



Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 1 Week 4 – Wednesday 15 February 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers

All students have now settled into their 2017 classes. I have been visiting each class regularly and am very impressed with the focus students are putting on their learning and behaviour. Teachers have all been spending time getting to know their students and engaging in activities designed to foster collaboration skills.

Mrs Thompson's leave has been extended and she will now return on Tuesday 28 February. We wish her all the best as she recovers from her injuries.

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT

The Parent/Teacher information night is on this coming Monday night. It is combined with a school disco and we'd love to have all of you there. The purpose of these meetings is to allow parents to meet their child's new teacher and gain an understanding of routines, homework expectations, planned excursions, approaches to teaching and learning and units of work to be studied this year. This meeting is not meant to deal with specific issues relating to your child. If you need to see your child's teacher please phone to make a suitable time. Disco starts promptly at 5:30pm along with meetings for KZ, 1H and 2D. At 6:10pm the meetings for 3/4O, 4/5N and 5/6H will be held, finishing at 7pm. Please return the disco note and money before Friday.

YOU CAN DO IT

One of our school's main student welfare programs is "You Can Do It." One goal of the program is to teach students how to become successful learners. This being

the case, we teach students the foundations or keys for success: **Confidence, Organisation, Persistence, Getting Along and Resilience.** Along with the keys for success, students are given activities to help them develop a sense of personal responsibility for what they feel and do, as well as for their learning.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 1 2017
Mondays	Y3-6 Ukulele Group 1:25pm
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

HOME READING

Home Reading serves many wonderful purposes: It provides a bonding time between parent and child and shows the child how important their parent values reading. Parents play a huge influence on their children and seeing parents read and value reading, sets up a great example for

the child to read. It is amazing the effect that only 10 minutes of reading per day at home will have on students in Primary school. If you add it up over the year it equates to 32 hours of solid reading!

In the coming weeks home reading cards and books from the class home reading boxes will be given to all students to begin the process of Home Reading. This year the same weekly award will be presented at Assembly called the home reading raffle. If your child reads for 4 nights throughout the week and writes their book (or chapter from a novel for Primary students) onto the reading card, (returning it on Friday) their name will go into the draw for a canteen voucher of \$2. There will be 5 of these drawn each week. All you need to do is to read at home with mum, dad or another family member and bring your reading card in each Friday. The more you read, the better you read!

REMINDERS

Thank you to the parents who have paid their book pack levy. Teachers in Yrs 1-6 have commenced the Soundwaves spelling program this week. Students will receive their workbook for this program as soon as fees are paid. Your co-operation in paying as soon as possible is appreciated. Remember this can be paid via the Parent Online Payment (POP) system located on our webpage under the tab '\$ Make a Payment'.

Please also return the emergency care and enrolment updates as soon as possible. If your child is ill at school it is impossible to contact you if your phone numbers have changed, so an updated note is necessary.

Notes have also been sent out in relation to Dance group and Starstruck for 2017. At this stage very few notes have been returned. Students wishing to participate in Dance group tomorrow at lunch will need to have paid. If we do not get enough students participating in these programs they will not be able to go ahead this year. If you would like your child to participate but need a little longer to pay please let me know by the end of the week.

SCRIPTURE

Scripture classes for 2017 will begin tomorrow. This year we only have 2 scripture teachers to start the year so only 1H and 2D will participate in scripture in Term 1. Students will attend scripture unless a request not to participate has been noted on the enrolment form or parents have provided a letter of exemption. These letters need to be supplied annually. The lessons are taught by scripture teachers who represent the Christian faith in a non-denominational manner.

SUNSMART

Our school has just had our status as a SunSmart school renewed. We are committed to keeping our students safe in the sun. As such we schedule outdoor activities at the beginning of the day whenever possible, have a No Hat No Play policy, provide lots of shaded areas for students to sit, have uniforms that provide protection from the sun, explicitly teach sun safety throughout the summer months and provide sunscreen for students when we are outside for extended periods. On days when it is uncomfortably hot we also stay inside for lunch and recess to ensure students risk of heat related injuries is minimised. We are very fortunate to have air conditioned buildings.

STRANGER DANGER

Kids see strangers every day in stores, in the park, and in their neighbourhoods. Most of these strangers are nice, normal people, but a few may not be. Parents can protect their children from dangerous strangers by teaching them about strangers and suspicious behavior, and by taking a few precautions of their own. Please talk to your child about who is picking them up after school and what to do if they walk home on their own and a stranger approaches. At school students know to come to the front office if no one is there to pick them up after school. Similarly, if you're running late please call the office and we will ensure your child stays at the office until you arrive. Please help our children to be safe on their way to and from school.

http://www.safety4kids.com.au/safety-zone_stranger-danger

Have a great week and try to stay cool!

Trisha Gill
Relieving Principal

KZ NEWS

KZ has settled well into school life and classroom routines. I am very proud of how enthusiastic our Kindergarten students are towards their learning.

So far we have been learning the letter sounds s, a, t, l, p and n. I am sure our Kindergarten parents have heard our Jolly Phonics songs for these letters all week.

We have been working very hard practising our numbers and counting. This week we have been focusing on 2D shapes. Our students are working really well during L3 Reading groups and are ready to start home reading next week.

Kindergarten are developing their social skills this term using the PALs program. Through the PALs program students learn how to be a good friend, make good choices, take turns, greet others, ask for help and identify their feelings.

We go each Thursday afternoon and borrow from the library, after borrowing time Mrs Saville teaches us Science.

We are having so much fun being busy learners. Great start to the year KZ.

CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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

CANTEEN ORDERS

Lunch and recess orders are available on Wednesday and Thursdays ONLY.

Please ensure that you follow the following steps when placing a lunch or recess order.

1. Please put orders on separate bags and specify recess or lunch.
2. Write child's full name, class & order, fold & place in order box before 9.30 am.
3. Correct money is appreciated but should your child need change it will be taped down in bottom corner of the bag.
4. Please remind your child to remove it before throwing the bag out.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thur	16.2.17	A Jeayes, L Jones
Fri	17.2.17	No orders—counter service at lunch only J Hope, L Maddison
Mon	20.2.17	CLOSED
Tues	21.2.17	CLOSED
Wed	22.2.17	J Hope, W Hope

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



The poster features the Lake Mac Swim Centres logo at the top. The main title 'Learn to Swim' is in large blue letters, followed by 'at Speers Point Swim Centre'. The dates 'Monday 30 January 2017 to Saturday 8 April 2017' are listed below. A dotted line separates the dates from the text 'Only \$12 per lesson' and 'AUSTSWIM or equivalent instructors (also available are birthday parties and school holiday activities)'. The bottom half of the poster is a colorful illustration of a swimming pool with a penguin, a frog, a shark, a seal, and a starfish. At the very bottom, contact information is provided: 'To find out more, please contact Speers Point Swim Centre', '4921 0580', and 'lakemac.com.au/recreation'.

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