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Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 1 Week 3 – Wednesday 8 February 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers

On Monday students in Years 1 to 6 were informed of their 2017 class. The class teachers for this year are:

KZ Miss Zegiel
1H Mrs Holt
2D Mrs Drysdale and Mrs Kondov
3/4O Mr Overdijk
4/5N Mrs Nolan and Ms Thornton
5/6H Miss Hale

Setting up a new class is a job we take seriously, taking considerable time to make sure students are placed in the best possible educational setting, whilst at the same time being constrained by the NSW Department of Education policy and funding. If there are issues with your child's placement please do not hesitate to speak with me, but understand that it is highly unlikely that requests for changes to classes can be accommodated.

This year there are 130 students enrolled at CPS allowing 6 classes to be formed. Composite classes have been the source of much controversy over the years with parents often believing their children to be disadvantaged in some way by being in one. Composite classes can provide significant benefits to both younger and older students in the class. Older students can benefit from helping younger students in co-operative learning situations. The younger students have the opportunity of enhanced learning experiences where they are ready for it. At CPS students will be given work that is applicable to their learning ability focusing on improving outcomes for each child. Teachers are experienced and well versed in conducting programs for composite classes.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 1 2017
Mondays	Y3-6 Ukulele Group 1:25pm
10.2.17	Book Club orders & \$s due
15.2.17	P&C AGM 9:30am
20.2.17	K-6 Parent info evening and Disco for students
22-23.2.17	Y3-6 Zone Swimming
23.2.17	School Council Meeting
2.3.17	Regional Swimming Music Day
3.3.17	Y6 Leadership Day
5.3.17	Bunnings BBQ Belmont (see note on last page)
9.3.17	Y5 Selective HS Test
17.3.17	K-6 Harmony Day @ school
28.3.17	K-2 Pet Program
4.4.17	Easter Raffle tickets due
5.4.17	Y3-6 T-Ball Gala Day
7.4.17	Easter Hat Parade Last day for students
	TERM 2 2017
24.4.17	Staff Development Day (no students)
25.4.17	ANZAC Day – Public Holiday
26.4.17	All student return to school



The Department of Education states that overseas research has shown that children in composite classes do no better or worse than their peers but that their social development is enhanced. They are more

confident and co-operate better as part of a group, are more assertive, become more independent learners and better problem solvers. They also make friends outside their normal standard age group.

Composite classes have always existed at schools, and this year we will embrace composite classes and enjoy the many advantages of being in a small community school. At the Parent-Teacher Information night on 20 February teachers will explain the learning programs being developed for your child. We look forward to seeing you there.

WELCOME

Welcome to the 2017 Kindergarten students. We look forward to their enthusiasm, their open eyes and open minds. This is the beginning of their formal education and another step in their learning. Welcome also to the many new families we have in the school.



This week I visited the students in their new classes and found them to be settled and happy learning in their new environment. A lot of work has gone into ensuring that your child's learning needs are at the centre of our school's teaching and learning. Teachers are busy reassessing students to ensure each child is placed at the correct level in reading and maths. To show your support for teachers and your child please be involved in reading groups, canteen, fundraising events and the P & C.

It would be most fortunate if I could assure you that you will never have a problem over the seven years your child attends this school. We all know this is not the case, since we are all human. Communications break down and

misunderstandings occur. However I can assure all parents that all complaints will be dealt with sensitively and effectively. I cannot recall a problem which could not be rectified and give a guarantee that all concerns will be addressed and solutions found which caters for the student's best interest while keeping within the School's and Department of Education's policy guidelines.

Please ensure that either myself or the class teacher knows about problems when they are small, nothing is more frustrating than trying to resolve a list of problems dating back over several months or years. Should the class teacher be unable to resolve your problem I ask you to speak to me as a matter of urgency. It is always worthwhile remembering that the thing which unites us, and that is the quest for an effective, all round education for your child, is potentially the most powerful thing we have, so we need to work towards getting our heads together so the best possible result can be obtained for your child.

Our P&C is a small group of parents who put in many hours fundraising and working for our students at CPS. The annual general meeting is being held on Wednesday, 15 Feb at 9:30 in the brick building. We would love to have some new faces involved so come along and join in the fun and meet some new people.

CPS PROGRAMS

The Staff at our school work very hard to cater for the interests and talents of all students. Therefore, there are a number of programs which are conducted to educate, provide experience as well as catering for the special interests of students. These are:

Performance Groups – every Monday 2:45 to 3:15pm. The children experience music (choir), dance, percussion, ukulele and drama. We have employed a music teacher, Mrs Walsh, to assist us in our musical pursuits.

Choir – Miss Hale is co-ordinating this program.

Dance Groups –A qualified dance teacher is co-ordinating this program with Mrs Kondov. The rehearsal times have yet to be decided.

Star Struck and Hunter Dance Festival – Mrs Kondov and Mrs Drysdale are leading this program. The audition video is due very soon and students involved will be rehearsing at lunchtimes.

Reading Recovery–This year we are fortunate to have three students in our RR program. I will teach the three students in Yr 1 daily for 30 minutes each.

Also during the week there is:

Library – each Wednesday & Thursday. Students are to bring a library bag.

Student Banking – every Thursday

Canteen –Wednesday and Thursday – the canteen follows the Healthy School Canteen Initiative only providing approved healthy foods. The canteen also operates each Friday at lunchtimes for iceblocks, fruit etc.

Crunch'n Sip – to promote a healthy lifestyle, every day in all classes at 10:30am. Please send a piece of fruit with your child.

Scripture – every Thursday from 12:30-1pm (only for infants classes).

Assembly – every Friday from 1:20-2pm. Parents are most welcome.

Afternoon Pickup

Parents are asked to please pick up their children promptly at 3:15pm from either the back gate or COLA area. Children will be reminded to come to the office if no-one is there to pick them up. Teachers will still meet the bus children and wait with them until they are collected.

ATTACHMENTS

With this newsletter comes medical updates and parent updates from your child's enrolment forms. It is important all of the notes are returned ASAP so that our records can be updated. Your assistance with this is appreciated.

Student invoices are also attached to this newsletter. Please note the Book Pack for Years 1 to 6 for 2017 is the Sound Waves book and online access. Payment would be appreciated this week as the teachers would like to start using this program next week.

PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

On Monday 20 February we will be having a parent information evening. A disco will be held for students from 5:30pm to allow parents to visit classrooms and hear from class teachers. Parents of students in KZ, 1H and 2D will meet with teachers at 5:30pm. Parents of students in 3/4O, 4/5N and 5/6H will meet with teachers at 6:15pm. The evening will conclude at 7pm. More information about this night will be sent home shortly.

ATTENDANCE

It is important that children arrive at school in time to commence the day's activities. Students are expected to be punctual out of respect for other members of the class. All parents/caregivers must ensure that their children arrive at school on time. Classes start at **9.30 am** so all children should be at school **before** this time. It can be very disruptive if your child continually arrives late for class.

Parents bringing children to school after the commencement of the teaching program are asked to go via the Office to collect a late note, which is then handed to the classroom teacher. This will ensure that your child is not marked absent.

If an occasion occurs when you need to take your child early, it is required that you notify the child's teacher in writing and sign the child out at the Office before collecting your child. If a person other than a parent is calling for the child, the school must be notified in writing prior to collection. If an emergency arises, a telephone call from the parent to the school prior to collection of the child will be acceptable.

Some interesting facts regarding absences and lateness to school – Did you know...

- If your child is regularly late they miss huge amounts of learning time, regular lateness has the same impact as absenteeism.
- Missing one day a week from school from Kindergarten to Year 10 means missing two years and one term of schooling.
- There is direct correlation between attendance and achievement.

- Frequent absences make it difficult for teachers who have to continually re-teach information skills.
- Being 15 minutes late to school twice a week equals to missing 5 hours a term and 20 hours a year of missed schooling.
- Patterns of attendance/absence are set up in the early years of schooling.
- Being absent five days a term from Kindergarten to Year 10 adds up to more than one year of missing schooling.
- Poor attendance makes it difficult for students to form positive relationships with their peers.

ROAD SAFETY

The school has been advised by the Roads and Maritime Services that flashing school zone lights will soon be installed in Smith St. Some parking spaces will be blocked whilst this work is being undertaken. I know that parking is an issue around the school so please allow extra time to drop off and pick up your children in the coming weeks.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our school swimming carnival was held last Wednesday and it was a great success. I was very impressed with the behaviour of the students and their willingness to get in and have a go. Thanks to Mrs Nolan, Mrs Holt and Mr Overdijk for organising this event. It was also great to see a number of parents at the pool enjoying the day.

PLAYGROUND

You may have noticed that our playground has had a freshen up during the holidays. The students are really enjoying the new equipment and playground markings. The equipment and playground marking was jointly funded by the P & C and the school via the funds raised at our Mini Olympics event last year. Thanks everyone for your continued support of our fundraising events.



REMINDER

This is the last paper newsletter that will be distributed this year. From next week you will need to view the newsletter via the school website or skoolbag app. If you would still like a paper copy these will be available on the round table in the office foyer.

Have a great week.

Trisha Gill
Relieving Principal

CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thur	9.2.17	T Stevens, L Fluechter
Fri	10.2.17	No orders—counter service at lunch only L Lee + vacancy
Mon	13.2.17	CLOSED
Tues	14.2.17	CLOSED
Wed	15.2.17	S Taylor, N Filo

P&C NEWS

Newcastle Permanent Building Society Introducer Program - We have joined this fundraising program through the NPBS.

When someone applies for a new Newcastle Permanent home or business loan, all they need to do is tell NPBS they were referred by Charlestown Public School P&C and provided their application is eligible the P&C will receive \$600 once the loan has been processed. Please tell your friends, families, work colleagues... basically anyone you know can participate!

COMMUNITY NEWS

**Share your Australia
Host an Exchange Student in July 2017!**

WEP AUSTRALIA IS A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATION OFFERING AUSTRALIAN FAMILIES THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOLUNTARILY HOST AN OVERSEAS HIGH SCHOOL EXCHANGE STUDENT.

CHOOSE A STUDENT FROM ARGENTINA, BELGIUM, FRANCE, GERMANY OR ITALY! WEP STUDENTS ARE WONDERFUL ROLE MODELS. HAVE THEIR OWN SPENDING MONEY AND ATTEND SCHOOL FULL-TIME.

ENRICH YOUR FAMILY DYNAMIC AND MAKE 2017 FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Request a free information pack at
WEP.ORG.AU
Or SMS 'HOST'
0428 246 633

1300 884 733 WEP.ORG.AU INFO@WEP.ORG.AU

Central Charlestown Junior Rugby League Club
"The Butcher Boys"
Since 1955

Rego today for 2017

Be a Butcher Boy in 2017!

Go to "PlayNRL.com" and choose register

Find us Central Charlestown Junior Rugby League to play

Under 6's through to 8's \$100 per player.

Under 9's through to 11's \$120 per player.

Under 12's through to 17's \$130 per player.

Any enquiries phone 0425225325 or danielleyork@gmail.com



CHARLESTOWN JUNIOR FC

2017 REGO DAYS

Sunday 29th January 2pm - 4pm

Thursday 2nd February 6pm - 8pm

Sunday 5th February 2pm - 4pm

Charlestown Bowling Club

Please register online at myfootballclub.com.au before attending our registration days.

All enquires to cjfcfootballmanager@gmail.com or

President - Craig Plain 0402423251

Vice President - Jason Fisher 0402300769

ONLINE REGISTRATION

YES
EFTPOS
AVAILABLE

Lake Macquarie Rugby Club

WE WANT YOU!

Be part of a great team!

Be coached by some of the best coaches in the region. We are recruiting players of all standards and ages for our 2017 season.

Join NOW!

Sunday 29th January
10am-2pm at Walters Park

Friday 3rd February
4.30-6pm at Walters Park

Sunday 5th February
10am-2pm at Walters Park

Friday 10th February
4.30-6pm at Walters Park

Sunday 12th February
10am-2pm at Walters Park

REGISTRATION

7s \$120 Early bird price of \$110
8s and 9s \$160 Early bird price of \$150
10s - 17s \$190 Early bird price of \$180

FAMILY DISCOUNTS

2nd child \$30 off
3rd child \$50 off
4th child Free

www.lakemacquarierugby.com

For more information contact **Rob Taylor 0417 309 588**

Wanderers Junior Rugby Union

Registration Days for U/6's to U/17's Boys & Girls.

Friday 10th of February from 5pm to 7pm

Saturday 11th of February from 3pm to 5pm

The Blue Room, upstairs at No2 Sports Ground, Smith Street, Newcastle

ONLINE REGO IS OPEN NOW



We are looking for players of all ages and ability to join a fabulous, fun filled netball club. We play at Charlestown Netball Courts every Saturday from April – August.

At united we pride ourselves on fun, fitness and friendship. We are also lucky enough to have some of the best coaches and the most dedicated committee members.

Check out our Facebook and Web page:
www.facebook.com/unitednetballclub/
www.unitednetball.com.au

Registrations close 17th February 2017

Kotara Bears Junior Rugby League Club - 2017
Registration Information
Kotara Bears Junior Rugby League Club is seeking players in all age groups for 2017.



On-line registrations are now open. Come along to our 1st training session and BBQ on Tues 7th Feb at 5.30pm at Hudson Pk. Competition starts Sat 1st April
REGISTRATION COSTS

Registration fees are:

- \$80 for minis (under 6 to under 8)
- \$110 for under 9's to under 17's

For further information:

- See our Facebook page 'Kotara Bears Juniors'
- Visit www.kotarabears.com
- Call Craig Woolcock on 0400 299030.

DUDLEY - REDHEAD J.R.L.F.C.
The Mighty Magpies



Come and play Rugby League for the Mighty Magpies in 2017.

Registration days and times are
Every Sunday in February 2pm-4pm
 at the oval Gardner St Dudley OR
 Online at

www.playnrl.com.au
Fees for 2017

Mini 6,7,8 FREE Mod 9,10,11 \$80
Mod 12 \$100

International 13,14,15,16 \$110

For more info please call Lisa 0414 614 666

Southern Beaches Junior Rugby Union 2017 Registration



Try Rugby and Registrations days:

- Fridays In February:
- 5pm-7pm
- At the Sandpit: Willow road, Gateshead.
- Charlestown Square: 18th & 25th February 9-5 pm.

Rego Fees :
 includes shorts/socks/insurance and fees)

Under 7's: \$50 (little nippers rugby program: see flyer).

Under 8's: \$80

Under 9's - 18's: \$120.



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1. Southern Southern Beaches
2. Blacksmiths Beach.
3. Redhead Beach
4. Lakeside
5. Greater Charlestown
6. Dudley Beach

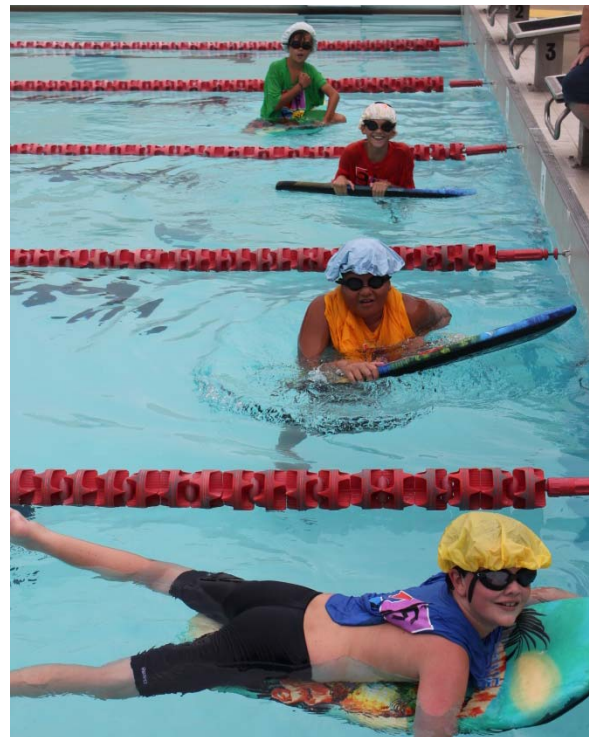
Little Nippers Rugby

1. 6 teams representing Southern Beaches Land.
2. Boys and Girls aged 5 to 7 (Touch Rugby).
3. One venue every week, no traveling to away games. Lots of seating so parents can watch the action in comfort.
4. Low registration costs, so every one can enjoy the fun. \$50: includes shorts, socks, insurance and presentation day
5. Commencing late March 2017, Friday nights 5.30-6.15pm.
6. Get a team from your local area.
7. Come and join a great family club.
8. See you at the Sandpit.

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Dear Parents

We need your **HELP** the P & C organise a number of events throughout the year and are responsible for the running of the canteen each week. All of our work is done on a voluntary basis and we rely on you and your families to assist us. The P & C raises funds that are then used to benefit the students of the school whether that be by subsidising activities or by purchasing resources.

In Term 1 we have a number of events scheduled so if you are able to spare a couple of hours at any of the events listed below, please leave your **details at the office**.

1. P & C Annual General Meeting – WEDNESDAY 15th February

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday 15th February starting at 9.30am. If you are interested in holding a position or would just like to be involved, please come along to the meeting. At the P & C meeting following the AGM we will be discussing all the fundraising events for 2017. Everyone is welcome to attend.

2. Bunnings Belmont BBQ – SUNDAY 5th MARCH

We will be hosting the BBQ stand selling sausage sandwiches and soft drinks from 9 til 4pm.

We require parents for the following shifts : 8.30 -11, 11 -1.30 and 1.30 – 4pm.

3. Canteen

At this stage the Canteen will open on Wednesdays and Thursdays for full service and on Fridays for Lunch Counter service only from Wednesday 8th February. If you are available on any of these days and wish to volunteer, please leave your details at the office.

All volunteers need to be financial members of the Charlestown Public School P & C Association. The membership fee is \$2 per year. By being a member it ensures that you are covered under the 'Personal Accident Insurance' part of our policy and allows you to participate at P & C meetings. Please ensure that the next time you are on canteen you pay your \$2 membership fee and include it in the daily takings and make a note on the daily sheet as we are required to account for this money separately.

4. School Banking

School banking recommences on Thursday 9th February. This is a great way to encourage children the importance of saving money and also benefits the school with 5% of all deposits being returned to the school.

5. Easter Raffle – due TUESDAY 4th APRIL

A book of 10 tickets will be sent home in mid March. We would appreciate your support by purchasing the tickets and also if you are able to make a donation/s for prizes that would be great.

Donations and tickets will be due to be returned by Tuesday 4th APRIL with the raffle being drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Friday 7th April.

6. Entertainment Books

We anticipate that the books will be available from late April. More information will be provided once they have arrived.

7. Mothers' Day Stall

A Mothers' Day stall will be held on Friday 12th May. Later in the term we will be requesting donations for the stall.

BUNNINGS BBQ BELMONT – SUNDAY 5th MARCH

Name : _____ Contact Number : _____

☐ 8.30 – 11.00

☐ 11 – 1.30

☐ 1.30 – 4.00