The Weeks Ahead

Week 3
Tuesday – P&C Meeting 7.30pm Staffroom
Wednesday – Stage 3 ANZAC Day Service, Civic Theatre, Mother’s Day Stall
Thursday – AFL Paul Kelly Cup
Friday – Mother’s Day Breakfast, Concert Band

Week 4 - NAPLAN Week
Monday – Kinder Readiness Night @ CPS 7pm
Tuesday – Naplan Language Conventions & Writing
Wednesday – Naplan Reading
Thursday – Naplan Numeracy
Friday – Crazy Hair Day, Concert Band

We Can See Clearly Now The Rain Has Gone

Wow, what a storm! Congrats for all surviving in style. Your children have conveyed graphic recollections of nights without power, missing pets, trees on rooftops, flying fences and missing trampolines! As a school we managed to dodge disaster compared to many schools in our area. The most significant impact was two very large trees that landed peacefully finally nestling themselves parallel to the ground between school buildings. Had they fallen in the opposite direction, we would have lost two classrooms, a toilet block, a canteen and our hall. Hopefully this week will see workmen onsite removing our forest friends as well as felling another few suspect trees and branches.

Clean Up Crew Branches Out

Thank you, thank you, thank you to a small team of volunteers that worked tirelessly last Tuesday and Wednesday to ensure that our school was safe and open for business by Thursday. Without them our students may have had to endure home for a few more days as was the case at many other educational institutions. A CSPS thumbs up to parent Andrew Rich, Assistant Principals Steve Kelly and Jill Hodson, and to Colin and Kellie Pascoe who spent copious hours putting us back together! Thanks also to Sue-anne Bull for some tasty morsels for morning tea for our workers. Not to forget our classic cleaner, Slobada Gorgievski, who performed Mary Poppins-like miracles in cleaning everything up in time for our return.

Like To Have A Say In Our Future?

One of the best ways to keep abreast of the happenings and the future happenings at CSPS is to be part of our P&C Meetings. It is also a wonderful platform for ideas and futuristic thinking to happen as many of our parents contribute thoughts and ideas for possible programs and resources to enhance our school. Contrary to the myth passed down through the eons of time by ancient warriors …. attending a P&C Meeting does NOT mean you are suddenly wrestled to the ground and lumbered with a job that you didn’t plan or want to do! We have a very relaxed and low pressure atmosphere and a culture that simply allows people to be involved at whatever level they desire. See you there this Tuesday at 7.30pm in our staffroom.
AFL v Water Polo

Our boys AFL team are a little confused as to whether to train with an AFL ball or a Water Polo ball as we prepare for this week’s Paul Kelly Cup at Teralba. Should the skies clear and grounds dry, we will take on a number of other surrounding schools in the local division of the PK Cup.

Testing Times Ahead - NAPLAN Assessments This Week

Our Year 3 & 5 students sit their NAPLAN Tests on Tuesday through to Thursday of Week 4. These include assessments in Reading, Language Conventions, Writing and Numeracy. Parents please ensure that children have plenty of sleep during the week in order to keep those brains nice and fresh!

Not Quite Singin’ In The Rain …. But Close!

Our Choir weren’t quite singing in the rain after the tumultuous week of storms and astronomical amounts of precipitation we experienced, but it was close! Great job Mr Blake and Choir in landing in second place this year and receiving a highly commended award from the judges. And believe us, that was not an easy thing to squeeze out of this year’s judge! Well done also CSPS kids on having the largest Primary or High School Choir again at Choralfest this year. We love our culture of music at CSPS and believe all children can sing given the opportunity. Thank you Mr Blake for providing us with that opportunity through expert tuition and fun accompaniment.

Hats Off To Our CSPS ANZAC Marchers

CSPS had a large representation at the Adamstown ANZAC Day March on Saturday April 25 with a team of 30 (27 students and 3 teachers) proudly marching as we paid our respects and remembered those who defended our great nation and fought for our freedom. A special tip of the hat to our 4 captains who led us down Brunker Road carrying our school flag and a floral wreath to lay at the foot of the flagpole. Thank you Mrs Hodson for coordinating our participation in this significant event. This Wednesday Years 5 & 6 head to the Civic Theatre for the combined Newcastle Schools ANZAC Day Service that was postponed due the recent storms.

Mud Runners

Last week’s Zone Cross Country looked more like a mud run and runners more like mud wrestlers than cross country runners upon their event completion. Once again our team performed admirably with Dawsan McMiles achieving our best result with a top ten finish for the third year in a row.

Mother’s Day Brekky & Stall

A mouth-watering start to the day will be in store for all our mums and grandmums this Friday as we celebrate together and acknowledge our CSPS mums. This year we will serve brekky outdoors as we can no longer squash into our School Hall. Our Mother’s Day Stall will be open on Wednesday and our P&C have some perfectly perfumed pressies for our wonderful mums. Dads, please cash the kids up for this one!

He Was Born Ready!!??

Charlestown PS is hosting a Readiness For School Info Night on Monday May 11 at 7pm. Our 6 local primary schools are running an information night on all the things you need to know about your preschool aged child’s readiness for schooling. This will include some guest speakers who will each have a 10 minute slot discussing highly relevant issues for fabulous four year olds. Please pass this info to any friends, family or neighbours who have preschool age children.

Changes to Library days this term

KH have Library on Wednesday, 1L have Library on Thursday and 4/5K have Library on Wednesday. Thank you.
Plain Sailing!
Congrats to Cooper Plain who picked up the best bowling average for the entire Charlestown Junior Cricket Club with an average of 4.83. Maybe a late inclusion in the Ashes Touring Squad?

MrJ’s Free Parenting Tip
Date night is something that you hear many married couples speak of as they plan into their schedules at least one date a month with events such as dinner, movies, slow walk on the beach, coffee at Hippos, large blocks of time just staring at each other etc etc!! I try to consider myself a hopeless romantic! (my wife just might limit that to hopeless!! LOL). Doing the same with each of our kids amazingly deepens our relationship with them. Maybe plan differently as staring at each other for long periods is just too weird! However, planning a scheduled event just one on one with your children has significant impact upon them. It says to each of them that they are special as an individual and that you want to spend time with them. It has always been my belief that you cannot possibly have good quality time without a good quantity of time. Try it and I guarantee you’ll agree every single moment was worth it. Kids often spell LOVE → TIME.

Principal’s Award
Term 2 Week 2

Caleb Cox 5/6W

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Diary Dates

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A busy week for CSPS students... filled with remembrance, running and rousing singing!
Stewart House Envelopes have been sent home today. Please donate $2.00 and you’ll go into the draw to win a $4000 family holiday. Stewart House is a wonderful organisation who have helped many of our students. Please return these envelopes to the office by Monday 11th May. Thanks for your support.

Mother’s Day Breakfast

On Friday morning please see Kellie in the office first to collect your tickets for your egg and bacon sandwich. We won’t be able to serve your delicious breakfast without a ticket!

Breakfast is served from 8am. See you then.

P and C News

Our Mother’s Day Stall is on this Wednesday 6 May starting at 12noon. Helpers, please note the later start time. If you can help on Wednesday please meet at the school hall from 11.45.

A big ‘Thank you’ is extended to all our helpers at the Election Day BBQ and Cake Stall. This event was a great success and we couldn’t have done it without your support.

Entertainment Books are a great idea for a Mother’s Day gift! Only $60 each and available now from the school office.

Our next meeting is tomorrow night (Tuesday) at 7pm in the Staffroom. See you there.

CANTEEN ROSTER

Thu 7th May
Kylie Thomas, Mandi Hoare

Fri 8th May
Sarah Stevenson, Lisa Walker, Kim Moore

Thu 14th May
Linda Cox, Mel Beer

Fri 15th May
Kelly Burton, Kim Moore, Nicole Phillips

Book Club orders are due Wednesday 6th May by 9.00am. Thank you.

Girls Winter Tights are now available at the office. Keep those legs and toes toasty warm this winter!

Sizes 4 to 10 are $7.50 pair,
Sizes 10 to 12 are $9.50 pair.
Entertainment books available now!
$60 each at the school office now - don’t miss out!

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