Welcome back to all our students and families for a brand new year. I would especially like to welcome our new students and their families to our very friendly school community, not only those coming into Kindergarten for the first time or who have moved into our school from other areas, but a special welcome to the Aranmala family whose two boys have just moved here from Thailand. Mark in Year 6 and Mick in Year 2 have the extra challenge of learning English as well as settling into their new school. There will be ongoing support for the boys this year to facilitate this process. Another “almost new” arrival is Wei Chen in Year 6 who is from China, although he has been in this country a year already and his English is progressing well. The staff extend to all of you our best wishes and thank you for becoming part of our school community. We trust your association with our school will be a happy and rewarding one.

Speaking of China, we are participating in an initiative with the other Whitebridge Community of Schools this year to have a native Chinese-speaking teacher from Whitebridge High visit our Year 6 students for an hour each fortnight for lessons in Chinese language and culture.

Mrs Jo Moody was welcomed to our staff from the beginning of this year, replacing Mrs Simcoe who retired at the end of last year. Mrs Moody will be teaching one of the two Kinder classes. We also welcome back Mrs Kristy Ratcliffe who will be teaching 3R.

Our community garden has been sprouting tomatoes and various veges in huge numbers over the vacation. Thank you to all the parent volunteers who came in during the break to keep the water up to the gardens and hopefully avail themselves of some of the produce. This is the ongoing deal with our gardens. If anybody would like to spend any of their time checking on the garden, weeding or watering, especially on weekends or breaks please feel guilt-free at taking home some ripe produce for the table.

Some school refurbishment was carried out in the holidays. You may have already noticed the roof of the COLA outside the library and computer lab has had its roof replaced so it now looks a lot neater. We have also had a pool fence installed to surround the infants play equipment. This is for safety reasons so staff can monitor the students (K-2) who use this gear during school times. The P. and C. is on the verge of having our new totem installed near the James Street entrance and line markings upgraded on the basketball court (with support from Year 6 2012). We will also soon be getting the James Street side of the Library block repainted. All of these initiatives will continue to improve the look of the school, something our school community has been wanting to continue to promote.

Late last year I gave out to all families (and added to the school website) a planner for 2013 to give everyone a guide to the likely expenses that will come up for families through the year. Please refer to it, while keeping in mind that it is not definitive and other events could still come up. At the early part of the year the major expense is the payment of the text and other book fees, including access to such things as Mathletics for each student. These invoices will be going out to families this week. Please consider getting this expense out of the way as soon as you can in the next couple of weeks as we will have already started the students using or accessing these resources. Hopefully this won’t be a problem, especially in the light of recent Government payments to some families for each primary and secondary child. If there is still a problem with this payment please talk to me soon so we can make some arrangements.

Neil Sneddon
Principal

DIARY DATES

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<td>Mar 28th</td>
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WORKBOOKS AND CONTRIBUTIONS

5th February 2013

Dear Parents/Carers,

In 2013 the School Contribution has been set at $25 per child. Parents are also asked to pay for the workbooks which the children have already begun using in class. This will vary according to the grade your child(ren) are in.

Following is a rundown of these costs:

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<td>Go Maths Package</td>
<td>1 to 6</td>
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<td>(Kindergarten will not be using the workbooks but will still be doing the Go Maths lessons using existing resources)</td>
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<td>Targeting Handwriting</td>
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<td>School Magazine</td>
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(The Mathletics and Reading Eggs cost is for each child’s yearly membership to these programs. They allow access to the programs and related learning objects from school and at home. The school is subsidising this cost.)

Payment is to be made at the school office. Students have already been issued with the books.

Neil Sneddon
Principal

Student’s Name ............................................ Class ............ (Please circle which year your child is in if a composite)

1. I have included $25 for School Contribution

2. I have included payment of ............ for workbook(s) etc

3. Total payment is ......................

Parent/Carer Name ........................................ Signature ........................................
On Monday 18 February, 2013  World of Maths is coming to Charlestown East!

World of Maths is a unique traveling maths show that provides fun, colourful, hands-on, mathematical, problem solving activities for student participation in school visits since 1990.

The activities or “displays” have been inventeddesigned and manufactured by World of Maths and therefore would not be found anywhere else in the world.

The program has been designed to cater for all abilities with 34 activities covering ages from 5 to 14 year old. Further information can be found at http://www.worldofmaths.com.au/

Please Note: World of Maths do not use the same activities for Junior & Senior Students

**Cost:** 7.00 per student

Permission slip/ payment due by Thursday 14th February

**Session Times:**  
First Session- (K-4) 9.30-10.40  
Swap activities (2)  
Second Session – (5-6)11.45-1.15

regards,

Drew Janetzki

Assistant Principal

Permission slip/ payment due by Thursday 14th February

Child’s Name.............................................. Class .....................

I .............................................................. give permission and enclose $7.00 for my child to participate in World of Maths show on Monday 18th February, 2013.
**CANTEEN NEWS**

The canteen follows healthy canteen guidelines. There are 3 groups in which all foods are classified: green, amber and red. Green and amber foods are allowed to be sold everyday but red food can only be sold twice a term. Green foods are a good source of nutrients; contain less saturated fat, sugar and salt. Amber foods contain moderate levels of saturated fat, sugar and salt. Our basic menu is updated yearly and any additional food is advertised in the bulletin and is available either daily, weekly or on a seasonal/term basis. The canteen menu is available on the school’s website.

All recess/lunch orders are to be taken to the school office and placed in the canteen letterbox outside the principal’s office before school. They are collected by the canteen volunteers, who are required to be at the canteen by 9-30am.

Without our valued daily volunteers the Canteen cannot function so why not grab a friend or two or even another family member and enjoy your day together on canteen for 2013. Your children will be happy to see you at school and you get to meet new people and make good friends within the school community.

Please fill in the form below, if you haven’t already and send it back to the canteen as soon as possible. Your roster will be sent home to you in due course.

The canteen is open at lunch this week for counter sales i.e.: ice blocks, chips, drinks etc. and will open for lunch orders and recess as of Monday 11th February.

Should you have any questions in regards to the canteen or would like to join the committee please contact Steph Harrison on
0478681152/ 49432489

\[\text{name} \quad \text{telephone}\]

Child’s name/class

**Please nominate:** (when you prefer to work)

- Monday
- Tuesday
- Wednesday
- Thursday
- Friday

- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly
- Full Day (9-30 to 2-15)
- ½ Day Morning (9-30 to 11-30)
- ½ Day Afternoon (11-30 to 2-15)

If possible I would like to work with ____________________________________________

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**CANTEEN ROSTER**

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**** NB Canteen will have to be closed 18th, 19th and 20th February if volunteers cannot be found.
ANAPHYLAXIS INFORMATION
If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the Anaphylaxis Procedures contain information for schools and parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy it is important to let us know – see Action steps for parents.
Find out more:

SWIM AND SURVIVE PROGRAM
Lessons are for beginners through to confident swimmers keen to practise their technique (from infants to 12 years). See the map to find the pools where friendly swim teachers with AUSTSWIM accreditation teach across NSW.
Find out more:

SCHOOLKIDS BONUS
The Schoolkids Bonus can help lighten the financial load. It replaces the old Education Tax Refund and it’s simple: there’s no need to collect receipts or claim it through your tax. Eligible families need to register by 31 December.
Find out more:

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KIDZBIZ @ WHITEBRIDGE
Is an afternoon of games, craft, stories & fun for Primary School Children.
We meet on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month in the School Term from 4pm till 5.30pm at Whitebridge Uniting Church, at the Roundabout Whitebridge. The cost is $2.00 per child to cover the cost of afternoon tea & craft items.
All workers have completed a NSW Working with Children Check & read & signed our Working with Children Policy & Code of Conduct.
The dates for Term 1 are as follows;
7th February, 21st February, 7th March, 21st March & 4th April.
For more information please contact Cathy on 49081083

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UNIFORMS
The process for ordering is easy. Just write your order on the front of an envelope along with your name and child’s name then place the correct money (or a cheque) in the envelope and hand it to the ladies at the office.
Caps are sold at the canteen as well.

UNIFORM PRICELIST

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<td>Blue Library Bag</td>
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JACKET ORDERS
We will be placing one order only with our supplier for jackets this year. We have a few available at the moment for $38.00 but if we run out ... you miss out.
Please take your order form to the office and when the jackets come in, Sandra will let you know and then we will arrange for payment and delivery.

Sandra Clement is now looking after the school uniforms if you would like to get in touch with Sandra please phone her on 4943 5601 or 0400 658 770.

Child’s Name ..............................................................
Class ........................................... Jacket Size .............
Name ..........................................................
Phone ....................................................

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WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM (WEP) is inviting you to experience
Another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to one of our international students arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

To receive a full information pack for your family, contact
Sylvia Kelly: Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733 or Email: info@wep.org.au
PLAYER REGISTRATION DATES FOR 2013
SEASON U6 – U17

• Wednesday 6th and 13th February 2013, 4.00pm to 6.00pm.
• Saturday 2nd and 9th February 2013, 1.00pm to 3.30pm.

The Registration Fee per Family is $130 per Player, for the first two Players and $115 per subsequent Players.

Enquiries: Neville Clifford (Registrar)
Mobile: 0423427229
Central Charlestown Junior Rugby League Football Club Inc.