



Charlestown Public School

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Term 1 Week 2

Dear Parents,

A hearty welcome back to school to the Charlestown community and I trust you had a wonderful break. Everyone looks rested and refreshed after their Summer holidays. A very special welcome goes to the new Year 1-Year 6 students and their families who have joined Charlestown Public School and to our new Kindergarten students and their families who will start this Thursday. We are all very excited about 2017 and look forward to working with all members of the school community.

New Staff

A special welcome is extended to our new teacher to our school: Miss Paige Zegiel teaching Yr K/1Z (replacing Mrs Thomson on Kinder). Mr Johnson has indicated he will continue with his long service leave this year.

Week One

For this first few days, the children in Yrs 1-6 will be placed in their 2016 classes. It is hoped to form the rest of our classes for 2017 later this week when the numbers of new enrolments have settled. The numbers of enrolments at this stage indicate that we will be forming 5 classes. At this point we are 3 children short of forming 6 classes. If you know of any school age children moving into your street please let them know what a fabulous school we are!

Anticipated Classes for 2017 are as follows:

K/1Z - Miss Paige Zegiel
1/2H- Mrs Judy Holt
2/3D- Mrs Naomi Drysdale and Mrs Allison Kondov
4/5O- Mr Andrew Overdijk
5/6H- Miss Margaret Hale
Librarian and RFF- Mrs Jenny Saville
Learning Support and Reading Recovery- Mrs Trisha Gill
Hearing Unit-Mrs Leanne Lynch (Assistant Principal)
Hearing Unit-Miss Kristy Southon

Office staff:

Mrs Janelle Stone
Mrs Jenny Langle
Mrs Rayna Bartsch

Support Staff

Mrs Rochelle Christie
Mrs Robyn Dosen
Mrs Jenny Stead

Whitebridge High School success stories

Did you know that many of the students who received academic excellence awards in years 7 -10 at WHS came from our very own Charlestown Public School? Our past students also achieved school, zone and regional sporting awards and Gold awards. We congratulate them on their wonderful; academic and sporting achievements.

School Uniform

It is wonderful to see the children having arrived on the first day in their new school uniforms. Thank you so much for ensuring your child is dressed correctly. With the hot weather it is wonderful to see so many children wearing their school hat. Our uniform is one of the smartest and tidiest amongst the many schools I've seen. Please ensure that jewellery, nail polish and other colourful items are not worn to school. Let's show everyone we are proud to wear the Charlestown uniform too!

Before School

If your child arrives at school just before the 9am bell, they are to go to the Primary COLA and wait for the teacher on duty to take them around to the K-6 area to play. The children will leave their bags in the allocated areas when going to the playground.

Allergies/Medical Information

Please ensure you have completed a Health Care Plan, Asthma Plan or Anaphylaxis Plan if your child has medical needs.

Fruit break

Fruit break occurs each day in our K-6 classrooms in the morning session. It is a quick bite to eat to help recharge the batteries during our morning session. Fruit break consists of a small piece of fruit which is peeled, chopped or cut up in a container ready to eat. As fruit break is only a short amount of time (5 mins), teachers don't have time to peel oranges or cut up apples. Grapes, strawberries and bananas make great healthy items for fruit break. Please also include a cold bottle of water in your child's lunch box especially during hot days.

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival is a novelty fun day combined with Championship races for those swimmers who wish to compete at Zone. It is being held on Wednesday, February 1st at Charlestown Pool. If you are able to assist at the carnival please let Mrs Nolan know.

Newsletter Information

The school newsletter is one of the main sources of communication with you and it is important you read it either on the website, school app or in hard copy each week (obtained from the office). To keep informed of what is happening at your child's school please read the newsletter each Wednesday when it comes out.

For the next few weeks I will be on leave (as a result of a bike accident on the Fernleigh Track in the holidays). Mrs Gill will be relieving in my absence. Enjoy the busy start to the new school year.

Mrs Jayne Thompson