



# CHARLESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 3 – Wednesday 4 November 2009

Dear Parents

URGENT! All Jump Rope for Heart forms (especially the forms) and donated money needs to be returned by this Friday. Every form needs to be accounted for. Please find and return the form today. If the form can not be found, return the slip attached to this Newsletter.

It was a wonderful morning at Kindergarten 2010 Orientation last Wednesday. It was most pleasing to see that the new students moved to the classroom with their Buddies and participated in activities without much fuss, while the parents were in the hall learning about the processes of our school. The whole school is excited about having new students and we look forward to their next visit on Friday, November 20<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.



*KM & KD entertained the parents in the hall.*

World Teachers Day was celebrated last Friday. This is an opportunity for all school communities to thank their teachers and reflect on the work and effect good teachers have on children. At Charlestown Public School we are extremely fortunate to have teachers of such a high calibre. Their work is exemplary and makes our school such a wonderful place to be. Research into effective learning has shown that the one factor which has the most influence on



*The Year 5 Buddies worked with their new Kinders*

a student's learning is the quality of the teacher.

Years 5 & 6 will be at Camp Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. All reports suggest that everyone is having a great time. We can't wait to see the exhausted students, the tired teachers and to hear the great stories!

KM/KD went on their excursion to Blackbutt Reserve yesterday and had a fantastic time. A report will be provided next week.

A reminder that all Year 5 students who may be applying for a Selective High School need to have their forms returned by November 13<sup>th</sup>.



*Lots of drawing and colouring was done.*

The school Aquatics Program begins in Week 5 on Monday November 16. Notes have been sent home and should be returned as soon as possible. This is a very important part of the sports program at Charlestown PS with every student provided with the opportunity to strengthen and develop their swimming style.



*The new Kinders and their Buddies really got to know one another.*

The school received the results from the Newcastle Permanent Mathematics Competition last week and we are very proud of the results.

The winners of special certificates are:

**High Distinction:** Patrick

**Distinction:** Anna, Tyler, Hooman, Scott

**Merit:** Rhian, Jayden, Cory, Chloe, Lachlan, Silva, Callum, Jared, Georgia, Madalaine  
Every student received Participation Certificates on the day of the test.

On Wednesday, Thursday & Friday of this week I will be attending a Principals State Conference in Sydney which will be focussing on leadership in schools.

Finally, there are still tables available for the school Trivia Night. Please book through the Office as soon as possible.

Regards  
John Theissen  
Principal

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5.11.09	Book Club order due by 10am
6.11.09	Calendar notes are due
11.11.09	Remembrance Day
12.11.09	IT&2B 'Transport' excursion
13.11.09	Y5 to return Selective HS form
14.11.09	P&C Trivia Night 7pm
16-27Nov	School Aquatics Program
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	School Council 7:30pm
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
17 & 18 Dec 09	Staff Development Days

## 2010 BUS PASS APPLICATIONS

A few reminders for 2010:

- 1 All students moving from Year 2 to Year 3 will need to complete a **new blue application form** as they must now meet an eligibility criteria.
- 2 All students moving from Year 6 to Year 7 will need to complete a **new blue application form** as their eligibility criteria changes even if they are still at the same school and on the same campus.
- 3 Any student who has changed address or will be changing address before return to school should complete a **new blue application form** showing the new address for pass to be processed.

**ALL BLUE APPLICATION FORMS are to be clearly marked 2010 and returned as soon as possible.**

Forms are available from the school office.

## CLOTHING POOL HOURS

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

## P & C NEWS

*Dear Parents*

*Thank you to the parents who assisted with the Kinder Orientation Day, the Fruit & Vege packs and the Pie Drive deliveries last week. Your support and time is most appreciated.*

*It was wonderful to see the familiar faces at the Orientation Morning last week and to meet the new families. Having children start school is such an exciting time. Welcome to Charlestown PS.*

*There are a number of outstanding payments due for uniforms. It would be most appreciated if parents could finalise these accounts as soon as possible.*

*The next P&C meeting is Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> November. We hope to see you there.*

*Regards*

*Diane House*

*P&C President*

## CANTEEN NEWS

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

Thur.	5.11.09	K. Sparke, J. Watsford
Fri.	6.11.09	S. Egan, A. Goodwin
Mon.	9.11.09	R. Warren, S. Widdison
Tues	10.11.09	H. Stuart, M. McBeath
Wed.	11.11.09	L. Moore, R. Shields



## Book Club

**Orders & money due back this Thursday 5 November by 10 am.**