Our Athletics Carnival went off well a week and a half ago and the vast majority of feedback has been very positive. As a community event it certainly highlighted what a great community of staff, students and parents/carers and others we have at Charlestown East. The organising team of Doug Voorby, other staff members and parents Jody Pavlou and Rebecca Woodrow worked very hard over a number of weeks to bring the day to fruition and did a great job. We had the assistance of a great army of parent helpers as well as Year 11 students from Whitebridge High School that all put in with the teachers to ensure all our students were well engaged the whole day and enjoying a wide variety of athletics events. The remainders of the ribbons, those for field events, were handed out at an assembly yesterday. We will hold the house tug-o-war competition back at school in the coming weeks. Please be aware that the winners of the junior and senior championships awarded on carnival day were the champion runners based on the 100m races only. The 2014 junior and senior boy and girl champions will be announced at our end of year Presentation Day and will take into account all events, including the other running races and the field events. Any feedback to help with improvements to the carnival in coming years will be gratefully received by the organising group.

We would like all parents and other people who walk across our school grounds after school hours to be aware that we run an Out of School Hours service in our grounds from the end of each school day until around 6pm. It is important to understand that child protection rules are taken seriously at this time as well so please do not allow dogs to stray to where the children may be engaged in activities on the oval and please do not walk through this area where the children are. Please give them their space.

Recently there was an incident where one of our senior girls felt uncomfortable on her way to school near the Whitebridge shops as a man appeared to be following her over the crossing. She did the right thing by continuing straight to school and telling a teacher. As a follow up to this I contacted the local police who came along to speak with the girl. Her mother was also informed. It all turned out fine but was kept low key because there was no direct involvement of anyone in the school and police were able to look further into the matter and found there was no continuing problem. I mention it here because what occurred through the day is that apparently the playground grapevine got to work and some children went home to tell their parents that “a big bad man was wandering through the school”. It is always a difficult balance to keep a lid on issues that should not concern or unduly worry children across the school and still keep parents informed if there are any stranger danger issues that people need to be aware of. I want to assure all parents that we take all child protection issues very seriously and if your child brings rumours home, please by all means check with me or your child’s teacher for clarification (as some parents did in this case) but know that if we feel there are any issues that come up in the school that would present a danger to any of our students we will go into our normal processes and do a lockdown to keep children in rooms. All parents would then be informed of this. In fact we do regular drills around both this and evacuations. The fact that we conducted a lockdown drill a couple of weeks ago may have given that playground rumour mill a little more fuel in this instance.

Neil Sneddon
Principal

Stewart House
Thank you to our wonderful community for supporting the recent Out of Uniform Day and high bounce ball orders. For the Out of Uniform Day a total of $264 was raised and we received 65 orders for balls which was fantastic! There are still 5 balls for sale as we had to order in boxes of 10, if you would like to purchase one, please see me with your $3.

These funds go directly to helping public school children in need. So, thank you!

Tania Burgess
Stewart House Contact
With the onset of cooler weather we are already experiencing colds in the classroom. The students are learning to use tissues and wash their hands to reduce the spread of infection. This learning is part of their development of skills in self-care and independence.

Congratulations to all K/6C students for excellent participation at the Athletics Carnival, we all had a fantastic day. K/6C are continuing their journey around the world, this week focusing on the U.S.A. We have made the most beautiful dream catchers and have learnt about their origin. Did you know that the population of U.S.A. is 313,900,000. (2012 figures).

KM really enjoyed their first Athletics Carnival and have been writing about it! This week’s Speech topic is about the season, ‘Spring’. The children may share with us some features of Spring. On Wednesday we will have ‘Brown Day’. KM may wear a small brown item.

Wasn’t the Athletics Carnival fantastic?! We found a few budding stars amongst our class and we all had such fun! In the classroom, Year 1 has been tripping around the Solar System whilst Kindergarten is enjoying learning about the weather. Although we haven't had much of a chance to change the arrows on our weather station because of all the sunshine! Tomorrow is Brown day for Kindergarten.

We have been working hard at our work on the Sun, Earth and Moon, enjoying watching the walk on the moon from 1969 on the internet and learning that it isn’t made from cheese!

2T have been writing some excellent descriptions of the sun, moon and stars and their art work has been 'out of this world'! It's a pity we can't do an excursion, maybe one day. The speeches that we have given this week on how to look after our planet have been wonderful. It’s putting it into practice is the difficult thing! Next week is another free choice topic.

3R had a wonderful time at our excursion to the Newcastle Library and the Newcastle Museum. Everyone enjoyed the hands-on activities. We are very lucky at CEPS to have students that represent our school so well when we are out in the community.

Stage 2 students had a great time at the Newcastle Library and the Newcastle Museum last Tuesday. We were lucky enough to see how Shaun Tan’s book, ‘The Lost Thing’ came to life as a short film. The museum was filled with all sorts of historical treasures and curiosities and students were buzzing with questions. What a great day!

Great work everyone on a fine Athletics Carnival. It wouldn't have occurred if not for all your wonderful efforts and team work. Well done! We're into all our assessing for the half yearly report. Please keep up your home revision of skills taught in class. Thanks folks!

QUALITY EDUCATION AWARDS: Weeks 5 and 6

K/6C
Week 5
Owen Taylor

KM
Week 6
Casi Camp

Erika Duncan
Cohen Parish

K/1B
Week 6
Chet Sutherland
Mikayla O'Hearn

Olivia McCulloch

1H
Week 6
Keilee Reynolds
Ben Hamilton

2T
Week 6
Harrison Cooper
Luca West

3R
Week 6
Isabella McKenzie
Brydie Hoad

4S
Week 6
Charlee Cooper
Lachlan Henderson

5/6H
Week 6
Joshua Nikoloski
Lachlan West
5/6V
Week 5
Brianna Matheson-Douglas
Bryson Henderson
Corey Wallace
Rachael Tuohy
Week 6
Myles Matheson
Jack Dawson
Brayden Jackaman
Logan Mace

COMPUTER MATHLETICS - SUMMARY 2014

Starting Week 6 Term 2
So far students have accumulated over 100 awards this year. (Last report had 90 awards) Well done Charlestown East students!

MATHLETICS:
The leading classes in Mathletics are:
1st is 3R with 29 awards
2nd is 4S with 19 awards
3rd is at tie between K/6C and KM with 9 awards.

Early Stage 1/ Stage 1 (Kinder/ Years 1 & 2)
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 (Years 3 & 4 / 5 & 6)
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: www.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 four rounds into the Macquarie Soccer competition this year and despite our losses in both the Juniors and Seniors we have a lot of positives to come from all games.

Despite our losses our junior team has been competitive, in round 3 they came up against a very well drilled Belmont Christian College and unfortunately went down 4-0. In round 4 students played at school in a practice match due to the late wet weather cancellation.

In Round 3 the Senior team also played Belmont Christian College in a very close and competitive game. Unfortunately the Senior team went down 2-0. In round 4 students had a cancellation due to a late forfeit from St Josephs. Students trained and trialled for the PSSA soccer team. Congratulations to those players who have been selected to play on Tuesday 10th June.

Beginning next round is the full commencement of a full rotation for all players.

SOCCER TEAM SPONSORS:
We again thank the support of our sponsors Duncan Kerr Electrical as well as 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.

CEPS 2014 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On Thursday the 22nd of May 2014 Charlestown East PS held one of the most 'eventful' carnivals to date at the school and Kahibah Ovals respectively.

Due to the wonderful efforts of our carnival parent organisers; Rebecca Woodrow and Jody Pavlou, our parent helpers, Year 11 students from Whitebridge High and our energetic teachers, we all had a most enjoyable and rewarding day!!

We are looking forward to fine-tuning our program of events even further for a revisited fantastic 2015 highlight of our sporting calendar.

Well done everyone... this was truly a wonderful school and community effort
Visit school website for some great photos!

Doug Voorby
Sports Organiser

PHOTO DAY
School Photo Day is Monday 23 June 2014

Please take time to read the relevant information on the MSP Photography payment envelopes and remember these helpful points.

- Don't seal envelopes inside each other. You can pay for all children in one envelope however each child needs to have their own envelope on photo day
- Family envelopes are available at the school office upon request
- Please enclose correct money as no change is given. Cash and money orders only (sorry no credit card accepted)

Envelopes can be left at the office prior to Photo Day.
Free Microsoft and Adobe software for all DEC students!
Did you know that your child can download the following software products for free including Microsoft Office 2013, Adobe ??, There is also a vast range of other software ready to download at very cheap educational rates.

How do I download this software, simply find the link for your child’s DEC student portal. Called Adobe DEC software.

Visit: www.student.det.nsw.edu.au Login in with your child’s username and password. Ensure you find the link.
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**School Banking** - For your chance to win a share of exciting prizes, simply make three or more deposits every Tuesday at school during Term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition.

**Major Prize.**
- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort & Water Park on the Gold Coast;
- VIP Passes for two adults and three kids to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet ‘n’ Wild Gold Coast;
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3000 travel gift card to get you there.

**Runner up Prizes.**
130 Toys “R” Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys.
PLUS, a separate draw of $1000 cash for one school in each state/territory.

**So come on Charlestown East PS let’s get saving and remember your deposit can be as little as twenty cents just as long as you make 3 deposits!**
A few photos from the CEPS Athletics Carnival (visit website for lots more)

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**FREAKY FAMILY FUN!**

**What?** Freaky family fun night!

**Date?** Friday 13th June 2024

**Time?** 6:30pm – 8:30pm

**Where?** Unit 6/154 Park Ave, Kotara NSW 2289

**Details:** Cost: $10.00 per ticket

Theme (optional): Freaky Friday/Black Friday

Hunter Connect and Lollipops are hosting a family-friendly night for parents, carers and children, providing them with the opportunity to connect with each other in a relaxing, fun and enjoyable atmosphere. The children will also have exclusive use of the playroom at Lollipops from 6:30pm – 8:30pm.

The café will be running at this time so the family can grab a bite to eat, or parents can enjoy a coffee together while the kids play!

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