



CHARLESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 2 – Wednesday 28 October 2009

Dear Parents

Welcome to our Kinder 2010 students and their families. This is an exciting time for both the children starting kindergarten next year and their parents. The school hosted an orientation morning this morning and we welcome all of the new families to our school community.

Fantastic news! The work on external repairs and the external painting has started. Blocks A, B and C will be painted, using the colour scheme of the hall. Guttering is being replaced, steps and paths are to be repaired and any rotting timbers in fascias and barge boards are also to be replaced. This is being funded by the Federal Government's Building Education Reform program and is part one for our school.

The school has been informed that a student at our school has contracted Chicken Pox. Parents are to be aware that, as with all contagious diseases, children who are not immunised should be kept at home until it is safe to return. If you are unsure, please ring the Office and they will advise you on the period of time your child should be isolated. Parents can also find this information on the Department of Health's website at -

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/infectious/index.asp>

Selective high school forms are now available for students in year 5. These forms are for schools such as Merewether HS and/or agricultural boarding schools. Applications for Hunter School of Performing Arts and Hunter Sports HS will be available next year. This is the beginning of the enrolment process for 2011.

Parents are reminded that they have a legal responsibility to ensure that their children are to attend school every day (and on time) school is open. Any absences must be explained and it is very much appreciated if notes explaining

absences are returned as soon as possible. The school was recently audited on absences, explained and unexplained, and an emphasis was also placed on late arrivals. There is a high expectation by the Education Department in this area.

It has been unfortunate that the Intensive Swimming Scheme has struck such cool weather this week. Once again the program has been very successful. We sincerely hope that the Year 5 and 6 students (and Mrs Byrne and Mr Johnson) attending the Great Aussie Bush Camp next week have a great time in wonderful weather. The same is extended to both of our kindergarten classes who will be visiting Blackbutt Reserve next Tuesday.

It is wonderful to see the work continuing on the car park development in Smith Street. This will help us with some of the parking issues around our school. Thank you to those parents who are following the parking signs, especially in Dickinson Street. I would like to remind parents that as adults, we all have responsibilities to model the correct way of doing things. This includes following all road rules, including the correct way to drive and park as well as teaching the children to cross roads at pedestrian crossings, such as on Frederick, Smith and Smart Streets.

The response to the P&C Trivia Night on Saturday, November 14th has been very slow. The P&C has tried to make some of its fund raising events community-based and the Trivia Night needs your support. Please ring the Office as soon as possible to book your table of 6-8. Great prizes will be won on what will be a fun night.

Regards

John Theissen
Principal

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

19-30.10.09	<i>Intensive Swimming Scheme</i>
28.10.09	<i>Kinder 2010 Orientation morning 10am</i>
29.10.09	<i>P&C Pie delivery</i>
30.10.09	<i>Intensive Swimming finishes Last Day for Jump Rope forms and money</i>
2-4.11.09	<i>Y5&6 - Great Aussie Bush Camp</i>
4.11.09	<i>KM&KD to Blackbutt Reserve</i>
5.11.09	<i>Calendar notes are due</i>
11.11.09	<i>Remembrance Day</i>
12.11.09	<i>1T&2B 'Transport' excursion</i>
13.11.09	<i>Y5 to return Selective HS form</i>
14.11.09	<i>P&C Trivia Night 7pm</i>
16-27Nov	<i>School Aquatics Program</i>
18.11.09	<i>7pm Canteen/P&C meetings</i>
20.11.09	<i>2pm Kinder 2010 Transition</i>
3.12.09	<i>Carols by Candlelight</i>
4.12.09	<i>Y6 WHS Orientation Day</i>
7.12.09	<i>School Council 7:30pm</i>
8.12.09	<i>Year 6 Farewell</i>
9.12.09	<i>Reports sent home</i>
11.12.09	<i>CPS Presentation Day Parent Helpers Morning Tea</i>
15.12.09	<i>Class Party Day</i>
16.12.09	<i>Last day for students</i>
17 & 18 Dec 09	<i>Staff Development Days</i>

names of volunteers for next year are being taken now.

Fund raising was the major topic for discussion. There are a wide variety of activities happening from the Fruit & Veg Packs to Book Club to the Trivia Night to the Student Calendars to Carols by Candle Light as well as a Christmas Hamper/raffle.

The P&C Committee is trying to vary the fund raising activities to include parent and community events so that an emphasis is placed on participation and involvement in the school. The 2009 Parent Survey results were discussed and the results confirm that our intentions have your support.

We look forward to your continued support.

Remember that the Trivia Night is to be held on Saturday, November 14th. Our 2010 target is to replace the 15 computers in the Computer Lab – at a cost of around \$15 000. So let's get started now!

The P&C would like to welcome the new families to our school. We look forward to meeting you and your children.

Regards

Diane House
P&C President

CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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

P & C NEWS

Dear Parents

The October meeting was held last Wednesday evening.

The Canteen Committee reported that everything is going very well and that it now has a full roster of parent volunteers. Thank you very much to all of those parents who volunteer time helping in the canteen. This is a wonderful service for our students. Parent helpers in the canteen are always required and

CANTEEN NEWS

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

Thur.	29.10.09	Emma W.C., J. Watsford
Fri.	30.10.09	J. Hughes, J. Clarke
Mon.	02.11.09	S. Widdison, R. Warren
Tues	03.11.09	M. Todd, L. Johnston
Wed.	04.11.09	D. Levin, K. Hillier



Calender orders/photos/money due Thursday November 5



Cake drive orders are due in on Thursday morning. Parent helpers are needed from 9.30 am until 11am.

