



CHARLESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 10 – Wednesday 30 September 2009

Dear Parents

This is the final Newsletter for Term 3. Isn't time flying!

Parking is still an issue around the school, especially in Dickinson St. A visit from the Parking Ranger alerted some parents as to the importance of paying attention to street signage. As a reminder, 'No Stopping' means no stopping at all, whereas 'No Parking' means you can stop to pick-up or drop-off your child(ren) but can not leave the car unattended. More information can be found on the RTA website. Be warned: the Parking Ranger will be making regular visits. Hopefully the carpark in Smith St will be operational by November and parents will have some more options for parking around the school.



Congratulations to Jarron (pictured above) who received a Sports Achievers Award from Lake Macquarie City Council in

recognition of Jarron representing NSW at the 2009 School Sport Australia Championships.

Parent Surveys were distributed last week. There has been a steady trickle of returns, but it would be appreciated if the outstanding surveys could be returned by this Friday. The 2009 Parent Survey gives families the opportunity to comment on the progress being made and to also make suggestions on how the school can improve. Your comments are truly valued and are totally confidential.

In May 2009, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 completed the second National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy.

The 2009 NAPLAN test results were released nationally on 11 September. Reports to parents and caregivers were dispatched from schools in the week beginning 14th September.

To facilitate access to NAPLAN information for parents of NSW school students, a new website www.naplanforparentsnsw.com.au has been developed. In addition to general information about NAPLAN, this website contains documents to assist parents in understanding the student report and the NAPLAN reporting scales.

This Friday is the last day for Mr Gaffney and Mr Batchelor who finish their University Internships. Both have completed their degrees and will be joining the teaching work force from the beginning of next term. It has been a pleasure to have them at our school as they have worked extremely hard and made significant contributions during their time at our school. We thank them for their contribution and wish them both the very best with their careers.

In this Newsletter are the Calendar Dates for next term. This is to help you, and our, organisation. The term is relatively short and

there are quite a few activities happening, some which will present a cost to families.

A reminder to all parents that the Jump Rope For Heart sponsorship forms need to be returned as soon as possible, preferably by this Friday. Every form needs to be accounted for and reminders will be sent home next term for those missing.

Term 4 will start on Monday, 19th October for both staff and students. This is because the term does NOT start with a Staff Development Day. Staff Development Days will be held at the end of Term 4.

Term 3 has been an extremely busy and challenging term, but also a most enjoyable one with the wide variety of activities and opportunities for the students. Thank you very much to the staff for their fantastic efforts, and to you for your support.

We are already looking forward to next term!

Have a wonderful holiday with your children.

Regards

John Theissen
Principal

| DATES FOR YOUR DIARY | |
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| 30.9.09 | Touch Footy Gala Day |
| 1.10.09 | Charlestown Cup for Years 3&4 |
| 2.10.09 | Jump Rope for Heart Day Last Day Term 4 |
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| 19.10.09 | All students return for Term 4 |
| 19-30.10.09 | Intensive Swimming Scheme |
| 21.10.09 | 7pm Canteen/P&C meetings |
| 28.10.09 | Kinder 2010 Orientation morning |
| 30.10.09 | Intensive Swimming finishes |
| 2-4.11.09 | Y5&6 - Great Aussie Bush Camp |
| 4.11.09 | KM&KD to Blackbutt |
| 6.11.09 | Calendar notes are due |
| 12.11.09 | 1T&2B excursion |
| 14.11.09 | P&C Trivia Night |
| 16-27Nov | School Aquatics Program |

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| 18.11.09 | 7pm Canteen/P&C meetings |
| 20.11.09 | 2pm Kinder 2010 Transition |
| 3.12.09 | Carols by Candlelight |
| 4.12.09 | Y6 WHS Orientation Day |
| 7.12.09 | 7:30pm School Council |
| 8.12.09 | Year 6 Farewell |
| 9.12.09 | Reports sent home |
| 11.12.09 | CPS Presentation Day Parent Helpers Morning Tea |
| 15.12.09 | Class Party Day |
| 16.12.09 | Last day for students |

P & C NEWS

Dear Parents,

The first Canteen Meeting for Term 4 is scheduled for Wednesday, 21st October beginning at 7:00pm in the Staffroom. Thank you to those who are already on the canteen roster – your work is very much appreciated. But we are always on the lookout for new people who can spare one day a week, a fortnight or a month. Please see Emma if you are available.

The Canteen Meeting will be followed by the first of only two P&C Meetings for this term at 7:30pm. It would be wonderful to see some of the old faces return, as well as some new faces, to help with ideas and make decisions for the term. With the Trivia Night and the Carols By Candlelight to organise, there is plenty to discuss.

Just a reminder that tables for the Trivia Night can be booked at the School Office on 49434063. This should be a great night.

Have a great holiday.

Regards
Diane House

CANTEEN NEWS

The following are on canteen duty. If needed, please arrange your own replacement.

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| Thur. | 1.10.09 | Emma W-C, J. Watsford |
| Fri. | 2.10.09 | J. Hughes, J. Clarke |
| Mon. | 19.10.09 | S. Widdison |
| Tues | 20.10.09 | D. Bosevski, M. Hall |
| Wed. | 21.10.09 | G. Brinks, M. Smith |

CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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| Wednesdays | 2.45 pm – 3.15 pm |
| Fridays | 9.00 am – 9.30 am |

Livesites is holding a school holidays program in October called L!vesites Kids, for children 6 – 12 years old. It is full of great variety and fun for kids and offers great value for money for parents. It would be much appreciated if you could include this information into your school newsletter or any other communication to parents and children.

LIVESITES KIDS – OCTOBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM:

Livesites and the Newcastle Museum present Livesites Kids, a school holidays program in October that incorporates science, drama, music, circus, creative Indigenous activities and craft.

The activities will run for six days in the October school holidays between 9:30am – 4:30pm with an hour of minding before and after the main program.

THE PROGRAM:

Tuesday 6 October
A DAY AT THE MUSEUM
Put on your white gloves and become a detective and curator for this **Newcastle Museum** day of activities. Bring your own collectors items for Show and Tell, join in the Treasure Hunt and create your own mini exhibition with items from the Museum's collection. Parents and carers are invited to arrive at 4:15pm to wander through the exhibits.

Wednesday 7 October
TANTRUM THEATRE – DRAMA WORKSHOP

Tantrum Theatre will take you on a thrilling adventure through theatre. Dig around ancient Greek theatre, marvel silently at Mime and bounce around Musical performance! Parents and carers are invited to arrive at 4:15pm for a short performance.

Thursday 8 October
INDIGENOUS STORYTELLING, MUSIC & CRAFT

Join award-winning indigenous performer **Auriel Andrews** and her son **Reuben** for a day

of Aboriginal culture including storytelling, music artefacts and craft. Parents and carers are invited to arrive at 4:15pm for a short performance by the children.

Tuesday 13 October
JOIN THE CIRCUS
Enjoy a fun day experiencing circus skills including juggling, tumbling and tricks with the **Circus Avalon** team. Parents and carers are invited to arrive at 4:15pm for a short demonstration.

Wednesday 14 October
SIZZLING SCIENCE SHOW
Wear old clothes for a messy day of silly science presented by **Fizzics Education**. Enjoy the Liquid Nitrogen Show then have a hair-raising time with the Create a Buzz workshop. Finish off the afternoon making your own slime, sherbet and giant bubbles.

Thursday 15 October
MEGA MONSTER MASH
Imaginations will run wild as one of our favourite local artists **Ken O'Regan** guides the kids through making art from waste and recycled materials. Make collage, sculpture plus your own puppet or mega monster to take home.

WHERE:
Honeysuckle Workshops
Merewether Street, Newcastle

WHEN:
From 8:30am – 5:30pm (including registration and child-minding)
Main program runs between 9:30am – 4:30pm
COST:
\$45 per child, per day

BOOKINGS:
Book ahead through Ticketek.

By Mail:
Ticketek Civic Theatre
375 Hunter Street
Newcastle 2300
By Cheque
Please make cheques out to Ticketek
By Phone(02) 49291977
By Fax(02) 49742190 *By Credit Card*
By Internet
www.ticketek.com.au

For more information about the school holidays program, see www.livesites.org.au

Australian Air League meets Friday nights between 7.00pm and 9.00pm at Belmont Public School. Boys aged between 8yrs and older are welcome to join. Cadets will have the opportunity to earn badges, fly in planes, attend camps and train to be a pilot when older. For further information call Norm Minton on 4971 2885.

Tigers Junior Cricket Club

We are currently requiring the following players to complete our teams:

Under 11 boys/girls for our Saturday morning competition.

Under 13 girls (down to about 9) for our Friday night all competition.



girls

Cricket registrations are also still available for boys and girls aged between 5 & 8

If you are interested give Jason Mckendry a call on 0408 024 838

A Fun Day for Stamp Collectors



A fun day of stamp-collecting activities will be run on Tuesday 13th of October at a school hall in Hamilton, from 9:30 to 3 p.m. Any interested stamp collectors

aged between 8 and 18 are invited to attend. There is no cost and lunch is provided.

On the day we will have -

- scavenger hunts (for stamps)
- games, prizes and giveaways
- learning activities where points are awarded
- an auction where you 'spend' those points (NOT real money)

For details, please contact Peter after 5 p.m. on 49594078

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