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Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 2 Week 6 – Wednesday 31 May 2017

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you to our wonderful P&C who have organised many activities so far this year: the working bee, Interrelate, Easter raffle, the Bunnings BBQ, Mother's Day stall and last week we ordered new tables and stools for the classrooms to assist with reading groups. For a small group of ladies, you certainly rise above and beyond!

STAR STRUCK

Mrs Kondov has been extremely busy rehearsing for Star Struck with her group of 16 girls and boys. It is important to ensure permission notes and money for all excursions and sporting events are returned at least two days prior to the event. Unfortunately when this doesn't happen it makes our organisation very difficult at school. Your attention to this would be most appreciated.

STUDENT REPORTS

The final pieces of the student reports are being completed by class teachers. Each and every staff member has worked long and hard to ensure that every student has a true and accurate record of their achievements for semester 1. You will notice that most of the subject areas have the same grading as always, with a mark A-E for achievement and 1-5 for effort.

Student reports will be sent home at the start of Week 9.

Every teacher will be available for Parent/Teacher/Student Interviews, providing an excellent opportunity for parents to discuss their child's report, understand the learning strengths and weaknesses of their child as well as work

to establish learning goals for the second semester. Three way interviews will occur in weeks 9 and 10 with the booking sheet coming home next week. It is expected that all students and parents in Years 2-6 will participate in the three way conferences, with students in Kinder and Yr. 1 having Parent/Teacher interviews.

It is our responsibility as parents and teachers to work together and with each child to ensure that they take advantage of all opportunities to get the best education possible. It is hoped that these three way interviews will be a positive experience for all concerned.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

TERM 2 2017	
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

SMART START

Last week the Commonwealth Bank representatives showed the students the value of saving, linking in with the financial literacy part of the curriculum. All students thoroughly enjoyed the presentations and hopefully will appreciate the value of money.

AWARDS

There are only 4 Friday assemblies until the end of the term. It is very important that every child exchanges their cards and certificates and up-grades as soon as possible.

Congratulations to Nate in achieving a Principal's award during the past two weeks. A Principal's award is the culmination of at least two years of achievements and hard work. Well done!!

NETBALL GALA DAY

Notes were handed out last week for the netball gala day on June 21. We are able to form 6 teams of children from Yrs. 3-6 and it's always a fun day. Bring your note in as soon as possible to take part!! This is one of the P&C's major fundraising events for the year, so parents please come along and assist on the day. Each of the Gala Days encourages students to try a new sport and to participate in a fun day. Best wishes to all of our participants.

READING GROUPS

Each day all students participate in reading groups across K-6. As always it is wonderful to have an extra pair of hands in each room to help with reading groups. Times vary between 9:45am-11:45am, so please ask your child's teacher when they have reading groups. You are always welcome to come and listen to students read and your help is most appreciated. Please remember to sign in at the front office if you are volunteering at school.

FRIDAY FUN DAY

A fantastic fundraiser for Yr. 6 farewell occurs on Friday June 30. It is a meal deal, out of uniform and fun day bonanza all in one! The P&C is assisting with the meal deal whilst the Yrs. 5 & 6 students will be organising the activities. Please start collecting your coins in readiness for the fun stalls and activities on the day.

EXTERNAL VALIDATION

Staff will be completing an extra three hours of professional development on Tuesday 20 June, to collect, analyse and annotate artefacts relating to the School Excellence Framework and the School Plan. Artefacts will be gathered, copied, emailed and stored in a folder. This

professional development will assist the school in its preparation for External Validation at the start of September.

FOUND

Change purse found in playground. Describe it and claim it at the office.

COFFEE AND CHAT

This Thursday I am at the Eastlakes Zone netball trials and won't be at school for the coffee and chat afternoon. However, Miss Jodie will still be here and she would love the chance to chat with you.

Enjoy the week,

Mrs Thompson
Principal

PRINCIPAL'S AWARD



Stewart House



3/40 NEWS

Week 6 already! It's hard to believe that we are already half way through Term 2!

I will be away this coming Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Miss Alexie Meiners will be taking the class and I am sure they will have a great time. Miss Meiners will still be running Reading and Writing Groups as usual, so please feel free to drop in and assist if you have the time. I will be attending a cultural awareness training program where I will be engaging directly with members of the local Aboriginal community. The 'Connecting to Country' program is a unique opportunity to learn about local Aboriginal culture, history and social experience. It should be a very interesting program and I am looking forward to attending.

It has been very pleasing to see so many students actively reading at home on a daily basis. Many students have demonstrated very pleasing reading and comprehension skills during guided reading groups. It is great to see so many students reading for enjoyment both at school and at home. Please remember, they are not too old to enjoy sharing a book with their parents. It can be a very enjoyable bedtime routine to share a book together, emphasising the importance of volume and expression to make the book come to life!

We have the Netball Gala Day coming up in Week 9. This will be the first time many of the students have had the opportunity to participate in a Gala Day event. I would like to stress that this is NOT just for regular netball players. It is a fun day for everyone and for all skill levels. It will be a very enjoyable day for all students. Please return notes and money as soon as possible.

In History, we have been working on the unit 'First Contacts'. We have been discussing the extremely long history of Australia's first peoples, the Aboriginal people. We have also been discussing the early European explorers and the British First Fleet. Please enjoy our artworks!

Mr Andrew Overdijk



DEBATING

Our school debating teams have both had their first debates for the year.

Last Wednesday, our Year 5 debating team had their first ever debate against Redhead PS. Our speakers did a great job arguing "That books are better than television". It was a very close debate, but unfortunately we were narrowly defeated by Redhead.

Our Year 6 Debating Team travelled to Charlestown East PS last Thursday and debated the topic "Homework should be banned". Our team had some strong arguments and great rebuttals, and came away with a win. Congratulations to both teams on a wonderful start!

The debating teams this year are:

Year 5- Emily, Sophie, Charlie and Cameron L.

Year 6- Matilda, William, Isaac and Nate



CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thur	1.6.17	K. Styles, T. Black
Fri	2.6.17	No orders—counter service at lunch only Lyn Lee - Vacancy
Mon	5.6.17	Closed
Tues	6.6.17	Closed
Wed	7.6.17	K. Bassett, L. Todorovski

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Nutrition Snippet

The simplest way

...to warm a winter night with Asian

Noodle Soup.

Serves: 4 | Prep time: 10 mins | Cooking time: 5 mins

Ingredients

- 4 cups salt reduced chicken stock
- ¼ Chinese cabbage, finely sliced
- 2 tbs coriander, chopped
- 1 bunch bok choy, shredded
- 1 tsp ginger, finely chopped
- 2 tbs reduced-salt soy sauce
- 1 tbs fish sauce
- 1 small red chilli, finely sliced (optional)
- 125g Hokkien egg noodles, cooked
- 1 cup skinless chicken, cooked and shredded
- 1 cup mung bean sprouts
- 1 spring onion, sliced

Method

Bring stock and cabbage to the boil in a large pot. Simmer over gentle heat for 5 minutes or until tender. Add chilli, coriander, bok choy, ginger and sauces. Divide hot noodles and chicken between 4 deep serving bowls. Ladle soup mixture over noodles, add bean sprouts and garnish with spring onion.

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

Eat It To Beat It

NEW LARGER VENUE

RAINBOW BRICKS PRESENTS

NEWCASTLE BRICKFEST

A LEGO Fan Event

SUNDAY 9TH JULY

CREATIONS BY FANS FOR FANS

9.30am - 5.30pm

Build Area for the kids to play in
LEGO sets, bricks and Merchandise for sale

ALL Tickets \$5 each (Children under 3 are free)
TICKETS: www.trybooking.com/254770
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Don't yell, move closer

By Michael Grose

As a busy parent it's easy to give your voice a work out when you don't get the cooperation you want from your children.

You know how it goes.

You want your son or daughter to give you some help and they don't respond.

Perhaps, you want a child to stop annoying his or her sibling.

Or you simply want your kids to QUIETEN DOWN inside.

When your request for cooperation is ignored.

So you do what over 90% of parents do. That is, you repeat yourself. Then if that's still ignored you RAISE the volume.

'I'll yell at them. That should work!'

Hmm, I'm not so sure.

Usually yelling only succeeds in producing parent-deaf kids.

If yelling, shouting or raising your voice is a habit you've developed to get cooperation then here's a great strategy to use instead.

Next time your kids ignore a reasonable request move **close to them** and **quietly** repeat your request once.

No aggression, just expectation.

It means you may need to stop what you are doing. So be it.

Proximity is a powerful influencer. Great teachers know this. That's why they move around in class so much: to teach and also to manage.

So save your voice for conversation, encouragement and affection.

Use your **body effectively** to manage kids.

The key, of course, is to do it.

My challenge for you is to bite your tongue when you want to yell. Take a deep breath (as the **Mood Meter** teaches you) and move into your child's proximity. Don't stare him down. Just be close to him or her.

Keep doing it and the cooperation levels you get from your kids will increase astronomically over time.

But you've got to do it.

In future don't yell, move closer.



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. Netball Gala Day – WEDNESDAY 21st 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.

2. 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.

3. Zone Athletics Carnival

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

4. 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 30th June.

Netball Gala Day – WEDNESDAY 21st JUNE

Name : _____ Contact Number : _____
☐ 9.30 – 11.00 ☐ 11 – 1.30 ☐ 1.30 – 3.00

Zone Athletics Carnival – WEDNESDAY 9th AUGUST

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

Zone Athletics Carnival – THURSDAY 10th AUGUST

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