Term 1 Week 2
Monday
1st February 2016

The Weeks In View

Week 2
Monday – Kinder Best Start Assessments continue from week 1
Tuesday – New Kinders commence
Wednesday – Gymnastics 8 week program commences
Thursday – John Fleming visit
Friday – Concert Band, Kinder photos, Canteen Open

Week 3
Monday – Eastlakes Zone PSSA Meeting
Tuesday – School Swimming Carnival, P&C Meeting 7pm in the Staff room - all welcome
Wednesday - Gymnastics
Friday – Concert Band

Welcome to 2016 Everyone!

On behalf of the staff of Charlestown South Public School, I would like to welcome all new and continuing students and their families to a new and exciting year. 2016 is shaping up to be a huge one with so many wonderful events already plotted, planned and padlocked in. If you’ve entered through the ‘side gate’ you will have noticed that we have ‘expanded the tent’ and a ninth classroom was added over the holiday break. Our local Department of Education Assets Manager, Toni Ramage did backflips, scaled tall buildings, flew through the air and performed great heroics in securing us a brand new demountable classroom in pristine condition and .... with two huge air conditioners already installed!

Each new year offers fresh and new challenges for all students. With your support and interest I am confident that your children will learn effectively and make the most of the many and varied academic, cultural, sporting and social opportunities our school has to offer.

We’ve had a fantastic start to the year already, with all students placed in classes according to the great complexity of issues to determine their best placement. Parents should expect that it will take up to two weeks for students to settle fully into the new class environment. However, to the students’ credit, they seem to have settled from the very first moment. It is worth being mindful that not being in the same class as their ‘best friend’ or the same group each year can be very beneficial as research shows that it can stimulate and broaden new friendships and cause children to grow socially and academically.

Medication Update

If we are holding medication here at school for your child, especially Ventolin puffers and Epipens, now is a great time to replace any out of date medication. If you’re unsure, please ask Kellie or Cheryl for help. Thank you.
CSPS 2016 Staff

Like 2015 we commence the new school year with relatively few changes in staffing. However, with our growth from 183 to 204 students the Departmental staffing formula has been kind to us and we have gained a little extra office time for Mrs Hansen, as well as a whole extra day for Teacher Librarian Mrs Stoppini. There have been no major changes in staff make up in infants and primary and the composition of classes this year is as close to ‘teaching heaven’ as it gets with 2 x kindergarten classes, 3 x Year 1-2 classes, 2 x 3-4 classes and 2 x 5-6 classes. To say our staff is a little excited about this is an understatement. As most are aware, Public School Curriculums are taught in Stages that span two years with only the Early Stage 1 (Kinder) differing. Therefore, for the first time for many years at CSPS we have no ‘cross stage’ classes to juggle.

Our 2016 staff looks as follows: Mrs Hodson and Mrs Lewis will open the batting with Kinder; Miss Garland, Miss Lawson and Mrs Sutton will follow each with a Year 1-2 class; Mr Blake and Miss Jackson fill the middle order spots with Year 3-4 classes and Miss Walker and Mr Kelly anchor our strong batting line up with Year 5-6 classes. (Maybe too much T20 viewing over the hols??)

We are delighted to have once again snared the very best teachers on the planet to fill our various part time roles at CSPS. Mrs Fiona Eland continues as our Computer Teacher, Mrs Nicole Jovanovski joins us 2 days per week and will play a key role as a Learning and Support Teacher (LAST) as well as assisting with 5-6W and to our great delight we have lured Mrs Donna Harrison back from Grandmother duties and a life of leisure to a LAST role also 2 days per week. Everyone was so excited to see Donna as she returned to us this week. The line-up of kids for a hug from Mrs Harrison extended across the Highway and down Dudley Rd just short of the ocean!

The Queen of SLSO’s (School Learning Support Officers), Mrs Felicity Jackson with continue her SLSO role in the infants 5 days per week and Mrs Kristy Rinkin, who has the ability to wear any hat thrown at her at any time, will work closely with 1/2G and other classes in the same capacity. We are also delighted to welcome Mrs Kelly Burton onboard as our 3rd SLSO. Kelly will work with various classes on a variety of days each week and use her teacher education background in supporting individual students. A quick staff overview ‘at a glance’ is listed below.

Classes for 2015 are as follows:

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Total of 204 students
**A Spotless Record Comes to an End**

It is with sadness we say farewell on Friday February 12th to our much loved cleaner Mrs Slobada Gorgievski. Yet, at the same time we are very excited for Slobada as she opens a new life chapter embarking on her well-earned retirement. Slobada has called CSPS home for the past 19 years as in the wee small dark hours of the morning and late afternoons she daily prepared our classrooms and grounds in a pristine fashion ready for each new day. Please take time over the next 2 weeks if you spot Slobada working tirelessly as always, to say thank you for her outstanding service to our staff and children and to wish her well. We will miss her greatly as she has certainly not just been an employee at CSPS, but rather a great friend to us all.

**Leader Induction Assembly Friday**

This Friday is a significant day in the life of our school as it sets our leadership tone for 2016 as we induct our Year 6 Leaders. We will celebrate and acknowledge each of our Year 6 students as they vow to take on key roles within the school that allow us to run and administer so many outstanding programs. The Assembly will see students express publicly their leadership pledge as they receive their individual badges for 2016. Parents of the Year 6 students are very welcome and encouraged to attend and be part of the badge pinning ceremony if work commitments allow.

**The Adventure of a Lifetime Awaits!**

Partnering with your school as your children head through the unchartered jungles of their educational adventure is of great importance. Being part of our incredibly friendly and active P&C is a perfect way to walk the winding track alongside them as the hidden gems that awaits are discovered and uncovered on this exciting journey. Just like a jungle adventure, there are so many unexpected events and special moments and being part of the P&C expedition allows you to be part of the decision making process as we plan various school and community events for 2016 and beyond.

Our first P&C Meeting for 2016 will happen Tuesday Week 3 February 9th at 7pm in the school staffroom. We would love to see you there. All new kinder parents are extremely welcome. Being part of our canteen helpers is another wonderful way to be involved. Volunteers are always welcome with rosters constructed around people’s availability. Volunteer 1 day a week, 1 day a term or 1 day a year or somewhere in between! All help is good help, and your kids will love having you there!

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**Other Staff & School Roles**

Mr Colin Johnson - Principal
Mrs Kellie Pascoe - School Admin Manager
Mrs Cheryl Hansen - School Admin Officer
Mrs Maria Stoppini - Teacher/Librarian
Mrs Felicity Jackson - SLSO
Mrs Kristy Rinkin - SLSO
Mrs Kelly Burton - SLSO
Mr Colin Pascoe - General Assistant
Mrs Slobada Gorgievski - School Cleaner
Mrs Fiona Eland - Computer Teacher
Mrs Donna Harrison & Mrs Nicole Jovanovski - Learning and Support
Mr Chris Blake - Band & Choir Conductor and Coordinator
Miss Bernadette Gordon - School Counsellor

School Banking will resume on Tuesday 16 February, due to our Swimming Carnival next Tuesday. Please make sure the deposit slip is filled in and your child places their bank book in the red basket at the office by 9.00am each Tuesday. Thank you to Mrs Kassie Hunter for being our Volunteer School Banking Co-Ordinator again this year.
Charlie South Is Alive with The Sound Of Music

Our award winning School Concert Band will commence rehearsals this Friday at the usual time of 8am. Please note that for the first two Fridays, Mr Blake will work with the 2015 Band members only in the 8am timeslot. Then during the course of the day, Mr Blake and our three new instrumental tutors will work with all Band members during their peripatetic lesson. This will allow the new joining members to gain some vital experience with their instruments before starting to play with the Band.

We Are Fed Up This Friday!

This Friday sees the grand opening of our School Canteen for 2016. Sarah Stevenson and her trusty team of Masterchefs are commencing preparation of the Duck a l’orange with a Caviar Glaze, the Ribeye Grainfed Beef Medallions with the Red Grape Jus, the Lobster with Lime and Coriander butter ..... too adventurous??? Maybe the menu won’t contain the above mentioned delicacies just quite yet, but there will be some tasty additions such as our mouth-watering fruit cups, as the term unfolds. Please note that Canteen opening days in 2016 have now been moved to Mondays and Fridays to assist parents with the Monday morning dilemma of ‘Oh no! We have no bread!’ Not a problem any longer as Sarah and her team have taken care of that for you.

The Music Plays On!

Just when you thought there could be no way to offer any more in the way of cultural pursuits.... think again! Don’t forget our Monday afternoon small group singing lessons from 3:15pm to 4pm with singing teacher and local performer Mrs Susan Johnson. This elite group will be limited in number and with the departure of some Year 6 students from last year a couple of positions remain. However, you will need to be quick! If you are interested in this opportunity you need to act quickly. Please call or text Susan Johnson on 0407 831 992 to secure a spot or discuss the possibility.

Get Ready to Scoop The Pool! – Annual CSPS Swimming Carnival

For those parents and grandparents wanting to ensure they have cleared their schedule to attend our annual Swimming Carnival, the date is set for Tuesday February 9th. Our annual carnival is held in the 25m pool at Charlestown Aquatic Centre and always proves to be a highlight of the year as competition and fun combine beautifully in creating a wonderful CSPS community day. Sporting Houses Blaxland, Lawson and Wentworth try to beat each other over the blue mountain of waves that confront them as they strive for the much coveted House Trophy and early bragging rights for 2016.

The Swimming Carnival will involve students from Years 3 to 6 and consist mainly of competitive age events in various strokes but will also have some novelty events and free swim time for less capable swimmers. If you have a Year 2 student who is 8 years old, a very capable swimmer and can swim 50m freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke or butterfly unassisted, then they are very welcome to attend. Please send a note to their Year 2 classroom teacher if this is the case. We also need some wonderful parents to be part of running the day and if you are able to assist on the day with timekeeping, please email Mr Johnson at colin.johnson@det.nsw.edu.au. More information has been sent home last week, a copy of this note is on our school website.

School Contribution Fees Now Due

School contribution fees of $30 per child can be paid at our front office. This is a voluntary payment, but one that this vital for our school. This fee will assist with the purchase of essential resources such as exercise books, technology resources, class reading books, sport equipment—which all students require. We hope all families will support our school with this contribution fee. It is my hope that at our first regional Principal’s meeting I can once again boast that at Charlestown South we have the highest percentage in the region of families who have supported their school via the voluntary fees. I love boasting about our school community so please keep providing me with lots to boast about!
AAA – Anaphylaxis, Allergies & Asthma

Each year it seems the numbers of students that are susceptible to anaphylactic and allergic reactions increases. For these children, exposure to certain foods can be fatal. At CSPS it is crucial that no child brings peanut butter or nuts to school for lunch or recess as it could immediately place some of our children in a life threatening situation. Please continue to respect this which is easier to do if you place yourself in the shoes of the mums and dads of the kids that suffer from this condition. If your child does fall into any of the 3 categories in this article title, please ensure that you have a health care plan developed by your Doctor that is to be passed onto the school office. We take the health of every child extremely seriously at CSPS and therefore ensure that every staff member receives annual training in regard to the above listed health matters. Thank you again parents for your understanding and diligence in this area.

Mr J’s Free Parenting Tip – Edition 1, 2016

As any sporting coach will tell you, it is extremely important how a team starts a match as it more often than not sets the tone for the entire game. Losing NRL coaches in post match interviews almost always comment that “our poor start cost us the game”. If you’ve been watching the T20 Cricket Big Bash or the International matches, then you’ll know that every player spoken to pre match will talk about how crucial it is to get off to a ‘flyer’ if they are going to win. World champion sprinter, Usain Bolt, still spends unbelievable amounts of time on his start as he sees it as the key to winning. Great Aussie swimmers like Leisel Jones and Suzie O’Neill won many a race due to impeccable starts. So too, your child will set a wonderfully positive tone for their year if they start well. Set habits from day 1 such as a routine bedtimes and homework practices, healthy lunches and snacks, home reading program completed daily, ensuring best effort is put into producing quality work they are proud of, as well as down time that allows them to relax and recharge (we often forget this one in the busyness of life). A good start makes the rest of the race so much easier to run!

Don’t forget our Parent Online Payment (POP) system...

By accessing our school website, you can make payments to the school for excursions, sports, voluntary contributions and much more. Simply click on the ‘Make a Payment’ tab and follow the prompts. The system will generate a receipt number for you. The only items that cannot be paid for on POP are P&C items such as raffle tickets and fundraisers. If you need help with POP see Kellie or Cheryl in the office.

The start of the year is also a great time to download our Skoolbag app to your smartphone. We regularly use Skoolbag to advise you of upcoming events, changes to times, reminders and special events. It’s a great tool because it’s immediate, just like a text message. Remember to check for updates to your app using your phones app providers eg. Apple App Store, Google Play. We have updated the classes on Skoolbag for 2016 so you can customise your app for your child’s class. If you are unable to use Skoolbag and would like to stay informed you can receive these notifications by email. If you would like to do this, please leave your details with Cheryl at the office.
Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
School Canteen News

Our school canteen will reopen this Friday 5 February and will operate on Mondays and Fridays this year. A copy of the Canteen price list is on the back page of this newsletter.

Canteen Roster

Friday 5 February: Sarah Stevenson, Linda Cox, Julie Olischlager
Monday 8 February: Sarah Stevenson, Amy Murphy, Cassie Hunter

We’re still looking for volunteers so if you can spare a day please leave your details at the Office.

Attention all shoppers!

The early January ‘Back to School’ sales are a great place to pick up inexpensive plain coloured t-shirts ready for our school Sport and Swimming carnivals next year. Remember, Lawson is blue, Wentworth is red and Blaxland is green.

We have school hair scrunchies for sale at the office for $3 each but be quick because stock is limited!

A reminder to parents to notify the school about your child’s health

We welcome information from parents about your child’s health, even if you are not requesting specific support from our school. We ask for medical information when you enrol your child. It is also important that you let us know if your child’s health care needs change or if a new health condition develops.

Information about allergies, medical conditions such as asthma and diabetes and other health care related issues (including prior conditions such as medical procedures in the last 12 months) should be provided to the school by parents. Please provide this information in writing to the principal. This will greatly assist our school in planning to support your child’s health and wellbeing.

Please also remember to notify staff in the school office of any changes to your contact details or to the contact details of other people nominated as emergency contacts.

We appreciate your assistance in this regard and assure you that any information you provide the school will be stored securely and will only be used or disclosed in order to support your child’s health needs or as otherwise required by law.

Thank you.
Community Notices

Athena Dance

COMING IN 2016 TO VARIOUS LOCATIONS!

Athena is a new dance program created just for woman incorporating various styles of dance.

Unleash your Inner Goddess! Self expression, femininity, fun and fitness, connection and friendship

Wednesday Mornings (Child Friendly)
Location: Charlestown Community Centre
Corner of Frederick and Pearson Street
Charlestown

Website
www.tmpdancestudios.com.au

Email
info@tmpdancestudios.com.au

Junior Registration Days

When: Every Friday in February 5 to 6.30pm
Try Rugby for Under 7-8’s, girls and boys.
Viva 7’s Touch Rugby for Under 9’s to Seniors, BBQ afterwards (No Cost For the above events)
Where: Ernie Callan Field, Gateshead (Off Willow Road).
Season Registration Fees (includes insurance, shorts, socks and presentation):
Under 7 - 8’s: $50
Under 9 - 12’s: $100
Under 14’s+: $120

For further information contact:
Lucas Bull (Secretary) 0434 111 927
Susie Doran (Registrar): 0425 356 093

Like Us on Facebook:
Southern Beaches Rugby Juniors

See you at
“The Sand Pit”

Toronto Baseball Club

Come and Try Baseball

2016 Season

Toronto Tigers are located on the western side of Lake Macquarie with our home ground at Waterboard Oval, Fennell Crescent, Blackalls Park.

Baseball is for boys and girls between 4.5 and 16yrs

In Newcastle the season commences in late March and finishes in September.

Never played before? Not a problem, we have expert coaches to help guide you

Any questions? Call Ian on 0414465493
Kotara Bears Junior Rugby League Club

2016 Registration Information

KOTARA BEARS WANT YOU!!

Kotara Bears Junior Rugby League Club is seeking players in all age groups for 2016.

Online Registrations are now open, or come along to our Registration Days at Hudson Park (behind Westfield Kotara).

REGISTRATION DAYS  5 pm - 6.30pm
- Tue 2nd February
- Thu 4th February
- Thu 11th February

REGISTRATION COSTS
- $80 for minis (Under 6 to Under 8)
- $110 for Under 9 to Under 16
- $150 for Under 17

Training will commence Tue 16th February.

For further information please:
- go to our Facebook page ‘Kotara Bears Juniors’,
- visit www.kotarabears.com
- email kotarabears@hotmail.com
- call Craig Woolcock on 0400 299030
# Charlestown South Public School Canteen Menu Price List 2016

Our school canteen is open on Monday and Friday each week - and we always welcome new volunteers.

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| Wraps                         |                |                                            |       |
| Chicken tender                |                | u. tomato, carrot, lettuce, cheese & mayo | $4.00 |
| Ham/tuna or diced chicken     |                | u. tomato, carrot, lettuce, cheese & mayo | $4.00 |

| Salad Bowl                    |                | with ham, chicken or tuna                  |       |
|                               |                | Cheese, tomato, carrot, beetroot, lettuce, cucumber, egg |       |

## Hot Food

| Hot Chicken Chippies          | $4.50          |                                             |       |
| Dino Snacks                   | $0.60c         | Fairy Floss, caramel popcorn               | $1.50 |
| Lean Beef Party Pie           | $1.70          |                                             |       |
| Lean Beef Large Pie           | $2.20          |                                             |       |
| Lean Beef Sausage Roll        |                |                                             |       |
| Pizza - Cheese & Bacon        | $2.00          |                                             |       |
| Pizza - Ham & Pineapple       | $2.00          |                                             |       |
| Cheese & Bacon Roll           | $1.50          |                                             |       |

## Extras

| Tomato or BBQ sauce           |                |                                            |       |
| Drinks                        |                |                                            |       |
| Water                         | $1.00          |                                             |       |
| Juice                         | $1.50          |                                             |       |
| Milk Chocolate or Strawberry  | $1.50          |                                             |       |

## Drinks

| Red Rock Chips                | $0.30c         |                                            |       |
| Honey Soy, Sea Salt           |                |                                            |       |

## Snacks

| Apple Slinky or Banana        | $0.80c         |                                            |       |
| Apple from Home Sliced        | $2.00          |                                             |       |
| Orange Wedges                 | $0.80c         |                                             |       |
| JJ's                          | $1.00          |                                             |       |
| Popcorn                       | $0.50c         |                                             |       |

## Ice Blocks

| Moosies Chocolate or Strawberry| $1.00         |                                            |       |
| Icy Pole                      | $1.00          |                                            |       |
| Juiceys Wildberry, Orange Lemonade | $1.00 |       |

## Fruit Frogs

| Fruit Frogs maximum 10 per day | 0.05c          |                                            |       |