The Weeks In View

Week 7
- Tuesday – P&C End of Year Meeting
- Thursday – Science Shows K-6
- Friday – Concert Band

Week 8
- Monday – Intensive Swim Scheme commencement
- Wednesday – Concert Band Solo Night
- Thursday – Kid’s Hope Mentor Outing
- Friday – Concert Band

Making a Splash!
Next Monday we commence our two week Intensive Swimming Scheme at Charlestown Pool, with 140 students adorned in goggles and ready to hit the water! Most of our Kinders pop their goggles on in the bus much to the amusement of passing drivers! Despite the same thing happening every year, we are still absolutely stunned at the progress made by swimmers of every level during this 2 week period. Please do a double check each morning ensuring towels, swimsuit, sunscreen, dry underwear, cap and goggles are all in and ready to go. Inscribing names on all gear would be highly recommended. Please ensure your child has a bag to place towel and wet gear in after swimming (not a dodgy shopping bag please!) as well as thongs to wear to and from the pool. DO NOT wear thongs to school, we will change prior to swimming.

Why is it so? - Science Shows Coming To Town
Due the close relationship between Charlestown South and Newcastle University, the ‘Uni Science Shows’ are descending upon CSPS on Thursday, completely free of charge to our students! Two crazy scientists in the mode of Professor Julius Sumner Miller (showing my age there!! ... or just maturity maybe??!) will come manned with all manner of apparatus, test tubes, beakers and more, as they present The Water Game and The Laser Show to all students K-6. Be ready around the dinner table this Thursday night to hear of some stories and recounts from some wide eyed CSPSers!

Achievement Awards
As we are rapidly approaching the end of the year, please take the time to check if your child is eligible for a School Merit, Bronze, Silver or Gold Award. Each time they collect 10 Achievement Awards they are eligible for these awards. Please bring them to the School office. The last date for this year’s awards is Monday 7 December. Thank you.
P&C Party Time!

Our final meeting for the year is on this Tuesday November 17th at 7pm. This is fantastic way to introduce yourself to our wonderful group of P&C parents so please come and join us for our low key final meeting for 2015, as we reflect upon the successful year that has been. And what a year it has been! Our P&C have funded so many outstanding projects in 2015, none more exciting than the resurfacing of our COLA area. All of our kids and community benefit greatly from the generosity and hard work of our wonderful team.

Band Solo, CSPS30 & Jazz in the Hut

Is it a Star Wars tribute?? No, it’s our CSPS first Concert Band Solo Night! Our School Hall will be filled with the sound of music next Wednesday Night from 6pm as every band member is given the opportunity to play a solo or duet for parents and family members. Obviously part of our creative arts program is about performance and the Solo Night will allow students to do just that. As an added variety bonus, we will also have a few short items from our Monday afternoon singing group to allow Mr Blake a few moments to ‘plug in’ for the ensuing items. Feel free to bring your cameras!

A Sign of The Times

Over the next few weeks we will be finalising plans in re-signing our school. No ... we are not retiring! .... we are rebadging sections of our school so students, parents and visitors can more easily navigate their way around our school site. This will also include a low rendered brick wall at the front of the school with our school name and crest placed upon it. The fact that Mrs Hansen in our office purchased a house 4 doors from the school and didn’t realise that a school was there is a clear indication that we may possibly need a school sign that allows the community to find us!

Footnote: Mrs Hansen does have quality visual observations skills, is NOT directionally challenged and does now know that CSPS is tucked behind the trees on the corner of Gari St and Patricia Ave.

Our Writing’s Rocking

Part of our Explicit Instruction Model of teaching that we have introduced in 2015 is a power writing warm up. In these short sharp sessions, students brainstorm words around a topic, a picture, short film clip, a sound or any other carefully selected stimulus. The students then collate a class word bank, discuss meaning so as to extend their vocabulary and then begin to build one or two quality sentences describing or relating to the topic. We believe that if students can write one quality sentence that contains maybe several adjectives, or adverbs, or time connectives, or similes, or metaphors, or hyperbole, or alliteration etc etc!!, then they can create two, then three and beyond. Great builders and designers like Jom Utzon and Gustave Eiffel probably designed and built a few small tables and chairs or garden sheds before they launched into the Sydney Opera House and Eiffel Tower.

Recorded below are just a few sentences constructed last week by students from Kinder to Year 6.

The miniature door opened and an old elf stumbled out. He carried a bag of treasure on his back. - Jacob, Kinder

The shark guided the little girl to an imaginary land where dolphins could talk. – Archie, Kinder

The butterflies are fluttering their wings as they drink the nectar. The little fairy was pushing blueberry bubbles into the colourful water. - Zali, Kinder
The lanterns were hanging from the tree, they shone brightly. The door creaked open and there was a pot of treasure on a table. - Josephine, Kinder

The two delicate fairies are flying around the beautiful garden. They are watching the red and white spotted ladybirds on the shiny leaf. - Lacy, Kinder

The two delicate fairies sat down and drank blueberry shakes. The two little elves got their trumpet out and gave the nectar to the butterfly. – Ella Beer, Kinder

The shark, with teeth like needles, guided the little girl to an imaginary land to find the mermaids. - Niamh, Kinder

On a warm spring morning, as birds sang, the fragrant flowers on the tree blew in the warm breeze. - Ethan, Year 1

As the entertaining lions jumped through the flaming hoops, the audience held their breath. – Zach, Year 1

On a beautiful spring day, two little girls lay peacefully in the soft, green grass, staring at the amazing butterflies. – Tiana, Year 1

As the sun rose, the little girls played hide and seek in the flourishing meadow. – George, Year 1

As the thief demolished the door on a dark night looking for jewellery in the house he found a copious amount of gems. – William, Year 2

As the thief walked into the house he spotted a copious amount of jewels. – Blaire, Year 2

As the malicious thief demolished the window he reached his arm in and grabbed the jewel. – Jada, Year 2

The iconic and curvaceous Sydney Opera House’s sails billow in the wind as they reflect in the crystal clear water. – Ayva, Year 3

The beautiful Opera House with its billowing sails and iconic design, is a spectacular sight. – Adnan, Year 3

One spring afternoon there was a miniature boy lying calmly under the magical maple tree listening to the sweet music of the birds. – Arabella, Year 3

With the sun beating down on my black leather jacket, I relish the warmth it soaks up as I hear the engine roar beneath me; I am ecstatic. – Ashton, Year 6

On a sweltering summer’s day an eagle is gliding stealthily through the sapphire sky as it is stalking its prey. Suddenly, it swoops down and swiftly takes the hare in its talons. – Dawsan Year 6
When Websurfing, Stop @ Your CSPS Website

Definitely stick our CSPS website in your favourites as we are continually updating the information there to keep students and parents informed and resourced with the latest news. Important dates, permission forms as well as our digital copy of your Newsletter are posted weekly to ensure that ‘all bases are covered’. Also, new galleries of pics are constantly being added as a record of recent events.

Cyber Safety Solution

Early in 2016 we are planning on hosting a Cyber Safety Parent information session at school so we can all become more informed about the safe usage of the internet by our children. If we were honest, in many cases most 10 to 17 year old children understand and access some of the latest social media sites far more than their parents. It may also be the case that children far younger also have unsupervised access to the internet which can result in exposure to sites that may be highly detrimental to them. The ‘ThinkUKnow’ task force work closely with the Australian Federal Police in trying to keep our kids safe as well as keeping parents informed about the latest trends and social media platforms that our children may be accessing. Please maintain vigilance when it comes to the type of access, the time allowed and the supervision of your children’s internet usage. The link below is a short youtube created by the Australian Federal Police in an attempt to keep us cyber sharp. Click here if reading this newsletter digitally or type in to your browser the link below


Stay tuned for our Cyber Safety Session coming soon in 2016.

The Australian government has also launched a new website that helps parents deal with cyber safety. The website ‘e safety resources for parents’ click here or type you’re your browser https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/parent-resources here contains information about parent controls, cyberbullying and inappropriate content.

Public Forum – The ICE Epidemic

On 24 November 6.30-8.00pm at Newcastle City Hall, the Community Drug Action Team of Newcastle will hold a Public Forum focusing discussion on the current issues around ICE and its use.

This is a Newcastle Initiative to address this problem in our city and we seek your support.

It should be a most informative night. You can rsvp your attendance to Tony Brown at cdatnewcastle@gmail.com by 18 November.

MrJ’s Free Parenting Tip - Home Reading Program Super Success

“Sorry”. Not a tough word to spell, read or recognise, but a really tough one to say for many people. It’s not that it’s a tongue twister or multi-syllabically challenging, it’s just one that seems to get stuck in the throat! As parents, we often prompt, cajole or even demand our kids to say sorry when they are wrong or do or say something that is hurtful to others. Yet how often do we say sorry to our kids when we are in the wrong? An apology made to our children when we get unnecessarily angry at them or overreact or say something thoughtless before we actually stop and think of the consequences, can have a huge impact upon how a child relates to you and others. It may be a surprise, but as parents we aren’t always right and we do sometimes get it wrong despite our best efforts. Sitting quietly with a child and saying sorry for how you spoke or apologising to them directly for something you did, helps them see you as a normal human being with the typical flaws that we all possess as well as training them that it’s a good thing to have the ability to say sorry and apologise. An apology can make people see you in a whole new light!
Diary Dates

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<td>2016 Kindergarten starts</td>
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Christmas is almost here, time for lots of Christmas cheer!

The P & C will be holding the annual Christmas hamper raffle and would love and appreciate your donation of Christmas gifts/fare for inclusion in the hamper. Please drop your donations in the box provided in the office. Let’s make it our best hamper ever!

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The National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) is a new way of providing individualised support for people with a disability who have a permanent or developmental delay that affects their ability to take part in everyday activities.

If you live in Maitland, Newcastle or Lake Macquarie and are under 65 you may be eligible to access the NDIS.

**Visit us**

Find out how the NDIS might assist you, your family member or friend by visiting our information stands between 9.30 and 4pm at:

**Rutherford Marketplace**
28th October, 18th November & 9th December

**Lake Macquarie Fair**
4th November, 25th November & 16th December

**Morisset Square**
11th November & 2nd December

**Bonnells Bay Shopping Centre**
9th November & 1st December

**Phone:** 1800 555 727  
**Website:** [www.ndis.gov.au](http://www.ndis.gov.au)
CHARLESTOWN SOUTH PUBLIC SCHOOL
CAROLS NIGHT
Friday 4th December 2015

The school Carols Night is to be held on Friday 4th December 2015. The P & C will be providing a Sausage Sizzle on the night. **Sausage sizzles are available by pre order only.**
All sausage sizzle orders must be returned by Monday 30th November 2015.

Please complete and return this order form, with the correct money, to the box in the office. Don’t forget to order enough for all children, parents, friends and family who will be attending.

Please order under the name of your eldest child attending our school.
Also if you are available to help out for half an hour on the night please tick the box and the P & C will be in touch.

Drinks will also be available to purchase on the night – no orders required.

**Orders cannot be paid online with POP as this is a P & C fundraiser.**

Thank you.
P & C Association

Please return to the school office, along with correct money, before Monday 30th November 2015

Eldest Child’s Name: __________________________________________________________

Number of Sausage Sizzles ordered - $2.50 each ____________________________________

I have enclosed $ ____________ for the cost.

Yes, I can help on the night.

Name ___________________________ Phone No. ____________________________
(please print)
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DAYS: Fridays
DATES: Nov 20 to Dec 11 inclusive
TIME: 4.30pm – 5.30pm
COST: $20.00

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Membership starts at $8.50 per month over 10 months for an adult and $5 per month over 10 months for a junior. To become a member visit www.Knightshub.com.au or call 1300 465 644.