FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK:

This is the final Bulletin for 2014. The students’ last day of school for the year is Wednesday 17th December. The staff will conclude on Friday 19th December after two professional development days. Staff will return for a staff development day on Tuesday 27th January. Students in Years 1 to 6 return on Wednesday, 28th January 2015 (except for the new Kinder group who will come on a roster over the 3 days of 28th Jan, 29th Jan and 30th January for Best Start interviews). All Kinders start together on Monday 2nd February.

Our annual Presentation Day assembly will take place this Thursday, 11th December 2014 at Whitebridge High School hall. We are again attempting to streamline the event this year to make it more comfortable for the students and guests. Some awards have already been presented at an assembly at school. Notes have gone out to parents of students receiving awards at the Thursday event. Weather permitting, we will walk the students to and from the high school this year. Please return these permission notes if you haven’t already done so. We hope to start the ceremony at 9:45am. We should be concluded by 11:00am and be able to return the students by their normal recess time or close to it. If the weather is inclement we will book buses, at no cost to parents.

Year 6 are running their annual mini fete at school this Thursday after we return. They will be assisted by Year 5 as this forms the first of the 2015 Year 6 fundraisers for the school.

Semester 2 reports will go home with students on Friday this week.

Please remember that school uniform helps a child to feel a sense of pride and belonging. Over the Christmas break, please consider ensuring that your child/ren are ready to return to school with the correct uniform, including black shoes for Monday to Thursday. Correct coloured hats and jumpers as appropriate also add to the sense of belonging. Please refrain from having children in designer caps and jumpers as this detracts from the school tone.

On behalf of the entire teaching and support staff of Charlestown East Public School may I take this opportunity to wish your family a safe and happy Christmas holiday period. To those families who are concluding their association with our school, we thank you for your involvement, and wish these students well in their continuing schooling. Stay safe and we look forward to working with you in 2015.

Neil Sneddon
Principal

SAMARITANS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

I would like to say a huge THANK YOU to everyone who contributed non-perishable items to our annual Samaritans Christmas Food Drive. We have collected hundreds of items which will go to needy families this festive season. Your donation will really lift the spirits of someone this Christmas. Charlestown East Public School continues its tradition of being generous to others. Thank you and Merry Christmas to everyone!

Mrs Tania Burgess
Samaritans Christmas
Appeal Organiser

CEPS P&C 2014 FINAL UPDATE

Wow, where has the year gone?

I would like to thank everyone in the school community that have volunteered their time to help in some way to contribute to the improvement and enrichment of our children’s learning environment. All of the P&C’s fundraising efforts are aimed at providing our children & school with additional resources, equipment and opportunities that would not exist without the support of the community. Apart from the physical improvements we fund for the school, we also support the library to purchase new books, finance the senior students to sit the University exams, provide financial assistance to State Representatives, fund the Year 6 Farewell and provide a minimum of $5,000 per year to the school to purchase/assist with anything required to make our children’s educational experience a positive one.

Once again, thank you to everyone who contributed to our fundraising efforts this year. We wish all families a very Merry Xmas and look forward to working towards providing our children and school with more resources and facilities in the New Year.
MAKE ONLINE PAYMENTS
It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for
students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either
a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page
of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions,
excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band,
drama and dance). There is also a category called Other this to cover items not covered in
the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter:
- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held
within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration
Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields OR there is
also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not
used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card
details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is
processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against
your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt
will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School
Administration Office.

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CLASS BULLETIN NEWS

K/6A
As 2014 ends we plan for new students who will join those staying with us next year. We prepare by completing an Individual Student Profile which records each child’s interests, strengths and areas to be developed. We also do a Summary Profile for quick reference and relieving staff. The information in these profiles helps us design Individual Education Plans for every child in 2015.

K/6C
K6C have had an amazing year, all of the students have made great gains and should be extremely proud. The swimming program was fantastic and it is great to see the difference 2 weeks can make. Wishing everyone a happy and safe holiday and thank you for a super sonic year!!

KM
KM has been working diligently on Christmas craft. It’s like Santa’s workshop in the classroom! Lots of lovely decorations to take home soon. The class enjoyed a very funny rendition of the Christmas story last Thursday, thanks to our Scripture Teachers. We enjoyed a group of small children taking on the roles of Mary, Joseph and Jesus... on the Silver screen! We even saw a human star wandering across the desert! All the best for Christmas from KM.

K/1B
What a busy year of learning, friendship and fun we’ve had! I am so proud of each and every member of K/1B this year for trying their hardest. Year 1 finished off the year with swimming school and even though you were exhausted you tried your best and made great progress. Thank you to all my wonderful classroom helpers - you make such a difference with your generosity of time. Merry Christmas, keep reading and I'll see you all back here safely in 2015! xx

1H
What a great year we’ve had together in 1H. Many thanks to the parent helpers who came to reading groups. The students have made a gift for each of their families displaying some of their artwork. We hope you enjoy unwrapping it Christmas morning! I wish all families a very Merry Christmas and a peaceful relaxing holiday season.

2T
What a busy, wonderful year we have had together and my how it has flown! Thank you to all the helpers that have assisted us in our learning in the classroom throughout the year. Thank you too for your support with your child’s learning, it has been a pleasure to teach each and every one of them! Have a very happy Christmas, a restful break and all the very best for 2015!

3R
Thank you to everyone for making 2014 so wonderful. I am so impressed by how hard everyone in 3R has worked this year and the improvements you’ve made. Thank you also to the parents who have helped throughout the year, we all appreciate it very much. Have a safe and happy holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in 2014.

4S
Thank you to the 4S boys and girls for making 2014 such a fantastic and rewarding year. You have all worked hard and I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching each and every one of you. Have a safe and restful holiday. May Santa be good to you all! Good luck in 2015!

5/6H
Thank you everyone for a FANTASTIC 2nd. Semester. You’ve all worked really hard at all tasks offered you with great results. With only 6 days left of the school year, I’d like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped with various activities, particularly those involving sport. I wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and New Year. Enjoy your holidays and come back fresh to start another year. Year 6 have a great time at High School.

5/6V
As our year together draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the supporting parents and members of 5/6V for trying their best at either some or all of their endeavours in 2014. Best wishes to our Year Six class mates as they begin a new chapter in their lives. Year Five, we have another exciting year ahead! Have a great Christmas everyone.

LIBRARY
It is so hard to believe that yet another school year is almost to an end, but it also means that the library is in stocktake mode. Please assist by reminding your child/children to return all library books immediately.

QUALITY EDUCATION AWARDS

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GIRLS KNOCKOUT CRICKET
ON Tuesday 2nd December, the CEPS girls knockout cricket team went to Maitland park to play the final round of the competition. The competing teams were, Nemingha PS, Charlestown East PS, New Port PS, Blayney PS. The first team they played against were Nemingha, sadly we lost with all out for 110, and Nemingha 4 out for 135. Holly Youman bowled out 2, Destiny Fenton ran 1 out, along with Callie Thomas running 1 out. In the second game they played Blayney and sadly lost that as well.

Short and sweet! All in all the girls played amazing all year! Becoming Hunter Region Champions, along with 4th in the whole State!

The girl’s would like to thanks Mrs Harris for being a great coach/manager! As well as Mr Voorby for being a fantastic coach.

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**COMPUTER BYTES**

**MATHLETICS**

The final places for 2014 in Mathletics are:

1st is 3R with 74 awards
2nd is 4S with 43 awards
3rd is KM with 29 awards.

Congratulations CEPS you have accumulated over 190 awards this year!

**READING EGGS:**

The final places for 2014 in Reading Eggs are:

1st is 1H with 697 Reading Eggs
2nd is 3R with 602 Reading Eggs
3rd is 2T with 525 Reading Eggs

Wonderful achievement everyone!

Thank you to everyone for their continued effort during computer lessons this term. I have enjoyed sharing the lessons with you. Hopefully you can continue with Reading Eggs, Mathletics and Skoolbo during the holidays. However, remember to limit screen time to a minimum and get outside and enjoy the sunshine with friends!

Happy holidays everyone!

Michelle Bell

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**READING EXPRESS:**

The final places for 2014 in Reading Express are:

1st is 3R with 880 Reading Express
2nd is 5/6V with 532 Reading Express
3rd is 4S with 446 Reading Express

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ARE YOU A DAD WHO WANTS TO SPEND QUALITY TIME WITH YOUR DAUGHTER AND PARTICIPATE IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES TO IMPROVE HER SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING?

The DADEE (Dads and Daughters Exercising and Empowered) program is coming to the University of Newcastle. We are looking for dads and their primary school-aged daughters to join in!

The DADEE program:
- Is a world first ‘Dads and Daughters’ program designed to increase physical activity levels and the social and emotional wellbeing of young girls
- Involves 8 x 90 minute weekly group sessions delivered by leading physical activity researchers
- Builds confidence, self-esteem and resilience in girls
- Teaches girls sports skills through fun games and physical activities
- Starts Term 1, 2015 @ the University of Newcastle

Interested? For more information, contact:
Alysce Barnes 4921 6566 or DADEE@newcastle.edu.au

Chief Investigator: Professor Phillip Morgan

Acknowledgements and funding:
The DADEE program is funded by Port Waratah Coal Services, Hunter Children’s Research Foundation and Hunter Medical Research Institute.

Compliance about this research:
This project has been approved by the University’s Human Research Ethics Committee. Approved No. H-2014-00550. Should you have any concerns regarding the study, please contact bubba@humanresearchethics.com.au or the University’s Human Research Ethics Committee, Suite 120 Level 1, 104 Weymouth St, Newcastle, NSW 2300. You can also contact the National Health and Medical Research Council’s (NH&MRC) Research Integrity Officer, The Boardroom, The University of Newcastle, University Drive, Callaghan NSW 2308, Newcastle, telephone 02 4921 6343, fax 02 4921 6344, email: rio@health.nsw.gov.au  or the University’s Freedom of Information Officer, Suite 120 Level 1, 104 Weymouth St, Newcastle, contact the University’s Freedom of Information Officer, Suite 120 Level 1, 104 Weymouth St, Newcastle, telephone 02 4921 6331, fax 02 4921 6333, email: foia@newcastle.edu.au.
Newcastle PCYC KidzCare offers quality accredited care to children from Kindergarten to Year 6. Our mission is to encourage children to participate in a variety of enjoyable activities within a safe and familiar environment.

Our activities cater for children of varying abilities while encouraging maximum involvement, including a variety of craft, cooking and sports for children to participate in.

Bookings for the January school holidays open four weeks prior to the holiday period on November 24th. To avoid disappointment, early booking is recommended.

A copy of our current holiday program can be found on the Newcastle PCYC website: www.pcycnsw.org/newcastle

For enquiries, please contact the club on 49 614 493, or via email at newcastle@pcycnsw.org.au