



Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 1 Week 10– Wednesday 31 March 2021

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Dear Parents and Carers

Term One Highlights

This term there have been many highlights at school. The wonderful Yr 6 students and the caring, kind and friendly manner in which they looked after their new Kinder buddies and the strong leadership skills of Caitlin, Brodie, Rianna and Sara set a fine example for everyone at the start of the year. We also have our House Captains Olivia and Tini, who organised equipment every lunchtime for the students to play with. They also led the school at the swimming and cross country carnivals and showed great sportsmanship. We had a fantastic trip to Sydney at Young Leaders Day!

We have been entertained by the Water Show, participated in park runs, swim school and Friday sport. There has been Harmony Day and Bullying No Way Day combined with the weekly Fundamental Movement Skills program too. Mindfulness and You Can Do It lessons have assisted the students' growth in their social and emotional learning. Our sporting champions have done us proud with school representation in State, regional and zone swimming, and zone rugby league and tennis.



The staff have been trained in “Visible Learning-Literacy,” Reading and Oral Language workshops, Brospeak and Sistaspeak, 8 Ways to Learning, the School Excellence Framework and Explicit Instruction with John Fleming. We have implemented the new PDHPE curriculum and High Potential and Gifted Education policy as well as Smiling Minds mindfulness program.

Parents have visited for information sessions and tomorrow students in K-2 will display their dancing prowess in the Easter Bunny hop!

Great news too, as our parents have been welcomed back into the school as some of the COVID restrictions have been lifted. It certainly has been a wonderful start to the year!

Easter Hat and Mask Parade

Don't forget tomorrow afternoon's *eggstravaganza*! Come and see the beautiful Easter hats and decorated masks on display in the parade. There are lots of Easter prizes to be won in the raffle. See you at school at 2:00pm. Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets online.

We request only 2 parents per child please. If wet weather the Hat Parade will be cancelled.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

1/4/21	Easter Hat Parade
1/4/21	Last Day Term 1
	Term 2
19/04/21	Staff Development Day
20/04/21	Students Return
23/04/21	Last day for online clothing orders for photo day
28/04/21	Photo Day
07/05/21	Mothers' Day Stall

Home Reading

This term there has been a focus on increasing the amount of students who are regularly completing their home reading. Congratulations to the many students have won home reading awards and vouchers to spend at the canteen. But I'm sure we can do better! Home reading only takes 10 mins a day Mon-Thurs, so let's have a much greater effort next term.

Cross Country Years 3-6

Today we held the Cross Country Carnival at the park. All students over 8 years of age are encouraged to participate in the competition, whilst our younger students complete a fun run. Congratulations to all our runners and those students chosen to represent the school at Zone on Friday 23 April.

Photo Day

Wednesday 28 April is school photo day. In the holidays practice smiling and showing those pearly whites ready for the big day!

It is very important that every child is in full school uniform, with correct socks and shoes a compulsory part of our school uniform. Please don't leave it until the last moment to purchase uniforms. Please place your orders online before Friday 23 April to ensure they are delivered in time.
<https://form.jotform.co/73258295131861>

The Bebras Challenge

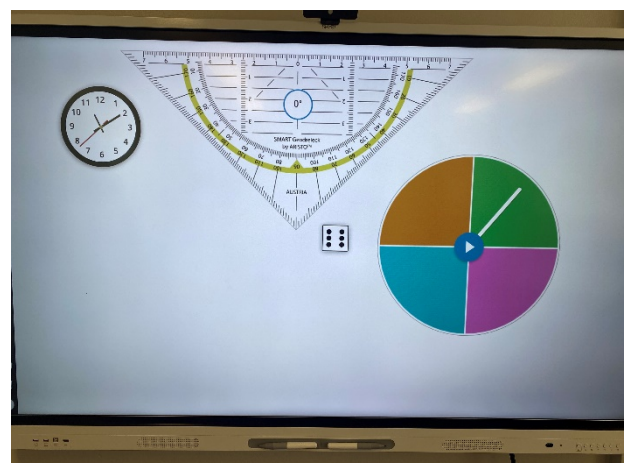
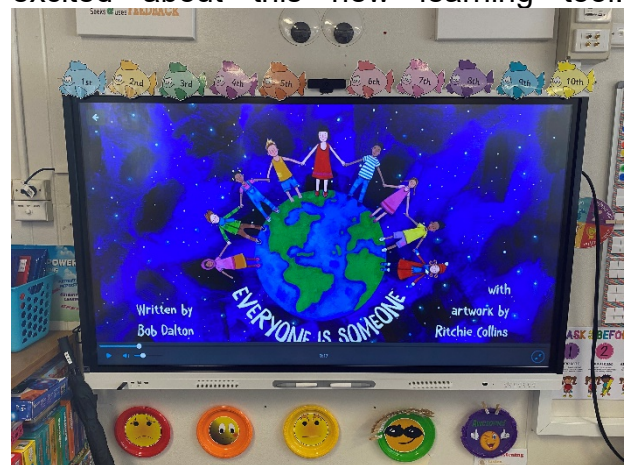
Congratulations to all the students in Yrs 3-6 who sat the Bebras Challenge. This challenge assesses problem solving and creative and critical thinking skills. CPS gained 11 Merits, 2 Distinctions and 46 Participation certificates. Well done to Finn J and Mason H on their Distinctions!!

Let's Love Water Show

Last week our K-2 students attended the Let's Love Water Show that was provided for free by Hunter Water. The show outlined ways to save water in our homes in a fun and interactive way. There were lots of laughs from our students and the knowledge of the need to conserve water and protect our water sources increased. The school was also provided with some seed sticks after the show which will be used in coming weeks by our Grow Getters.

New Smart MX panels

Last week our old smart boards were replaced with new SMART MX panels in every learning space in the school. These panels have many learning tools that can be accessed even when not connected to a computer. These include graphic organisers, dice, spinners, rulers, grid paper, writing and recording tools as well as an internet browser. When connected to a computer, either wired or wirelessly any displayed image or text can be drawn or written on and annotations saved. Two people are able to write on or move objects around the screen at the same time. SMART Notebook software that comes with the board also has lots of interactive features that teachers will be incorporating in future lessons. Staff had some training on how to use these new panels this morning and will have additional training opportunities next term. Staff and students have been learning together through trial and error how to best use these panels and I am having new uses reported to me frequently. The staff and students are very excited about this new learning tool!



Harmony Day

Last Friday we celebrated Harmony Day as a school. The students participated in a range of activities that promoted multiculturalism, inclusion and a sense of belonging. The highlight of the day was an interactive dance workshop. Shyamla taught the students dance moves from the dance styles Brazilian Samba, Hip Hop and Bollywood.



It was great to see all the students enthusiastically copying these moves. In the afternoon all classes undertook activities around antibullying to mark Bullying No Way Day. Bullying was defined, types of bullying listed and the importance of being an upstander discussed. It was a great day that celebrated the inclusive nature of CPS.

School Security

With the school holidays next week, please keep an eye out for individuals within the school grounds (that should not be there). Please contact the school security number 1300 880 021.

Have a great holiday with your family and friends. I look forward to seeing all of you tomorrow.

Yours in teaching

Jayne Thompson
Principal

Young Leader's Day

Last Thursday, the Year 6 Leaders went to Sydney for Young Leader's day. We saw Lachie Smart, the youngest person to fly solo around the world. He told us that on the trip he nearly crash landed twice. Anastasia Woolmer, was one of the guest speakers,

she has the best memory in Australia and is also a professional ballerina.

David Campbell, the son of rock legend Jimmy Barnes told us his life story about not wanting to follow in his father's shadow. David also sang for us which was spectacular. We also saw Jimmy Rees, or you may know him as Jimmy Giggle. This was definitely the highlight of the day because we got a photo with him. He talked about how his teachers inspired him to be where he is today. We all enjoyed our time at Young Leader's Day and wish we could all go again.

Olivia and Sara



5/6H News

Last week of term 1 is here and hasn't gone by very quickly? 5/6H have been very busy. We have learnt to write texts to entertain and persuade, improved our swimming at Swim School, been taught how to solve multiplication problems using the Area Model strategy. We have completed our Peer Support training, Year 6 have been shown how to be good leaders at our 'Aspire to Lead' day. Our school leaders have attended the 'Young Leader's Day' in Sydney.



We have explored music with Mrs Walsh, and completed an amazing range of artworks. We have participated in Harmony Day and are learning to be critical and creative thinkers with our CCT challenges. Enjoy the holidays and a happy and safe



Easter to everyone. We hope you enjoy some examples of our work.

Family is more important than friends

Nationally, 95% of citizens agree that family are more important than friends. I definitely think that family are more important than friends. There are a plethora of reasons to support my opinion.

Firstly, I absolutely agree that family is more important than friends because families give you all of your needs and put a roof over your head. Family supports you and keeps you happy and entertained. They also give you food, bed, blankets and so much more.

In addition, it's undoubtedly clear that family is more important than friends because your family looks after you. They protect you from getting yourself hurt or avoid someone else hurting you. Believe it or not your family protects you, at any cost.



Finally, I am certain that family is more important than friends because your family loves you with all of their deep warm hearts. They would do anything for you. Doesn't everybody want to be loved?

In conclusion, it's obvious that family is more important than friends because they love you, protect you, and they give important things to you. Do you believe this too? Angelique



P&C News

Mother's Day Stall

We'll be holding a Mother's Day stall on 7 May. The children will get a chance to bring their money to school and choose a gift for their mum for Mother's Day. So the children have lots of presents to choose from please donate some gifts for us to sell. Our price points are usually \$1, \$2, \$5 depending on what items are donated. Please donate a gift that you would like to receive yourself. They can be left at the office up until Tuesday 4 May.

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Community News

Hunter Wetlands Centre



The Hunter Wetlands Centre is a great place to visit in the April school holidays. Hop in and meet the Easter Bunny on Saturday 3rd April with a jumping castle, craft and lots more fun. Learn about the shy and secretive Australasian Bittern also known as Bunyip Bird on Friday 9th April with 12 hidden birds to find and lots more. Try dipnetting, go canoeing, climb the egret tower – there's always something to do at the wetlands. To find out more and pre-purchase tickets go to our website : <https://wetlands.org.au/>



swop it
everyday in the lunchbox

Healthy doesn't = expensive

Packing everyday foods in the lunchbox can actually save you money. Try these cost saving ideas:

- Swap from a chocolate muffin to two pikelets and save 40c.
- Buy fruit and vegetables that are in season
- Buy a big packet of rice crackers instead of individual serves and save 20c per serve



For more tips on saving money visit

<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/primary-schools/swap-it/tips/tips-to-save-money/>

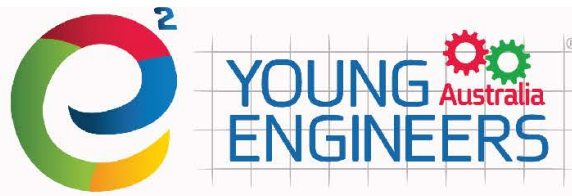
We would love to know your thoughts!
Use the QR code to fill in our 2 minute survey.
Every survey response will receive a
FREE SWAP IT ice brick.



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good for life

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CHARLESTOWN PS ENGINEERING, ROBOTICS & CODING STEM WORKSHOPS



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Engineering, Robotics & Coding STEM Workshop - Term 2 2021

Venue: Computer Room at Charlestown Public School

Date: 6th May – 24th June 2021 (Every Thursday) Time: 0330 pm to 0445 pm

Class Dates: May – 6, 13, 20 & 27 / June - 3, 10, 17 & 24

8 weeks Program – Fee 175 \$ (You can use Creative Kids Voucher here)

Bricks Challenge (Engineering) - Foundation STEM for years 1-2

Robo Technic - Continuation/Advanced STEM with Robotics & Coding - for years 3-6

Enrollment Links - www.trybooking.com/BQDHE

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