

Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 4 Week 9– Wednesday 9 December 2020

A proud partner of the Whitebridge Community of Schools

Dear Parents and Carers,

Presentation Day

Our Presentation Day celebrations have been sent home ready for you to attend tomorrow. Please attend the celebration you have been invited to, the three ceremonies will begin promptly at 9:45am, 10:30am and 11:15am.

It is requested that you leave the school immediately after the ceremony. Students are requested to come in their 'best' school uniforms with correct socks and shoes. This year, the 2021 Student Executive will be announced and inducted into their leadership roles at the 11:15am ceremony.

The staff and I hope to see you there to share in the achievements and successes of individual students and school.

Congratulations Mrs Thompson

Congratulations to our wonderful Principal Mrs Jayne Thompson, who last week was presented a lifetime membership to the Hunter School Sports Association. Mrs Thompson has been instrumental in selecting and coaching our East Lakes Zone netball team. At regional level, she has been the Hunter region coach for the past 22 years.

As the Hunter region netball coach, Mrs Thompson has successfully led the Hunter team to first, second or third place on 13 occasions. She has organised school gala days and her contributions to netball have been invaluable. Mrs Thompson has volunteered and given countless hours to the association over the 22 years. What a wonderful well deserved achievement! We are very proud of you.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| 10.12.20 | Presentation Day |
| 14.12.20 | Y6 Farewell |
| 15.12.20 | Party Day |
| 16.12.20 | Last day for students |
| | 2021 Term 1 |
| 27.01.21 | Staff Development Day Uniform Shop 9-11am |
| 28.01.21 | Staff Development Day Uniform Shop 9-11am |
| 28.01- 2.02.21 | Kinder Best Start |
| 29.01.21 | Y1-6 Students Return |
| 29.01.21 | Swimming Carnival |
| 2.02.21 | Kinder Start- Various times |

Staff News

Special congratulations to Mrs Gill for her selection into the fifth cohort for the 'Aspiring Principals Leadership Program'. This selection into the program is a significant achievement given the highly rigorous process that was used to select participants. Well deserved!!!

It is with happiness and sadness that I inform you of Mrs Neale gaining a permanent teaching appointment at Belmont Christian College. Great news for her, but we are losing a very talented, capable teacher who has the amazing ability to bring out the very best in her students. Congratulations Mrs Neale.

Reports

Yesterday all students received their reports. It provided a summary of the content covered in class and each child's achievements in Terms 3 and 4.

Every school in NSW uses a five point assessment of achievement, with an A-E scale used at our school. The scale is explained in detail on the front cover of the report. Most students will receive a C which indicates that a student has a sound knowledge and is progressing at the required rate.

An effort scale from 1 to 5 is used to indicate the amount of effort a student in Years 1 to 6 is putting into a subject, with 5 being the highest.

The A-E scale, the effort scale and the teacher comment need to be read together to get a sense of progress and effort. If required, every parent has the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher, who can provide in-depth comments on your child's progress across all six key learning areas. Interviews are to be booked by contacting your child's teacher.

This semester's report contains comments by each student regarding their own ability. Special thanks to our teachers who spent many hours writing the students' reports.

Congratulations

The staff and students have received a Diamond award in the NSW Premier's Sporting Challenge. Well done everyone!!

Also, super congratulations to Josie in Yr 3 for receiving a "Gold Award" in the Premier's Reading Challenge. Congratulations Josie!!

Holiday Reads!

Often parents ask about great books for their children to read in the holidays. This list was recommended to me:

<https://www.commonsemmedia.org/guide/essentialbooks>

Find that great, quiet spot under the shade of a huge tree and enjoy reading in the holidays!

First Day 2021

In 2021 there are two Staff Development Days at the start of the year, Wednesday 27 January and Thursday 28 January. Classes for students in Years 1 to 6 in 2021, start on Friday 29 January 2021. All students in Yrs 1-6 will come to school on their first day, 29 January and students competing in the swimming carnival will then walk to the pool with teachers.

Kindergarten students starting in 2021 have Best Start interviews from Thursday 28 January until Monday 1 February with Mrs Taylor, Mrs Gill and Miss Darcy. Times have already been booked in with the Office. All students in Kinder 2021 start on Tuesday 2 February, with staggered start times, please see your orientation folder for details.



"So Long Farewell...."

This year many of our wonderful Yr 6 families finish their primary school journey and move on to high school. We especially thank the following parents and grandparents who have supported us, provided transport, written numerous grants, cooked at many BBQ's, organised Bingo Fun days and the list is endless: Emma, Renee, Kylee, Patrick, Marcus and Sonia.

Lasts

As the year comes to an end, a number of 'lasts' happen:

- The Year 6 Farewell will be held in the evening of Monday, Dec 14
- Last day for students – Wednesday, December 16 – Year 6 and leaving students 'Clap Out' will be held at 3pm outside the school hall. Unfortunately parents are not able to attend this event.

Students are expected to be in full school uniform except for Party Day on Tuesday, Dec 15.

NAIDOC Artwork



Last Newsletter for 2020

Next week will be the last Newsletter for 2020. It will contain a list of all of the award winners from the Presentation Day Assembly.

Have a fantastic week and I look forward to seeing you at one of our final end of year activities. Thank you for making our school a special place filled with kindness and integrity.

Jayne Thompson
Principal

Principals Award

Congratulations Sitapak 6H, Benjamin FS 6H, Ale-Xander 6H, Madeleine 6H, Mellissa 6H, Finn J 2N and Jasper F 2N on receiving their Principals Awards. This is the culmination of at least 2 years hard work.

Well Done!!





This term stage 3 (years 5 and 6) have actively been participating in the curriculum aligned education program from Oz Harvest FEAST. We have been learning about healthy eating, reducing food waste and easy but delicious recipes to help us at home. Students have thoroughly enjoyed hands on cooking activities with fully equipped kitchen kits.

Year 5s have also been enjoying their weekly swimming lessons over the past 8 weeks.

4/5P News

Wow! What a busy term this has been....we are now in week 9 and the finish line is in sight!!

Enthusiastic 4/5P have enjoyed learning new skills and experiences this term.

We have participated in an exciting PDHPE enrichment program for 6 weeks, delivered by the Life Skills Group. The enrichment program involved a range of activities and helped in building resilience, developing self-regulation, increasing self-awareness, understanding inclusiveness and strengthening problem solving skills. The students have thoroughly enjoyed their participation.



Thank you for all your support this year – a challenging but successful year.

We look forward to our end of year Presentation Day and Party Day and wish everyone a safe and happy holiday!

P&C NEWS

Canteen closed next week

This week will be our final week of canteen for 2020. We will be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for lunch and recess.

We would like to say a big thanks to our wonderful volunteers and also to all the families who support us during the year. For our final week, we have some canteen specials so grab a bargain while they last. Our normal menu items are also available until sold out. We will also have lots of items reduced at the window like small packets of chips, ice blocks and drinks. When ordering please add a second choice in case we have sold out of that item.

We are currently working out the roster for next year. So we can operate every week next year, we'd love to get some more volunteers. At this stage, we'll continue operating on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. It usually works out to be 2 shifts per term. If you are available to be included in the canteen roster, please email

charlestownpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au .

Canteen Specials for this week:

Party Pies \$1, Mac and Cheese \$3, Lasagne \$3, Cheeseburger \$3 (add 50c for salad), Brownies 50c

Clothing Pool before school start 2021 dates opening dates and times.

Wed 27 January 2021 :9- 11am

Thurs 28 January 2021 9- 11am

Enter via the Dickinson St gate. Uniform sales will be held at the clothing pool door. CASH ONLY on the day

Please observe COVID restrictions while in attendance.

We suggest that you place your order online and just come and collect it on the day. Your order should then be packed ready to go and you can quickly try things on for size if necessary and just swap out sizes if required.

CLOTHING POOL

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| Tuesday | Online Orders Only |
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Premier Sporting Challenge Diamond Award



Premier Reading Challenge Gold award



Community News

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE! **BOOK NOW!** **PCYC** **LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE!** **BOOK NOW!**

9AM - 12PM **LAKE MACQUARIE** 9AM - 12PM

JANUARY 2021 HOLIDAYS

| Week One | Week Two |
|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mon 4th - Multi Sports | Mon 11th - Multi Sports |
| Tues 5th - Gymnastics | Tues 12th - Gymnastics |
| Wed 6th - Art Camp | Wed 13th - Art Camp |
| Thurs 7th - Gymnastics | Thurs 14th - Gymnastics |
| Fri 8th - Hall Sports | Fri 15th - Hall Sports |



| Week Three |
|-------------------------|
| Mon 18th - Multi Sports |
| Tues 19th - Gymnastics |
| Wed 20th - Art Camp |
| Thurs 21st - Gymnastics |
| Fri 22nd - Hall Sports |



\$25 per day, or 10 days for \$200

To book call 4948 6622 slenon@pcycnsw.org.au

PCYC membership is required to participate in activities \$10 for 12 months. Each day will include 2 hours of sport and 1 hour of craft, unless specified.



All NSW school-enrolled children are eligible for two \$100 Active Kids vouchers each year. The vouchers can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration or membership fees for sport and active recreation. **Voucher one is valid January to December** and **voucher two is valid July to December**. After 1 July 2020, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first voucher.

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR VOUCHERS

- 1 Visit service.nsw.gov.au and login to your MyServiceNSW Account
- 2 Click on the Active Kids icon found in your SERVICE tab
- 3 Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)
- 4 Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself

Visit sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids for terms & conditions and FAQs

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- Outdoor eating areas, decks and patios
- Sandpits and play equipment
- Pool areas

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