The Week In View
Thursday - Teachers Professional Learning Course - Autism
Friday - Newcastle Debating Workshop
Friday - Paul Harragon Rugby League 7s Tournament

Zone Swimmers Clock Up PBs
What an absolute delight it is to take CSPS kids anywhere! In usual form our students make us proud as they cheer each other on and give their very best for their school. Congratulations to all and to the amazing number of swimmers who swam personal best times on the day. Our new team swim caps looked superb! Thank you P&C!

Deck The Halls With Sounds Of Music
Nothing like combining Chrissy Carols with Julie Andrews to get toes a tappin’! What a delight it is throughout each Friday to hear the sound of our 3 fabulous tutors instructing our Concert Band members during their peripatetic lessons. We have the call to attention as our trumpeters blow the cobwebs off nearby trees; spine tingling notes echo from the library windows as sax players do their stuff; and then there’s the sweet ‘floaty’ notes from our flautists wafting along our admin hallway relaxing all who wander in. The sound of music each Friday certainly is a wonderful way to greet the weekend.

Mr Blake .... a round of applause!

Dave Warner Move Over!
A superb knock of 38 not out by co-captain Josh Hardy was the key to great victory by our boys over Charlestown East last Monday. CEPS batted first and got off to a flyer and at one stage were 1 for 58 off 15 overs and looking at amassing a total well in excess of a century. However, some excellent tight bowling, especially from Bayley Elder, Josh Hardy and Sam Michalski saw wickets tumble and runs dry up. At the close of innings CEPS still managed a healthy 9 for 73 from their allotted 25 overs on a well grassed outfield that restricted free scoring. A great come-back by our bowling group who took 8 for 15 in the last 10 overs! Best bowling figures for CSPS were Josh Hardy with 3 for 6, Sam Michalski 2 for 2 with Bayley Elder, Bailey Coutts and Jackson Beer each picking up a wicket.

A team talk at the break decided wickets in hand at the end would be the key on a hot day where bowlers would tire. All went to plan as we crept to 0 for 21 off 10 overs with openers Bayley Elder and Sam Michalski both making 8 runs. A minor batting collapse saw us lose some quick wickets before Lincoln Price (8 runs) and Josh Hardy steadied the ship with a solid 20 run partnership. A few quick wickets still 20 runs shy of victory quietened the CSPS crowd with first drop batsman Josh Hardy watching on helplessly from the non-strikers end. Needing 43 off the last nine overs, then 20 from the last 4 overs, panic could’ve easily found its home amongst our bottom order. But, in true CSPS spirit our boys rallied and closed in on a win. School Captain and all round ‘nice guy’ Sam Shortland, bravely took a few blows on the body from the quicks as he hung around while Josh took on the bowlers. Needing six to win with 8 balls remaining, Josh Hardy transfigured into Dave Warner and clouted a huge six over wide mid-on to secure the game. Jubilation reigned supreme as 11 very excited CSPS boys flooded onto the field carrying Josh from the pitch on their shoulders! The fact they dropped him halfway back didn’t seem to faze Josh or his teammates and we now head into Round 2 with a degree of confidence. Opposition, Valentine PS, who have more students in Year 6 than we do in all of primary, will be formidable opponents. In 2013 we also took on Valentine in our Round 2 clash only to fall 1 run short of victory. Could this year be a turnaround?
Correct Money PLEASE

Parents are still presenting at the office with large bills that require change. Please help us by bringing the correct money for paying excursions, fees, band, swimming, voluntary contributions, mathletics etc. as we do not keep extra money on the premises and it saves us time when mornings can be very busy. Thank you for helping us out!

The Big One Has Arrived!
In 2013 our Cross Country Fun Run Fundraiser (try saying that one 3 times at speed!) saw us raise an awesome $3000 which went toward the purchase of iPads for our ‘iPad ilearn program’. Well, it’s on again! Our kids have the opportunity to win for themselves incredible prizes as they gain sponsorship over the next 4 weeks. The student who raises the most receives an extra special prize as does the class that tops the earnings. Teachers and classes … the challenge is on! This year’s funds will go toward turning our 1963 school hall interior into a modern place for our school community to meet.

The Great Debate
Thank you to our ‘new hair styled’ and mild mannered Miss Lawson for working with our debaters in preparation for the upcoming season. You will no doubt recall the sensational successes of 2013 where our Year 5 team made the Regional Grand Final and our Year 6 Team won their local section of 6 schools and went on to make the Newcastle Semi Finals. A tough act to follow! However, in readiness for the season our teams head off to Newcastle East PS this Friday for a whole day workshop with Miss Lawson which is run by the Premier’s Challenge Debating coordinators themselves. What a wonderful opportunity for all.

Grab the Last of the Bargains
Be super-duper quick if you would like to grab a bargain as we are running down our final stock of school uniforms. In 2014 Lowes at Charlie Square have begun to supply CSPS uniforms as opposed to the ‘in house’ supply that our P&C ran for many years. We do have some dresses, shorts, sloppy joes and shirts of varying sizes at lower than Lowes prices but you will need to be quick if you want to save a few $$$. ♫♪♫

Everybody Needs Good Neighbours
Parents who park - we have attracted a few comments from neighbours in regard to our ‘dodgey blocking the driveway’ style of placing our cars. Please be mindful of keeping our community smiling.

Principal’s Award

Megan Comerford 5/6G

Book Club orders are due before 9.00AM Wednesday 19th March. Thank you!

Please Return Student Emergency Contact Detail Report And Asthma Action Plan (if applicable) to the office ASAP Thank you!
DIARY DATES

**March**
- Wed 5th: Life Education Visit
- Fri 7th: Paul Harrogan Cup
- Mon 10th: Life Education Visit
- Tues 11th: P&C AGM 7.00pm in the Staffroom
- Wed 12th: School Disco (more details to come)
- Wed 19th: Book Club orders due
- Thu 27th: School Cross Country

**April**
- Fri 11th: Last day of Term 1
- Mon 28th: Staff Development Day-no students
- Tues 29th: Students return for Term 2

**May**
- 21st: School Athletics Carnival

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**Payments Due**
- Mathletics: $15.00
- Gymnastics: $32.00
- Voluntary Contributions: $30.00
- Life Education: $9.00
- Band Fees: Ongoing

Please be prompt with your payments.
Thank You!

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**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS—WHAT TO DO & HOW THEY WORK.......**

Each week, the classroom teacher will select students to receive Achievement Awards. These are then presented to the students at the weekly assembly on Friday afternoon. Over a student’s school life, they can expect to receive a number of Achievement Awards. These awards are collected by the students and kept at home (please do not laminate them).

Set out below are the additional Certificates students can receive when the Achievement Award targets are reached.

When the student has received:
- 10 Achievement awards, they are entitled to receive a Merit Certificate
- Another 10 Achievement awards and they receive a Bronze Certificate
- Another 10 Achievement awards and they receive a Silver Certificate
- Another 10 Achievement awards and they receive a Gold Certificate
- Another 10 Achievement awards and they will receive a Principals Award, which is presented at the end of year assembly.

When these milestones have been reached, the student presents their 10 Achievement Awards to the school office for them to be recorded and the appropriate Certificate is awarded to the student at the next assembly. The administration staff request that Achievement awards not be “stored up”, but presented to the office promptly when the above milestones have been reached.

If you have any questions regarding this process, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Kellie Pascoe
School Admin Manager
CROSS COUNTRY SPONSORSHIP – major fundraising initiative on behalf of the P&C

We will be conducting a Cross Country Sponsorship as a major fundraiser for this term so we do ask for your support. The event will be held on 27th March. Family support is most appreciated.

Funds raised will provide additional resources for the students such as the School hall facelift.

Students have received a sponsorship form with a selection of over 70 prizes to choose from such as Nerf, Sony, Hot Wheels, Razor, iPods Shuffles and more. If you misplace your sponsorship form, please see the staff at the office.

We ask you to seek donations on a $2 or $4 or $5 or $10 per sponsor. Students who receive only $10 or more in donations will be entitled to a prize of their choice.

Also on offer is a 2GB MP3 player for the highest fundraising student and a free surprise party for the highest fundraising class. Each student will also receive a Berri Quelch frozen juice stick on the day of the event.

WIN A FAMILY HOLIDAY TO THE GOLD COAST OR HAMILTON ISLAND OR FIJI – each student/family has the chance to win a family holiday simply by raising $10 or more. For more details on this promotion and how to enter, please view page three of the Sponsorship Form or go to www.myschoolathon.com.au

Once the fundraiser is complete, please cut out the ‘how to claim your prize section’ on the sponsorship form and return along with your monies to the office on or before the 27th March. Please be sure to fill out your prize request. The individual prizes will be delivered shortly after.

Happy fundraising!
Fiona Green