FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

I want to thank Drew Janetzki for stepping up to Relieving Principal in the 4 weeks I was on leave. He did a great job, as did Lisa Skaug who stepped up to Relieving Assistant Principal for this period. Currently Kate Highland is on leave for these last few weeks of the term and Donna Reinhard is teaching 1H and Relieving Assistant Principal in Kate’s place.

Congratulations and the school community’s thanks go to Tracey Baggs who has returned as P. and C. President after we were not able to fill the position at our AGM in February. We are now having our P. and C. meetings on Monday nights and we will begin at 7:00pm. The next meeting is Monday 5th May, 7:00pm.

Kathy Egan, our School Administration Manager, has been on leave this term. Thank you to Kay Dunford for stepping in and getting our year started in the office.

Tomorrow (Wednesday) we are participating in an autism awareness and fundraising day and all will be blue. Thank you to Jenny Cannon for organising this event. Students will pay a gold coin donation to be out of uniform (blue) and be able to purchase items from a stall in the K/6C room in class visits during the day. We will be giving away some child tickets to the Great Moscow Circus in a lucky draw. All money raised will be sent to Autism Australia.

We now have the wireless network up and running around the school and students will begin to see the benefits of being able to access the internet from all rooms around the school including the hall. For anybody with any concerns of what students will be able to access, the restrictions are the same as previously in the wired school environment. The funds raised by both Year 6 2013 and the current Year 6 have gone a long way towards paying for this innovation.

We now have a very handy school app which is available to both iphone and android phones. Drew Janetzki will give more information about how to get this on your phone. Hopefully this will help with instant notifications between home and school in a number of instances.

Our Junior Journos will be starring on NBN news tomorrow. Have a look. The NBN director who came to work with the students was very impressed with how well they did with their project. Thank you to Kristy Ratcliffe for organising the programme.

This is the final Bulletin for Term 1. The students will return to school for Term 2 on Tuesday 29th April. The teachers will be participating in school professional development on the Monday.

Neil Sneddon
Principal

JUNIOR JOURNOS

This term our school was lucky enough to secure one of eight spots on NBN News’ Junior Journos program. This program allows small groups of senior primary students the opportunity to develop and produce their own two minute news feature that is aired during NBN’s nightly news. Our school executive has been busy this term preparing a report on the need for greater road safety measures at our Bula St entrance.

Last Wednesday Kerryn Scully and her team from NBN came to our school to film members of the school community for the feature and then on Friday the Executive team and myself went “behind the scenes” at NBN studios to finish filming, add voice-overs and edit the film. Make sure to watch NBN News tomorrow night to see our Junior Journos in action!

Kristy Ratcliffe
K/6A
The students have really responded well to the routines in the classroom so next term we will start to join in with some whole school activities. We will begin with a short time at assembly and build up from there as we get used to the crowd. We already spend time in Scripture, Infants’ Assembly and at Sport so this gradual inclusion is successful.

K/6C
We have been preparing for World Autism Awareness Day which will be on Wednesday 2nd April. We have been collecting ‘Blue” items, painting posters and having many brainstorming activities about how we can raise awareness. K-6 C have awesome minds!

KM
KM played to a packed house on Grandparent’s Day, additional performances next year perhaps! The children were extremely professional, waiting quietly for their cue. Now Easter is coming, let’s hope their enthusiasm can outlast as the tiredness of first term kindergarten sets in.

K/1B
It was great to catch up with so many parents last week at the interviews. Please feel free to set up an appointment at any time during the year to discuss your child’s progress. The Year 1 students had a wonderful time on the Awabakal excursion. We had a lot of fun and learnt a great deal, Mrs Burgess included! Kindergarten celebrated Yellow Day and continue to make fantastic progress in reading. I am so proud of each and every one of them. We hope to see you at the Easter Hat Parade next Friday!

1H
I have had a wonderful week with 1H, they have been so well behaved and very helpful! Thank you 1H!

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2T
2T had a wonderful time at the Awabakal Environmental Centre and learnt so much with hands-on activities such as gunyah building, painting faces with ochre and looking at tools and weapons used for hunting and collecting food. Gary, the Aboriginal National Park Ranger told us about bush tucker and medicine. Our recounts were amazing!

3R
3R are enjoying their time in the computer lab using the Reading Eggs and Mathletics programs to support the learning we are doing in class. These are both great resources that can be used at home as iPad apps as well. Please continue to practise 2, 3, 5 & 10 times tables over the holidays.

4S
Congratulations on your research projects, 4S. A few are completed and on display. The information you have gathered is quite good. Our investigation into Natural Resources has given us the chance to see where some of our resources come from. 4S students were particularly interested about the process that rubber goes through to be collected and prepared for use. This week we look forward to the T-ball gala day and hopefully the rain holds off this year!

5/6H
A big thank you to all those parents who were able to attend the parent-teacher interviews last week. It was great to meet with you all. Enjoy the last 2 weeks of term as you look forward to a well-earned break. Happy Easter everyone!

5/6V
As Term One draws to a close, I would like to thank all the cooperating students and parents of 5/6V for their contributions towards making our learning journey a fruitful and rewarding experience. Keep up the great work in Term Two. We are looking forward to Dance2bFit.

LIBRARY
Week 10 will be the last week of borrowing for Term 1. Please make sure all books, especially overdue ones, are returned during Week 11. Thank you very much to the Library Monitors for all the wonderful work you have done this term! Happy Reading!

QUALITY EDUCATION AWARDS: Weeks 9 and 10
K/6C
Week 9
Samara Lee

Week 10
Bella Geisler
Benny Saunders
Mikayla O’Hearn
Phoebe Buckton

K/1B
Week 9
Jessy Scully
Jye Goldsmith
Lachlan Fitzgerald
Sharni Jackaman

Week 10
Matthew Lane
Jacob Wright
Ethan Cornish
Lucas Bibb

1H
Week 9
Sunday Smith
Cooper Higgins
Brendan Gardiner
Beau Davies

Week 10
Brock Wilson
Alexis Berghof
Jackson Bosevski
Paige Finch

3R
Week 9
Xander Krainz
Anthony Maddigan

Week 10
Sofie DeAngelis
Jye Simm
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- Thanks to Mrs Bell

Stage 3: Students will be finishing off their 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!

ESL: 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.

http://www.bbc.co.uk/schools/typing/

Charlestown East App:
Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community. We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name “Charlestown East Public School” in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

ACTIVE TRANSPORT SURVEY

Our school is running an ‘active transport’ program this term in association with Lake Macquarie City Council. The program involves a series of surveys, and bicycle workshops for year 5-6 students. There will also be a ‘travelling safely to school’ talk by a police youth liaison officer.

In short, the program tries to identify safer opportunities for more active transport to school - like walking and cycling.

We encourage parents to complete the survey sent home with your child if you have not already done so.

WORKING BEE

On Saturday 12th April an excavator is coming into our playground to dig our very own long jump pit for our kids to practise their long jump skills for the athletics carnival. We are hoping that this is just the start of improving our grounds and making them more usable for our kids.

On this day we will also be holding a Working Bee and we are asking if you could spare a few hours from 7.30am to help with laying some new turf on the kids soccer field located at the back of the School hall. We are aiming to make it safer and more user friendly for the kids to practise their soccer skills.

We can't do this without your help! Please bring a shovel and a rake and help us improve the School grounds for our kids. If you can spare even ½ an hour please email Jody at jphftconsultants@gmail.com. All help will be welcome!

This initiative is proudly supported and materials provided by Your P & C.

PLEASE NOTE:

MOTHER'S DAY STALL
Will be held on Friday 9th May.

Due to the Aussie Bush Camp excursion the Mother's Day stall for Year 5 students only will be held on Tuesday 6th May.
STAGE 3 EXCURSION ON THE SOLAR SAILOR
On Wednesday 19th March Stage 3 with Miss Harris and Mr Voorby travelled by bus to Speers Point Jetty to sail on the Solar Sailor (a boat powered by solar panels). When we boarded the boat the captain gave us a talk about how the vessel worked and some of us were even able to sit in his chair and steer the boat! We set sail at approx. 10.30am sailing from Speers Point to Warners Bay and we were really disappointed when there were no dolphins swimming with us.

After we disembarked we ate our recess in the park and played on the equipment before catching the bus back to school.

We all enjoyed the trip.

Stage 3

CANTEEN ROSTER

THURSDAY 3rd APRIL
Anna DeAngelis
Jody Pavlou

FRIDAY 4th APRIL
Michael O’Hearn AM
Kylie Weary
Michelle Brand

THURSDAY 10th APRIL
Nicole Mitchell
Peta Sutherland

FRIDAY 11th APRIL
John Hobbins AM
Derrick Wong
Ian Stewart

THURSDAY 1st MAY
Dayna Goldsmith
Nicquel Rebrik

FRIDAY 2nd MAY
Liz Freeman AM
Annette Hubber
Kayleen Buckton PM

THURSDAY 8th MAY
Kristie Krainz
Steph Harrison

FRIDAY 9th MAY
Lucinda Brown AM
Lisa Weir
Renae Carr PM

THURSDAY 15th MAY
Emily Holdom
Kady Brown

FRIDAY 16th MAY
Jennie Ryan
Sam Stewart

THURSDAY 22nd MAY
Anna DeAngelis
Jody Pavlou

FRIDAY 23rd MAY
Brooke Reynolds
Teagan Robertson
UNIFORMS
Don't forget the uniform shop has moved to between years 3 and 4 classrooms and is open BY APPOINTMENT ONLY via uniforms@ceps.org.au on Wednesday afternoons: 2 - 3pm or Fri mornings 9.15 - 10am.

All orders can also be placed by using the uniform order form found on the website and brought to School and handed to your child’s classroom teacher.

The uniform shop has a great supply of 2nd hand logoed uniforms, so please contact us to take a look. If you would like to donate your old logoed uniforms please hand them into the front office.

Winter uniform order has been placed and will be delivered to your child as soon as we receive them.

Charlestown East Public School presents

The Annual

Easter Hat Parade

Date:  Friday 11th April
Time:  2.15pm
Venue:  School Hall

There will be a visit from the Easter Bunny and the P&C will draw the Easter Raffle prizes. We would love to see you there!
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2014 SAUSAGE SIZZLE - EASTER HAT PARADE-PRE-ORDER FORM

Year 6 will be holding a sausage sizzle on Friday 11th April as part of the fundraising efforts towards the Year 6 gift to the school.

The cost of the sausage sizzle is $2.00 per sausage sizzle, this includes one slice of bread and one sausage with onion (optional) The drinks will be orange, green or blue mineral water. (Same as the pizza day) The cost of a single drink is $1.50.

Please return orders with payment to your class teacher by WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL. Do not take these orders to the canteen. Place them with your teacher. Please note that there will be sausages for purchase on the day.

IT IS ADVISED TO PRE-ORDER AS MANY PEOPLE MISSED OUT LAST YEAR DUE TO NOT PRE-ORDERING (THIS ALSO HELPS WITH CATERING.)

PLEASE COMPLETE ONE NOTE PER STUDENT (+Every Family Member)
Sausage Sizzle Order- Easter Hat Parade- INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Please return the order form to your class teacher with an envelope and your payment enclosed.
2. Please write down the NUMBER of sausage sizzle orders and drinks per child.
3. OTHER ATTENDEES: Please add parents and grandparents/friends/ cousins/ relatives orders with the ELDEST child's order form.

Year 6- Thank you- Please note orders will be given out to students in classes before lunch.

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Child's Name.......................................................... Class...........................

Parent/Family Member Name ..........................................................

_____ sausages ($2.00 each) _____ drinks ($1.50 each) _____ Onion

Amount Amount Amount

_____ Tomato Sauce _____ BBQ Sauce

Amount Amount

Drink order (Flavoured mineral water) ($1.50)

Please write amount below

___Orange ___Blue ___Green

PLEASE FIND ENCLOSED $________

RETURN TO CLASS TEACHER WITH MONEY BY WEDNESDAY 9TH APRIL-
7. **Hold an adult's hand**

They might try very hard to observe all the road safety rules, but children are easily distracted, often too short to be seen by drivers, unable to identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

- Talk with your children about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers posed by heavy vehicles which may be entering or exiting driveways.
- Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:
  - On the footpath.
  - In the car park.
  - When crossing the road.
- Between eight and at least ten years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.
- If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.
- After school, meet your child AT the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.

For a free copy of the brochure, Safe school travel Tips for parents and carers, Stock No 4509 2292, contact the RTA.

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. **Please take me to the right side of the road**
Don't leave me on the wrong side of the road

Child pedestrians are at greater risk of injury than adults.

- After school, meet your child at the school gate. If driving, park the car safely and legally, get out and walk to the school gate.
- If you are unable to meet your child, arrange for another trusted adult to meet them.
- Until they are at least eight years old, hold your child's hand on the footpath, in the car park and when crossing the road. Until they are at least ten years old, hold your child's hand when crossing the road.
- If your child comes home on the school bus, meet your child AT the bus stop, before choosing the safest place to cross.
- Talk with your child about what to do if you are late.
- Reward your children with lots of attention and praise for good road safety behaviour.

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*Ahead with Street Sense* is a road safety education program delivered as part of the PDHPE program in all NSW primary schools.
World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

**Find out more!**

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

**Sylvia Kelly** | Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs  
**Phone:** 1300 884 733  
**Email:** info@wep.org.au  
**Online:** www.wep.org.au

Lake Macquarie is hosting the **International Children's Games** in December this year. As host city, we can send a full delegation in each sport and we want to give equal opportunity to local young athletes to be part of Team Lake Macquarie.

The selection process is now available on our website: [http://icg-lakemacquarie2014.com/team-lake-macquarie](http://icg-lakemacquarie2014.com/team-lake-macquarie)

To be eligible, athletes must be 12, 13, 14 or 15 on 31 December 2014 and must reside or school in Lake Macquarie.

For more information about this exciting opportunity contact:

**Jodi Tweed** | Event Director International Children's Games  
**Lake Macquarie City Council**  
**Phone:** 02 4921 0456 | **Mobile:** 0422 580 015 | **Fax:** 02 4921 0215  
**Email:** jtweed@lakemac.nsw.gov.au | **www.icg-lakemacquarie2014.com**
CENTRAL CHARLESTOWN JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

SEEKING PLAYERS for 2014 (BOYS OR GIRLS)
In the following age groups
Under 6’s
Under 7’s
Under 8’s
Anyone interested please contact:
Neville Clifford on 0423 427229

Players needed for our following development squads for the 2014 Football Season.

Under13 – 3 field players,
Under14 – 3 field players.
Interested players can contact
Michael Hurn (Director) on 49663462.

Registration payment plans are available if required