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Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 1 Week 10 – Wednesday 29 March 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you so much to our lovely group of parents who are always helping us out. Whether it is in the canteen, reading groups, P&C fundraising, clothing pool, Easter Hat making, the list goes on. We couldn't run our wonderful school without your amazing help.

EASTER HAT MAKING

One of the most exciting events to occur this term in 1H next Tuesday, KZ next Wednesday and 2D next Thursday, is the Easter Hat making. Please come along armed with Easter craft ideas to help inspire and decorate your child's Easter hat. We look forward to seeing you there from 2:15pm.

Don't forget to sell your Easter raffle tickets to win a fabulous prize. Donations for the raffle can be left at the office. All tickets (sold or unsold) may be returned to the office by Wednesday next week. I look forward to seeing the many wonderful Easter eggs and chocolate treats donated as prizes.

SPORTING NEWS

Congratulations to our Cricket X1 who defeated Charlestown East yesterday in the second round of the NSW knockout competition. The boys displayed great sportsmanship and were wonderful role models for our school. Many thanks to the P&C for their new cricket shirts worn proudly by our team. We not only looked the part but played well too. Our next game is against Hillsborough PS. A full report by Will, Nate and Isaac follows:

PSSA KNOCKOUT CRICKET

On Tuesday, the school cricket team played their second round match against Charlestown East. We lost the toss and Charlestown East chose to bowl first. We batted and scored 3 for 95 runs in our allotted 25 overs. Then we bowled and kept Charlestown East to 6 wickets for 72 runs after 25 overs.

The game was played in great spirit between both the teams and all the players put in a great effort. Unfortunately, we lost the ball and to this day it is still missing.

Nate, William and Isaac



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 1 2017
31.3.17	Y2-6 Orienteering
3.4.17	Staff Development Session
4.4.17	ANZAC event for student leaders Easter Raffle tickets due 1H Easter hat making 2:15pm
5.4.17	Cross Country Carnival KZ Easter hat making 2:15pm
6.4.17	2D Easter hat making 2:15pm
7.4.17	Y2-6 Orienteering 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 students return to school

HOLIDAY MAINTENANCE

Next week parts of the exterior of the office block will be painted. This will be along the Frederick St side of the school. Our COLA outside the school hall will also receive new panels in the roof to replace the rusted areas and the guttering and eaves will also be cleaned and painted. The hall will still be fully operational, but there will be some scaffolding around the outside areas. All of this work will be completed before school returns on 27 April.

STEWART HOUSE

At the start of the term the school leadership team decided to raise money for Stewart House. Each year our school sends at least two students to Stewart House in Curl Curl Beach at no cost to parents or carers. The students participate in educational programs and excursions designed to develop their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve their overall well-being. Students in the care of Stewart House attend a specific purpose school onsite for 8 days of their 12-day stay. During the remaining 4 days the students enjoy excursions in Sydney and meet other students from throughout New South Wales. The last day of this term will be an "out of uniform-gold coin donation" with the proceeds going to Stewart House. Please support this worthy charity.

PARENT FEEDBACK

As a result of the parent/teacher meetings held earlier this term the following opportunities were listed by parents:

More in school sport, a visual arts program, maths extension groups, gifted and talented groups, local excursions to the Fire, Police and Hospital and trade skills taught.

At school, Mrs Gill teaches enrichment groups in coding, technology skills and programming during Terms 2 and 3. Students in Years 4, 5 and 6 have the opportunity to participate in this weekly activity. In the younger years we have introduced extension work in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) to cater for problem solving and enrichment activities. The students enjoy their "hands on learning." This also

prepares them for Project Based Learning occurring in Years 4, 5 and 6.

We are looking at ways of squeezing in more Sport into the timetable, but as we are already completing 150 minutes of Sport each week that is mandatory there is not a lot of time left for extra sporting pursuits. This doesn't include the netball, soccer and touch footy gala days, knockout cricket games or the cross country, swimming and athletics carnivals. Each class offers a differentiated curriculum with extension work for gifted and talented students contained in each lesson. If you have concerns about your child's educational needs please don't hesitate to speak to their teacher or myself. My door is always open.

QUALITY WRITING- SIZZLING STARTS

As mentioned in last week's newsletter the students in Yrs 3-6 have been working on sizzling starts in their writing. Here are a few examples from 4/5N:

At the Beach

Waves splashing. Children laughing. Seagulls flying. Feet on the hot sand. What could possibly go wrong? by Cadell

Sprinting to the water. Kids laughing and playing. I cannonballed into the water. "Awww! What's that?" Two big bite marks on my leg and my arm! By Jayke

I stepped out of the car onto the warm, hot sand to see bluebottles everywhere. "Oh no! Lifeguards are everywhere. What will we do?" By Allie

CRASH! WHOOSH! Look! My dog's stuck in a current. The pelicans are attacking him. Where are the lifeguards when you need them? By Kyrahlee

HEAD LICE

There are occurrences of head lice in classes at the moment and I would ask you all to please check your child's hair daily and treat if necessary.

For more information visit:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/publichealth/environment/headlice/treatment.asp

and/or

www.jcu.edu.au/school/phtm/PHTM/hlice/hinfo1.htm

PHOTO DAY

Wednesday 3 May is school photo day. In the holidays practice smiling and showing those pearly whites ready for the big day!

All students are encouraged to wear their full school uniform on this day. Girls are asked to wear the school dress (if they have one) with yellow socks and hair done neatly. Boys should wear their brown shorts and school shirt with brown socks and black shoes. No joggers are to be worn as they are part of our sports uniform and not school uniform.

If new items are needed, please don't leave it until photo day to purchase. The uniform shop is open on Wednesday afternoons 2:45 – 3:15pm and Friday mornings 9.00-9.30am.

Each student brought home their own personal bar coded photo envelope last week – **please take care not to lose them as ALL envelopes are to be returned on or prior to photo day.**

- ✓ Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request. These photographs are for school aged students attending this school only (ie no babies or parents can be accommodated in these photographs).
- ✓ Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope, however **each** child needs to have their own envelope on photo day.
- ✓ **Online Payments** – Parents can order and pay online through the MSP website (msp.com.au). Instructions are included on the back of the envelopes. Credit and Debit cards from Mastercard or Visa are accepted. On completion of an online order, the website will display an order reference code which should be written on the back of the envelope, in the box provided. Each child will still be required to bring their envelope on photo-day. Orders can be placed online up to one week after photo-day.
- ✓ Please enclose correct money as **no change is given**. Cash, cheques and money orders only made payable to MSP Photography (sorry no credit cards accepted at school).
- ✓ All orders received after photo day are subject to an additional \$20 search fee.

Enjoy the week

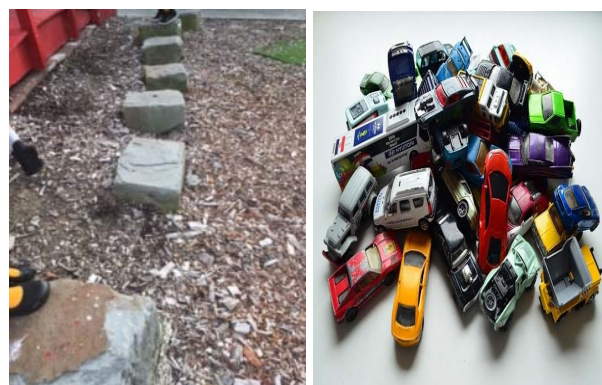
Jayne Thompson
Principal

2D MATCHBOX CITY

2D have decided that this would be a great spot to trial a matchbox city.

We believe this will encourage sharing, turn taking, friendship, creativity and fun! We request that you bring in any unwanted matchbox sized cars and trucks.

Please ask around, so we can create a collection.



CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thur	30.3.17	J. Battle, A. Lee
Fri	31.3.17	No orders—counter service at lunch only K. Styles, T. Black
Mon	3.4.17	CLOSED
Tues	4.4.17	CLOSED
Wed	5.4.17	N. Toavanua, B. Sacmaroski, L. Maddison

P&C NEWS

Easter Raffle Tickets due Tuesday 4th April

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. All students who return a book of 10 sold tickets will receive a small easter egg. Any unwanted tickets can be returned to the office so that they can be used for other students.

Clothing Pool

Girls Long brown dance pants

We have been able to secure a small number of Brown dance pants like the ones sold at Best & Less. They will be on sale in the Clothing Pool from this Wednesday for \$15.

Jackets

Given the recent change in weather, if you have any jackets that you no longer require we would appreciate them in the Clothing Pool.

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



HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE
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School Holiday Activities

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT THE HUNTER WETLANDS CENTRE

Bush Skills For 8 to 12 years 9.30am - 12.30pm
Thursday 13th and Wednesday 19th April
Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential ph 4951 6466
Make (and eat) a damper, build a bush shelter, enjoy a guided walk and learn basic survival skills. Get up close and personal with some of our resident reptiles.

Wetlands Explorer Club For 5 to 8 years 10am - 12.30pm
Thursday 13th and Wednesday 19th April
Cost: \$20 per child - Bookings Essential ph 4951 6466
Learn about lizards, go exploring for lizards, create a Lizard Lounge and meet some of our resident reptiles.

For all the above activities - Bookings Essential Ph: 4951 6466

Face Painting (all ages) Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon
Tuesday 11th April & Tuesday 18th April Cost: \$5 per (plus \$2 entry)
Drop in and have your face painted. Reptile Encounter at 12 noon.

Sand Art Fun (4yrs +) Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon
Wednesday 12th April Cost: \$5 per (plus entry)
Drop in and use coloured sand to create an amazing picture you can take home. Reptile Encounter at 12 noon.

Plaster Fun (3yrs +) Drop in between 10.00am - 12 noon
Thursday 20th April Cost: \$5 (plus entry)
Drop in and paint a plaster model. Reptile Encounter at 12 noon.

Wetlands Passport & Wetlands Explorer
Available any time during the school holidays. Cost: Free
Have fun exploring the wetlands. Get clues to answer some questions. Go in the draw for a weekly prize.

Easter Fun Day All ages 9.30am - 1.00pm
Saturday 15th April Cost: Adults \$5, kids 3 to 12 \$2 (under 3 free)
Meet the Easter Bunny at 10.30am or 11.30am. Face painting, jumping castle, Easter craft, dip-netting, Reptile encounter and lots more.

Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre
A fun, environmentally friendly learning experience!
Open 9am to 4pm (Closed Easter Fri. 16th, Sun. 16th & Mon. 18th)
Entry \$2 per primary-school age child (special school holiday rate). Under 3 free. \$5 general entry.

Activities

- Watch the Magpie Geese Feeding at 10.30 am.
- Try Dip-netting from the jetty.
- Playtime at Discovery Playground.
- Check out the creatures in the tanks in the Visitor Centre.
- Reptile Encounter daily at 12noon - Children can learn about reptile behaviour and care. They can handle some of the reptiles from the tanks in the Visitor Centre.
- Cafe - meals, snacks, ice creams, drinks.
- Shop - affordable gifts for children & adults.










Play Rugby Union with Southern Beaches Rugby Club



- We are a Rugby Club representing the East Lake Macquarie region. Come play for a great club and a game that can take you around the world and even to the Olympics.
- We have registered teams in the 7's, 8's, 9's 10's 11's and 13's age groups.
- **Training:** Tuesdays/Thursdays 1630-1800hrs (training times vary for different age groups)
- **Where:** Ernie Calland Fields, Willow road Gateshead.
- **Rego:** U7's: \$50, U8's \$80, U10's to 13's \$120 (includes shorts, socks, insurance, other fees).
- **Try Rugby rego:** \$60 for 6 games (\$10/game there after until full rego reached: we can play some games on Friday nights.

For further information contact:

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Find Us on Facebook: [Southern Beaches Rugby Juniors](#)

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HALF DAY \$40**

St Therese's Primary School

Thu 13/4/17 - 9am to 4pm
Wizards and Muggles

Tue 18/4/17 - 9am to 4pm
Galaxy Far Away

BOOK ONLINE NOW!
or Phone Brad 0499006056
For More Info.

Belmont Neighbourhood Centre

Mon 11/4/17 - 9am to 12pm
Remote Control Mania

Thu 20/4/17 - 9am to 4pm
Bat League Superheroes

Fri 21/4/17 - 9am to 4pm
Minecraft Vs Pokemon
(Full and half day options)





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