew a baby snake and the aboriginal flag. NAIDOC day is the best day I have had this year. By Maddie

The best part of NAIDOC Day is when Sean made a big fire. By Nicholas

The best part of NAIDOC day was the singing. By Noah

The best part of the day was the show with Sean because he made a big, cool fire. By Xander

The best part of NAIDOC day was the music and dancing by Sean. I got to dance in a circle and I also liked drawing on the concrete with Miss Muir. By Ellie

The best part of the day was when Sean ganman style dancing with the whole school. He also did the fire too. I liked all the activities. By Michael.

The best part of the day was making the Johnny cakes and face painting. The Johnny cakes were really yum! By Ruby.



CANTEEN NEWS AND ROSTER

Thu	21.7.16	A. Jeayes, L. Jones
Fri	22.7.16	No orders—counter service at lunch only J Hope, L. Maddison
Mon	25.7.16	CLOSED
Tues	26.7.16	CLOSED
Wed	27.7.16	Closed for lunch orders (only pre-ordered meal deal available)S. Taylor, N. Filo
Thur	28.7.16	K. Style, T Black, M. Rowe
Fri	29.7.16	No orders—counter service at lunch only P McNally, L. Lee

CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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

P&C NEWS

Athletics Carnival Meal Deal

On Wednesday 27 July the P & C will be offering another Meal Deal for all students and parents. **Parents** please note, if you ordered a meal deal for **yourself** for today they will be carried forward – you will **not** need to re-order for next week.

ALL students will need to complete a new meal deal order.

P&C ITEMS FOR SALE

The P&C are updating canteen equipment and now have two Kelvinator 360L upright freezers they do not require. Both are in working order. Make an offer! Please be aware they will need to be picked up and taken away by the end of next week.



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Term 3 - Amazing Animals

Each week we discuss fascinating facts about the animals we build. Kids build moving models and celebrate the wonders of the animal kingdom!

Week 1 - Seal	Week 5 - Spider
Week 2 - Monkey	Week 6 - Snake
Week 3 - Butterfly	Week 7 - Alligator
Week 4 - Frog	Week 8 - Fish

The Place: Charlestown - From Tue 26th July
New Lambton Community Centre - From Wed 27th July
8 Week Course - \$15 per week
From 3:30pm to 4:45pm each day

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