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Charlestown Public School

Newsletter Term 3 Week 10 – Wednesday 15 September 2021

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Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Wow! Take a deep breath. We have done it! What a term of change and resilience. Thank you from all of the staff at Charlestown Public School for supporting your children to learn from home and keeping a smile on your face while juggling many balls in the air at once. You are all amazing and as I keep saying- I am the luckiest principal on Earth to have been given the opportunity to lead the best school in NSW!

Please take time over the holiday break if you are able to, to go outside and enjoy the fresh air and the amazing spaces this area has to offer. Term 4 will see a return to school at some stage and further communication and clarification will be sent as soon as we are able. We will start the term much like term 3 with learning from home.

Workpack Collection

Day 1 for Term 4 is Tuesday 5 October. For this day, teachers will share learning tasks via the class dojo platform and work packs to begin on the following day will be available for collection from the kiss and ride zone at school. Timeslots will be the same as per previous pickup arrangements and we will send a reminder closer toward the end of the holidays.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15/9/21	Y5-6 Camp instalment due
17/09/21	Last day of term 3
TERM 4	
05/10/21	First day of Term 4

Parent Surveys

Please make sure you take a moment to complete the parent / carer survey sent out earlier this week. Your viewpoints and perspectives are so highly valued by our school and influence planning for the future. The areas covered are school culture, school programs, communication, school uniform and Before and After School Care. Thank you to everyone who has responded so far. We have had a little under half of our families and would love to hear from all of you.

Here is the link again if you need it:
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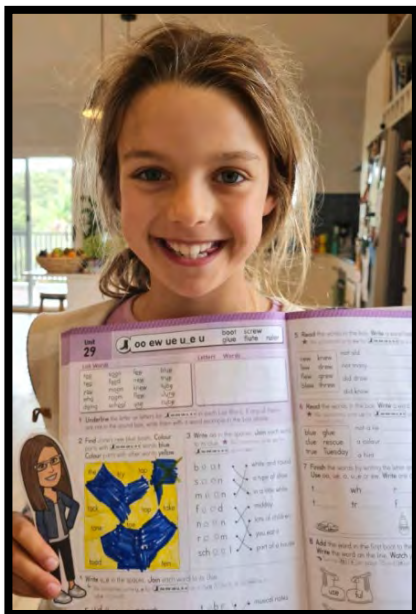
Mini Teachers

Our wonderful staff have hit the road this week to make a special delivery to each student. Our teachers and staff have been missing you all so much, that we decided to create mini versions of ourselves that you can take on adventures during the holidays. Keep sharing photos of your fun times with the mini teachers. I wonder who can be the most creative?



NAPLAN Results

We are excited to announce that Charlestown Public School has performed significantly above state and similar school average in both year 3 and year 5 NAPLAN for 2021. An absolutely brilliant achievement for our students and teachers and I couldn't be more proud. Although the NAPLAN assessments are just a snapshot in time of student achievement, the results are able to give us significant progress data for most of our students. I will share more of the data at the next P and C meeting. All year 3 and 5 students received their NAPLAN report with the mini teacher delivery. Please contact the office if you have not had yours delivered to your mailbox.



End of Term Virtual Disco

A reminder that as a special treat for our students to end the term, we have engaged a company, 'Bop till you drop' for a virtual disco party. The disco is free for all students to attend this Friday, the last day of term, from 11-11:30am. Students will be able to log in via zoom. This will be a great opportunity for our students to celebrate a wonderful term of learning. The DJ has asked that each student have a blown-up balloon and a piece of newspaper for some fun games during the session. **The zoom link will be sent to parent and student emails today. Please check your inbox and contact the school if you do not receive the link.**



Thank you for your support in making our school amazing!

Kind regards,

Mrs Melissa Gillon
Principal.



P&C News

Do you want an OOSH at our school?

How good would it be to be able to drop your kids at school earlier and not have to do the 3.15pm rush to pick them up in the afternoon? The school is currently looking at the feasibility of having an OOSH based at our school, but we need to have the numbers to make it happen. The school survey is your chance to help this happen. Please fill in the school survey at [CPS School Survey](#). Fill it in with the times you would be likely to use the service if it were available, even if your kids already have places at the current OOSH centres - so that we can help this option (which would be much easier for our kids and parents) become a reality!

We Need You!!!

We have some key positions in the P&C that will be coming vacant next year. Our P&C is a really active and dedicated group of parents. We have a common goal of improving our children's educational experience by being involved in school decisions, raising money for resources for the school and children, running fun events for the kids and making life easier for parents with online ordering etc. As some of our current P&C executive move on, we are looking for a new President, Treasurer and Canteen Co-ordinators. If you would like to know more about any of these positions, please email

charlestownpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au.

We need you, the families of Charlestown Public School, involved to be able to have an effective P&C.



HELP WANTED!

TREASURER

Are you the person who always works out the bill at the end of a meal out? Do you keep pristine records of all your home finances? Maybe you have an accounting background or have become a fantastic family budgeter. We're looking for our next P&C Treasurer. We've made life much easier this year for our Treasurer by moving the canteen, raffles and events online. Our Treasurer will mainly be a great record keeper, all with the support of the P&C Executive. If this sounds like you, please email charlestownpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au for more information.

