PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
There are many events still planned for the remainder of Term 1 so please ensure to update your Calendar/Diaries with our Bulletin Calendar to help simplify home and school communication and ensure nothing is missed.

Ongoing communication between school and home is critical to ensure parents know what events are coming soon. Our school is currently trialling a new way of communication with the SchoolBag App. During the trial it is only available for iphone/ ipad users. If the app is well received this could be a major form of communication between home and school. The push notifications are particularly important for changes of schedule or cancellations. If this app is well received then we will look at the full version which is also compatible with Android Smart phones. To find and download the Charlestown East app simply search in the iphone Apple store for Charlestown East Skoolbag App. We again look forward to your feedback on this initiative.

Many classes are beginning their first excursions this week, please ensure payments are finalised as well as notes are returned. Excursions are a real highlight of a students primary school years and they look forward to learning about new concepts with their classmates. Delaying of payments and notes creates uncertainty for teachers as well as students which could create unnecessary stress as well as a missed learning opportunity. Thankyou to those parents who have paid and returned notes on time. Remember these notes are available to download and print from our website if anything has been missed.

There are again some thankyous to all of the Year 6 parents who were able to assist with the running of the BBQ at our first ‘no theme’ Disco. The BBQ was a great initiative that started from our P&C who have generously passed this over to the Year 6 students who can keep raising funds towards the gift towards the school. A big thankyou to Brett Hammond from FoodPoint who was able to assist with all of the essential supplies as well as Rebecca Cornish who also ensured the BBQ was a success. Without parent involvement and volunteer assistance then the BBQ would not have occurred, so thankyou everyone involved including all of the staff members who were able to assist throughout the evening.

All staff were very impressed with the amount of students who turned up as well as the amount of our first time kindergarten students and parents who attended their first disco, again what a great school Charlestown East is with large parent involvement.

Congratulations to all our students who have recently been involved in PSSA trials for various sports including Swimming, Soccer, Rugby League Netball, Cross country. We are excited and proud to report that Taylor Fenton made it to the Hunter PSSA final and narrowly missed out on making it to the State PSSA Championships. Well done Taylor! Congratulations to those students who trialled for the East Lakes PSSA Zone Soccer trials, it is great to report that Harrison Weir, Jack Dawson and Callie Thomas made it through to the next round. Many students narrowly missed out on gaining positions however we are all proud of your sportsmanship and the way you represented yourself outside of the school environment. We wish our netball and cross country participants every success in the coming weeks.

A few more celebrations are coming this week with the Grandparents concert which is combining with the Harmony Day Theme. This is a real highlight of the year for both grandparents as well as the students. We look forward to seeing many grandparents this Thursday.

In relation to staff leave and changes Mr Sneddon will be returning from Tasmania next week and Mrs Highland will be commencing leave until the end of Term 1. Thankyou to Mrs Bell for taking over the computer roll as well as Mrs Skaug during her role as relieving Assistant Principal. Mrs Reinhart will be relieving as Assistant Principal during Mrs Highland’s leave.

Drew Janetzki (Relieving Principal)
K/6A
We are learning about our five senses and all the students are responding well to the clips and games we use to help us understand these. Our seed planting for Science has caused great delight because we get to water the seedlings and use a spray bottle.

K/6C
We have been learning about plants. We planted leek and nasturtium seeds a few weeks ago. Some of them have started to sprout and grow. We are very excited and holding our breath that they all grow.

KM
KM have had some big learning experiences such as the Pet talk and then the exciting Disco! Now KM and Mrs Moody know what to do when confronted by an angry dog and KM can do the limbo (Mrs Moody can’t!). Our Kayde won a raffle. What a good thing it is to be at School.

K/1B
We hope you enjoy our Grand+Parents concert tomorrow. We have been rehearsing and think we are pretty good! The Year 1 students are off to Awabakal on Friday whilst Kindergarten will spend the day with KM – how exciting! Parent/Teacher interviews are on next week.

1H
We are all looking forward to our excursion this Friday to the Awabakal centre. We will spend time with an Aboriginal man who will give us the benefit of his knowledge and culture. From Monday 24th May until the end of term, Mrs Reinhard will teach 1H while I am on leave.

2T
2T are looking forward to the Grandparent concert and also the Awabakal excursion. We really like Aboriginal dot paintings and have done some amazing ones too. Addition and subtraction are getting better as we practice and don’t give up. We are like Pete Persistence, we keep on trying!

3R
3R are starting to learn about the natural resources our country produces and the effect that they have on the environment. We are also looking forward to Harmony Day activities and having to participate with students from other classes.

4S
We have been learning about our natural resources these last couple of weeks. It has been very interesting to see where our materials come from and the impacts that using the resources have on our environment. I’ve been very pleased with the habitat and biomes research that has been happening in pairs in 4S. Keep up the good work!

5/6H
Congratulations everyone on an excellent effort in your mid-term Maths assessment task. Please remember to return your notes for Aussie Bush Camp and Solar Sailor, which is on Wednesday 19th March.

5/6V
It’s great to see some wonderful results in the mid-term maths assessment. Well done to the people who have gone home every night and revised the content from each day’s lesson. Don’t forget to choose one multiplication table for each week and recite it over and over again until you know it off by heart! Keep up the wonderful efforts everyone!

LIBRARY
This term, during Library lessons, Stage One students have/are being taught strategies and skills in comprehension. These strategies and skills also help students to become more efficient and mature readers.

QUALITY EDUCATION AWARDS: Weeks 7 and 8

K/6C
Week 7
Owen Taylor

Week 8
Mikayla O’Hearn
Savannah Higgins

K/1B
Week 7
Milla Smith
Lucas Matheson-Douglas

Week 8
Mason Hammond
Evie Brown

1H
Week 7
Jasper Hoad
Taj Pascoe

Week 8
Ben Hamilton
Zoe DeAngelis

2T
Week 7
Luca West
Gigi Hubber

Week 8
Jordan Rebrik
Kaidence Woods-Jones

3R
Week 7
Lennox Weeks
Joseph Cambell

Week 8
Riley Cornish
Mick Aranmala

4S
Week 7
Patrick Davison
Callum Woodrow

Week 8
Jasmin Bosevski
Alyssa Jackaman

5/6H
Week 7
Luke Browne
Jayden Bosevski
James Palmieri

Week 8
Lucas Beaument
Jaret Bell
Lachlan Robinson

5/6V
Week 7
Cody Nichols
Jordan Wesson
Emily Spaan

Week 8
Brianna Matheson-Douglas
Kirra Searant
Bryson Henderson
COMPUTER BYTES
Thank you to everyone who has brought in a headset for computer lessons. These will be used frequently for listening and recording purposes throughout the year.

We still have a few students who have not returned the following notes:
* INTERNET PERMISSION NOTES- These notes are due back ASAP!
* PERMISSION TO PUBLISH NOTES: This form is also due to allow students photos to be displayed if media are invited to our school or if students images are placed on our school website.

Stage Review
Stage 3: Students have begun designing posters promoting cyber safety using Microsoft Word. Some of these are already displayed in the lab and one is attached with this Bulletin. Over the next few weeks they will use Audacity to record a short piece about what they have learned about cyber safety.

Stage 2: The students are also working on cyber safety posters similar to Stage 3.

Stage 1: The Year 2 children have composed some alliteration sentences and edited these using word processing features and added some clip art for illustrations. While the Year 1 students are focusing on simple sentences. Next they will record themselves reading them out using Audacity. We are very excited about this!

ES1: We will continue to discuss components of a computer as well as practise, practise, practise logging in using the DET usernames and passwords. As I mentioned last time, if you could help your child with recognising their surnames and maybe practise this on a computer at home would be fantastic and will help lessen the anxiety that logging on can create. Over the next few weeks the children will be playing some games to improve their mouse skills as well as Dance Mat Typing for keyboard practice.

Michelle Bell

PLEASE NOTE:
Next P & C and AGM Meeting
MONDAY 24TH MARCH
Due to an AGM meeting required to elect a new P&C President.
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**CALENDAR**

**TERM 1 2014**

**TERM 2 2014**
Safety around school buses

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

- There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is picking up or setting down school children.
- This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.
- The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear ‘wig-wag’ lights on the bus flash.
- Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.
- A fine and the loss of demerit points will apply for failing to observe the 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus when the ‘wig-wag’ lights are showing.
- If you park illegally in a bus zone, there is a minimum fine of $238 and the loss of 2 demerit points.

AN INVITATION TO PARENT/CARERS

Do you provide care and support to a Child/Young Person who is aged Pre-School to School Years with a Disability, Mental Illness or Chronic Condition?

You are Invited to attend our FREE Parent/Carer Information Sessions

Where: Club Macquarie, 450 Lake Road, Argenton
Time: 8.30am — 2.00pm
Cost: FREE — Morning Tea & Light Lunch Provided
RSVP: Thursday 24th April — For Catering Purposes
Ph: 4921 4895 or 1300 887 776 or Educare_Admin@neighbourhood.health.nsw.gov.au

When: Wednesday 30th April 2014
- The Impact of being a Parent/Carer — HNE — Career Education & Support Program — Hunter
- Building Parent Resilience — Jackie Curney, First Chance

When: Wednesday 7th May 2014
- Nibbles — HNE — Career Education & Support Program — Hunter
- National Disability Insurance Agency — Suzanne Forsham
- Using Aged Care Technology — Ben Coombe, CarersNSW

When: Wednesday 14th May 2014
- The Importance of Support Groups — Bronwyn Thoroughgood — Families Supporting Families
- Child Behaviour That Challenges Us — Craig Moore, Clinical Psychologist
- Discrimination — Your Rights and Responsibilities — Claire Williams — Anti-Discrimination Board of NSW

Kid's Holiday Fun Club

Wednesday 16 April 2014
(Children in Years K - 6)
All Day 9.30am — 3.30pm
Cost $5
(includes Morning Tea/Lunch/Afternoon Tea)
Registrations & payment essential by 11/4/14
Charlestown Uniting Church
P O Box 449
Charlestown. 2290
Office Opening Hours:
Tuesday; Wednesday
9:30 am - 1 pm

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