Term 3 Week 3
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The Weeks Ahead

Week 3
- Monday – Melbourne Education Conference
- Tuesday – Melbourne Education Conference
- Wednesday – Disco 5.30pm & 7.15pm
- Friday – Concert Band, Beanie Day - Gold Coin donation

Week 4
- Tuesday – P&C Meeting 7.30pm
- Wednesday – Staff Meeting 7.50am
- Friday – Concert Band, Lake Mac Principals Network Meeting

Early Bird Reading is Rocking!

Our Early Bird Reading Program has taken off big time and is now soaring into the clouds! Every Tuesday and Thursday morning our Library is amass with ‘bookworms’ scurrying for reading material and sought after comfy spots around our Library. Big kids mentoring little ones as they listen to them read as well as reading stories to them. You will also spot a bunch of teachers in amongst the ‘early bird flock’ listening to our developing readers and encouraging them as their competency levels rocket into the stratosphere. Thank you again to Mrs Louise Sutton for having the vision for this brilliant project and the wonderful skills to organise and run this for our students.

KL Has Scored Well!

All of the students in KL, along with teacher Mrs Lewis, are enjoying their new addition to their classroom. University student, Mr Josh McGrath, has now completed 2 weeks out of his 10 week stint with us as he completes his final internship before qualifying as an accredited primary teacher. Mr McGrath has fitted in easily at CSPS and is enjoying his time with our amazingly talented and caring KL class. If you do see Mr McGrath around CSPS, please say hello and welcome him to our school.

We’ve Flown South For The Winter

Please don’t think you have walked into the wrong school over the next few days with the changes in faces. Today and tomorrow, seven of our CSPS staff members are in Melbourne at an educational conference that will grow and support our current EDI program that was launched in 2015 (Week 9, Term 2 Newsletter outlines that for you in detail). Wednesday will see all back on deck full of new ideas despite the blurry eyes from the return mid night plane trip.

Book Club orders are due
Wednesday 5th August by 9.00am. Thank you.
Eastlakes Zone Athletics Carnival Update

Our team is in full training for the Zone Carnival and we ask parents to continue to play their role if time permits, by fitting in some extra ‘leg work’. By all means feel free to use our playground in the afternoons for some running, throwing or jumping practice. We have an accurately marked discus circle painted on our half basketball court which can also be used for shot put despite the dimensions being a little different. 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. Relay heats will be run in the middle of the day and the finals last thing in the afternoon. Mr Kelly, Mr McGrath and myself will be attending the carnival with our team.

Beanie Day This Friday

Wear your coolest Beanies this Friday and make a gold coin donation for the Mark Hughes Foundation. The foundation raises money for brain cancer and has been deemed by our SRC as a highly worthy cause. Mark Hughes represented the Newcastle Knights for many years as well as playing for his state and country. Please note that any Queensland beanies may be confiscated and treated accordingly!!

Musical

Our School Musical Performance is fast approaching and tickets will go on sale in week 4 or 5. The performances will be in Week 7 on Wednesday and Thursday August 26 & 27. Parents, in the rare event that your family may be away on those dates, please let us know immediately. Our current plan is to run two night performances and a matinee performance on the Thursday. Can we please request that when the time comes for ticket purchases, that if you are able to attend the matinee performance please do so as to leave spaces available for parents who can only attend an evening performance.

Mr J’s Free Parenting Tip

Creating traditions, whether small or large, is a wonderful thing to do for your family. They can be traditions that happen annually on a special event like a birthday or Christmas, or a weekly event or monthly ‘thing’ that you just do together. These can be as quirky or as non-descript as you like, it doesn’t matter as traditions bring families together. A family that I know rather well, put a Monday night family dinner tradition in to place when their kids reached teenage years (5 kids in total). Always at 7pm, always at their home, and always (unless there was an emergency of catastrophic proportions), everyone there. Some ten years on they still maintain the tradition. Is this family a tight knit gang???? You better believe it! The table has had to be extended of late with 2 son-in-laws added to the mix as well as a granddaughter. I’ve heard of another family who make a big deal every year of the footy Grand Final and decorate their lounge room to suit. They order in pizzas, prepare 1000s of snacks and make a huge day of it each and every year. Another family I know head to the same holiday destination on Boxing Day to camp by the beach for a week and have done for 20+ years. The grown up kids refuse to miss this! They love it! Tradition creates closeness and belonging whether it’s annually or weekly. Do you have some in place??

We would be most appreciative if parents would donate a box of tissues to their child’s classroom. It has been a particularly sneezy, sniffy winter and your kind donation will make a big difference!
Thank you for your help.
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 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!

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.

Diary Dates

**July**
- Tue 28 Commonwealth Bank Start
- Wed 29 Disco - Infants 5.30 - 7.00pm
  Primary 7.15 - 8.45pm

**August**
- Tue 4 P & C Meeting 7.30pm
- Wed 5 Book club orders due by 9am
- Wed 12 & Thur 13 Eastlakes Zone Athletics Carnival
- Fri 14 Sausage Sizzle orders due for Father’s Day Breakfast
- Wed 26 & Thur 27 ‘Aussie Musical’ Concert
  - more details to follow
- Mon 31 til Thur Sep 3 Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

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.
High Tea

In Week 2 Mrs Hodson held the Term 2 High Tea at Charlestown South PS. Teachers nominated students from their class who demonstrate consistently high standards of behaviour and enthusiasm for learning. The children brought their best etiquette and sipped hot chocolate whilst savouring delicacies such as biscuits, cupcakes and caramel slice.

Congratulations to our recipients:
Louis Selkirk, Jack Curtin, Zach Kurian, Kelley Hendrick, Leila Freeman, Sarah Graham, Hannah Burton and Ella Beer.
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Community Notices
Winter Fire Safety Checklist

FACT
Each year, the Fire and Rescue NSW attends approximately 4,500 residential fires in NSW with approximately 30% of them occurring in winter months, and 47% of fires starting in the kitchen.

IS YOUR HOME WINTER FIRE SAFE?
We recommend this simple safety checklist to help keep homes fire safe this winter. Make sure you and everyone in your household follows the following safety advice:

☐ Never ever leave cooking unattended. “Keep Looking When Cooking”
☐ Most importantly, have an adequate number of suitable smoke alarms installed throughout your home and make sure that you test them regularly.
☐ Make sure you and all your family know two safe ways out of every room in your home.
☐ Have a written home escape plan in case of fire and practice it regularly.
☐ If you have a fireplace in your home make sure the chimney is clean, and its properly ventilated.
☐ If you have a fireplace always place a screen in front of it when in use.
☐ Check electric blankets for damage or frayed cords before placing on the bed.
☐ Take care to keep curtains, tablecloths and bedding away from portable heaters.
☐ Keep wet clothing at least 1 metre from heaters or fireplaces and never leave unattended.
☐ If you use a clothes dryer make sure you clean the lint filter each and every time you use it.
☐ Only use one appliance per power point and switch off when not in use.
☐ Always extinguish candles or any other open flames before going to bed.
☐ Always handle candles or any other open flame with care.
☐ Store matches or lighters in a secure place not accessible to young children.
☐ Avoid the use of outdoor heating and cooking equipment inside your home. The use of this type of equipment indoors could lead to the build up of carbon Monoxide which could be fatal.

FIRE SAFETY TIPS

- Use only authorised installers of fixed heating appliances.
- If possible, in the kitchen keep a fire extinguisher and fire blanket placed near the exit.
- In Case of an Emergency Get out Stay Out and Call Triple Zero (000).