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Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 3 Week 8 – Wednesday 7 September 2016

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Dear Parents/Carers

It was great to see the turnout of fathers on Friday morning for the breakfast. Many fathers took the opportunity to spend time reading books, visiting classrooms and just “being” with their children. There was a great deal of talking and laughing happening on a cool, wet spring morning. A big thank you to all the parents and teachers who helped on the day making it enjoyable for everyone who attended.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN OUR CLASSROOMS THIS YEAR?

During this year the teachers have been looking at the best ways to engage students in and take responsibility for their learning. Teachers are currently using Explicit Direct Instruction practices such as Checking for Understanding, I Do We Do You Do, and warm ups as part of their daily routines. Each lesson has a Learning Intention and Success Criteria. You can help out by assisting your child to learn their times tables, know their friends of ten, twenty and thirty and read each day. Working together can only benefit your child and improve their achievements at school.

The staff has also participated in Kidsmatter training, as well as developing skills in Growth Mindsets in the classroom. Students have been encouraged to be positive in their learning, setting goals to improve their writing and maths skills. We have introduced four special values: Be a learner, Be respectful, Be responsible and Be safe. These are embedded into our You Can Do It program.

This Thursday afternoon is the final training session for “Managing Challenging Behaviours in Children” course. This course covers four modules, 20 hours of online and face to face training and accounts for Staff Development Day on Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 December.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 3 2016
Term 3	K-6 Gymnastics – every Friday
10.9.16	Election Day BBQ & Cake Stall 8 am – 1 pm
12.9.16	K-2 Wetlands Excursion
13.9.16	K-6 Waste Free Lunch Day
14.9.16	Y6 WCoS Leadership Day at Kahibah PS P&C Meeting 9:30 am
18.9.16	Bunnings BBQ - Belmont
21.9.16	Y5-6 Touch Football Gala Day
22.9.16	Y3-4 Charlestown Cup
23.9.16	Last day of term
	TERM 4 2016
10 to 21.10.16	Y2-6 Swim Program 1:45-3pm for 10 days
10.10.16	Monday – all students return
12.10.16	Y6 WHS Uniform fittings 9am at CPS
18.10.16	Lion King Excursion
25.10.16	Kinder 2017 Orientation Day
2-4.11.16	Stage 3 Canberra

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

CAPA AND GATS CAMPS

Congratulations to Hope and Claudia (Yr 6) for being chosen to attend the Creative and Practical Arts Camp, being held this week. We know you will do your very best and represent our school with pride!

Also, congratulations to Rylan T who attended the Gifted and Talented Maths camp earlier this term. Well done on your fine effort!





HATS

Spring has sprung and warmer weather is approaching. It is important that the children have their school hats every day. It doesn't matter if it is still cold, exposure to the sunlight can still damage the skin. If your child does not have a hat they will be required to sit in the shade as per our sun safe policy.

MINI-OLYMPICS

Last Thursday the students participated in the mini-Olympics raising funds for our new play equipment. We experienced our very own opening ceremony, lighting the "Olympic" flame and Greece received the Gold Medal for great sportsmanship. Please return your sponsorship funds by Friday 16 September so that the winning class can be announced. Thank you so much for your efforts so far, they are greatly appreciated!

WHAT'S ON THE NET?

As the internet becomes an increasingly important mode of communication and socialisation, we need to be talking to children about keeping themselves and others safe at all times. It can be a challenge for adults to keep up to date about how to support children to do this, as new sites and forms of social media are being developed all the time. Here is some useful information on cyber safety that might be useful for families.

Children's internet activity

The internet is an incredible tool. It offers the chance to become part of an enormous virtual community connected by mutual interest rather than geography. The internet can provide young and old users benefits, including:

- independent learning and research skills, and
- improved communication skills, through experience with learning technologies to access and create resources, and communicate with others.

Children access the internet for entertainment, research, school assignments and to communicate. In doing so they can also, often unknowingly, place themselves in risky situations. This includes by:

- giving out personal details about themselves to people or organisations they don't know
- posting unsuitable information online
- agreeing to meet people they've only ever met online, without speaking to a parent or carer
- using provocative pseudonyms
- sharing passwords
- posting public profiles about themselves
- unsafe browsing or searching
- opening messages from people they don't know
- responding to unpleasant or suggestive messages
- using online games or virtual worlds for people over 18 only
- accessing inappropriate or illegal material.

Not all internet users will experience problems. However, ensuring children understand these risks and have the knowledge to be cybersafe is important when accessing the internet at home, at school and in public places. See more at: <http://www.cybersmart.gov.au/Libraries/Cybersmart%20library%20resources/Cybersmart%20Guide%20for%20Families.aspx#sthash.IH3AqYdM.dpuf>

Y2-6 TERM 4 SWIMMING PROGRAM

- The program is a compulsory part of the school's PD/H/PE curriculum and as such we expect all children to attend. The program runs every day for two weeks.
- Each child should bring a swimming costume, a towel, a sun hat, T-shirt or rash shirt and sun screen every day for the two week program.
- The cost for the two weeks would normally be \$35/student which is the cost of entry into the pool. Charlestown Public School's P&C Association has generously agreed to donate \$10/child towards the cost of pool entry with the total cost now being \$25/student. A big thank you to our P&C.
- This cost can be paid via the Parent Online Payment system (POP) accessed via the school website (<http://www.charlestown-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/>) using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school's website by selecting \$ Make a payment. If paying Online please enter "Swim Program" in the Payment Description under "Sport".

STAFF CAR PARK

Once again I am reinforcing the message of not parking in or walking through the staff car park. It is extremely dangerous as there are often times when the canteen has a delivery, teachers are leaving the school to attend courses and canteen workers are arriving at school. Please keep our students safe and use the gate into Smith St, closest to the zebra crossing.

Have a wonderful week

Jayne Thompson
Principal

ENVIRO WEEK

Next week is Enviro week. On Tuesday 13 September we are participating in a waste free lunch day. Students are able to become involved by bringing to school only what they need, bringing non-packaged and non-processed foods and filling water bottles from the tap. By making the most of the natural packaging of food (e.g. peels, skins, rinds, etc) and by wrapping food in packaging that can be re-used or recycled, we will be drastically reducing the environmental impact our eating has on our planet.

Having a fresh and healthy lunch also helps kids concentrate and provides them with more energy. Most healthy foods also come with only a little packaging or natural packaging, which makes packing a waste free lunch easy!

CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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

CANTEEN NEWS AND ROSTER

Thur	8.9.16	J Hope, L Fluechter
Fri	9.9.16	No orders—counter service at lunch only L Lee, K Bassett
Mon	12.9.16	CLOSED
Tues	13.9.16	CLOSED
Wed	14.9.16	L Maddison, N Toavanua, B Sacmaroski

5/6H NEWS

This term in 5/6H we have been very busy participating in and attending the Soccer Gala Day, the Aunty Peach Show, the Mini Olympics and the Science Challenge Day for Year 6.

In class, we have been busy working on our text types which are 'Procedures' and 'Explanations'. We have written 'How to make an alien' as a procedure and explained 'Why Tsunamis occur'. In maths we have been learning to convert fractions to percentages as well as working on our multiplication and division facts.



At the beginning of this term we completed a mini unit on the Olympics. We studied some of the Australian Olympians and cheered along during some of the swimming and athletics finals. We studied Rio and looked at some tourist attractions along with the geographical features. 5/6H enjoyed making their Olympic themed artwork.

Ms Hale



COMMUNITY NEWS



2016/17 SEASON

U/6's – U/14's

REGISTER ONLINE NOW

<http://bit.ly/2bYPcOg>

REGISTRATION DAYS

Sunday 11th September 2-4pm

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Come and Try!—Pre Season Training
Sat. Sept 10th, 17th, 24th
Charlestown Pool, 9.30am – 10.30am
For learners and those who want an early start in the warm pool.

ALL ENQUIRIES
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Family Matters @ wellness centre

Talks for Mums, Dads and Carers of babies, toddlers and pre-school

We will be exploring development, behavior and emotions and suggesting practical strategies.

Presenters will include Pediatrician Dr Rebecca Russell, Occupational Therapist Rhiannon Pilgrim, Parenting Consultant Helen Davison and Speech Pathologists Michelle Batey and Amy Polliitt. Each talk will include a question time.

NOTE New Dates and Times

Tuesday evenings at Whitebridge Wellness Centre – corner of Dudley Rd and Bulls Garden Rd Whitebridge.



13 September at 6pm – Fine and gross motor development in children and how to promote school readiness.

18 October * – Sleep, understanding babies and toddlers routines, preschool environment and sleep disorders
PLUS "Poo" talk (constipation is common!!), toilet training and signs of readiness.

8 November * – Language development, talking and reading with your baby plus activities including music and reading.

*Time to be advised – visit wwcentre.org.au or ring 49460580

Booking essential – email info@wwcentre.org.au or ring 49460580
Cost: Donation to the Wellness Centre.

Enquiries: Rhiannon 4023 2333

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FREE & fun program for fitter, healthier, happier kids!

Are you worried about your child's weight?
Go to www.go4fun.com.au to see if your child could do Go4Fun.

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 PUBLIC SCHOOL P & C ASSOCIATION UPDATE

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

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 :

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 :

CHARLESTOWN Public School FETE



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What we can confirm so far . . . **SIDESHOW ALLEY** BBQ
Mega raffle **Showbags** CAKE STALL
LEGO DISPLAY **BOX MAZE**

With only 10 weeks to the fete it is time to ask for your assistance . . .

- Do you have any books, plants or bric a brac that we could sell at the Fete ?

Please Note : We are not able to accept electrical goods or items of clothing.

- For Sideshow alley we need prizes – do you have any unused kids stationary items for eg pencils, erasers ?
 - New toys or novelties ?
 - Chocolates any size any variety ?
- Do you own a business or know someone who would be willing to donate a prize for the Chocolate Wheel ?
- Can you spare an hour on the night to assist with the stalls? To ensure ALL parents are able to enjoy the night we need volunteers.

If you have any questions about the Fete, please email cpsfete@hotmail.com