Term 4 Week 5

Monday

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The Weeks In View

Week 5
- Wednesday – Kinder Orientation Transition Day 1
- Friday – Concert Band

Week 6
- Monday – John Fleming visit to CSPS, PSSA Meeting
- Wednesday – Kinder Orientation Transition Day 2
- Friday – Concert Band

Definite Diary Dates

As we head toward the middle of Term Four and some of our major end of year events, the busyness of life can often pick up for many of us (as if it ever slowed down!) so, here is a few key dates for the diary:

- 17th November - P&C End of Year Meeting
- 18th November - Band Solo Night @ school
- 23rd November to 4th December – Intensive Swim Scheme
- 26th November - Kid’s Hope Mentor Outing
- 1st December – Year 6 2016 Leaders’ speeches
- 4th December – Carols by Candlelight
- 10th December - Presentation Day
- 11th December - Party day K-2
- 14th December – Year 6 Farewell
- 15th December – Pool Day Years 3 to 6
- 16th December – Students’ Last Day 2015

Mr Blake’s Big Band Bonding Bonanza

A brand new ‘band bonding’ concept hits the road this Friday with CSPS Concert Banders joining with musicians from other local Primary Schools for a huge day of performance and learning. Mr Blake will lead students and staff from all schools in attendance in an inspirational day of music. The event will culminate with a short performance for all parents at 2pm as the students showcase the day’s efforts. The event is certainly in tune (pun intended!) with the recent article featured in the Sydney Morning Herald expressing the massive gains students make in all academic areas as a result of music and learning a musical instrument. Year 2 parents take note … it’s time to chat with Mr Blake and consider enrolling your child for Concert Band 2016. The benefits are endless!

Just a friendly reminder to make sure your child’s lunchbox doesn’t contain any nuts, nut bars or nut spreads such as peanut butter or nutella. We have two students with anaphylaxis and we appreciate your cooperation with this request. Thank you.

Cookie Dough will be delivered to school on Tues 10th November. We will advise a time on the Skoolbag app, but it will be in the afternoon. Your order MUST be collected on Tues as we have no way of storing the dough here at school and it must be kept refrigerated. Thank you.
Intrepid Travellers Return Tantalised

Awesome! How cool! So good! Epic!- just a few of consistent catch cries heard daily from our Year 3 and 4 Sydney travellers last week. Three days of city adventure gave our Stage 2 students a wonderful educational taste of the state’s capital city as they visited landmarks, historic sites and experienced the sights and sounds of Sydney. Our greatest thanks to Mr Kelly, Mrs Sutton and Mr Blake and their families who gave up their time to allow our students this amazing opportunity.

Wetlands Wanderers Appetite Wetted

Our Year 1 and 2 students had their environmental appetite thoroughly wetted last week as they spent the day at the Shortland Wetlands Educational Centre. It was quite apt that we had a wet day at the Wetlands however, it certainly didn’t dampen the spirits of the CSPS adventurers. The dip netting session was a definite highlight for all as we scooped up a wide variety of bugs and other water life and headed back to the science lab for microscopic examination. Added to these experiences were wildlife walks and various engaging activities that all combined to greatly broaden every individuals environmental knowledge of their local area and beyond. Thank you Miss Garland and Miss Lawson for organising such a great day.
Kinders No Longer Disorientated

Congratulations to Mrs Hodson, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Pascoe and Mrs Hansen for planning and organising a wonderful Kinder Orientation Day in Week 3 for our new kinders and their parents. The feedback I received after the event, especially from new mums and dads to CSPS, was overwhelmingly positive. I trust their next 7 years will be the same. This Wednesday our new kinders will return for a short time as they visit their new classrooms by themselves for a few fun activities with their teachers as well as spending recess with all of our students in readiness for 2016.

Decorate Your Gate Competition

Our high flying Jets fans headed not quite out the gate but rather, to the gate, as we decorated the front of the school in all colours Newcastle Jets. NXFM and the Greater Building Society are currently running the ‘Decorate Your Gate’ competition for schools in which we could win a soccer clinic run by four Newcastle Jets players. Many of our students brought in scarves, hats, beanies, streamers, jerseys, soccer balls and more, as we posed for a pic at our front gate in front of our school sign. We changed our sign to read .. (sponsors in mind of course!)

CSPS is in the Jets flight path!

We’re up for the Greater good as we decorate our gate

Mrs Rinkin then applied her fabulously famous photographic skills and we submitted our photo into the competition. Stay tuned for the results team CSPS!

Mr J’s Free Parenting Tip - Home Reading Program Super Success

A number of times each term teachers will perform short assessment tasks as we monitor the progress of each student’s reading skills. Over the last few weeks we have been conducting a more intense assessment and strangely enough discovered, as David Attenborough might phrase it, ‘a remarkably strange phenomenon’. In most cases we have found that the students with high numbers of nights of Home Reading (as recorded in our Home Reading Program), as well as the students participating in the Tuesday and Thursday morning Earlybird Reading Program, are the ones that have exhibited the most significant growth. Go figure! The message .... read, read, read. When you are reading with your children, always stop at times to ask about what they have read to ensure understanding is happening. Remember that reading isn’t about just saying words, it’s about understanding clearly what the words when strung together in sentences and paragraphs actually mean. Asking your child questions during and after reading will clearly map out for you if your child comprehends what they are reading. I know as parents our weeks and days are incredibly packed with all of the usual ‘stuff’ that we have to get through, but if you can find a few minutes a day to listen to your children read, the rewards are enormous.

Head Lice Alert

It seems we have a growing incidence of head lice at CSPS at the moment. As you all know this is an unavoidable part of school life, but if you are vigilant you can reduce the severity of an outbreak. Please take the time to check your child’s hair at least once a week for the small white eggs, and treat them at the first sign of any head lice. It can take as long as 4 weeks for the itchiness to start, so regular checking is the only way to avoid an outbreak. Also remind your child not to share their hat (or their spare hat!) with a friend. We will continue to send reminders and notifications on a class basis to keep parents informed. Thank you for your assistance with this issue.
Principal’s Award
Term 4 Week 4
Joshua Aitchison KL

Principal’s Award
Term 4 Week 3
Harry Freeman 3/4B

### Diary Dates

**November**
- **Wed 4** Kindergarten 2016 Transition visit 1 12.50-2.15pm
- **Tue 10** Cookie Dough Pickup - time to be advised on Skoolbag
- **Wed 11** Kindergarten 2016 Transition visit 2 12.50-2.15pm
- **Tues 17** P & C Meeting 7pm
- **Wed 18** Intensive Swimming Program payment due
- **Mon 23** Intensive Swimming Program K - 4 to Fri Dec 4

**December**
- **Tue 1** 2016 Leaders Election Speeches
- **Thu 3** WHS Orientation day for Year 7 2016
- **Fri 4** carols by Candlelight 6pm
- **Thu 10** Presentation Day - more details to follow
- **Fri 11** Party Day Years K-2. More details to follow.
- **Mon 14** Year 6 Farewell
- **Tue 15** Party Day Years 3-6. More details to follow.
- **Wed 16** Last day of Term

**January**
- **Thu 28** Students return to school

**February**

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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.

**Dates for the Diary:**

Thank you to all the families who have paid their Band Fees. If you have not finalised these fees, they are now overdue. Please make this payment as soon as possible. Thank you.
Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age. A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
On Thursday 22 November our Year 6 students attended Whitebridge High School for the ‘Have a Go’ Day. This gives them an insight into life at High School and a taste of the diverse classes available. Our students enjoyed their visit and are looking forward to next year!
Thermomix Cooking Demonstration

Monday 16 November, 7pm

Parents, staff & friends are invited to see KH mums, Julie & Leah, show you how effortlessly the Thermomix can whip up wholesome breakfasts, healthy lunchboxes and dinners in a flash.

24 months interest free finance is now available, which means for small change (less than $3 per day!!) you can make a big change to your lifestyle.

The presentation is obligation free and includes samples of all dishes created. Come along and enjoy a night out!

RSVP Friday 13th to 0405 322 781

Stella Pritchard
Singing Teacher

Over 20 years experience teaching privately and teaching & leading church vocal teams. Studied through AMEB.

I provide private ½ hour lessons from home in Charlestown.

Please phone Stella on 0408 649 889 or email pierrina@optusnet.com.au
After School Fun
with LEGO®

Term 4 Theme “Gadgets and Gizmos”
This unit is all about the fun of doing something with what you’ve built. From a spinning top to a spin art model, kids have fun, learn and love playing with their creations!

Key Learning outcomes
*Understanding Probability
*Learning about Friction
*Learning about Symmetry

At Bricks 4 Kidz®, we believe that kids learn best through activities that engage their curiosity and creativity. At Bricks 4 Kidz® our Mottos is

We Learn, We Build, We Play with Lego Bricks.

Where: The Place: Charlestown Community Centre
When: Thursdays
Time: 3:30 - 4:30 pm
Starts: 5th November
Ends: 16th December
Cost: $60 ($10 per week)

Contact Brad Levey on 0499 006 056
Or book your spot online at:
Bricks4kidzAustralia.com.au/nsw-lakemacquarie/

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TERM 1 6 WEEK COMP

Commences: 3rd Feb 2016 through till 23rd March
6 rounds with 2 weeks finals.

Venue: Smith Park Broadmeadow
Times: 4pm onwards.

Ages: u/8, u/10, u/12 (6 a side), u/14, u/16, u/18 (8 a side)
Cost: $50 pp

Cut off date for entry: 20th Jan 2016

Start to organise your teams for our Term 1 comp now!
For more information head to www.newcastleoztag.com.au and click on the Junior tab or email Rhannon at newcastleoz@oztag.com.au

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