



Education
Public Schools



Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 3 Week 3 – Wednesday 3 August 2016

A proud partner of the Whitebridge Community of Schools

Dear Parents

Thank you everyone for the wonderful work being done in the past two weeks. So far this term we have had the school Athletics Carnival, NAIDOC Week celebrations, a visiting author to Yrs 5-6, gymnastics program, peer support, Life Education visit and Hunter Dance Festival. All of this in the first few weeks!

But wait there's more!

EDUCATION WEEK – BOOK WEEK – GRANDPARENTS DAY

Education Week is a celebration of public education. This year it will be celebrated from 1 - 5 August. The theme this year is 'Shared stories, better learning, stronger communities'. Even though education is celebrated at CPS every week, we have special events scheduled this week including: debating, performing arts, gymnastics, Grandparents Day, Book Fair and book character parade. Tomorrow is the day our school will celebrate Education Week beginning with grandparents visiting in the classrooms at 10:45am. This will be followed by "Biggest Morning Tea" for grandparents (a gold coin donation is appreciated to raise money for Cancer Council) and an assembly at 12:00 midday in the hall for grandparents and parents. Our choir, dance groups and public speakers will share their achievements with parents before everyone takes part in the book parade. During lunch the Book Fair will also be for sale in the Library, so bring your money with you and purchase a book for your child. We look forward to seeing you here at school.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

To enable us to correctly estimate enrolments and staff for the school appropriately for 2017, we are currently looking at Kinder enrolments for next year. Please let us know of any neighbours and friends, who may not have children already at this school but will have school age children for 2017, we can then contact them and include them in our numbers for next year. Similarly, if you know of anyone leaving our school please let us know. We have already posted out invitations for Orientation Day to families who have previously registered their child.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 3 2016
4.8.16	Grandparents' Day (gold coin donation to Cancer Council) CANTEEN CLOSED
Term 3	K-6 Gymnastics – every Friday
10.8.16	Y5-6 Soccer Gala Day
17/18.8.16	Zone Athletics
26.8.16	Y5-6 Science & Engineering Challenge
2.9.16	Father's Day Breakfast
12.9.16	K-2 Wetlands Excursion
18.9.16	Bunnings BBQ - Belmont
21.9.16	Y5-6 Touch Gala Day
22.9.16	Y3-4 Charlestown Cup
23.9.16	Last day of term
	TERM 4 2016
10.10.16	Monday – all students return
25.10.16	Kinder 2017 Orientation Day
2-4.11.16	Stage 3 Canberra
18.11.16	K 2017 1 st Transition afternoon
2.12.16	K 2017 2 nd Transition afternoon
8.12.16	Presentation Day
12.12.16	Year 6 Farewell
15.12.16	Party Day
16.12.16	Last day of school for students

PUBLIC SPEAKING

We are so proud of all of our students as they have been diligently working on their public speaking speeches in readiness for zone competitions. Our stage representatives are:

Stage 1: Ewan P and Caitlin Mc

Stage 2: Cadell P and Ryan Mc

Stage 3: Noah L and Rylan T

We wish you all the best when you compete at the Eastlakes Zone Public Speaking competitions.

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Congratulations Seth!

DEBATING

Congratulations to our debating teams: Rylan, Noah, Ethan, Elijah in Yr 6 and Nate, William, Matilda and Isaac in Yr 5 who have been debating a lot recently and giving their very best. Debating is a difficult skill and our students have been working hard to build their skills and we are proud to have Mrs Irby who teaches the students the many skills needed for debating.

DID YOU KNOW

Due to the wonderful activities and great academic progress of our students the word is spreading and our school is growing. As of next year the school has been reclassified to have a non-teaching principal. More information to come. Great news for everyone!

PERCUSSION GROUPS

Our percussion groups are doing a wonderful job with drums (large buckets) being added to the group. We now have ukuleles, xylophones, tambourines and drums involved, all making music to soothe the ears.

VEGGIE GARDENS

Get your kids to grow something! A tiny vegetable patch is ideal - but make sure you select a hardy option! Our kids are growing up in an immediate 'get it now drive through' world and as a consequence it is no surprise that patience and a willingness to wait doesn't feature high in their agenda. They are not to blame for that as we are the ones responsible for creating the world in which they live. However, projects such as vege growing allows them opportunities to realise success and see growth and results over an extended period of time. It develops patience and helps to establish the joy of delayed gratification. Often the children who have been reluctant to eat vegetables in the past are the very ones who enjoy picking and eating the vegies straight from the patch.

Special thanks to Mrs Gill who ran the school in my absence last week. The netball team came fifth in Albury in a very close competition

Enjoy the week

Jayne Thompson
Principal

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



1G NEWS

1G is now a class of 22 students. We farewelled Eldho at the end of last term and were very sorry to see him go. This term we welcome Mr Dominick, an intern from the University of Newcastle. He will be with us all term.

In literacy groups this term we are working really hard to develop our phonological awareness skills through a program that Mrs Doesen does with us twice per week. We are also continuing to practise our fast words which will help increase the speed and accuracy of our reading. This term we will be learning to write procedural texts and different types of poetry. 1G will also be learning about stereotypes and how different occupations are represented in print and digital texts.

This term in maths we will be completing activities around the following topics; multiplication, subtraction, patterns, addition, division, chance, fractions, data and Whole Number. In the first few weeks we have already learnt to make and describe equal groups, recognise and create arrays and to count back to solve subtraction problems. A big focus for this term is developing our ability to count backwards from 30 and then 100.

Mrs Wilks has a fabulous Geography unit on our local environment that we will complete this term and she will also teach the Science unit "Push and Pull".

Last term we learnt a lot about our brains. We learnt that our brain is like a sponge that absorbs information and that it is like a muscle that needs exercise. We are trying hard to have growth mindsets – the belief that with effort and perseverance and through the completion of challenging tasks, we can all grow our brains.

1G have started to use Plickers, see the photos below. This is a great way for Mrs Gill to see what we know and fun for us too!

We are all trying hard with our learning and are looking forward to the term ahead.

Year 1 writing

How I put on my school uniform by Caitlin.
First I start with my shirt. After that I put on my pants. Last I put on my socks and shoes. After that I get my bag and go in the car and go to school.

How does a seed grow into a flower? By Ewan

I'm goin to tell you about how to grow a flower. First you buy some seeds. Then you dig a hole in the soil and plant the seed in the soil. Cover the seed in soil. After that leave it in the sun for it to grow. Then it will grow a stem. The next day it will get some leaves. After that it will get a bud. Then it will become a beautiful flower.



Athletics Carnival





CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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

CANTEEN NEWS AND ROSTER

Thur	4.8.16	CLOSED for orders – Grandparent's Day Morning Tea J Battle, A Lee
Fri	5.8.16	No orders —counter service at lunch only K Style, T Black
Mon	8.8.16	CLOSED
Tues	9.8.16	CLOSED
Wed	10.8.16	K McAlister, E TenBohmer

COMMUNITY NEWS



ACTING – DRAMA CLASSES 2016
CHARLESTOWN
HELEN O'GRADY
DRAMA ACADEMY
(Established – 25 years Hunter region)

Improvisation, Scriptwork and Performance.

CHARLESTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Primary: Friday 4.15pm - 5.15pm
 Youth: Friday: 5.15pm - 6.15pm
 Youth: Saturday 10.00am - 11.00am
 Seniors: Saturday 11.00am - 12.00am

Enrolments now being taken Term 3
Free Trial quest lessons this term

Studios also available Elmore Vale and Merewether.

Principal: Shane Skerly
 Phone: 02 49 692338
 Email: dramacorp@bigpond.com
 Facebook : Helen O'Grady Drama Academy
 - Newcastle

Rewarding regular savers with spectacular prizes.

We're looking for the best savers that have appeared in the Outback Star, and the Dollars are going to students who demonstrate regular savings behaviour the chance to win spectacular prizes.

How to enter:

Students must simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 3 for a chance to win one of the Star Saver prizes, including camping kits, instant cameras and magazine packs.

What's more, students who complete the fun StarSaver online activity, along with making three or more school Banking deposits during Term 3, will also go in the separate draw to win one of the Superstar prizes – a PlayStation 4 pack. Students can complete the StarSaver activity online at any time during Term 3 by visiting commbank.com.au/prizelights

Win a bag of sports equipment for your school

We're also giving schools participating in the School Banking program a chance to win one of 75 bags full of sports equipment, valued at \$200, when students make three School Banking deposits during Term 3.

To complete the StarSaver activity, or to find out more, visit commbank.com.au/prizelights



CHARLESTOWN JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB

Invites you to join our Club for the 2016 / 2017 Season. Excellent Coaching and support for all children from ages 5 to 17 years.

Registration days will be held at the Club House

Kahibah Soccer Oval, Kahibah

Tuesday 16th August 2016

6pm - 8pm

Thursday 18th August 2016

6pm-8pm

Tuesday 23rd August 2016

6pm - 8pm

Thursday 25th August 2016

6pm - 8pm

Telephone enquiries phone:

Darren Mitchell 0401 515 216

Tahnee Pike 0414 602 979

Junior cricket for U/12-U/18

7-A-side Foundation Cricket U/11 and U/12

U/13 Sixers Girls Cricket League, Friday evening competition

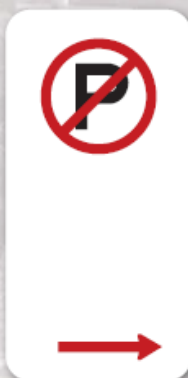
Milo T20 Blast 8-12 year olds

Milo in2cricket 5-8 year olds

All girls can play up to 2 years below their age group in Newcastle Cricket association competitions

PARKING RULES AROUND SCHOOLS

What do these signs mean?



You can park here for **2 MINUTES ONLY!**

- You can drop off or pick up your child here but you must either stay in your vehicle or within 3 metres of your vehicle.
- Mobility Parking Permit holders are allowed to park for up to 5 minutes.



You CANNOT stop here!

- You cannot drop off or pick up your child here.



You CANNOT stop here!

Unless driving a bus

- You cannot drop off or pick up your child here.

Hours of operation may apply to some signs. This means that the restrictions apply for those times only.

For more information contact Lake Macquarie City Council - Ph: 02 4921 0333



CHARLESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION UPDATE

The P & C have a number of events in coming months which we require your assistance with.

Grandparents Day – Thursday 4th August 2016

If you are able to assist with the catering for the morning tea, please bring your donations to the office in the morning.

Father's Day Breakfast – Friday 2nd September 2016 from 8.00 – 9.00am

Together with the teachers we will be serving Bacon & Egg rolls to students and their fathers on the day in return for a GOLD COIN donation.

Bunnings BBQ Belmont – Sunday 18th September from 8 am til 4 pm

The P & C will be hosting the BBQ on this day, this is a great fundraiser for the school. We require assistance in the cooking and serving of sausage sandwiches and drinks.

School Fete – Friday 11th November from 3pm til 6pm

Planning is underway for the Fete. If you own a business or know a business that would like to donate prizes for either the raffle or the Chocolate Wheel. Please leave your contact details at the office and we will be in touch. For the Fete to be a successful event, we require your help.

I am able to assist with :

Father's Day Breakfast – Friday 2nd September from 8.00 – 9.00 am

- 7.30 – 8.30 OR
- 8.30 – 9.30

Name :Contact Number :

Bunnings BBQ Belmont – Sunday 18th September from 8.00am to 4.00 pm

- 8.30 – 11.00
- 11.00 – 1.30
- 1.30 – 4.00

Name :Contact Number :

FETE – Friday 11th November from 3.00 to 6.00 pm

- 2.00 – 3.00
- 3.00 – 4.00
- 4.00 – 5.00
- 5.00 – 6.00

Name :Contact Number :
