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Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 3 Week 4 – Wednesday 10 August 2016

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Dear Parents

EDUCATION WEEK

Thanks to everybody who made our Education Week such a huge success. We certainly had a busy week with Book Week parade, mini concert, special morning tea and Grandparents Day all rolled into one! Visitors had the opportunity to look around classrooms and see the amazing work in the rooms. Students were very proud of their classrooms and the hard work, effort, and enthusiasm from the staff was also very evident.

The obvious excitement from the students as they performed their items to such an appreciative audience was wonderful to see. The singing, dancing, the choir performances, along with the public speaking saw the creative arts very much on display. Thank you to the many visitors who purchased books from the Book Fair.

It's always great to hear the wonderful comments from visitors to our school. Things have certainly changed in our classrooms since grandparents were last at school. If you have any feedback about the day that you would like to give please don't hesitate to email the school or pass it on to your child's teacher.

KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

If you expect to enrol your son or daughter in kindergarten next year and have not contacted the school please do so as soon as possible. If we know your child is coming to school in 2017 we can ensure they are invited to orientation activities that we have planned. Our interviews for incoming Kinders are being held in two

weeks, so it's not too late to put your child's name down.

You may also be aware of other families in the neighbourhood who will be enrolling in 2017. If so please ask them to contact the office.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 3 2016	
Term 3	K-6 Gymnastics – every Friday
11.8.16	School Council meeting 6:45pm in staffroom
17/18.8.16	Zone Athletics
26.8.16	Y5-6 Science & Engineering Challenge
2.9.16	Father's Day Breakfast
10.9.16	Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall 8 am – 1 pm
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

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Parents, it is crucial that children develop habits of regular and punctual school attendance at an early age. At Charlestown Public School learning time commences at 9:30am. Students who arrive at school after the commencement of learning time are marked as partially absent on the roll, their time of arrival at school recorded and they are given a note

requesting an explanation of their partial absence if they don't have one, to give to their class teacher. Explanations of "running late" or "slept in" are not considered to be acceptable or justifiable reasons for lateness.

On occasions unavoidable situations arise that cause students to be absent from, or late in arriving at school. Parents/caregivers are required by the Department of Education to explain the absences of their children promptly and within seven days. Please send a note explaining your child's absence on the day your child returns to school after being away. Throughout the week you will receive reminder letters if you have any unexplained absences for your child from the previous week. Simply sign, write an explanation and return that note to the class teacher within the seven days of your child's absence.

Just a reminder also that if you intend to take your child from school for a family holiday an application form must be filled in at the office and then approval given by the principal prior to your holiday.

CURRICULUM NEWS

The Australian Curriculum is being implemented in New South Wales through new syllabuses in English, Mathematics, Science and Technology, History and Geography. The syllabuses identify the knowledge, skills, values, attitudes and understandings that students are expected to develop at each stage from Kindergarten to Year 10.

The History (K-10) and Geography (K-10) syllabuses have replaced the HSIE (1998) Syllabus. The new History Syllabus which replaces the Change and Continuity strand of the old HSIE syllabus was implemented last semester and the new Geography syllabus is currently being taught with each class.

For more information please look at: <http://syllabus.bos.nsw.edu.au/>

FATHER'S DAY BREKKIE

An invitation is extended to all Dads to come to school on Friday, 2 September between 8am and 9am and have breakfast at school with your children. The staff and the school P&C will be providing breakfast in the Hall/Canteen area.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Charlestown Public School Council is set for Thursday, 11 August beginning at 6:45pm in the Staffroom. Members of the school community are invited to submit suggestions. The agenda for the meeting will focus on: hall of fame nominations; promoting the school; the new finance system and renewing some of our current policies.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

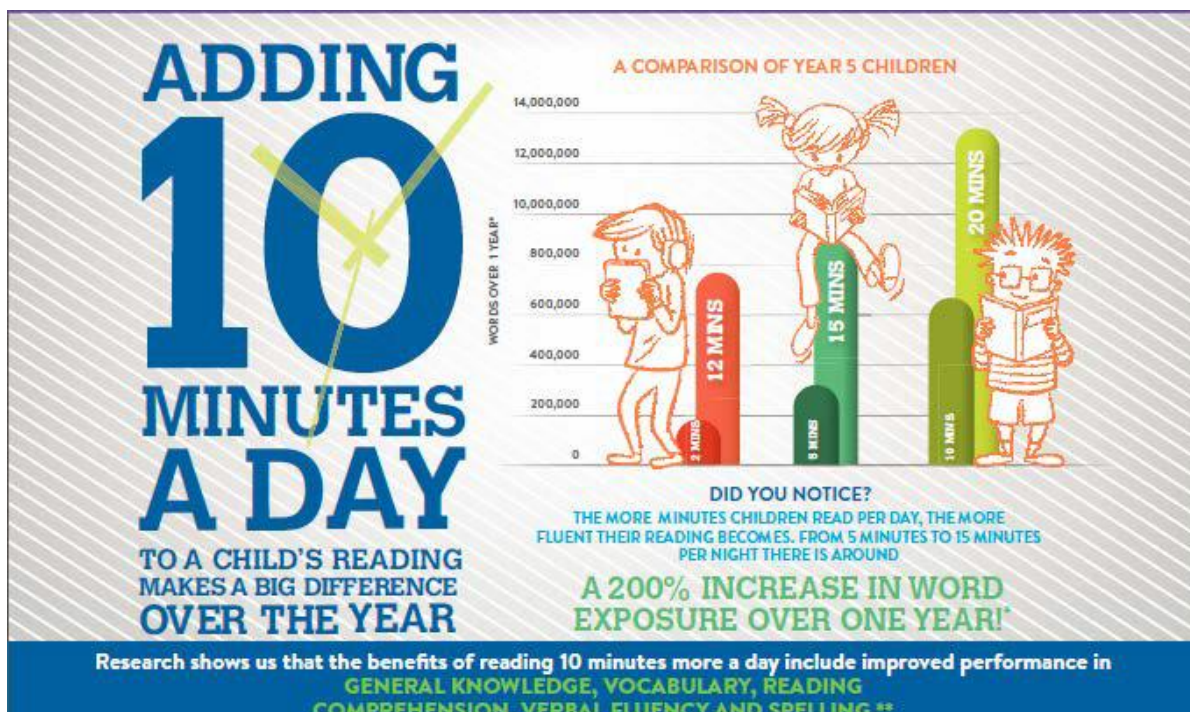
Good luck next week to our school's representatives, Noah, Rylan, Cadell, Ryan, Ewan and Caitlin in the Zone Public speaking competition.

DEBATING NEWS

Congratulations to our Yr 5 and Yr 6 debaters who won both of their debates on Monday. With topics like: "All classrooms should be air conditioned" (Yr 5 against Mayfield East PS) and "Schools should do PE for half an hour at the start of each day" (Yr 6 against Kahibah PS) the students found many reasons to support their arguments.

BEANIE DAY

Many thanks to everyone who took part in our Beanie Day fundraiser at the start of the term. We raised \$114 which has been forwarded to Mark Hughes Foundation.



HOME READING

I found this graph recently. It shows how reading just 20 minutes a day can make a huge difference to your child's reading development. So make sure every day you pick up your Home Reader and get reading. Why not read the newspaper with your child or some comic books, reading online counts too! It doesn't matter what we read as long as we are reading.

Have a great week

Jayne Thompson
Principal

LIBRARY NEWS

This week sees the start of our lunchtime library activity schedule. Each Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime students can come to the library and participate in structured activities. The schedule for the next two weeks will be:

Week 4

Wednesday - Lego engineering challenge
Thursday - Storytime with Children's Book Council 2016 short-listed books

Week 5

Wednesday - NSW all schools paper plane challenge - design and construction
Thursday - NSW all schools paper plane challenge - flight and recording

It was wonderful to see all the effort that went into last week's book parade costumes. The variety certainly showcased the wide ranging reading interests of our students. A big thank you goes out to all those who purchased books during our book fair - because of your efforts our school is able to purchase over \$550 of books for the library. One particular area that the funds will be used for is to complete or add to some of the popular fiction series - great news for those students hanging out for the next instalment! Thank you also for the warm welcome I received during open day, reinforcing what a great community Charlestown Public School is to be part of.

Kirsty Nash
Relieving Teacher Librarian





CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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

CANTEEN NEWS AND ROSTER

Thur	11.8.16	J Hope, L Fluechter
Fri	12.8.16	No orders—counter service at lunch only L Lee, K Bassett
Mon	15.8.16	CLOSED
Tues	16.8.16	CLOSED
Wed	17.8.16	L Maddison, N Toavanua, B Sacmaroski

CANTEEN HELP NEEDED

The Canteen has a vacancy on Wednesday 7/9, 2/11 & 30/11, if you are able to assist please leave your details at the office.

The **Sydney Markets 'Eat Fresh & Win Canteen Campaign'** is starting this week (competition commences Monday 8 Aug and concludes Friday 16 September). Prizes include Home entertainment pack including a 32" LED LCD TV and a 3D Blu-ray Player, ipad mini 16GB Wi-Fi. Children will receive promotional material if they purchase fresh fruit from the canteen.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to make mid-week dinner easy.

Serve a quick and easy veg-filled dinner your family will love, in just 15 minutes!

Pizza: spread wholemeal Lebanese bread with salt-reduced tomato paste. Top with sliced veg (e.g. tomato, capsicum, mushroom, artichoke, onion, olives) and reduced-fat grated cheese.

Bake in a moderate oven until cheese is lightly browned.



Find more 15-minute meal ideas at eatittobeatit.com.au. Recipes include:

- Tuna couscous salad.
- Asian noodle soup.
- Potato frittata.
- Spaghetti bolognaise.
- Savoury toasties.

For more information visit
www.eatittobeatit.com.au
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CHARLESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION UPDATE

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

Father's Day Breakfast – Friday 2nd September 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.



Lake Macquarie Council Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall – SATURDAY 10th September from 8 am – 1pm

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

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.

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 :



Lake Macquarie Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall – Saturday 10th September

- ☐ 7.30 – 9.30 ☐ 9.30 - 11.30 ☐ 11.30 – 1.30

- ☐ I will provide donations of homemade cakes/biscuits/slices

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 :