Term 4 Week 1
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The Week In View

Week 1
- Tuesday – Welcome back festivities!
- Friday – Concert Band

Week 2
- Tuesday – Bandfest Performance
- Wednesday – NSW PSSA State Athletics Day 1
- Thursday – NSW PSSA State Athletics Day 2
- Friday – Concert Band
- Sunday – City Serve Community School Project

Resurfacing a Success!

While holidays were being ‘soaked up’ by most, some very busy tradesmen were actively scurrying around our playground creating all sorts of new and wonderful things for us to enjoy. How great is our new COLA surface! It has not only transformed the look, but will also transform how we now use this space. Thank you to Pete Hansen and his Complete Playgrounds team for a job extremely well done! A tip of the hat also goes to our own Mr Pascoe for painting our retaining wall and readying the surface for the works to be done.

Tuned Up and Ready to Go

Our CSPS Concert Band will appear at this year’s week long Bandfest Competition at Warners Bay Performing Arts Centre next Tuesday at 9am. Our entire Concert Band from beginners to ‘old hands’ consisting of 38 musicians from Years 3-6 will compete in the Larger Primary Bands Section of Bandfest. Parents wishing to attend are most welcome to attend for a small admission fee payable at the door. We congratulate our own Mr Blake for his efforts in being part of the Bandfest Committee that puts this amazing event and experience together for the Primary and Secondary Schools of the Central Coast and Hunter Regions.

Mr Kelly Head Hunted By Google!!

Yes, the title of this article is correct .... no typos at all! During Week 10 of last term our own Special Mr K was approached by Google to present at the Google Conference in Sydney later in October. What an absolute honour and outstanding recognition for his exceptional knowledge and understanding of technology and its place and application in the 21st Century classroom. As a sweetener hoping his Principal would release him to do so, Google rang to offer me a free tablet or iPad. I told them there was no need as I was certainly feeling perfectly well and my sight was just fine! Mr Kelly later told me this why they asked him and not me. Please explain??
Our Girl With The Golden Arm Heading To Homebush

Our CSPS School Captain and reigning National Discus Champion Imogen Petrie, heads to Homebush next week to compete in the NSW State Athletics Championships at Sydney Olympic Park. Imogen will compete in the 11 Years Girls Discus and Shot Putt. In 2014 she qualified for the National Championships in Tasmania in both events and we wish her well in her endeavours to replicate last year’s perfect performances. Imogen has been training hard over the last few weeks and is extremely focused at the moment. Best not hand her an orange, apple or anything resembling a plate as you may find it halfway across the playground. At least with our new rubberised surface it may bounce!

Brushing Up For Term 4

Three very dedicated and hardworking tradies have been onsite at CSPS over the last 3 weeks with paint and brushes in hand. Check out the Kinder block window surrounds and the foyer area between KL and 2/3S. Whilst enjoying that view, admire the COLA columns that have been transformed from their once dull grey to colours matching our other neighbouring structures. Thank you Leonardo, Michael and Angelo!

Year 6 Leadership Day – Report by Naomi Mills

On the 14th of September the whole of year 6 went to Kahibah Public School for a Leadership Day. This is a day where the year 6 classes from all different schools come together and learn what it is like to be a leader. When we first arrived we were whisked off into a hall to be told the general layout of the day. Once we were all told when food was coming (obviously the most important part of the speech!) there were some short clips followed by speeches about what you must do when being a leader. Then we were told why there were some people sitting on chairs next to us. Most of these guests got up and told us some fantastic stories about their lives and leadership (one of them involving the making of toilets, don’t ask me how that involves leadership) while another man got up and did some mind-boggling magic tricks. After some food, a couple of high school students performing musical items, then some more food, it was finally time for us to do something. We were all split up into groups, (mixed schools) and finally set our task which involved making an outfit entirely out of newspaper. Slightly daunted by the task we set to work. In my group there wasn’t really a leader, but things ran smoothly in the end. I think we all had a great time and would do it all again in a heart beat.

City Serve an Ace!

C3 Church at Charlestown has once again nominated CSPS as one of their projects for the upcoming city wide City Serve weekend. Churches from all over Lake Macquarie and Newcastle hit the streets with hundreds of volunteers on the third weekend of October completing all sorts of tasks for the community. In previous years we have been so grateful to be the recipients of some amazing and practical projects that have benefitted the children and staff at CSPS in many and varied ways.

Our Trophy Cabinet Is Growing

What an absolute ball was had by our Year 3 & 4 students during the final week of school as they participated in the Charlestown Cup. Some might think that the Melbourne, America’s, Davis or even World Cups are ‘biggies’, but they struggle to compare with this one! Our students participated alongside our 5 other local partner primary schools playing touch footy, European handball, T Ball, golf, soccer and cricket. Due to wild and woolly weather the day was cut short by an hour or so but our CSPS Team still managed to return home jubilant with the Charlestown Cup held aloft albeit filled with rain water! ‘Thank yous’ all round to Mrs Sutton, Mr Blake and Mr Kelly for organising our teams for the most enjoyable of days.
Pyjama Day Fund Raiser

Every student was on time on our final Friday as they simply tipped themselves out of bed and into the car ready for school. Adorned in every colour and style of ‘onesie’ on the planet, our kids had a ripper final day as they raised just over $220 for the Asthma Foundation.

Year 5 - Merewether High Information Afternoon

Parents of Year 5 students wanting more information about Newcastle’s selective High School, Merewether High, will today receive an information flyer about enrolment for 2017. We realise this event is scheduled for this week at MHS however, we have only today received the information via email.

Mr J’s Free Parenting Tip

Tell your kids you love them no matter what! Tell them every day from the day they are born. Tell them you love them through their pre schooling, infants schooling, primary schooling, secondary schooling, tertiary schooling, working career and every day in between and beyond. Tell them you love them on the days they please you, the days they displease you, the days they make you proud as well as the days they do things you’d rather forget! Tell them you love them on the days they have great success as well as the days they don’t. In fact, tell them twice on those days!

PS They’ll love you for it even if they don’t say it back!

Principal’s Award

Term 3 Week 9

Nixon James 1L

Principal’s Award

Term 3 Week 10

Quinn Pomroy 5/6W

Early Bird Reading Program

Our Early Bird Reading Program will continue in Term 4 starting in Week 2, Tuesday 13th October. The program will run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8.30am in the Library.

All students are welcome to attend, I look forward to seeing you on Tuesday morning.

Mrs Sutton
Welcome back to Term 4!
This term promises to be a busy one, so to keep you up to date here is a list of what’s on:

- **Tuesday 20th October** - P & C meeting 7pm
- **Tuesday 17th November** - P & C meeting 7 pm
- **Friday 4th December** - Carols by Candlelight 6pm
- **Saturday 27th December** - Bunnings Belmont Fundraising BBQ

We will be looking for volunteers to help out at our fundraising BBQs, especially the Bunning Belmont BBQ, so put the dates in your diary now!

Today we have also sent home order forms for our Cookie Dough Fundraiser. These delicious cookies have been a great success in previous years, so don’t forget to order for your friends and family!

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings and events throughout the term.

Thank you.

The P & C Committee

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**Swimming Program**

Kinder to Year 4 will again participate in our Intensive Swimming Program, late in Term 4, from Mon 23 November to Fri 4 December. Payments can be made anytime now at the office or online with POP.

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**Diary Dates**

**October**

- **Tue 13** Bandfest at Warners Bay Performing Arts Centre
- **Fri 16** Final payments due for Stage 2 Sydney Excursion
- **Tue 20** P & C meeting 7pm in the Staff room
- **Wed 21** Kinder 2016 Orientation Morning
- **Thu 22** Year 6 ‘Have a Go” day at WHS
- **Tue 27** Wetlands Excursion 1L & 1/2G - a note will be sent home this week
- **Wed 28** Stage 2 Sydney Excursion

**November**

- **Mon 23** Intensive Swimming Program K - 4

**December**

- **Thu 3** WHS Orientation day for Year 7 2016
- **Fri 4** Carols by Candlelight 6pm
- **Thu 10** Presentation Day - more details to follow
- **Mon 14** Year 6 Farewell
- **Tue 15** Party Day
- **Wed 16** Last day of Term
Touch Football Gala Day
Charlestown Anglican Church Family Friendly Fun

Saturday October 10 9.00 am to 3.00pm

At St Martin’s Anglican Church, Hexham St, Kahibah

Come and join us for a fun filled day with lots of goodies, food and friendly people. There will be stalls, pony rides, face painting, balloon shaping and a jumping castle.

Stall include: white elephant, handicraft, garden plants, Christmas items, bottle and jar stall, lucky dips and cake decorating for the children.

There will be plenty of delicious food including Devonshire teas, a cake stall and BBQ.

Buy a ticket in our Monster raffle only $2 each. First prize is a $500 Weekend at Potters Brewery Motel, Nulkaba.

We look forward to seeing you.