**FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK…..**

Please note the change of date for this year’s athletics carnival. We are now running this on Wednesday 5th June. Any permission notes that may have already been returned will be taken as your permission for your child to take part on the new day.

We will be adding to the school website in the next week or so the Annual School Report for 2012, which has recently been completed. This highlights some of the main features of school life here at CEPS in 2012. NAPLAN graphs and analysis of this and other data is also in the report, as well as some financial details of where money was spent across the school for the year. It will remain on our website until replaced in 2014 by the report for 2013. Also soon to be added to the website will be the school’s Management Plans for 2013, in the areas of literacy, numeracy and student engagement. These are some of the main programs we intend to go through with this year in these areas.

As this is the final Bulletin for the term, I need to remind parents and carers once again that the students return to school for Term 2 on **Wednesday 1st May** after the vacation which begins after Friday 12th April. Staff will return to school on Monday 29th April for 2 days of professional learning both here and across the Whitebridge Community of Schools.

Notes have gone out about our Dance 2B Fit program of lessons each Tuesday next term. This $30 fee represents a little over $3 per lesson and the expectation is that all students will participate. This dance preparation will be the basis of our concert in Term 3 and we can only do this well if **every child takes part**. If your child hints that they don’t think they want to do this, please treat this the same way as if your child said they didn’t want to do maths or spelling any more. If money is a problem please talk to me and we will work something out. We don’t want any students not participating in our school concert.

Also on money, I do understand we have been asking for different payments for various things. The soccer players for Terms 2 and 3 have been asked to pay quite a lot at the moment. The main thing here is we need the commitment to participate so Mr Janetzki can organise buses and commit teams to the draw convenor. The $90 per term can be broken up into an initial payment of, say, $40, if money is an issue. This will show commitment to the program by your child and the rest can be paid a little down the track. This money, by the way, includes shorts and socks which can be kept by your child.

Have a safe and enjoyable Autumn vacation. We look forward to working with you all again in Term 2.

Neil Sneddon
Principal

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K/3A
K/6A has had a lovely build up to Easter. We are proud of our Easter Hats and our craft work which decorates our room.

We are really enjoying our ‘Power Builders’ which are short comprehension exercises and letter recognition work. Sometimes we get so engrossed the students want to do more than one which really helps to build their concentration spans.

KB
We had a fantastic time at the Easter Hat Parade and our hats looked amazing – thanks to our Mums and Dads for their help. Keep practising your Sight Words to help us improve our reading.

KM
KM has had lots of fun drawing and writing about the Easter Bunny. They loved singing the Easter songs they have been learning. And WOW! What great hats on Thursday!

1H
We’ve been very busy lately. Our transport excursion was fantastic and great preparation for next term’s theme work. We had a visit from the LMCCouncil to understand a little more about water systems and how to keep our rivers healthy. Easter was great too with the visit from the Easter Bunny a highlight and we all loved the Hat Parade also.

2T
2T had a great time on the transport excursion and a big thank you to the wonderful parent helpers who assisted on the day. The children all looked ‘eggcellent’ at the Easter Hat Parade. We have some very creative families in 2T. The children and Mrs Bell have been enjoying the different versions of “There was an old lady who swallowed...” books. They are great fun to read together and practise rhyming.

3R
Thankyou to all of 3R for working so hard this term. We have had a very busy 10 weeks and have done a lot of learning. Have a great holiday and please keep up your home reading. Don’t forget about Mathletics and Reading eggs for extra practice too!

4S
4S students have been completing computer research tasks based on Captain Cook. I’ve been very impressed with the details they have found and included in their research! A big thank you to parents and helpers who have assisted us with our reading groups this term; they wouldn’t be able to operate as successfully without your help!

5/6H
Stage 3 enjoyed a beaut day on Wednesday 20th sailing on the “Solar Sailor” accompanied by 2 very cute dolphins WOW!! I hope you all had a very happy Easter and an enjoyable break. Not long till a bigger break!

5/6V
Welcome back everyone after the Easter break. We have a lot of learning to catch up on. Please keep up your review efforts on skills taught in class. Well done to the people who achieved great results in the 2D assessment!

LIBRARY
This week is the last week for students to borrow from the library. This means that all books must be returned during week 11, the last week of term. Students, whose books are overdue, please return immediately.

Many thanks to my library monitors who have, as per usual done a great job in the library helping during the lunch breaks.

Enjoy your well-earned rest and happy reading!

QUALITY EDUCATION AWARDS: Week 9

KB
Week 9
Shania Bailey Jye O’Brien
KM
Week 9
Milla Smith Jesse Norton
1H
Week 9
Gabrielle Davison Cooper Bell
2T
Week 9
Dakoda Bailey Jackson Bosevski
3R
Week 9
Jasmin Bosevski Callum Woodrow
4S
Week 9
Toby Chillingworth Callie Thomas
5/6H
Week 9
Jess Hjort Zane Walker
5/6V
Week 9
Jack Dawson Zac Pascoe
LIBRARY
Week 9
Laura Wilkins Riley Cornish
Ebony Woolgar-Robe Tyler Buckton
Amber Dipper Zachery Buckton
Samuel Clement
COMPUTER

MATHLETICS: SUMMARY 2013
Starting Week 10 Term 1

So far students have accumulated over 60 awards this term. Well done Charlestown East students!

MATHLETICS:
This weeks leading class in Mathletics is:
1st is 5-6V with 13 awards
2nd is 4S with 12 awards
Equal 3rd is 2T and 3R with 10 awards

Here are some tips to be CyberSmart over the holidays!

Expert tips to bully-proof your child
• Computer savvy kids are less likely to be bullied, according to some studies. Knowledge is the best defence for you and your child.
• Keep the computer in an open area of the house - not in kids' bedrooms.
• Talk to your children about cyberspace; know where they're going and who they're communicating with.
• Reassure your child that they can tell you about cyberbullying without fear of being restricted from the computer or phone.
• Take cyberbullying seriously. It isn't a "normal teenage phase all children have to go through".
• Reinforce the Stop, Block and Tell message with your child.
• Remind your kids never to post anything online they wouldn't want you or their teacher, for example, to read. It could be there forever.

For more information and tips to help your child be cyber smart visit:

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Article from School A to Z - Parent involvement

Turning the snags at the school sausage sizzle or sewing sequins on costumes for the school play has far more value than parents realise.

As a parent, you are the most influential factor in how your child views school and the community they're part of. Your involvement with their learning goes a long way towards your child becoming a capable, resilient and happy adult.

Regardless of whether your children are in primary or high school, never be afraid to ask teachers how you can get involved. In the eyes of the school, you a valuable resource. Here's why. The whole article can be found at.

K.O. CRICKET

On Friday 22nd March CEPS girls played in Round 1 of the PSSA Girls' Knockout Cricket at Kahibah Oval against Eleebana.

After a very close game, we were the victors!! The team - Demi Bootland, Willow Bignall, Amber Dipper, Skylar Donaldson, Georgia Hall, Tayla Hicks, Jess Hjort, Olivia Robinson, Kelilah Smith, Laura Wilkins, Haylee Wilson, Ebony Woolgar-Robe and Jasmine Woolgar-Robe – all played a fantastic game.

Demi had 2 "run outs", Tayla had 3 "run outs" and a super bowl out, Amber had 1 “run out”, Georgia had 1 “run out” and Olivia had 1 “run out.” Congratulations on an excellent effort ladies.

Thank you to Jane Winchester and Tony Hicks for their great efforts on "square leg" umpiring and all the parents and friends who were able to come along on the day for support.

Maryanne Harris

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

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CANTEEN CLOSED
WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM (WEP)
Looking For Volunteer Host Families
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in July 2013. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Finland, France, Switzerland, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Brazil and Chile are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

Find Out more!
Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly
Manager – Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733