Term 4 Week 3  
Monday  
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The Week In View

Week 3
Tuesday – P&C Meeting 7pm  
Wednesday – Kinder Orientation & Staff Anaphylaxis Practical Training  
Thursday – Year 6 ‘Have A Go Day’ @ WHS  
Friday – Concert Band

Week 4
Tuesday – Stage 1 Wetlands Excursion  
Wednesday – Stage 2 Sydney Excursion  
Thursday – Stage 2 Sydney Excursion  
Friday – Stage 2 Sydney Excursion & Concert Band

Band in the Sun!
Our CSPS 38 member Concert Band and Maestro Mr Blake this week are bathing in the sunshine of a momentous victory last week at Bandfest. CSPS competed against 6 other school bands in the Preliminary Band section coming away with the spoils. To add the success of the day, bass clarinetist, Van Osgood, was awarded the Best Musician Award for this section of Bandfest. We definitely agreed after Bandfest that ‘Van is the Man’! Huge congratulations to our Mr Blake for all the long hours of tutelage and creativity which saw the CSPS Concert Band produce a truly polished and victorious performance.

Favourite TV Shows Now No Excuse!
Another of our much loved P&C Meetings is on this Tuesday evening at 7pm. Why not have a night out and come and enjoy the friendly banter and planning as we head toward finishing one year and setting our course for the next. With today’s recording technology, there are no excuses that the Bachelorette, The Block or X Factor will be missed if P&C is attended! P&C is a great way to be involved in your child’s educational journey.

Kinders Get Orientated!
This Wednesday will see our 39 brand new, freshly washed, shiny faced Kinders for 2016 descend upon CSPS for their first taste of ‘Big School’. Mrs Hodson, Mrs Lewis and our Year 5 buddies are just a tad excited as Wednesday 9am approaches. If you are dropping off your ‘experienced’ CSPSers on that day, take a moment to say ‘hi’ to our new parents and welcome them to the CSPS community.

Book Club Orders due in by Monday 26th October. Thank you.
Our Girl With The Golden Arm Proves A Fitting Title!

Once again the top spot on the podium belonged to our CSPS School Captain and reigning National Discus Champion Imogen Petrie, as she was presented with her Gold Medal at the NSW State Athletics Championships at the Sydney Olympic Park last Thursday. Imogen threw a massive 37.31m to secure the victory. To give you an idea of how amazingly far that is, the 12 Year Boys winner at the Eastlakes Zone Carnival threw the same weight discus 25m. To add to that, Imogen is only 11 and does not turn 12 until 2016! I’m thinking grabbing tickets for the 2020 Olympics field events might be a good idea! Imogen also competed in the Shot Putt narrowly missing the Bronze Medal by mere millimetres. Well done Imo. CSPS is extremely proud of your efforts.

Year 6 Are True Aussies

Our Year 6 team is well known for not fearing the unknown, so the Whitebridge High ‘Have a Go Day’ will be right up their alley! Next Thursday sees our team head to WHS to participate in an array of cooking, science, PE, drama and other such exciting and challenging adventures as they get a taste of High School in readiness for 2016.

Calling All Picassos

We are currently remodelling an office space that was previously underutilised and used for storage of those things that (a) you just don’t know quite where to put or (b) you slyly stick there because you can’t throw it out but you also don’t really want it! Our plan is to redecorate the space as a teacher/parent, school counsellor/parent meeting room that can also be used by our Kid’s Hope Mentor Team and other such meetings. However, we are lacking a Picasso, Michelangelo, Da Vinci type person willing to paint the brickwork walls. If there are any parents out there who would be willing to give a few hours one day to roll on some paint in our ‘new space’, we would welcome you with open arms and probably induct you into the CSPS Hall of Fame as well as presenting you with your own CSPS engraved pen! Please chat with Mrs Pascoe in the office should you be tempted to don the paintshirt!

Week 4 – Anyone Home??

Excursions are all the rage in Week 4 with our Stage 1 students whetting their wildlife appetites on Tuesday 27th at the Hunter Wetlands Centre at Shortland. This is a fabulous excursion and one that our students will enjoy greatly whether rain, hail or shine. Early Wednesday morning our Stage 2 students head for the ‘big smoke’ on one of the best 3 days excursions ever. To list just a few activities: they will visit Taronga Park Zoo, iMax Theatre, Sydney Opera House, walk across the Harbour Bridge, be guided through a tour of The Rocks, Hyde Park Barracks and more! You cannot help but to enjoy this one!

Swimmers, Take Your Blocks ……

Intensive Swim Scheme is only a matter of weeks away! Kinder through to Year 4 will participate in intensive swim training in weeks 8 & 9 at the Charlestown Pool. The swim scheme is designed for non-swimmers through to Olympians! Living in an area surrounded by waterways it is essential that our children learn not just to swim a little, but to swim well. This 2 week scheme will do just that regardless of what level your child is at. Payments are due this Friday to secure your spot. Traditionally, almost every single child has participated in this once a year event, so don’t be left just sitting by the edge!
Selective High School Testing

Calling all current Year 5 students who are looking to sit the Selective High School test for enrolment at Merewether HS in 2017. Last week a note went home outlining the process that parents are required to undertake should you want to pursue the above mentioned pathway. If so, online registration and entry is required by November 16. No late applications will be considered. If you do have further enquiries, please call CSPS office as there are more comprehensive booklets available for those interested.

Helping our Neighbours

On Saturday October 24 from 10am – 4pm Kahibah PS is running a summer fete. They have some outstanding activities and stalls on offer for all ages and all interests. If you’re looking for something ‘fun and family’ to do this Saturday, here is a great event that will be perfect for you.

Mr J’s Free Parenting Tip

Healthy eating = healthy children. As parents, monitoring the types of foods our children consume is far easier the younger they are. We fill their lunch boxes when in preschool with more healthy options than an Olympic athlete but sometimes slacken in our packin’ the older they grow. However, if we remain diligent and vigilant throughout their primary school years and stick with the healthy mindset, you will have set in place a habit that most likely will stay with them forever as they make more food intake choices for themselves. The opposite is also the case! So much to be said for the good old ‘an apple a day keeps the doctor away’!

Bandfest 2015

Winners!
Diary Dates

October
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
Wed 4  Kindergarten 2016 Transition visit 1  12.50-2.15pm
Wed 11  Kindergarten 2016 Transition visit 2  12.50-2.15pm
Mon 23  Intensive Swimming Program K - 4

to Fri Dec 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

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.
High Tea

Last week Mrs Hodson held the Term 3 High Tea at Charlestown South PS.

Teachers nominated students from their class who demonstrate consistently high standards of behaviour and enthusiasm for learning. The children brought their best etiquette and sipped hot chocolate whilst savouring delicacies such as biscuits, cupcakes and caramel slice.

Canteen Roster

Thu 22 Oct  
Kylie Thomas, Kim Brien

Fri 23 Oct  
Sarah Stevenson, Kelly Burton, Kim Moore

Thu Oct 29  
Cass Small, Amy Murphy

Fri 30 Oct  
Michelle Barnes, Kelly Burton, Kim Moore

Deposits for the Intensive Swimming Program for K-4 are due by Friday 23 October, to allow us to confirm the final numbers. Thank you.

Consumer Alert

Trace amounts of asbestos have been detected in some brands of children’s crayons that have been imported into Australia. The crayon products listed below have been identified as containing asbestos:

- Dora the Explorer Personalised 32 pack crayons
- Dora the Explorer Jumbo 12 crayons
- Arti Craft 16 piece crayons
- Peppa Pig 8 wax crayons
- Disney ‘Frozen’ Jumbo 8 crayons
- Disney “Mickey Mouse & Friends’ 24 crayons

If you are concerned you can return the crayons to the place of purchase for a refund or replacement.

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9:30am – 11:00am on Tuesday 20th October 2015
1:00pm – 2:30pm on Thursday 22nd October 2015
7:00pm – 8:30pm on Thursday 22nd October 2015

Don’t miss out – registration is essential. To book your place please register no later than 19/10/15 by:

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