FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK ……..

This week we will issue invoices to families that are yet to settle the payments for books and other items already being used by the students. If this can be settled as early as possible it allows us to allocate funds to other projects we are keen to put in place to benefit all students. Thank you to all those families who have already paid these amounts.

Congratulations to all the students who have put themselves forward to represent the school at various sporting knockout and gala day events and at the zone swimming carnival recently. Mrs Harris will have more details of results in this or the next bulletin, as more events are on this week. No matter what the results of these ventures, Charlestown East students always represent their school with honour and good sportsmanship. We expect no less.

There have been offers to join our 1-2-3 Magic student behaviour management course which relates the same program for home as one being taught in classrooms. However, the response has been rather small and we have postponed them for a short time until more interest is received. The course will run here at school on 3 Tuesdays with Tanya Rankin, our Learning and Support Teacher.

We know that with the recent poor weather, picking up and dropping children at school can be awkward. I need to remind parents of a couple of problems that have surfaced at these beginning and dismissal times around the school. Parents are asked not to drive into the school grounds to deliver children or be ready to pick them up. This is a safety concern as children may be on the edges of the oval area when this has been occurring. Also, there have been a few problems in the afternoon on the James Street side of the school where parents may be causing problems for others exiting from this area after children are loaded into cars. Please consider whether you are leaving space in front or behind your parked car for other cars to be able to drive off safely.

Neil Sneddon
Principal

5th March 2013
K/3A
We are delighted to welcome our new student, Acasia Camp. She is in Year 3 and a wonderful asset to our classroom.

All of us are now thriving on a strong and varied integration program. Luckily we have two staff members in K/3A because we are often required in different activities and directions.

In class we are focusing on number lines in Math’s and parts of speech in English. Every student is able to pick the verbs out of sentences already.

KB
The children of KB are hard at work learning their sounds in preparation for reading and writing. Sight Words cards will begin going home next week. We celebrated Red Day today. Thank you to the parents who have assisted with Playgroups so far – your help is greatly appreciated. Please bring in a decorated shoebox for our paper readers.

KM
KM are enjoying their reading groups and love going to the library. Most children are already borrowing books regularly. We have also had some terrific news items shared by many class members. What a great start to school!

1H
1H made raindrops last week, (very appropriate for the weather) and now we are writing about the rain as well. We are busy learning our medley of songs for the Grand+parents concert which is coming up at the end of term.

2T
This term we are focussing on ‘organisation’ as one of our values we need to succeed in life. 2T have made some short term goals for the classroom to help them achieve success. This week we are going to listen and not talk! We are going to get our work done by ignoring distractions and we are going to be more organised!

3R
3R is enjoying learning about early Aboriginal Australia and how our country has changed since European settlement. We are also honing our skills at putting forward our opinions about topics in preparation for writing persuasive texts. Please remember that homework is due in on THURSDAY.

4S
4S has been investigating ancient and contemporary Aboriginal art. The boys and girls have had a go at producing their own contemporary art works using traditional methods and the results are fantastic! We have had a great time learning about Aboriginal life prior to European settlement and we have discovered some very interesting facts. Remember to keep practising your tables at home.

5/6H
5/6H are working really well in Accelerated Literacy especially with their Pattern rewrites. Be sure to read them in the Bulletin! “Words Their Way” spelling has finally started – look out for these sheets for homework. Keep up the good work everyone!

5/6V
We have a fantastic approach to learning going on in 5/6V! We are enjoying reading ‘Hating Alison Ashley’ by Robin Klein and gaining a better understanding of how the English language works at the same time. It’s great to make comparisons to the film of the book as well.

LIBRARY
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is about to start! Tubs of books will soon be placed in classrooms. Please, all students at C.E.P.S. take up the challenge and be part of this exciting adventure with books! Remember, reading is knowledge!

QUALITY EDUCATION AWARDS: Weeks 5 and 6

KB
Week 5
Macey McDonald
Jasper Hoad

Week 6
Charlee Buckley
Jack Wright

KM
Week 5
Evelina Done
Kai Foster

Week 6
Lily Wilson
Tallan Krainz

1H
Week 5
Annabelle Beaufement
TJ Hughes

Week 6
Christian D’Alessandro
Harrison Cooper

2T
Week 5
Peri Bootland
Kayla Nikoloski

Week 6
Brydie Hoad
Ella Hoad
Kayla De Groot
Samuel Clement

3R
Week 5
Bella Thwaites
Lachlan Henderson

Week 6
Patrick Davison
Kai Evans

4S
Week 5
Bryson Henderson
Lachlan West

Week 6
Destiny Fenton
Miah DeAngelis

5/6H
Week 5
Rachael Tuohy
Lachlan Thompson

Week 6
Olivia Robinson
Caine Roewekamp

5/6V
Week 5
Laura Wilkins, Ebony Woolgar-Robe, Eric Clement

Week 6
Chloe Lankester, Matthew Clarke
LIBRARY
Week 5 & 6
Caitlyn Henderson
Nelson Wong
Campbell Burnett

COMPUTER
All students have been learning about Cybersafety as well as useful tips through the Australian Governments Cyber Safety website.
Please ensure to discuss the key messages with your children regarding cyber safety.

MATHLETICS - READING EGGS ACCOUNTS HAVE NOW ROLLED OVER FOR 2013

Your child's class is now using Mathletics and Reading Eggs - Australia's most used educational website. Students have at Charlestown East have accumulated 38 awards already this Term!

World Literacy/ Maths and Science Day is this week!

It is bound to be a week full of excitement for all of our students at Charlestown East Public School.
World Literacy Day is on Tuesday March 5th
World Maths Day is on Wednesday March 6th
World Science Day is on Thursday March 7th

As a Mathletics school all of our students can already log into
http://www.worldeducationgames.com/ and start practising.

Some Do's and Don'ts
Do:
- Use reusable containers
- Use recyclable paper bags or wrap
- Create less waste by leaving packaging at home for recycling
- Establish a worm farm and feed fruit and vegie scraps to the worms or compost them.
- Encourage your child to eat healthy, non-processed food eg. Fruit, vegies

Don't use:
- Snap lock single use plastic bags or glad wrap
- Aluminium foil wrap or foil pie cases
- Pre-packaged food in plastic wrapping
- Juice boxes and straws etc

Litter that starts its journey in the playground will travel to local creeks, then on to major rivers or lakes and will eventually make it to the oceans and become marine debris.

Estimates suggest over a million seabirds may die each year and up to 100,000 marine mammals and turtles as a direct result of marine debris.

The Pacific Garbage Patch is one of the many garbage patches in the oceans of the world. It is the largest and has an area twice the size of France.
Take a look for yourself!
http://greatpacificgarbagepatch.info/

Sue Timbrell
CEPS Environment Green Team

CAN YOU LEND A HELPING HAND FOR AN HOUR THIS FRIDAY 8TH MARCH FROM 3.15PM?
If so, we’d love to see you along with Mrs Timbrell at the community gardens located behind the kinder rooms.

All you need is a pair of gloves and be able to weed a little and plant the new seedlings for the autumn crop so the kids to water, harvest and sell the veggies.

We hope you can make it for an hour.

P&C committee

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On Monday 25th Feb & Wed 27th 23 students participated in the Zone Swimming Carnival at Swansea Swimming Centre.

Sofie DeAngelis 3R: Backstroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Relay (1st in heat)
Destiny Fenton 4S: Backstroke, Breaststroke (5th in final), Freestyle, Relay (1st in heat)
Rosie Hoad 5/6H: Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle, Relay
Willow Roewekamp 5/6H: Backstroke
Kelilah Smith 5/6H: Backstroke, All Age 100m Freestyle, Freestyle, Relay (2nd in heat)
Olivia Robinson 5/6H: Backstroke, Breaststroke, Freestyle
Miah De Angelis 4S: Breaststroke, Freestyle, Relay (1st in heat)
Colby Donaldson 3R: Breaststroke, Butterfly, All Age 100m Freestyle, Freestyle (3rd in final) Jnr Relay, Snr Relay (5th in heat)
Hugh Barden 4S: Breaststroke, Freestyle, Relay
Holly Youman 5/6H: Breaststroke, Butterfly, Freestyle, Relay
Skylar Donaldson 5/6H: Breaststroke, Butterfly, All Age 100m Freestyle, Freestyle, Relay (2nd in heat)
Taylor Fenton 3R: Butterfly (4th in final), Freestyle (2nd in final), Jnr Relay (1st in heat)
Jaret Bell 4S: Butterfly, Freestyle, Jnr Relay
Lachlan West 4S: Freestyle
Jye Simm 3R: Freestyle
Lucas Beaumon 4S: Freestyle, Jnr Relay
Ebony Woolgar-robe 5/6V: Freestyle
Jasmine Woolgar-robe 5/6V: Freestyle
Bodhi Roewekamp. 5/6V: Freestyle, Snr Relay
Tayla Hicks 5/6H: Freestyle, Snr Relay
Rory Archibald 5/6H: Freestyle, Snr Relay
Jayden Ford 5/6V: Freestyle, Snr Relay
Mark Aranmala 5/6H: Freestyle

Thanks to all the parents, grandparents and supporters for transport and cheering on our swimmers.

We congratulate and wish Colby and Taylor all the best at the Regional on Thursday 7th March at Maitland Park.

BY OLIVIA ROBINSON AND SKYLAR DONALDSON
National Ride2School Day

Friday 22nd March is National Ride2School Day.

On this day, families are being asked to choose active travel. Leave the car at home and walk, ride, skate or scooter to school together. This initiative not only promotes physical activity but it also helps look after our planet! Also, this Term, Charlestown East School students are looking at ways we keep safe: on or near the road, riding bikes, scooters and skateboards and as passengers in cars and buses as part of our Road Safety Program.

If you live some distance from school, part way is OK! Park at a point closer to school, so that you can travel the rest of the way by foot, bike or scooter.

Remember to follow road safety rules. Children under 12, and older riders who are supervising them, may ride bikes, scooters, skateboards and rollerblades on the footpath. Keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Approved helmets must be worn when cycling. The school also requires all students who are riding scooters, or skating, to wear a helmet.

Students in Years 3 to 6 may keep their bike or scooter at school for the day. Please provide your own bike lock. Scooters can be kept in classrooms.

Parents of students in Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are asked to take any bikes or scooters home with them. If this is a problem, bikes, scooters etc could be left safely, locked up for the day, in the old staffroom (demountable building) until home time when they can be collected.

Further information can be found at www.ride2school.com.au.

Sue Timbrell
Coastal Valleys Region Girl Guides invite you to
Come and Try Guides!
At your local Girl Guide unit
For girls aged 7-18 years
Guides enjoy challenging and fun program of indoor and outdoor activities:
games, leadership and life skills, craft, badges, cooking, camping and community events

For information on the location and available meetings in your area
Please email coastalvalleysgirlguides@live.com.au or call 1300447548
Or visit our website www.girlguides-nswact.org.au to find out more about Guides
HAVING FUN TODAY - LEADING THE WORLD TOMORROW.

Jams and Preserves for Sale
For all inquiries regarding jams, relishes, chutneys, pickles and more, please come to 278-280 Main Road, Fennell Bay on Wednesday or Friday during 12-5pm, call 0414 216 030 or email mumsiana@gmail.com. Products do not contain artificial food colourings. Proceeds help support the Southlakes Refuge.

1st Charlestown Scout Group

Be prepared...
For new adventure!

For more than 100 years Scouts have offered a program to young people which helps develop them through teamwork and using their own initiative.
Scouts believe encouraging young people to “be prepared” is more important today than ever!

What should you be prepared for? Fun and adventure, team involvement, helping other people, being a leader, making friends, caring for the environment, and being a positive influence in your community.

Come along to our hall to join the fun
1st few visits are free to see if you like it.
25 James St
Charlestown

JOEY SCOUTS-6-8 years
Mondays 5-6pm

CUB SCOUTS-8-10 years
Tuesdays 6:30-8pm

SCOUTS-11-16 years
Wednesdays 7-9pm

VENTURERS-16-18 years
Mondays for 3 hours 7-9:30pm

For more Information call
Anthony Butler
0400 380 722

DON'T MISS OUT!!
GAMES, FRIENDSHIP AND SKILLS FOR LIFE

All Junior Chess Players are invited to play!
ONE DAY INDIVIDUAL CHESS TOURNAMENT
A great way to “warm up” for the school teams tournaments starting in Term 2
but you don’t even have to be in a team to come along and enjoy playing chess.

Sunday 17th March 2013
Newcastle PCYC
cnr Young Rd & Melbourne Rd
Broadmeadow

While you can just turn up on the day, it helps get started on time if you enter in advance by email to david.absalom92@gmail.com

Entry $8
PCYC members $5
Family discounts available

Registration 9 am
Play 9:30 am to 3 pm

All players play all rounds:
You do not get knocked out!
Puzzles/Coaching between rounds
Bring your own lunch or use the PCYC canteen