



# Charlestown Public School

**Newsletter Term 4 Week 8 – Wednesday 5 December 2018**

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Dear Parents/Carers

Last week I was contacted by Department of Education Director, Mr Steve Harris, who informed me of our new 6th teacher. We welcome Mr Aaron Quinnell for the start of 2019. However, he is currently teaching three days a week in an Instructional Leader role and will continue to do that until the end of Term 2 2019. In his place Mr James Dominick will be teaching at CPS. Mr Dominik has been teaching in western NSW for the past two years. I know you will extend a warm welcome to him next year.

We will again be offering 6 classes as our projected enrolments are 142 for next year. Please advise the school ASAP if there are any changes to your situation that may affect our student numbers. Or, if new families arrive in your street throughout the holidays encourage them to enrol at our wonderful school.

## Whitebridge High School (WHS) Service Learning

Next week we are fortunate to have the services of four very capable Year 10 students from WHS. They will be busy sorting and categorising reading resources, cleaning and tidying the sports equipment sheds, helping with constructing toys, moving Maths and Science resources and tidying the vegetable garden. Many thanks in advance for your hard work.

## Presentation Day

It is now only 1 week until Presentation Day! This event will begin at 10am and will be completed before 11:30 on Thursday

13 December. It is hoped that parents and family members will be able to attend this assembly as it is the culmination and celebration of the 2018 school year. The Student Executive will also be inducted into their new roles at this assembly. A Parent Helper Morning Tea will be held in the library following the assembly. Everyone who has assisted the school in any way is invited. We hope to see you there.

## Library Books

It's time to have the great cleanout for any lost or misplaced library books or home readers that are at your house. Mrs Saville is conducting the Library stocktake and would greatly appreciate all books being returned as soon as possible. Similarly, home readers can be returned to your child's classroom ready for the end of the year clean up.

## Dates for your Diary

	<b>Term 4</b>
7/12/18	Carols 6-8pm
13/12/18	Presentation Day 10am
14/12/18	2019 Y3-6 Swim Carnival note and money due
17/12/18	Year 6 Farewell 5:45pm
18/12/18	Party Day
19/12/18	Last Day Term 4
	<b>2019</b>
30/01/19	Y1-6 Students Return
30/1-1/2	Kinder Best Start
31/01/19	Y3-6 Swimming Carnival
4/02/19	Kinder First Day

## 2019 Swimming Carnival

Our sensational swimming carnival will be held on Thursday 31 January next year.

This is quite early in the year so student permission notes were sent home last week. There are significant risk factors in organising a carnival so we would appreciate it if all notes and money could be returned by Friday 14 December.

### Carols Community Evening

Students have been busy singing in preparation for our Carols by Candlelight this Friday evening. There will be carols commencing at 6.00pm and finishing around 8pm in the school playground. Our classes will combine to sing a few carols and there will be community carols for all to join in throughout the evening. Please your comfy chairs and picnic rugs. Looking forward to seeing you there.

### Arrival at School

Families are reminded that school starts at 9:30. When students arrive late to school this robs them of valuable learning time. Of course, occasionally the unexpected can happen on any given morning, but to avoid students arriving late, they might need to organise themselves more fully the evening before, or possibly even get to bed earlier. If a child does arrive late they must report to the office and an explanation provided by a parent or a carer upon arrival. They will be given a late slip to present to their teacher. Regular late arrivals are referred to the Home School Liaison Officer.

### Fancy Hat Fundraiser

This Friday students are asked bring a gold coin donation and wear their fanciest hat to school. It is hoped to raise \$200 to donate to the Brain Cancer Research foundation. This fundraiser is organised by our Year 6 leaders.

### Coffee and Chat

Our final "Coffee and Chat" is on tomorrow afternoon at 2:45pm. We hope to see you there.

Enjoy the week

Jayne Thompson  
Principal

### P&C News

#### Carols by Candlelight

Our last event for 2019 is the Carols by Candlelight on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. It's a really fun and relaxing night and the children have a ball. We'll be needing helpers to cook and serve the dinner and sell soft drinks, lollies and toys at the canteen.

If you are available to help, please let the office know or email  
[charlestownpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:charlestownpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

#### Canteen 2019

The canteen service is solely operated by the generous donation of time by families. To continue running the same level of service next year, we are requiring more volunteers.

A note has been sent home to ask if you are available to do canteen in 2019. Please let us know if you are available to do canteen on a regular basis, or even on an ad-hoc basis. We'd love to see any grandparents, aunties, uncles and parents volunteer so we can keep offering this great service.

### Clothing Pool Hours

<b>Fridays</b>	<b>9:00 am – 9:30 am</b>
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### Canteen Roster

Thur	6/12/18	L Todorovski, K Bassett
Fri	7/12/18	<b>No orders - counter service at lunch only</b> L Wollschlager, L Maddison

Send your children along to PCYC these holidays for a jam packed, fun filled holidays! The children are involved in a variety of craft, cooking and sports each day. Plus they make friends with other children and get the opportunity to catch up each holidays! Most parents find that it is cheaper to send your child to us for excursions than it is to take them yourselves! This is thanks to Centrelink's Childcare Subsidy. Some days could be as low as \$8.67 or \$50.83 for a full week! For an information package, simply give us a call or email [slenton@pcycnsw.org.au](mailto:slenton@pcycnsw.org.au)

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