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Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 3 Week 7 – Wednesday 30 August 2017

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Dear Parents

HEARING WEEK

Last week was National Hearing Week. We were very fortunate to host the Hunter Signing Choir. The Hunter Signing Choir was formed in 1994 and consists solely of students who are Deaf or hard of hearing ranging from year 2 – year 12 in Public Education Schools in the Hunter Region.

The Hunter Signing Choir was formed to provide opportunities for students who have a hearing loss to access the performing arts, promote positive self-esteem and develop communication skills, in addition to coming together as a social youth group. At the moment there are 24 members but there have been more than 100 students across the years that have accessed the choir.

The Hunter Signing Choir teaching team consists of Mrs Donna Griffith, Mrs Leanne Lynch and Mrs Dianne Brown, who are all Itinerant Support Teachers (Hearing).



ANZAC MEMORIAL SOIL PROJECT

CPS has been chosen to participate in the ANZAC Memorial Soil Project. This project involves collecting soil samples from every suburb that enlistees for the First World War gave as their place of address. At CPS we are fortunate to have a WW1 Honour Board in our school hall and this is why we have been chosen as the Charlestown representative. Later in the year we will be collecting a soil sample, following very specific guidelines, and this will be sent to Sydney to be included in an artwork that will feature in the ANZAC Memorial Centenary Project. This is an extension to the existing memorial in Hyde Park. More information on the date and process for the soil sample collection will be included closer to the event.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

	TERM 3 2017
	K-6 Gymnastics (T3 every Wednesday except 16.8.17)
1.9.17	Father's Day Breakfast 8-9am
6.9.17	School Council Meeting 7pm
12.9.17	Y5 Buddy Training
13.9.17	P&C Meeting 9:30 am (changed from 20.9.17)
14-15.9.17	K-6 Concert Dress Rehearsal
18.9.17	K-6 Concert
20.9.17	Y5-6 Touch Football Gala
21.9.17	Y3-4 Charlestown Cup
24.9.17	Sunday – Bunnings Belmont BBQ – helpers needed please!

MATIFIC TRIAL

On Tuesday, staff received some training in the use of the online maths program Matific. We have a free trial of this program for rest of the term. Teachers will be assigning activities to students to complete in class and individual log in details will be sent home with each student by Monday of next week. This will allow students to use the program at home if they would like to do so.

WESTPAC MATHS PROGRAM

One of our parents found this free interactive maths site for students in Year 3 up.

<https://www.westpac.com.au/personal-banking/bank-accounts/transaction/mathspace/>

Here is what the site says about the program.

Mathspace Essentials is an online interactive version of a maths textbook. Students from years 3 to 12 can immerse themselves in literally thousands of interactive maths questions, covered in the Australian Curriculum. Refresh on any maths topic you like and see mathematical concepts brought to life with interactive videos.

Have a look at the site and see if it would be of benefit to your family.

CRICKET KNOCKOUT

On Tuesday 12th September, our cricket team travel to Dudley to play their 4th round match against Charlestown South PS. The team has been successful in defeating all of their previous opponents. We wish the team the best of luck.

EXTERNAL VALIDATION

School self-assessment is a key component in the school planning and reporting cycle. As a reflective process, the school regularly collects, analyses and evaluates a range of qualitative and quantitative evidence to inform their overall performance in relation to the desired improvements in the school plan. Once during a five year cycle, schools undergo an external validation of the evidence of their school self-assessment. CPS is currently engaged in this process.

Next Tuesday 5/9/17, Mrs Thompson and I will engage in discussions with an external panel to have our self assessments validated using the School Excellence Framework (SEF). The panel, comprising of a Principal School Leadership (PSL) and a peer principal, will meet with Mrs Thompson and I to determine whether our school's evidence supports our self-assessment using each element of the SEF. An external validation panel report, which includes the school determined next steps in the self-assessment process will be provided to the school following an external validation.

PARENT COMMUNITY FORUM

Last Monday night 40 parents attended the Community Forum to share their views on the directions that CPS should take in the next three years. On the night, participants undertook an activity entitled 'What is important to you?'. This activity required parents to work in pairs to rank a list of big picture ideas and identify the concept most important to them. The following is a list of the concepts that were identified in the number one position: Quality Teaching (11 pairs ranked this highest), Evidence, Confidence, Personalised Learning, Belonging and Literacy. The following were ranked by groups in the second highest position: Quality Teaching (3 groups), Literacy (2 groups), Analytical Practice, Cultural competence, respectfulness, empathy, compassion, Belonging (4 groups), Evidence informed (2 groups), Confidence (5 groups), Numeracy (3 groups), Personalised Learning (2 groups) and Self Regulation. A range of other activities were completed on the night and responses will be shared in the weeks to come. This information, in addition to other information gained from staff and data analysis, will be used to guide the formation of our next three year school plan. Thank you to all the parents who attended the forum. It was a very successful night full of rich conversation and ideas.

PARENT SURVEY

Each year we ask parents to share their opinions with us in regard to aspects of school life in order to evaluate current practices and identify focus areas for the future. This year the parent survey will be conducted online. The survey will take about 15 mins to complete and needs to be completed in one session. Parents and community members who wish to participate but do not have access to a computer are welcome to make an appointment to use a school computer to complete the survey or may pick up a paper copy of the survey from the school office. The survey is open now and needs to be completed by the 8/9/17. The survey can be accessed via the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/6Q8DJRF>

We thank you in advance for taking the time to share your thoughts. Your opinions are extremely important and valuable to us. This survey, combined with your input from the Community Forum will greatly assist in our forward planning.

DEBATING

Congratulations to our Year 6 Debating Team who made it through to the final 6 schools in the Newcastle area.

Last Friday the team travelled to Biddabah Public School to debate against their team. We debated the topic 'That Zoos in Australia should be banned' and our school was the affirmative team.

The team put up a strong argument but unfortunately were narrowly defeated on the day.

A wonderful effort Matilda, Nate, Isaac and William.



PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Congratulations to Emily, Will and Nicholas who all received Principal awards last week.



CYBERSAFETY SITE

Last week, students in Years 4-6 participated in a cyber safety workshop. Parents had the opportunity to attend an after school workshop also. The presenter shared a website that we feel you will find valuable. www.esafety.gov.au This site has free resources and a method of reporting cyber bullying. There is lots of helpful information on this site and it is worth bookmarking for the future.

NAPLAN ONLINE

This week students in Years 3 and 5 participated in the Naplan online trial. Year 5 completed 2 tests and Year 3 completed 1 test. This trial was run with the purpose of testing the online system and feedback will be provided to ACARA by staff to ensure that the best possible assessment platform is in place for the future. The students had an opportunity to provide feedback on their experience via the testing site. Neither the school or individual students will receive academic results from these tests.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Reminder notes will be sent home this week for students in Years 3-6 who have read the correct number of books for the challenge but haven't yet brought in a signed permission note. A signed note is needed as the names of students who complete the challenge are printed in the Sydney Morning Herald. These notes need to be returned by Friday of this week for entries to be validated.

COFFEE and CHAT

I look forward to seeing you for Coffee and Chat on Thursday at 2:45pm in the Chaplain's room.

Have a wonderful week.

Trisha Gill
Relieving Principal

4/5N NEWS

It's Week 6 and wow, are we busy, completing normal class work as well as our concert item.

In our class, we have very creative children, whether it be singing, holding a rhythm within a group or drumming. All these talents combine together to make our concert item.

Over the last weeks of term, we are looking at the structure of the Informative text, Explanation. We've been learning about the cycles of water and turtles, how our brain works and how spiders spin webs. This has been a learning time for all of us.

In Geography, Year 4 has been looking at Australia and its weather, flora, fauna, landscapes and landforms. An optional project has been sent home for students.

The focus for Maths this week is multiplication and division. Learning our tables is imperative for completing tasks.

You will be impressed with the improvement the class has made at gymnastics. The young ladies who are delivering the program are excellent and very helpful with the students.

Homework and Home Reading are due on a Friday.

Things to remember:

- Please sign Premier's Reading Challenge notes. The children deserve credit for their effort.
- Father Day Breakfast on Friday 1st September.
- Charlestown Cup Week 10 (All Year 3 and 4 attend)
- Touch Football Week 10 (Year 5 and 6 only)
- Camp money needs to be paid by Week 8.
- Swimming money for next term



Thur	31.8.17	A. Jeayes, L. Jones
Fri	1.9.17	No orders - counter service at lunch only J. Hope, L. Maddison
Mon	4.9.17	Closed
Tues	5.9.17	Closed
Wed	6.9.17	J. Hope, W. Hope

Wednesdays	2:45 pm – 3:15 pm
Fridays	CLOSED

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Eat It To Beat It



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Rego Form (Cont.)

I would like my child/ren to attend Kids' Club on these days/times:

	Tues 26 (9:30-12)	Tues 26 (12-3)	Wed 27 (9:30-12)	Wed 27 (12-3)	Thu 28 (9:30-12)	Thu 28 (12-3)
Child 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Child 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Who invited you to Kids' Club? _____

I _____ am the parent/guardian of the above child/children. I give consent for them to participate in Charlestown Presbyterian Church's Kids' Club between September 26-28, 2017. In the event of accident or illness I give consent for agents of Charlestown Presbyterian Church to administer first-aid and/or to call an ambulance. I further acknowledge that financial responsibility due to accident or illness cannot be assumed by Charlestown Presbyterian Church or the Presbyterian Church of Australia in NSW. I acknowledge it is my responsibility to notify the Kids' Club leaders if I do not wish photographs or video of my child to be used for Kids' Club related purposes.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Please return to Letitia Wigney – dlwigney@yahoo.com.au
Phone 0413 629 701 for more info

Administration Only

Total cost for individual family \$ _____ Tick when paid ☐



Join The Knight's Quest!

Come along for great fun at our Holiday Kids' Club 2017!

Dates: Tues 26 Sept, Wed 27 Sept, Thurs 28 Sept
When: 9:30am-12:00pm (Rego from 9am each day)
12:00pm-3:00pm (Optional afternoon activities)
Where: Charlestown Presbyterian Church - 16 Smart Street
(Parking in the council carpark across the road)

Costs	Per day (9:30-12pm)	3 days (9:30-12pm)	Per day extra (12-3pm)
Individual	\$7.00	\$18.00	\$2.00
Family	\$14.00	\$36.00	\$5.00

Note: Morning tea provided for main 9:30-12pm sessions
BYO lunch if staying for optional 12-3pm sessions
Afternoon tea provided for 12-3pm sessions
Sausage Sizzle for kids & parents/guardians on Thursday

Great fun for primary aged kids (K-6)
Activities include games, drama, singing, craft and talks

Registration Info

Please complete the attached Rego Form (one per family)
and return to Letitia Wigney by Tuesday 19th September
dlwigney@yahoo.com.au – call 0413 629 701 for info
Numbers limited so get in early!



An activity of Charlestown Presbyterian Church



Charlestown Presbyterian Church Presents our...

Holiday Kids' Club



September 26-28 2017



Rego Form



Parent/Guardian's Name: _____

Phone (Home): _____ (Mobile): _____

Alternate Emergency Contact No: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Postal Address: _____

Suburb: _____ Postcode: _____

Email Address: _____

Child 1 Name: _____

School Year: _____ Allergies/Conditions: _____

Medication/s: _____

Child 2 Name: _____

School Year: _____ Allergies/Conditions: _____

Medication/s: _____

Child 3 Name: _____

School Year: _____ Allergies/Conditions: _____

Medication/s: _____

PCYC CUPCAKE & FRIENDS DAY

LAKE MACQUARIE
2B Lake St, Windale
4948 6622
lakemacquarie@pcycnsw.org.au

CRAFT

REPTILES
KYM THE REPTILE MAN

EXCURSIONS

GAME TIME!

GYMNASTICS

FUN!!!

EXCUSE ME

IT'S ALL ABOUT ME

FLIPOUT

KIDZ(CARE)
POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS

BOOK YOUR SPOT NOW!!! 49486622

EXCUSE ME

THEME DAYS
DRESS UP DAY
POLICE SAFETY TALK
FRIENDSHIP DAY

P&C NEWS UPDATE

Dear Parents

School Performance Raffle

With the school performance scheduled for September we are now seeking donations for prizes for the Performance raffle. If you own a business or know a business that would like to donate prizes for the raffle please leave your contact details at the office and we will be in touch.

The P & C will be supplying an iPad for 1st prize. We are hoping to get tickets sent home in late August.

The P & C also have a number of events in coming months which we require your assistance with.

Father's Day Breakfast – Friday 1st September 2017 from 8.00 – 9.00am

Together with the teachers we will be serving Bacon & Egg rolls to students and their fathers on the day in return for a GOLD COIN donation.

Bunnings BBQ Belmont – Sunday 24th September from 8 am til 4 pm

The P & C will be hosting the BBQ on this day; this is a great fundraiser for the school. We require assistance in the cooking and serving of sausage sandwiches and drinks.

I am able to assist with:

Father's Day Breakfast – Friday 1st September from 8.00am to 9.00 am

☐ 7.30 – 8.30 ☐ 8.30 – 9.30

Name : Contact Number :

Bunnings BBQ Belmont – Sunday 24th September from 8.00am to 4.00 pm

☐ 8.30 – 11.00 ☐ 11.00 – 1.30 ☐ 1.30 – 4.00

Name : Contact Number :