FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK...

Our Athletics Carnival is this Thursday and it looks like it's going to be our best ever. There are new innovations with the way the students are involved and we have lots of parent inclusion as well. Thank you to those parents who have volunteered. We have also confirmed the assistance of around 20 Year 11 students from Whitebridge High who will assist at the various stations. Jody Pavlou and Rebecca Woodrow have been working tirelessly with some of our staff to make this day a very worthwhile and enjoyable one. Please come along and enjoy the day if you are able to.

The annual NAPLAN tests were conducted last week and the papers have been sent away. Parents of students who completed these tests will get their individual results package back next term. When these are received parents are welcome to talk to their child's teacher if the results need clarifying or you have any concerns.

We try to keep parents informed of upcoming events with plenty of notice. Sometimes this can work against us as on occasions event dates have to be changed when clashes occur or new circumstances arise. Please understand that this will occur and if we put dates of upcoming events in the Bulletin, on the app or on the school website, these dates are subject to change if necessary. One example was our school photo day which was originally set for May 29, a date that was set last year. Once our involvement with Star Struck was confirmed and dances allocated it turned out a few weeks ago that a rehearsal for our group was set for this same day. This was unmoveable but I was able to negotiate with our photographer to set a new day of June 23 for our photo day. All of this is one example of the juggling act we do each day with a very busy timetable. So we ask parents for your patience and understanding when this occurs.

We will always put late changes on the school app but we are also aware that not everyone has access to this innovation. Basically what I am saying is that we do our best, try to offer a large variety of opportunities to our students but don't always get it right, mostly through circumstances beyond our control.

The following message is a quote I have been asked to put to all parents regarding the Federation of P. and C. Associations in NSW. This will be discussed further at the next P. and C. meeting.

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parent and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department’s website at http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php.

Thank you to the mums and Grandmothers who came to the afternoon tea yesterday. This was another Year 6 fundraiser, so thankyou to the Yr6 student leaders for their help and the parents who donated the delicious cakes and slices.

I have just received an email from the principal of Speers Point Public School informing me (and the principals of the other Charlestown schools) that there are 2 boys, aged 8 and 6, door knocking around the Charlestown area for an appeal to replace the Speers Point school hall which they say has burnt down. This is not endorsed by the school, as their hall is perfectly intact. Please contact the local police if you encounter these boys or anyone else doorknocking for this non-existent appeal.

Neil Sneddon
Principal

20th May 2014
CLASS BULLETIN NEWS

K/6A
We are experiencing a significant improvement in all the students applying themselves to written work at their desks. In Term 1 our goal was to teach the children to sit up to work, hold their pencils correctly and attempt all tasks. Now all the students are settled enough into the routine and confident about the process to have a go. This is excellent progress!

K/6C
This week K/6C went on our first shopping excursion to Whitebridge shops. It was fantastic to see the children purchasing the ingredients we needed for our French cooking. All of the children were excellent representatives of our school. We found out that the Eiffel Tower is 324 metres high!!

KM
KM has started to learn about Public Speaking. Last week the children spoke about their pets. This week the topic is ‘What I like to do in Summer’. This will be fun! Please help your child think about what he/she wants to say. Palm cards with little pictures are of help. Many students are starting to write about Autumn to match our theme about the weather. Well done to KM!

K/1B
Thank you to everyone who has volunteered to assist with groups in our classroom – it is greatly appreciated! Kindergarten will be celebrating orange day tomorrow. We are so excited to be heading off to the Athletics Carnival on Thursday! Thank you for the speeches we have had so far. The children are doing themselves, and their parents proud.

1H
We are looking forward to the Athletics Carnival this Thursday and hope it is a fine day! We have been using Friday sport time to run through the events so that we can do our best on the day.

2T
2T has been very busy giving wonderful speeches, preparing for the Athletics Carnival and we have started to learn our times tables! This week is a break from speeches but next week we are talking about how we can look after our planet. Don’t forget projects on Space. Start now to avoid the panic at the end of term!

3R
Congratulations to 3R on their wonderful effort during NAPLAN last week. Everyone gave it their best go and should be pleased with the effort they put in. This term we are studying Ned Kelly and the Green Sash in Accelerated Literacy and exploring how identity is portrayed in the different texts we read and view.

4S
I’d like to congratulate the 4S students on their commitment to their work, especially during this time of assessments. We still have a little way to go, so keep up the good work! 4S students have been learning and refining their athletics skills. We’d like to say a thank you to Mrs Pavlou for generously giving up her time to share her athletics expertise with all of us.

5/6H
Congratulations to the Year 5 Aussie Bush Champs - they were all true CHAMPS! They’ve been very busy with the NAPLAN – well done! Don’t forget the Athletics Carnival on Thursday.

5/6V
Our Athletics Carnival is on Thursday. There has been much preparation for the big event. We are back into the full swing of revising skills taught in class. Parents and caregivers please check the Home Revision Diary every Monday for review tasks and extension work. Please ask to see the maths strategies covered in year groups each day. Share the knowledge and please sign the page.

QUALITY EDUCATION AWARDS: Weeks 3 and 4

K/6C
Week 3
Campbell Burnett
Week 4
Flynn Hellawell

KM
Week 3
Jak Whipps
Lincoln Brown
Week 4
Kayde Robertson
Phoebe Buckton

K/1B
Week 3
Lara Morgan
Jye Goldsmith
Week 4
Braith Pavlou
Jake Heaney

1H
Week 3
Livvy Heggie
Polly Wilson
Week 4
Charlee Buckley
Flynn Bootland

2T
Week 3
Jordan Rebrik
Sunday Smith
Week 4
Gabrielle Davison
Arabella Weir

3R
Week 3
Riley Cornish
Zachery Buckton
Week 4
Dakoda Bailey
Samuel Clement

4S
Week 3
Colby Donaldson
Xander Krainz
Week 4
Jye Simm
Bella Thwaites

5/6H
Week 3
Year 5 Aussie Bush Champs!
Week 4
Abby Cook
Chloe Lankester
Ziggy Purcell
Jadie-Lea Stuart-Helder

5/6V
Week 3
All our Great Aussie Bush Campers!
Week 4
Emily Spaan
Lachlan Thompson
Holly Youman
COMPUTER MATHEMATICS - SUMMARY 2014
Starting Week 4 Term 2
So far students have accumulated over 90 awards this year. (Last report had 67 awards) Well done Charlestown East students!

MATHEMATICS
The leading classes in Mathletics are:
1st is 3R with 27 awards
2nd is 4S with 17 awards
3rd is a tie between K/6C and K/6A with 9 awards.

Early Stage 1/ Stage 1
This Term Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students are learning all about Microsoft Powerpoint. Students have started to discover how easy it can be to put an amazing slideshow together. They are looking forward to creating a slideshow around their themed work including the use of image, transitions as well as animation.

Stage 2/ Stage 3
Stage 2 and 3 students are still working through the Introduction to Computer Science within code.org. Further information and follow up can be found at: http://learn.code.org/flappy/1
Over this Term students will be completing the Introduction to Computer Science. To help ensure students progress is tracked and a certificate can be issued students are reminded to log in with their student email account which is their: first name.lastname@education.nsw.gov.au. To link with other CEPS students they are required to use the following code: Visit code.org/join and enter their section-code: YDROLF

This 20-hour course introduces core computer science and programming concepts. The course is designed for use in classrooms for grades K-8, but it is fun to learn at all ages. http://learn.code.org/s/1/level/1

Students are learning the fundamentals of coding through a great website aimed at Primary School students. Have fun coding this Term Stages 2 and 3!

Macquarie Soccer update:
We are only two rounds into the Macquarie Soccer competition this year and despite two losses in both the Juniors and Seniors we have a lot of positives to come from both games.

In the first game our Juniors discovered how big a real soccer field was and for many it was their first time playing a game on a full sized field. In the first game students went down 5 - 1 against St Marys. Congratulations to Brock Wilson who had a great game and scored the first goal of the season.

In the first Senior game we had the majority of our team at the Year 5 Aussie Bush Camp, despite this our team put up a great effort. We had two goals including a contender as goal of the year from Luke Wilson who cracked a beautiful left kick from half way on the offensive side straight into the back corner of goals! Brock Wilson doubled up in the Senior game to also score his first goal in the Senior game! (Great effort for a Year 3 student!) Students remained very competitive until the end when a few goals just got away. The end score was 7 - 2 against St Marys.

In the second week students played two very close games against Hillsborough and narrowly lost both games 2 - 1. Goals scorers were Brock Wilson in the Juniors and in the Senior team it was Harrison Weir. This was a great effort against a team who made the State finals last year.

Soccer team Sponsors
We again thank the support of our sponsors Duncan Kerr Electrical and Spectrum Smash Repairs NSW for assisting and allowing team outfits as well as reducing the cost of transport for all students. If you know a business or have a business and would like to sponsor school sport, please contact the school where your business can also be recognised.

Hunter PSSA Golf 2014
This year 37 Primary School students played on Monday 5th May at Charlestown Golf Course in the 2014 Hunter DEC Primary Golf Championships. Four students from Charlestown East entered this tournament: Liam Michels, Toby Chillingworth, Curtis Baggs and Lachlan Robinson. This was a big step up from the previous Wombat Golf Tournaments that they have been involved in. Congratulations to all of our Charlestown East students!

Students also had the opportunity to have some other fun activities around the clubhouse such as inflatable golf targets from the MyGolf stand. We thank Golf Australia and JNJG for being able to lend this for our tournament. Other new initiatives included a Scoring App which allowed parents and spectators to follow the progress of students round via an iphone/ipad.

The 2014 Hunter PSSA Golf tournament also offered a new 5 hole event for students just starting out or who would like to be part of a golf clubs competition. The runner up of the 5 hole competition was Toby Chillingworth from Charlestown East! Well done Toby! It would be great to see him progress to the 9 or even 18 hole event next year.
There are many people to thank for the success of this tournament which seems to grow and grow every year. Firstly, thank you to Charlestown Golf Course with their support in ensuring the tournament ran smoothly. Thanks to Ryan and Janelle Smith in the Pro Shop who helped with some great prizes for the students. Jane Thompson the General Manager of the Golf Club as well as the green keeping staff who showed what a great Golf Course Charlestown is.

The support of sponsors this year included Teachers Mutual Bank; MSP Photography; Charlestown Square; Jack Newton Junior Golf Foundation (JNJG) as well as R&J Golf. Without these sponsors and support there would be minimal prizes for students. Lastly, a big thank you to students and parents who assisted with transportation and supporting the 2014 Hunter DEC Primary Golf Championships. We hope the tournament continues to grow as well as junior golf in the Hunter Region.

**GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP**

On the 7th May, Year 5 went to the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. When we got there our instructors welcomed us. Their names were Spider (Chelsea) and Big Dog (Hannah). They showed us around the camp and we went on the giant swing. We then went back to our tents and unpacked. We went fossiling and then got snow cones. After dinner we went indoor rock climbing, it was a lot of fun.

The next day we did the dual flying fox and canoeing. Miss Harris, Miah and Paige were in a canoe when it unfortunately tipped over and they were sopping wet and cold. After that we had showers and snow cones. That night we had a games night. The next morning we packed and did archery and high ropes. It was then time to go. We had a fantastic time there!

Yr 5 girls

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**MACQUARIE CUP NETBALL RESULTS WEEK 1**

- Snr Red Vs Floraville 11 – 9 (Loss)
- Snr Blue (Mixed) Vs Jewells 10 – 4 (Loss)
- Jnr Red Vs Eleebana 10 – 4 (Won)
- Jnr Blue Bye (played ½ game against St Joseph’s)

**MACQUARIE CUP NETBALL RESULTS WEEK 2**

- Snr Blue (Mixed) Vs Windale 12 – 9 (Won)
- Snr Red Vs Belmont CC 14 – 10 (Loss)
- Jnr Red Vs Belmont CC 19 – 7 (Won)
- Jnr Blue Vs Belmont 14 – 10 (Lost)

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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Just a reminder that the Entertainment Books are now due to be returned to Charlestown East Public School. More copies are available at the school office for family and friends if needed.

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JODY PAVLOU
FRIDAY 23RD MAY
BROOKE REYNOLDS
TEAGAN ROBERTSON
TUESDAY 27TH MAY
JENNIE RYAN
SAM STEWART
THURSDAY 29TH MAY
NICOLE MITCHELL
PETA SUTHERLAND
FRIDAY 30TH MAY
MICHAEL O’HEARN AM
MICHELLE BRAND
KYLIE WEARY

TUESDAY 3RD JUNE
SANDRA CLEMENT
GARY CLEMENT
THURSDAY 5TH JUNE
DAYNA GOLDSMITH
NICQUEL REBRK
FRIDAY 6TH JUNE
JOHN HOBINS
DERRICK WONG
IAN STEWART
TUESDAY 10TH JUNE
JENNIE RYAN
SAM STEWART
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