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# Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 3 – Wednesday 10 May 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers

Helping our students to have good manners and to be kind and considerate of others doesn't happen overnight. Often, we as educators, and you as parents, need to be persistent, confident and positive to assist our students become more socially attentive as they grow. Using good manners such as "please" and "thankyou" should be encouraged at home as well as school. Students are often complimented on their beautiful manners and are encouraged to display good manners in many different situations.

I'm certain all of you love to hear from other parents or teachers how polite and courteous your children are. Please be a great role model for your child and use good manners at home, so that children learn to use manners at school too. After all manners are free!

Having wonderful manners also ties in with our "You Can Do It" focus in "Getting Along". Children who help each other, tell the truth, take turns, use manners and co-operate well with their classmates show getting along behaviours.

## COUNT ME IN (CMI) GROUPS

CMI groups started this term for K-3. Children have been placed into four ability groups with some children moving to a classroom other than their own. Each group will play a variety of games each week to develop skills in counting forwards and backwards, place value, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. These groups will run each Monday and Tuesday from 12:30 – 1:15 pm.

## MOTHERS DAY STALL

On Friday 12 May we will be holding a Mother's Day stall. We are seeking donations of new items that can be sold as gifts. Also, if you have a couple of hours to spare we are seeking parents who would be able to sell these gifts to students. Please leave your donations and details at the office.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of our mums, grandmothers and special friends a very happy Mother's Day this Sunday. Let's hope for brilliant sunshine and lovely memories!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 2 2017
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
29.5.17	Y3-6 Interrelate
2.6.17	Stage 3 Camp 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 <sup>rd</sup> 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

## HOME READING

Home reading is one of our focus areas in our school plan for 2017. In first term many students and their parents started the year with a huge amount of home reading being done. Unfortunately this term the results have been disappointing with not even a quarter of students completing their home reading last week. Academically and socially there are so many more opportunities for your child if they are able to become competent readers. However reading is one thing that only improves with practise. Please encourage your child to read at least 10 minutes each day and to return their home reading card each Friday.

## NAPLAN

It is almost finished! The results will be back in schools sometime during September. The students have managed the Reading, Language Conventions and Writing tasks well without too many nerves and I'm sure have done their best work. Congratulations to all our Year 3 and Year 5 students for showing resilience and persistence during this week. I am very proud of your efforts!

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the whole staff on the work they do in ensuring the learning needs of each individual child is catered for. Although the tests happen in May each year, it is a dedicated whole school kinder to year 6 approach that is the focus – NAPLAN is only one of the markers used to indicate each student's progress as well as the progress of the school as a whole. The data provided helps the school to adjust programs, practices and procedures to ensure a smooth continuation of learning for each individual.

It is important to put NAPLAN into perspective; the assessments don't reflect whether your child is great at Sport or Science, whether they have a beautiful singing voice or can play the piano or even be a wonderful friend who is always there to support their mates. It is really just one way of helping us get to know some of your child's academic ability.

## INTERRELATE (Years 3-6)

Many parents find it hard to discuss or answer questions relating to sexuality education . . . ***Interrelate knows how to 'help break the ice'***. Interrelate programs are interactive, family focused and presented in the context of caring relationships. The fully trained and experienced educators conduct the program and adhere to a strict code of ethics.

**On Monday 29 May, Interrelate will be at Charlestown Public School in the school Library.**

**Session 1 at 6pm: “Where Did I Come From?” 1 hour – Years 3, 4, 5 & 6**

In this session children are eager to learn more about how their bodies work and the differences between males and females. This session extends their understanding of conception, fertilisation, foetal development and the birth process.

**Session 2 at 7:15pm: “Preparing for Puberty” 1 hour – Years 5 & 6**

This session helps to prepare children and parents/caregivers for the physical, social and emotional changes associated with puberty. Changing emotions and relationships with families and peers are addressed. Information is also presented on menstruation and wet dreams.

**Please book your place at either or both sessions through the school Office on or before Monday 22 May.**

The P&C is subsidising this course, please support it. As this is a P&C run event, there will be no online payments available - cash only is required.

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

Special congratulations to Will J on his selection into the Hunter region Hockey team. Will, Emily and Ashley trialled last Friday, with Will being successful. He is off at the end of August to compete at the NSW PSSA Hocket titles in Wyong. We wish you all the best Will, and stay injury free.

## STAR STRUCK

Star Struck rehearsals begin next Tuesday. This is a fantastic performance opportunity for our senior students in Years 3-6 and they are truly enjoying the experience. Best wishes to the 16 involved and a big thank you to Mrs Etherington for her choreography and Mrs Kondov and Mrs Drysdale as their commitment allows this event to happen.

## COOLER WEATHER

It seems that the colder weather has now arrived and will be with us for some time. There are some reminders that need to be highlighted:

1. it is essential that parents send in a note explaining absences for every day a child is absent within 7 days of absence
2. it is advisable to keep your child home if they are feeling unwell. Schools are a great place for germs to be spread
3. schools cannot issue any unprescribed medications unless this has been discussed with your doctor and the appropriate forms have been completed at school
4. uniforms at our school are very important and winter time is no different. The P&C has an extensive and well-stocked Clothing Pool. Parents are able to purchase from the Clothing Pool every Wednesday afternoon (2.45 – 3.15pm) and Friday morning (9.00-9.30am). A price list is available at the Office and on the school web site.

## WORKING BEE

On Saturday, 20 May, the P&C are holding a working bee at the school starting at 2pm. Please bring along your gardening gear, shovels and wheelbarrows to help out with the growing list of jobs. Come along and enjoy the wonderful community atmosphere with everyone working to improve our playground and gardens.

## COFFEE and CHAT

Come along and meet some new parents during our coffee and chat afternoons each Thursday at 2:45pm. Miss Jodi and I would love to see you there.

Have an amazing week.

Jayne Thompson  
Principal

## 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>

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Thur	11.5.17	J Battle, A Lee
<b>Fri</b>	12.5.17	<b>No orders—counter service at lunch only</b> K Styles, T Black
<b>Mon</b>	15.5.17	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Tues</b>	16.5.17	<b>CLOSED</b>
Wed	17.5.17	N Toavanua, B Sacmaroski, L Maddison

## KZ NEWS

KZ have hit Term 2 at a sprint. We are reading every night at home and practise our Jolly Phonics sounds in class every day. We are really focusing hard during L3 reading and writing groups so we can become great readers and writers. We are continuing to work on our numbers and counting and we are even adding numbers together now. In Kindergarten we are working on our friendship and social skills completing the Fun Friends program this term.

This week we have been very busy. We have had Jazz the dog come and visit us teaching us how to be responsible around animals. We know how to pat dogs so that they don't get scared of us and how to be safe around animals who don't know us. We have had people come into the school to teach us how to be safe when riding in lifts at the shopping centre and we have been bringing our notes back in so we can go on our first big school excursion to Tocal Homestead. Our excursion is next week and we get to go on a bus and do lots of fun activities at the homestead. Kindergarten are so excited we can't wait for next week! Keep working hard this term Kindergarten!



## 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.

### 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



**Felton St Early Learning Preschool Inc**

- Community Based (Not for Profit)
- Fee Relief Available
- Qualified & Experienced Staff

3 – 5 Years  
8.30am – 4.30pm

[feltonstreet@bigpond.com](mailto:feltonstreet@bigpond.com)

**4943 0520**  
74 Felton St GATESHEAD  
(Behind Stopmaster Brakes)

**VACANCIES AVAILABLE – FEES AS LOW AS \*\$10.00 PER DAY (FOR 2 DAYS) PHONE NOW TO ENROL YOUR CHILD.**

**\*Conditions Apply**



### Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 for educational costs including:

- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and lessons
- music tuition and instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Cynthia Culhane your local Saver Plus Worker:  
(02) 4032 4703 / 0418 699 646  
or [cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au](mailto:cynthia.culhane@thesmithfamily.com.au)

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered throughout Newcastle by The Smith Family.  
The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

## **Position Vacant – Canteen Supervisor - Kahibah Public School**

Kahibah Public School P&C Association Inc. intend to operate the school canteen 3 days per week throughout the NSW government school term by means of a paid Canteen Supervisor assisted by up to 4 unpaid volunteers.

**DAYS OF OPERATION:** The operating days will be set by the Canteen Supervisor in conjunction with the P&C executive. Fridays will always be considered as a day of trading.

**HOURS OF OPERATION:** Typically the hours will be between 8.00am and 12.00pm.

**HOURS FOR THIS POSITION:** Up to 4 hours per day for the days of operation. It may be required to complete a minimal amount of work outside these hours to ensure the smooth operation of the canteen and its volunteers.

**REIMBURSEMENT:** Payment will be in line with Level 3 (Casual) in accordance with Fast Food Industry Award 2010.

### **PURPOSE OF POSITION:**

The Canteen Supervisor is responsible for the profitable management and operation of the school canteen according to the policies and procedures of Kahibah Public School P&C Association.

The Canteen Supervisor will support the development of strong relationships within the school community in particular with the students, parents and volunteers, teachers, and other school personnel.

The Kahibah Public School canteen aims and objectives are to; provide nutritious, hygienically prepared and healthy food at an affordable and reasonable price.

At Kahibah Public School, the Canteen Supervisor will support and follow the Department of Education 'Nutrition in Schools Policy'. Menu options should always encourage healthy eating habits in our children.

### **ESSENTIAL CRITERIA**

- Demonstrated ability to work as a team
- Demonstrated ability to build and sustain relationships,
  - Ability to show initiative,
  - Good written and verbal communication skills,
- Demonstrated ability to take constructive feedback and make adjustments etc.
- Successfully completed the NSW Government "Working With Children Check"

### **DESIRABLE CRITERIA**

- Demonstrated ability to develop and implement strategies that will support the development of the ongoing operation of the canteen.
  - Experience with food handling.
  - Experience with managing accounts.

**CONTACT:** Please express your interest to Dee Darney via email [deedarney@gmail.com](mailto:deedarney@gmail.com) to receive a full Position Description and application details.

**APPLICATIONS CLOSE:** Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2017

Children who have a wide range of interests are more likely to have something in common with others and so find it easier to make friends and get along.



## The following suggestions may be helpful

### Make time to play too

Parents and carers can improve their children's social skills by playing with them regularly. Letting children choose and lead the play allows you to be playful with them and encourages them to practise skills for cooperation and negotiation. Making time for play helps strengthen your relationship with them as well as their skills. Avoid criticising and make it fun!

### Allow your child to try all sorts of different activities

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### Invite children for play dates

Having friends over to visit helps children to establish friendships and practise their social skills. It also provides an opportunity for you to provide on-the-spot coaching for children as they develop their friendship skills. Providing positive guidance and helping to structure activities (without taking over!) can be very important when establishing new friendships.

#### Child says...

"There's this girl in my class who is really mean to everyone in class, and so we are all mean right back to her."

"Maybe she thinks we don't like her, and so she's being mean to us?"

"Well, I like her when she's not being mean."

"Maybe I could invite her over to play after school?"

### Talk with children about what is happening for them with their friends

Find a relaxed time, like the drive home from school or after dinner, to talk about what is happening in your children's friendship group. By doing this, you let them know that you are interested in their wellbeing, and this can also be an opportunity to share some of your experiences and to help them solve any problems they might have.

### Encourage positive, relevant strategies

Parents and carers can talk about, and encourage, friendly and cooperative strategies that can help their child to develop friendships. For example, encouraging children to negotiate or compromise when trying to solve conflicts with peers is a strategy that is more positively received than aggression or verbal threats.

### Take a problem-solving approach

Parents and carers don't need to have the answers to all of their children's problems. You can support your children to think through a problem for themselves by talking with them and asking some useful questions. For example:

#### Parent/carer asks...

"Why do you think she is being so mean?"

"That could be one reason. Do you like her?"

"So how could you show her that you do like her, and that there's no need for her to be mean?"

*Affirms:* "That sounds like a great idea to me."

This resource is part of a range of KidsMatter Primary information sheets for families and school staff. View them all online at [www.kidsmatter.edu.au](http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au)



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## Charlestown Public School P&C Assoc

We are holding a mothers day stall on Friday the 12th of May at CPS  
Students from Kindy to Year 6 will be able to purchase 1 gift (depending on donations)

We are in **urgent** need of donations 'NEW items Please'  
so we can go ahead this year

Prices range from \$1 to \$5

Students Love buying something by themselves

Please drop your donations off at the Office

We also need Volunteers to help with the stall between 9.30 and 11am

Thankyou for your continued support

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Dear Parents

We need your **HELP**, the P & C have a number of events scheduled between now and the end of the term that are designed to raise much needed funds for the school. 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. Mother's Day Stall – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May**

We are holding a Mother's Day stall on Friday. If you are able to donate any NEW items for the stall please leave them at the office ASAP. The gifts will range from \$1 to \$5. At this stage, all students will have an opportunity to purchase one gift each. We also require a small number of parents to operate the staff, if you are able to assist from 9.30 til 10.30am, please leave your details at the office.

**2. Working Bee – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

On Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May we are holding a working bee at the school from 2 til 4pm. Please bring along your gardening gear, shovel and wheelbarrow to help out.

**3. Interrelate Sessions – Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May**

This is a high quality sexuality and relationship education program that the P & C has subsidised. We hold this each program every 2 years to ensure all students and families have the opportunity to attend. We need a minimum of 10 families for the program to proceed. Please return the note that was issued a number of weeks ago and CASH to the office by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May.

**4. Netball Gala Day – WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> June**

We will be catering for all participants, umpires and parents, this includes selling drinks, sausage sandwiches and lollies. We require assistance from 9.30 to 3.00 on the day. The school Canteen will be closed.

**5. Meal Deals**

In coming weeks, notes will be sent home for a Meal Deal on the Athletics Carnival Day and on the Year 6 Fun Day. On both these days no other lunch orders will be available.

**6. Zone Athletics Carnival**

On Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August we will be catering at the Zone Athletics Carnival. If you are able to assist on the day, please complete the details below.

**7. Entertainment Books**

If you are interested in purchasing an Entertainment Book – please see the office or purchase online using Charlestown Public School as the reference. Paper books will be available at the office until Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

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**Netball Gala Day – WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number : \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ 9.30 – 11.00                      ☐ 11 – 1.30                      ☐ 1.30 – 3.00

**Zone Athletics Carnival – WEDNESDAY 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number : \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ 8.30 – 11.00                      ☐ 11 – 1.30                      ☐ 1.00 – 3.00

**Zone Athletics Carnival – THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Number : \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ 8.30 – 11.00                      ☐ 11 – 1.30                      ☐ 1.00 – 3.00

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