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# Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 1 Week 7 – Wednesday 8 March 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are now past the halfway mark for Term 1. It is absolutely fantastic to see so much being achieved: most importantly all classes are settled and focused; additional programs to support learning are in place and operating; with lots of programs to broaden the curriculum and make school fun for the children.

It has been a team effort with staff and parents, as well as the students all working together.

## P & C

Our school has a wonderful hard working P&C who always organise fantastic fund raising events for us. The BBQ at Bunnings last Sunday was one such event. It was great to have mums and dads, as well as teachers helping out in all weather conditions, all for the great cause of raising funds for our students. Thanks so much to everyone who participated and to those who stopped by for a sizzling sausage sandwich or a cool can of Coke!

## YOUNG LEADERS DAY

It was a privilege to take our school executive to the Leadership Day at the new International Convention Centre in Sydney last Friday. The students explored the characteristics of leaders and reflected on various challenging leadership situations. They listened to Sam Skinner, Sam Webb, Jade Hameister and Dr Jordan Nguyen. All inspiring leaders in their own right. Congratulations Michelle, Matilda, William, Will, Cooper and Daniel on your wonderful manners and behaviour throughout the day.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 1 2017
Mondays	Y3-6 Ukulele Group 1:25pm
8.3.17	School Council Meeting 7pm
9.3.17	Y5 Selective HS Test
10.3.17	Book Club orders & payment due today
17.3.17	K-6 Harmony Day @ school (wear orange and bring a gold coin donation for Stewart House)
21.3.17	1H, 2D & 3/4O to The Place, Charlestown for Harmony Day celebrations
24.3.17	Y2-6 Orienteering
28.3.17	K-2 Pet Program
31.3.17	Y2-6 Orienteering
4.4.17	Easter Raffle tickets due
5.4.17	Y3-6 T-Ball Gala Day
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 student return to school

## STAFF NEWS

Two of our lovely teachers Mrs Thomson and Mrs Etherington, have given birth to beautiful, baby girls in recent weeks. Aliyah May Thomson was a surprise arrival on New Year's Day and Charlotte Sarah Etherington arrived on February 13. We congratulate these families on their latest additions.

## WCOS MEETING

Yesterday all the staff across the Whitebridge Community of Schools met at Kahibah PS for the first of a WCoS meeting. It was great for all teachers to discuss current trends and best practices being developed in their classrooms. It was also a wonderful opportunity for the Librarians, Learning and Support Teachers and Technology Co-ordinators to meet.

## CLASS DOJO

This year all of our classes are using Class Dojo to communicate with parents and to share quality work. Parents should have received a letter that contained a code to link with your child/children's class. If you have not received this letter please speak to your child's teacher. To share their work, your child also needs the permission note returned as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns about Class Dojo please ask your child's teacher. We are excited about this increased opportunity to share what is happening in our rooms.

## REMINDERS

The school is very conscious of the difficult times some families may be having and therefore makes a concerted effort to ensure that education for all is as inexpensive as possible. There are many outstanding payments for Soundwaves Spelling books and school contributions, which supplements the cost of photocopying work for students, notes and the weekly Newsletter. If you are experiencing difficulty in making payments please don't hesitate to speak to me. Payments may also be made in instalments at the front office. Your prompt attention to these fees is appreciated.

There is still a few places for students Yrs 3-6 to join the ukulele group. The cost is \$20 per term.

## HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day -17 March is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world. By participating in Harmony Day activities, we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and enrich it.

At Charlestown PS we will be placing an emphasis on developing the understanding and tolerance of the students by studying the differences between people of the many nationalities at our school and in the general community.

The children are encouraged to wear orange on 17 March. You can find out more at the Harmony Day web site <http://www.harmony.gov.au/>

### Thought for the Week:

Be the change you want to see in the world!

Enjoy your week

Jayne Thompson  
Principal

## 3/4O NEWS

We have had a great start to the year in 3/4O. I have enjoyed getting to know the students and meeting many of the parents. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to attend the parent information session and a big thank you to all of the parents who have been helping out with Reading Groups. Please remember, if you would like to help out with Reading Groups, just fill in the note or speak to me before or after school. Your help in the classroom is much appreciated!

We have been reading 'The Abominables' and we have created our own Yeti paintings. We have also been focusing on our narrative writing skills. It has been great to see how imaginative we can be!

Last week we had a great time learning to play and enjoy a range of musical instruments. The whole school

performance at the end of the day was amazing! Well done to all of the students for the excellent work and thank you to all of the parents who were able to come along and watch the performance.



## MUSIC DAY

Thank you to everyone who made our Music Day with Mr Jon Madin such a success:

- \* our students who learned and played with concentration and energy;
- \* the teachers who cycled on the musical bikes and jumped on dingboxes;
- \* Mrs Stone who handled the admin;
- \* Elissa, who opened the carpark and the hall for early access;
- \* the volunteers who helped set up the hall;
- \* the children who offered to set up and dismantle the marimbas (LOTS of notes!)
- \* the families who came along to support the afternoon concert;

- \* Mr Overdijk and Mr Sacmaroski, Eligh's father, for displaying dazzling gross motor skill.



Special thanks are due to Isaac S and Mr S. They generously gave of their time at the end of the day to help carry all the instruments to Jon Madin's trailer. This was a significant effort and was hugely appreciated. Thank you, Team S!



I am looking forward to using material from Jon Madin's CDs as a resource in the classroom, during class music lessons. If anyone has an unused marimba they would be prepared to donate to Charlestown Public School, please contact me by phoning the school office on 4943 4063.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Thur	9.3.17	T. Stevens L Fluechter
Fri	10.3.17	<b>No orders-counter service at lunch only</b> L Lee, E. Nelson
Mon	13.3.17	<b>CLOSED</b>
Tues	14.3.17	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wed	15.3.17	S. Taylor, N Filo

## CLOTHING POOL HOURS

<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>2:45 pm – 3:15 pm</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>9:00 am – 9:30 am</b>



## P&C NEWS

### Bunnings BBQ

Thanks to all those parents and teachers who assisted at the BBQ on Sunday. We raised approx \$600 on the day.

### Easter Raffle Tickets due Tuesday 4th April

A book of 10 tickets have been sent home today.

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

### COME TRY RUGBY



The Waratahs Junior Rugby Union Club is inviting young boys and girls interested in playing rugby union to Come Try Rugby sessions at Waratah Oval.

**WHEN:** Three Friday evenings –  
17 March, 24 March and 31 March

**TIME:** 6pm

**WHERE:** Waratah Main Oval, Harris Street, Waratah

**AGES:** Under 7s upwards

Accredited trainers will be in attendance and information available for parents.

### FURTHER DETAILS AVAILABLE THROUGH:

Email: [thewaratahsjuniorrugby@gmail.com](mailto:thewaratahsjuniorrugby@gmail.com)

Facebook: 'The Waratahs Junior Rugby – Newcastle'

Web: Junior Rugby tab at [www.thewaratahs.com.au](http://www.thewaratahs.com.au)







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