



CHARLESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 1 – Wednesday 21 October 2009

Dear Parents

Welcome to Term 4. This is a very short term but has the same number of events and activities as a regular term. The calendar which follows provides details which will assist parents with planning for this term.

Last term, the Jump Rope for Heart program was held and was extremely successful. The children learnt quite a few new skills and improved their fitness levels, and in the process, raised money for the Heart Foundation. **All forms** need to be accounted for and should be returned to school as soon as possible – with the last day being Friday, 30th October. Thank you for your support of this fund raising activity.

Last term, 21 students from years 3 to 6 participated in the University of NSW Mathematics Competition. The results were most pleasing. Congratulations to all of the students, and especially to the following who gained excellent results:

Distinction: *Lucy*

Credit: *Brayden, Emma, Gordon, Patrick*



Unfortunately, there have been two major safety concerns already for this term. The first is in regards to students crossing Frederick and/or Smith Streets. All students crossing these streets **MUST** use the pedestrian crossing. This is a supervised crossing and is the safest place for students and parents to cross the roads. Parents are asked to support this and cross with their children at this point and follow the Crossing Supervisors' directions. The second relates to safe bus travel. Students are asked to sit on the bus and follow the safety rules which are continually reinforced at school. I would ask that parents also reinforce safe bus travel guidelines with their children to ensure that there are no further incidents on the buses travelling to and from school.



The October meeting of the Canteen Committee (7pm) and the P&C (7:30pm) is to be held tonight (Wednesday 21st October) in the Staffroom. I hope that both of these meetings will be well supported so that plans for activities for this term can be successfully put into place.

Further to this, the P&C Trivia Night is being held on Saturday, 14th November, beginning at 7pm. This is a major fund raiser for the school and it is hoped that it will be well supported by the school community. The questions won't be

too difficult and great prizes will be available. Please book your tables of 6-8 by ringing the school Office as soon as possible and be part of a great night. With all of the computers in the Computer Lab to be replaced, a Reading Recovery Library to be established as well as new library books and equipment to be purchased after the building refurbishments, fund raising by the P&C to support the school is imperative, and your help is needed.

The P&C is also coordinating the ordering of Fruit & Vege Packs for families on a fortnightly basis. This is a great option for families to order fresh fruit and vegetables at a very competitive price and raise some money for our school. An order form is attached with all of the necessary details.



During the holidays a number of trees in the playground were trimmed and had 'dead wood' removed. This has improved the safety as well as beauty of the playground. As a consequence, there is a large pile of mulch that needs to be spread over a number of gardens and parent volunteers are required. Please let me know if you can help and I will coordinate a date and time. If you can spare a little time, many hands will really make light work.



There have been further developments with the Building Education Reform building works. Firstly, it is hoped that a definite starting date will be negotiated this week for the external painting to begin. Secondly, plans for the library extension and internal classroom refurbishments are being developed with an approximate starting date for the middle of term 1 next year being the target. These programs of work will really enhance our school and also improve the student's learning environments.

Application packages for students in Year 5 who will be seeking placement in a selective high school in Year 7 in 2011 are required to submit an application form to their current primary school by 13 November 2009. Generally students are in Year 5 in 2009 when applying for Year 7 entry in 2011. There are 17 fully selective, 23 partially selective, a virtual selective class provision (Western NSW Region) and 4 selective agricultural high schools in NSW offering places in Year 7. Application packages will be available from the Office from 26 October 2009.

As a school, we are very well advanced with planning for 2010. A great deal of this planning is dependent on student numbers. If any families will be arriving or leaving, it would be appreciated if you could let the Office know as soon as possible.

We are also extremely excited and looking forward to having our Kindergarten students for next year start their orientation program next Wednesday. This is a fantastic opportunity for these new students to experience our school, but is also an opportunity for us to meet with parents. A great deal of information will be shared on this morning, and hopefully, all fears will be quelled and all questions will be answered.

The Staff and I are very excited by the programs and activities planned for this term and we look forward to your support during this very busy and exciting term.

Regards

John Theissen
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

<i>19-30.10.09</i>	<i>Intensive Swimming Scheme</i>
<i>21.10.09</i>	<i>7pm Canteen/P&C meetings</i>
<i>28.10.09</i>	<i>Kinder 2010 Orientation morning 10am</i>
<i>29.10.09</i>	<i>P&C Pie delivery</i>
<i>30.10.09</i>	<i>Intensive Swimming finishes Last Day for Jump Rope forms and money</i>
<i>2-4.11.09</i>	<i>Y5&6 - Great Aussie Bush Camp</i>
<i>4.11.09</i>	<i>KM&KD to Blackbutt Reserve</i>
<i>6.11.09</i>	<i>Calendar notes are due</i>
<i>11.11.09</i>	<i>Remembrance Day</i>
<i>12.11.09</i>	<i>IT&2B 'Transport' excursion</i>
<i>14.11.09</i>	<i>P&C Trivia Night 7pm</i>
<i>16-27Nov</i>	<i>School Aquatics Program</i>
<i>18.11.09</i>	<i>7pm Canteen/P&C meetings</i>
<i>20.11.09</i>	<i>2pm Kinder 2010 Transition</i>
<i>3.12.09</i>	<i>Carols by Candlelight</i>
<i>4.12.09</i>	<i>Y6 WHS Orientation Day</i>
<i>7.12.09</i>	<i>School Council 7:30pm</i>
<i>8.12.09</i>	<i>Year 6 Farewell</i>
<i>9.12.09</i>	<i>Reports sent home</i>
<i>11.12.09</i>	<i>CPS Presentation Day Parent Helpers Morning Tea</i>
<i>15.12.09</i>	<i>Class Party Day</i>
<i>16.12.09</i>	<i>Last day for students</i>
<i>17 & 18 Dec 09</i>	<i>Staff Development Days</i>

CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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

P & C NEWS

Dear Parents

The second last P&C Meeting for 2009 is to be held tonight. The Canteen Committee meets at 7pm and the P&C Meeting starts at 7:30pm. Both meetings are held in the Staffroom. If you haven't attended a meeting this year, this is your chance. Planning for the Trivia Night and a wide range of end of year activities are to be coordinated. Your presence is welcomed and your assistance will be most appreciated.

See you tonight!

Regards

Diane House
P&C President

CANTEEN NEWS

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

Thur.	22.10.09	M. Grothen, B. Fuzevski
Fri.	23.10.09	R. Nicholas
Mon.	26.10.09	S. Widdison
Tues	27.10.09	G. Brinks, A. Jones
Wed.	28.10.09	K. Jackson, N. Angelozzi



P & C Cake Drive

Orders and correct money is due back this Thursday 22 October 2009. **No late orders**

Orders will be delivered Thursday 29 October 2009.



Kahibah Football Club

Kahibah Oval Charlestown

Cnr James and Bula Streets, Charlestown

To all under 9's, 10's and 14's, 2009

Kahibah Football Club will be grading "A" grade teams on **Thursday 29 October and 5 November 2009** from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Grading will be held at Kahibah Oval Charlestown.

The age groups that will be requesting "A" grade 2010 (next year) are under 10's, under 11's and under 15's.

Kahibah FC will have its usual grading late February 2010 for all other grades. For enquiries please phone Kelvin Faith on 49449002.

Wesley Missions Community Visitors

Scheme is currently recruiting volunteers to visit and enrich the quality of life of residents in Aged Care Facilities within the local area. A Community Visitor is a person who sets aside time, at least once a fortnight to visit, befriend and be a companion to a resident of an Aged Care Facility. It is a one-on-one relationship and your time together can be spent in a variety of ways. You might sit and chat, go for a walk, work on a hobby together. Please contact Di Rodgers on 4940 8244 for further information about becoming a volunteer.

