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Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 1 – Wednesday 26 April 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to an exciting busy term! I hope you enjoyed the beautiful warm weather in the holidays and were able to have lots of fun with your children.

This term culminates with students receiving reports for Semester 1 and parents having the opportunity to discuss their child's progress at an interview in the last week of term. But there are a wide variety of events and activities for the children. The calendar gives some information and more will be provided as each event nears.

Thank you for your efforts at the end of first term in raising \$122 for Stewart House. Your generosity is most appreciated. The P&C Easter egg raffle also raised \$650. A great time was had by everyone on the last day!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	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 Yr. 5 entry to Opportunity Class in 2018 applications open
28.4.17	Premier's Reading Challenge permission notes due today ANZAC Day service 1pm Hall Cricket KO team play Jump Rope for Heart 9:30am
3.5.17	Photo day 9:30-11:30am
5.5.17	Cake Stall (Star Struck)
9.5.17	NAPLAN Language & Writing
10.5.17	NAPLAN Reading
11.5.17	NAPLAN Maths
12.5.17	Yr. 5 Opportunity Class in 2018 applications close Mother's Day Stall 9:30am
16.5.17	K-2 Total Excursion
20.5.17	Working Bee – Saturday 2-4pm
24.5.17	Y3-6 Interrelate
2.6.17	Stage 3 Camp 2 nd instalment due \$80
7.6.17	School Council Meeting 7pm
13-16.6.17	Star Struck
21.6.17	Y3-6 Netball Gala Day
23.6.17	Stage 3 Camp 3 rd instalment due \$80
27.6.17	Matter of Seconds
29.6.17	Athletics Carnival
30.6.17	Last day of Term 2
	TERM 3 2017
17.7.17	Staff Development Day No students
18.7.17	All students return

During the holidays major works occurred with the Hall guttering being repainted, rust parts in the COLA roof replaced and also sections of the Frederick St side of the school were freshly painted.

Improving our school has also kept the gardening team busy, as plants have been relocated, gardens fertilised, shrubs trimmed and new plants potted. Many thanks ladies for your tender loving care and persistence with our gardens.

STAFF NEWS

Some exciting news for Mrs Gill as she begins her role of relieving principal at Pelican Flat Public School for the remainder of 2017. This is a wonderful opportunity for Mrs Gill and she has worked very hard in achieving her goal. Mrs Holt will be relieving Assistant Principal for the rest of the year, with Mrs Irby teaching reading recovery and Mrs Nash completing the role of Learning and Support in Term 2.

ATTENDANCE SUCCESS

The following students have achieved 100% attendance during 1st term:

Nicholas B, Tyreece, Tobias, Kevin, Matthew M, Caelee, Kiedis, Jacob B, Mackenzie, Jacob H, Olivia, Jacob P, Eliza, Aidan, Patrick, Sitapak, Dylan, Benyamin, Freddie, Jacob J, Lara, Koby, Breanna, Jackson E-H, Cameron G, Sophie, Emily J, Cameron L, Charlie, Nivai, Matilda, Ethan, Aaliyah, Jasper, Josie, Elina, Aron, Latrell, Matthew P, Harper, Emily W and Codey.

Congratulations on your wonderful attendance and I look forward to your success in term 2. There have also been a number of students who achieved 98% attendance:

Kiara, Luke, Caitlin, Lily, Blake, Jasmine, Seth, Ryan D, Ekaterina, Chloe, Chelsea, Zane, Caitlin H, James, Nate and Will O. Once again a great effort!

ANZAC DAY

Thank you to everyone in our school community who came to the ANZAC Day service at Charlestown Lions Park yesterday. It was wonderful to see so many of you there representing the school, as well as Scouts, Girl Guides and Cubs.

Thank you also to Miss Hale who has made two wreaths to be used at ANZAC Day ceremonies for the school. This Friday our school has its own ANZAC Day service included in the weekly assembly starting at 1pm. You are most welcome to attend. In this newsletter I have included two poems written by students in Yr. 6 about ANZAC Day.



SCHOOL X COUNTRY

Tomorrow is the school cross country carnival for all students aged 8 years and over. The event will be held in the park and also the school grounds with students 8-10 years before recess and 11-12 year olds after recess.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Next Wednesday is school photo day. All students are encouraged to wear their full school uniform on this day. Girls are asked to wear the school dress with yellow socks and hair done neatly. Boys should wear their brown shorts and new school shirt with brown socks. No joggers are to be worn as they are part of our sports uniform and not school uniform. Remember to have your photo envelopes on the day

(including family ones) to make it easier when purchasing the photos.

YOU CAN DO IT

During the first few weeks of term, the "You Can Do It" focus is on "Getting Along". We encourage the students to be tolerant of others. This means accepting people who are different and who act differently to you. Just because someone has a varying viewpoint to you, doesn't mean that there is anything wrong with them. Developing empathy and being able to stand in someone else's shoes is a wonderful quality to have. This term "You Can Do It" will be taught across the whole school each Tuesday at 1:30pm.

2018 ENROLMENTS

At the beginning of Term 2 each year, we look to planning for the following year. A great deal of our planning revolves around enrolments. Therefore, if you or anyone you know is intending to enrol in 2018 please let the office know as soon as possible.

We are particularly interested in Kindergarten enrolments, hoping to have a full class of 20. Local enrolments are especially important and Out of Zone enrolment enquiries are most welcome.

PRE-SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Charlestown Public School is once again hosting a joint venture of the Whitebridge Community of schools and the local child care services on Monday 8 May in the school hall. It will provide an overview of the legalities of school enrolment, school expectations, some readiness indicators, and what parents can do to prepare their child for school. There will also be some guest speakers, a behavioural optometrist and a chiropractor. Staff from each of the local schools will be present to answer any questions parents may have and a light supper will be served. All are welcome

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Don't forget to bring in your donations for the Mother's Day stall on Friday, 12 May starting at 9:35am. The more presents we have to sell the more presents you receive! If you are able to help out at the stall please let the office know.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

On Monday the staff completed their mandatory asthma, anaphylaxis and cpr training. Also, staff looked at c-operative learning strategies, team building and class building activities for all students.

The staff and I look forward to working very closely with all families once again with the focus as always being on improving student learning.

COFFEE AND CHAT

Our weekly coffee and chat afternoon resumes again tomorrow in the Chaplains classroom. We look forward to seeing you there.

ANZAC Poem by Michelle Li

In the early hours on the battlefield,
Our brave soldiers woke silently.
They were armed with no shields,
So they were quick on their feet.
They fought for our country
For you and I.
Now they lay beneath the poppies
May they rest in peace
Unforgotten faces in deep slumber
Courage and bravery from every man that fought
We shall never forget
Lest we forget.

ANZAC Poem by Isaac Seaward

All young men crossed the deep blue onto
the white beach
Soon to be crimson red
No man prepared themselves for the
booming sounds
Of guns in the bay
Zooming flashed of home and safety
To the sight of crimson red
All boys turned into men from that one fight
Many lost a mate, but kept their faith
Calling sounds of young men screaming
Still haunt this cove today.

Enjoy the week.

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 (i.e. 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	27.4.17	A. Jeayes, L. Jones
Fri	28.4.17	No orders—counter service at lunch only J. Hope, L. Maddison
Mon	1.5.17	CLOSED
Tues	2.5.17	CLOSED
Wed	3.5.17	J. Hope, W. Hope

P&C NEWS

Entertainment Books

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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/orders/342n65>

Books are available from the school at \$65.

Mother's Day Stall

Mother's Day is just around the corner and to help the P&C collect as many new gifts as possible you can donate a new 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!!

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

