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Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 1 Week 11 – Wednesday 5 April 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers

HIGHLIGHTS

This term there have been many highlights at school. The wonderful Yr 6 students and the caring, kind and friendly manner in which they looked after their new Kinder buddies and the strong leadership skills of William, Melissa, Cooper and Matilda set a fine example for everyone at the start of the year. We also have our House Captains Daniel and Will who organised equipment every lunch time for the students to play with. They also led the school at the swimming carnival & showed great sportsmanship. We had a fantastic trip to Sydney at Young Leaders Day!

We have been entertained musically by Jon Madin and participated in Project Based Learning, Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM), aerobics, park runs, knockout cricket, and Friday Sport. There has been Harmony Day and Bullying No Way Day combined with the weekly orienteering program too. Our sporting champions have done us proud with school representation in AFL, cricket, rugby league and zone swimming.

Our debaters have learnt how to argue, be positive and negative and reinforce their arguments with facts and opinions.

The staff have been trained in Kidsmatter, LMBR, "Rip It Up Reading," "Seven Steps to Writing," The School Excellence Framework and Explicit Direct Instruction. We have rewritten our Personal Development(PD) and Health(H) programs as well as the school's scope and sequence in PD/H/PE.

Parents have visited for information sessions and students have displayed their dancing prowess at the school disco. Our

weekly coffee and chat afternoons have been a success, and all are invited during term two! It certainly has been a wonderful start to the year!

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	2017/2018 Entertainment Books now available at office \$65 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 Out of Uniform day - Gold coin donation for Stewart House 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

SCHOOL SECURITY

With the school holidays next week, please keep an eye out for individuals within the school grounds (that should not be there). Please contact the school security number 1300880021.

STUDENT BANKING

There will be no student banking this week. Banking will resume on Thursdays next term.

HOME READING

This term there has been a focus on increasing the amount of students who are regularly completing their home reading. Congratulations to the many students who have won home reading awards and vouchers to spend at the canteen. But I'm sure we can do better! Home reading only takes 10 mins a day Mon-Thurs, so let's have a much greater effort next term.

National Assessment Program-Literacy and Numeracy-NAPLAN

If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests this May and despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child. Find out more:

<http://www.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/homeworkand-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan>

On Tuesday 9 May Yrs 3 and 5 will sit the Language Conventions assessment which includes Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar. This will be followed by Reading on Wednesday 10 May and Numeracy on Thursday 11 May.

The results of these tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support individualised teaching and learning programs.

ANZAC Day

All students are invited to attend the Lions Club ANZAC Day service to be held at Lions Park Charlestown on Tuesday, 25 April at 11am. Please wear your school uniform and be there at 10:50am to meet Mrs Thompson. Our school will also have its own ANZAC Day service on Friday 28 April at 1:00pm in the school hall. You are most welcome to attend.

Yesterday the school leaders and I visited the Civic Theatre to see the Newcastle ANZAC Day remembrance service. It was a very special occasion as the leaders from various high schools in Newcastle role played the life of Captain Clarence Smith Jeffries. An ex Dudley PS student, he was awarded the Victoria Cross for his valiant efforts in the Battle of Passchendaele in Belgium during WW1.



STEWART HOUSE

This year some of our students will have the privilege of attending Stewart House in Sydney for two weeks in May. This is a great opportunity for them and a wonderful way for us to help Stewart House is to have an "out of uniform" day on Friday. Your gold coin donation will be collected by Year 6 leaders and forwarded to Stewart House early next term.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Mother's Day is just around the corner and to help the P&C collect as many gifts as possible you can donate a present and leave it at the front office. The gifts usually range in price from \$1 to \$5 so the more gifts we have the more presents for you!!

WORKING BEE

Keep Saturday 20 May (from 2pm-4pm) spare in your diaries for the annual working bee. This year some of the activities include mulching, moving new sand into the sandpit, planting seeds in the veggie gardens and weeding. We need your help!!!

COFFEE AND CHAT

Don't forget our weekly "coffee and chat" afternoons each Thursday at 2:45pm. It's a great opportunity to meet new people and catch up with old friends. Miss Jodie and I look forward to seeing you there.

YEAR 5 ENTRY TO AN OPPORTUNITY CLASS IN 2018

Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving academically gifted students who may otherwise be without sufficient classmates at their own academic and social level. These classes help gifted and talented students to learn by grouping them with other gifted and talented students, teaching them in specialised ways and providing educational materials at the appropriate level.

Applications for opportunity class placement are considered mainly on the combined results of the Opportunity Class Placement Test and school assessments. The Opportunity Class Placement Test will be held on **Wednesday 26 July 2017**.

If you would like to have your child considered for Year 5 opportunity class entry in 2018, you need to apply soon. You will need to apply on the internet using a valid email address (not the student's email address).

Detailed instructions on how to apply online will be available from **26 April 2017** in a printed application information booklet and at

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-5> . The application website opens on **26 April 2017** and closes on **Friday 12 May 2017**. No late applications will be accepted.

There are no paper application forms. If you do not have internet access, you could apply at a public library. If you have a disability that prevents you from using a computer, you can contact the Unit for assistance after **26 April 2017**.

You must submit only ONE application for each student.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"If you're tired take time to rest, not to quit"

Enjoy the holiday break.

Jayne Thompson
Principal

PHOTO DAY

Wednesday 3 May is school 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).
- ✓ ALL envelopes are to be returned on OR prior to photo day.
- ✓ All orders received after photo day are subject to an additional \$20 search fee.

CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thur	6.4.17	L. Fluechter T. Stevens
Fri	7.4.17	No orders—counter service at lunch only L. Lee, E. Nelson
Mon	24.4.17	CLOSED
Tues	25.4.17	CLOSED
Wed	26.4.17	S. Taylor, N. Filo`

P&C NEWS

Entertainment Books

Order your NEW 2017/2018 Entertainment™ Books and Entertainment™ Digital Memberships from us today, and 20% of the proceeds contribute towards our fundraising! Online Order Page, <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/342n65>

Books are available from the school at \$65.

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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

Victory OOSH Vacation care program available for download at:

www.victoryoosh.org.au



Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way


...to know the serves you need.

Eat It To Beat It helps families to eat enough serves of fruit and vegetables. We all need a different number of serves per day, depending on age.

How many serves a day?	Veg	Fruit
Adults	5+	2+
Breastfeeding women	7½	2
12-18 (boys)	5½	2
12-18 (girls)	5	2
9-11	5	2
4-8	4½	1½
2-3	2½	1

A serve of fruit = 150g of fresh fruit or one medium or two small pieces, or one cup chopped fruit.
A serve of veg = 75g of veg or ½ cup cooked veg/legumes or ¼ medium potato or one cup of salad.

For more information visit www.eatittobeatit.com.au or join us at [facebook.com/eatittobeatit](https://www.facebook.com/eatittobeatit)



When kids ask "the" questions...
Interrelate has the answers!


Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 90 years' experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?
1-hour session: Years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: Years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent's discretion

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.



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AUTUMN

holiday activities

Saturday 9 April	Monday 10 April	Tuesday 11 April	Wednesday 12 April	Thursday 13 April
Wildlife poolside show Ham-moon Spears Point Swim Centre Under 5 years: \$4 5-17 years: \$7.50 Includes welcome show and pool entry	Learn to swim Monday 10-Thursday 13 April Charlestown, Berrima and West Wollstoneham Swim Centres 3+ years \$10	Perfectly possible printmaking 10.30am-12.30pm Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 7+ years \$20	Suspended sculpture 10.30am-12.30pm Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 7+ years \$20	Meet the author: Flossie the Fairy 10.30-11.00am Berrima Library 3-6 years Free
Aquatic challenge noon-4pm \$2.50 per person, \$5 Family	Wildlife poolside show Ham-moon West Wollstoneham Swim Centre Under 5 years: \$4 5-17 years: \$7.50 Includes welcome show and pool entry	Dancing Chari: book launch 2-3.30pm Belmont Library 3-8 years Free	Let's draw three seasons 10.30-11.00am 11.00am-12.30pm 2.30-3.15pm Marion Library 8-12 years Free	Crafty kids: Easter Bunny bags 2.30-3.30pm Marion Library 2+ years Free
Tuesday 18 April Learn to swim Tuesday 18-Friday 21 April Charlestown and West Wollstoneham Swim Centres 3+ years \$10	Perfectly possible printmaking 10.30am-12.30pm Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 7+ years \$20	JD's World of Magic 1.30-2.15pm Charlestown Library all ages 18 members: \$10 non-member	Wednesday 19 April Ozobots: coding for kids Two sessions: 9-11am 11.30am-1.30pm Camellia Library 10-14 years Free	Thursday 20 April Rainbow connection 10.30am-noon Lake Macquarie City Art Gallery 3-6 years \$10 per child and adult pair
Bookings essential Lake Mac Libraries book online at library.lakemac.com.au/events	Sea creatures of Lake Macquarie 2-3pm Spears Point Library 5-10 years Free	Crafty kids: pirates and mermaids 10am-noon Wollstoneham Library 2+ years Free	Zines for teens 10am-noon Berrima Library 10-16 years Free	Art Gallery 4965 8260

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