The Weeks Ahead

Week 1
- Friday – Concert Band, Zone Cross Country, John Fleming Team visit to CSPS

Week 2
- Wednesday – Choralfest Performance, Warners Bay
- Friday – Concert Band, Star Struck Dance Rehearsal

Welcome Back
I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing break over the Easter period and all are refreshed and rearing to go! We have a huge term already planned and aim to fit 20 weeks of fun and learning into the next ten weeks! Our staff had a highly productive time on Monday at our development day as we undertook some in depth professional learning focusing on the TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy) program.

Fired Up For Fest
Our Choir will be in full voice under the adept baton work of our Choir Master, Mr Chris Blake, as they compete in Choralfest 2015 at Warners Bay Cultural Centre in Week 2 on Wednesday April 29. Our Senior Choir will compete in the Primary Large Choir Unison section and will be singing 3 songs and hit the stage at 9.20am. If any parents or talent scouts would like to be part of the audience, tickets are available at the door for $3.

Haileybury School Team Visit
This Friday educational leader and innovator John Fleming will visit CSPS with a small team from Haileybury School in Melbourne, Victoria. John is a board member for the Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership and has been the driving force behind extensive school academic growth across a number of schools in our nation. Our recent alliance with the Fleming Schools Newcastle Group, has allowed us the luxury of having John visit us with his team to work closely with our staff as we ‘tweak’ some of our current practices. Having an exceptional team of teachers at CSPS, it is our desire to continually be open to change as we educate young people in an ever changing world.

ANZAC Day Services - Rescheduled to Wednesday 6th May
Our Year 5 & 6 students will head to the Civic Theatre for the annual ANZAC Day Service run by the School Captains of various Newcastle regional public and independent High Schools. As this year is the 100 year anniversary, the service promises to be a special one commemorating those that have sacrificially given their lives for our freedom. We will also conduct an ANZAC Day Service at school on Friday afternoon.

New notes will be sent home today regarding the rescheduling of this event.
ANZAC Day March
CSPS will combine with other schools and the public at the ANZAC Day March this Saturday 8.30am at Adamstown. All students are welcome and full school uniform is compulsory. If you would like to join Mr Johnson and Mrs Hodson for the march, please meet at the Adamstown Post Office at 8am. If medals are to be worn, please wear those on the left hand chest.

Cross Country Courage
Great courage and endurance was shown by all at CSPS at our pre holidays Cross Country Carnival where tired legs and red faces were the order of the day. Some exceptional performances were on show with the results of each division listed below.

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Our team for the Zone Carnival are primed and ready to go for next Thursday’s event. Notes will be sent home today.

CSPS Cooler Than Ever!
Given that most of our chocolate eggs melted prior to the Easter break, we proceeded at the end first term with our 2015 plan to air condition our Hall, Staffroom and Administration areas. The results have been chilling! Amazingly, the P&C Fun Run Fundraiser, Easter Raffle and Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall raised almost to the cent, the cost of air conditioning our Hall. Our Assembly times now feature the coolest kids on the planet! For the four thousandth time this year we say thank you to our wonderful P&C Team.
Mother’s Day Brekky

Just an early reminder so no one misses out on the fun and festivities. On Wednesday May 6 we will be holding our usual Mother’s Day Stall and on Friday May 8 we will be spoiling our mums at our Mother’s Day Breakfast. (Order forms will be sent home in the next week). All Mums and Grandmums planning to attend will need to book in for the Mother’s Day Breakfast which will be held in our school hall commencing at 8am. Most of our mums probably have not had the great pleasure of just enjoying our amazingly talented Mr Blake on piano. Despite Chris humbly playing down these skills, quality local musicians and Conservatorium trained instrumentalists hold him in great esteem.

Mr J’s Free Parenting Tip

I was a tad bewildered recently (some would say ‘what’s new’!!) as I watched a young family dining out at a local restaurant. The picture … mum and dad silently obsessed with their mobile phones texting and facebooking as the two very patient children gradually began to raise the noise level in an attempt to gain the attention of their parents. As parents, we occasionally need a priority adjustment as we line up the prize possessions of our mobile, ipad, children, TV remote and coffee machine. Hopefully, you had no trouble in what should score top billing in that list! Although, maybe a few did struggle with coffee vs kids …. LOL We can always replace or reset our ipads and phones; our relationship with our remote will always be just that … remote; and International Roast Instant endured occasionally won’t kill us (I think?). But we don’t get a ‘do over’ with our kids. Take every opportunity to stop and talk with them at length daily and step back often and ask yourself if your actions and words are worthy of modelling. After all, children learn by copying and they tend to copy their heroes in life. All research shows that 99.9% of heroes in a child’s pre teen years are called mum and dad.

Diary Dates

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Principal’s Award

Term 1 Week 9
Maddison Crosdale 1L

Term 1 Week 10
Charlotte Smyth 5/6W

Mother’s Day is coming...

Our Mother’s Day stall will be held on Wednesday 6th May. If you are able to help out on the day with selling and wrapping, please leave details with Kellie or Cheryl in the Office.

On Friday 8th May we will be having our Mother’s Day Breakfast - a note will be sent home shortly with details and an order form - write this date in your diary, you won’t want to miss it!
Torch Tuesday was a huge hit in 2/3S this week. Blinds down, lights off and finding the darkest place in the room to enjoy a good book was most enjoyable. The children found their excitement hard to contain and what better reason do I need to do this all over again next Tuesday! 😊

Mrs Sutton
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Studio located in Whitebridge
No advance payments required—pay per lesson
$30 per hour
Mobile: 0408 629 822

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BOUNCE!

Whitebridge Tennis Club

Ever considered learning to play tennis?
Now’s the time to start!
- Learn a life-long skill and enjoy the social aspect
- Enhance whole body coordination
- Develop cognitive skills

We provide group and private lessons,
Hotshots for 4yrs up, plus doubles &
singles competition for both jnrs & adults

Richard McMurray - 0408 717 199
Anthony Jarvis - 0418 960 131

You’re Kidding Me Expo

Connecting families with services
and programs in Lake Macquarie

Guest speaker
Natalie Ebril, sleep
consultant from
Sleep and Settle.
Topic: sleep secrets
for newborns and
toddlers

Aubskep Primary
Health Centre
Medical Truck

Free music
workshops and
puppet shows for
children

Free child restraint
checks

Wednesday 20 May 9am - noon
Sala’s Function Centre
Hillsborough Road, Warners Bay

The Conservatorium Youth Choir

“Life is a song worth singing...why don't you sing it?”

Is your child interested in singing better, working as a team, developing their harmony singing, making new friendships and having a good time?

Then join in the fun!

Entry: No audition – enrol through
Conservatorium Office
Ages: from 8 years (Year 3 onwards)
Rehearsals: Monday's 4.00pm - 5.30pm

Description: The Conservatorium Youth Choir endeavours to foster excellence in musicianship and a love of music as well as to nurture young voices. It is available to all children from the age of 8 years from public and non-government schools and welcomes new members throughout the year.

The CYC participates in various activities around the region and performs in a range of Conservatorium and community events; often in collaboration with the Conservatorium’s other choirs. They experience music from a variety of cultures, exploring many styles and incorporating different musical and vocal techniques. New members are welcome at any time throughout the year.

Director: Christopher Blake
Cost: $105.50 per 8 week term (GST inclusive)

Contact: The office on (02) 4921 6800 or email: conservatorium@newcastle.edu.au