The Weeks Ahead

Week 1
- Friday – Concert Band

Week 2
- Wednesday – Staff Meeting 7.50am
- Thursday – Year 5 Debate v Dudley PS
- Friday – Concert Band

Welcome Back CSPS'ers!
I trust all had an enjoyable 2 week break lapping up the sunny winter weather in readiness for yet another exciting term of learning experiences and opportunities. With camps, Canberra and carnivals coming up, as well as a very Aussie Musical planned, not to mention band and choirs performing, all is set for a cracking Term at CSPS. We also welcome back Miss Garland in Week 2 after her European Vacation. 1/2G, get ready for the Parisian holiday snaps! Mr Blake and I will also be missing on long service leave for the first week or so but will see you all soon! Mr Blake is heading east and I am heading west. But we too shall return with different sets of travel snaps to show!

Netball Gala Day A Hit
In our final week of last term most of our stage 2 & 3 students took part in a huge Netball Gala Day at Charlestown courts. It seemed like 1000s of students flooded the area with a mass of colour, smiles and fun. Our 5 teams, prepared professionally by super coaches Mrs Sutton and Mr Kelly, had a superb day as they honed their skills in this non-competitive fun focused day. A massive ‘thank you’ to all of our primary class teachers for organising a wonderful day for us.
PSSA Netball

Our girl’s netball team put up a brave fight against last year’s regional champs Caves Beach in the second round of the NSW Knockout. The superior height of the CB girls proved a difficult weapon to combat and in the end they ran out easy winners despite our girls refusing to give up and fighting to the end. Congrats Mrs Sutton and team on reaching this stage of the state knockout.

A Warm Fuzzy!

We recently had a visit from Practicum Student Supervisor and retired Principal Mr Richard Rule who attended CSPS to view our 2 student teachers Miss Evans and Miss Howarth. We were extremely ‘chuffed’ (and just a little proud) after his comments about CSPS. Mr Rule was quite taken with the beautiful manners of our students and the quality and difficulty of the work that they were performing in class. In particular he commented on our recent EDI practices and asked if it was OK to share our contact details with some other schools he was involved with in western NSW so as they could get in touch with us and discuss how we implemented this program and how we were achieving such great progress, particularly in the infants classes that he was able to observe. Well done CSPS teachers! This came on the back of glowing praise from Mrs Kay Peno, our Director of Schools in East Lake Macquarie, who visited a number of our classes a few weeks ago and commented extensively on the outstanding job that the CSPS staff is doing in educating our children and the nation’s future leaders. Congrats to all of our CSPS community for contributing to making CSPS such a delightful place of which to be a part.

Yarn Up Upshot

Thank you to the mums that attended our Indigenous Parent Yam Up at the end of Term 2. We had a highly valuable discussion around the education of indigenous students and also reflected upon both the positives and negatives experienced by our parents during their educational journey. We looked at how we can enhance the opportunities for our indigenous students to grow in their understanding and passion for their culture and heritage, and how we as a school, can do this by introducing some new initiatives later in 2015.

NAIDOC Week

NAIDOC week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. NAIDOC is celebrated not only in Indigenous communities but by Australians from all walks of life.

The theme for 2015 is ‘We All Stand On Sacred Ground Learn, Respect and Celebrate’. This year the theme highlights Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples’ strong spiritual and cultural connection to land and sea. It is an opportunity to pay respects to country, honour those who work tirelessly on preserving land, sea and culture and to share the stories of these sites of significance or sacred places with the nation. Sacred places can be a geographic feature like a river or a lake, beach, bays, mountains or ceremonial grounds, galleries of rock art or places used for gathering for cultural practices.

Eastlakes Zone Athletics Carnival Update

All students participating as part of the CSPS Athletics Team have been notified verbally and will very soon receive a note specifying events and location. The team sheet has been placed on the windows outside of the 2/3S classroom for some weeks now so students can double check their exact events. For parents planning on attending this carnival, it will be held on Wednesday and Thursday of Week 5 which is August 12 and 13. The Wednesday will see the field events run ie; discus, shot put, high jump and long jump; as well as the heats of the 200m and 800m. On the Thursday all of the 100m age races will be run as well as the finals of the 200m and 800m as well as all of the relays. Please keep your finely tuned athletes as fit as possible and keep them training for their specific events. We will continue to do as much preparation at school as possible which will include getting our relay baton changes ‘silky smooth’!
Early Birds Becoming Bookworms!

Our Early Bird Reading Program was launched today in our school Library. The program aims at providing just another spot during each busy week for our students to sit and enjoy a good book! A number of our younger readers will have the added bonus of reading in pairs with some of our older volunteer pupil tutors. Thank you Mrs Sutton for this wonderful initiative and creating a great way for our reading skills to head toward a whole new chapter.
Food For Thought

Over the last few years our Canteen has become one of our biggest monetary fund raisers for CSPS with all profits being invested back into our school so all students and our community can benefit. Our small team of mums provide a wonderful lunchtime service to us all with the extra funds providing some very nice cream on top! However, for this service to continue as it is we do require the assistance of a few more willing mums, dads or grandparents. If you’d like a ‘taste’ of what’s required, please have a chat to canteen manager Kim Moore, or the office ladies, and they will go through the menu with you or make a reservation and book your table to just go along one Thursday or Friday to have a look at how the operation works. It really is a lot of fun by the sound of the constant chatter and laughter that emanates from our wonderful school canteen and our joyous canteen team. This really is a great way to meet some other CSPS parents and all of our delightful students.

We’re Going South of The Border

Our new EDI program (see Term 2, Week 9 Newsletter for extensive details) is sending us Melbourne bound! The very best practical hands-on conference on the planet to do with EDI, is being held in Week 3 of this term and we are sending 6 of our staff. This exclusive and much sought after event is limited to 120 teachers only from around the world and CSPS booked in 6 teachers just minutes after the registrations opened!

Mr J’s Free Parenting Tip

Be funny!........ As parents, we have so much to be serious about and consider and dwell on that it can appear to our kids that life is tough, arduous and boring and really does lack fun once you hit the ‘work’ years. This attitude can infiltrate our kids’ lives as well and they can begin to reflect our persona. However, there is an answer! Be funny! Dads and mums, can I encourage you to sometimes just be silly! Do some stuff that makes your kids laugh. Spontaneous or planned, it doesn’t really matter as long as a belly laugh is had by all. Wandering into the lounge room crazily dressed or using a ridiculous voice or accent while the kids are watching TV until you make them smile can have a wonderful effect. It doesn’t have to be a shaving cream pie in the face type gag, but visual slap stick stuff just gets kids laughing and hopefully uncontrollably! Your kids will love you for it and it will create memories that are guaranteed to make them smile for a very long time to come.

Principal’s Award

Term 2 Week 9

Aidan Bruce 2/3S

Term 2 Week 10

Archie Graham KH

Interested in a piano? Mrs Boereê has an upright, darkwood piano on castors which needs a new home. It’s free but the catch is you’ll need to pick it up yourself (or arrange a piano removalist) by this Friday 17th July. If you’re interested pop into the office and we’ll give Mrs Boereê your details.
**Diary Dates**

**July**
- Tue 28  P & C Meeting 7.30pm
- Tue 28  Commonwealth Bank Start
- Smart Visit Years 1 - 6
- Wed 29  Disco - note coming home soon

**August**
- Wed 5  Book club orders due by 9am
- Wed 12 & Thur 13  Eastlakes Zone Athletics
  Carnival
- Wed 26 & Thur 27  ‘Aussie Musical’ Concert
  -more details to follow
- Mon 31 to Thur Sep 3  Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

**Help Needed Please!**

We are looking for some volunteers to help with some *simple* sewing of costumes for our school ‘Aussie Musical’. Any mums, dads, aunts, uncles, grandmas, grandpas or friends who can help please contact Kellie or Cheryl in the office on 4943 5827. Thank you for your help.

**ALL SIZES NOW AVAILABLE**

Girls Winter Tights are now available, in all sizes, 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.

The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is back for 2015. This community program enables schools to earn educational resources when anyone from the school community shops at Woolworths. Starting on Wednesday 15th July when anyone from the school community shops at Woolworths, they will receive a sticker for every $10 they spend. These stickers are then placed on a sticker card. Once your sticker card is full simply drop it in the collection box in the school office. We hope to have a collection box at Charlestown Woolworths store also.

Thank you for supporting this great program. In past years our school has been able to earn some wonderful educational resources and we hope this year will be even better!
Responsible Pet Ownership Visit

On Tuesday 23rd June our Kinder and Year 1 students were visited by Mrs Belinda Wright and her dog Miley who taught us about dog safety including

- When dogs should be left alone
- Things we should not do to dogs
- How can you tell if a dog is happy, frightened or angry
- A safe way to approach and greet a dog
- What to do if approached by an unknown or aggressive dog
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