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# Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 4 – Wednesday 17 May 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers

"When children express their appreciation for things that are done for them or given to them, they feel better about themselves; they begin to see themselves as recipients rather than "takers." As they recognize that other people are going out of their way for them, they also develop a sense of empathy. Without such expressions of gratitude, children become self-centered and take for granted all that they have. People who use "please" and "thank you" regularly come across as gracious and thoughtful, both admirable qualities." By Nona Melnick

Children need role models to help them develop socially acceptable behavior and having good manners is an important aspect of growing up. Remember to acknowledge your child when they do use proper manners: catch them being "good" because they will repeat the behavior you notice.

I'm hoping all of our mothers enjoyed a wonderful day last Sunday and their families appreciated everything their mothers do. Special thanks to our wonderful P&C ladies who ensured there were sufficient gifts for each of our mums last week.

## CROSS COUNTRY

It was a pleasure to watch our school Cross Country Runners compete on Tuesday 16 May. Each student gave their best and that extra training over the last week certainly showed. Their behaviour was excellent and they definitely looked the part in our new singlets.

Well done to our 4, Year 2 students who ran 2 000 metres before leaving to the Total excursion.

Charlestown PS came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Small Schools Category. It is the first time in a long time that we've had so many students place in the first 25. Our points were scored by the impressive 11/12 Year Old Girls and Boys (Sophie H, Caitlin H, Emily J, Cameron G, Will J and James C).

Thank You to all the parents and grandparents who provided transport for the day.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 2 2017
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

## STAR STRUCK

Being able to remember a dance sequence and to recall the positions you start at in your item proved no problem for our talented Star Struck dancers yesterday. The first rehearsal was wonderful with our students making sensible choices in their behaviour and performing to their very best. The next rehearsal is Thursday 25 May.

## WORKING BEE

There is a lot of gardening work to be done especially with refilling the sandpit, mulching and tidying the sensory gardens. If you have a spare two hours on Saturday at 2pm please bring along your wheelbarrow, spades and shovels and come and lend a hand.

## TOTAL

Whilst the students in Yr. 3-6 have been busy with Cross Country and Star Struck our youngest students have been to Tocal Farm. This was an early start leaving school at 8.45am and being involved in a range of activities from colonial games and clothing, to learning how to set a table, make butter and just admiring the beautiful countryside. Tocal has one of Australia's finest collections of colonial farm buildings dating from the 1830's. Farm tours provide an opportunity to experience the beautiful 2200 hectare property. The tour includes the beef, horse, dairy and sheep enterprises as well as the natural features of the historic landscape; Tocal is a working farm so visitors are able to view the seasonal activities of the farm operations.



## HUNTER DANCE FESTIVAL

Congratulations to Mrs Kondov and our group of wonderful dancers who auditioned for the Hunter Dance Festival in July. News has just come through that we have been successful! The group will be performing early in Term 3.

## KINDERGARTEN 2018

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2018 are now being taken. Please contact the Office on 4943 4063 and leave the details of any child intending to enrol next year. We welcome all students from 4 years and 6 months of age.

## WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY

Walk Safely to School Day is an annual community event and will be held this Friday 19 May. This day encourages us to consider our transport habits and try to incorporate more walking as part of a healthy, active way to get around. Although walking all the way to school is not realistic for some of us, a walk can be built into your family's daily routine. Consider the following options for walking:

- Walk the whole way to school
- If your child catches the bus to school walk with them past your usual stop to the next bus stop
- If you have to drive, park a few blocks away from the school and then walk

Regular walking is a great form of exercise and gives you the opportunity to reinforce road safety messages with your child. Road safety lessons were undertaken in Term 1 and your child should be able to demonstrate the safe way to cross a road. Please note that the RMS suggests that

children up to 10 years of age need to have their hand held to cross the road. Remember, active children are healthy children so start planning your walk to school now.

### COFFEE AND CHAT

Coffee and Chat will once again be on this Thursday at 2.45pm with Miss Jodi. Unfortunately, I will be unable to make it this week as I'm at a two day course. I look forward to seeing you next week when I return.

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

<b>Thur</b>	<b>18.5.17</b>	T. Stevens, L. Fluechter
<b>Fri</b>	<b>19.5.17</b>	L. Lee, E. Nelson
<b>Mon</b>	<b>22.5.17</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Tues</b>	<b>23.5.17</b>	<b>Closed</b>
<b>Wed</b>	<b>24.5.17</b>	S. Taylor, N. Filo

### 1H NEWS

Term 2 has started with a bang! Busy, Busy, Busy. We are very productive during Reading Groups using many activities such as technology, games, writing activities etc. with the help of parents and teachers to improve our reading and comprehension skills. Any assistance on Monday to Thursday from 9:45 to 10:45 is most welcome. Thank you to those parents and grandparents who already attend. The most important gift you can give to your child is to read each night with your child. Reading each night and practising "fast words" would be extremely advantageous to all children.

This term we have started "Count Me In" maths groups. We are all excited participating in fun games and activities helping us to understand and improve our maths skills in number.

We have already had visits from the "Pets" program and "Safety in Lifts". Both these talks helped educate us on dog safety, escalator and elevator safety.

Yesterday we visited Tocal Homestead. What a fun day! Beautiful weather and interesting activities. We learnt how people lived in the past. Everyone had the opportunity to play games such as knuckles, marbles, quoits, throwing horse shoes, hoola hoops made from cane and skip with real ropes. We dressed in olden day clothes and collected water in wooden buckets and washed clothes with a washboard, then hung them on a clothes line made of two wooden poles and wire. In the homestead we learnt how to set a table with china plates and silver cutlery. We then saw how a family would occupy their time without TV. They played board games, did needle point, listened to a gramophone, played cards and read books. In the kitchen we were shown how people lived without electricity and gas and the appliances that were used to make butter and cheese from milk. We wandered around the farm and saw chickens and a noisy rooster, pigs and horses. A great day had by all. Looking forward to lots of fun and loads of learning for Term 2.

### 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.

#### Clothing Pool

##### Girls Long brown dance pants

They will be on sale in the Clothing Pool from this Wednesday for \$15.

#### Jackets

If you have any jackets that you no longer require we would appreciate them in the Clothing Pool.

#### Newcastle Permanent Building Society Introducer Program -

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.



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. 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.

**2. 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.

**3. 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.

**4. 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.

**5. 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.

**6. 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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