

Charlestown South PS Newsletter

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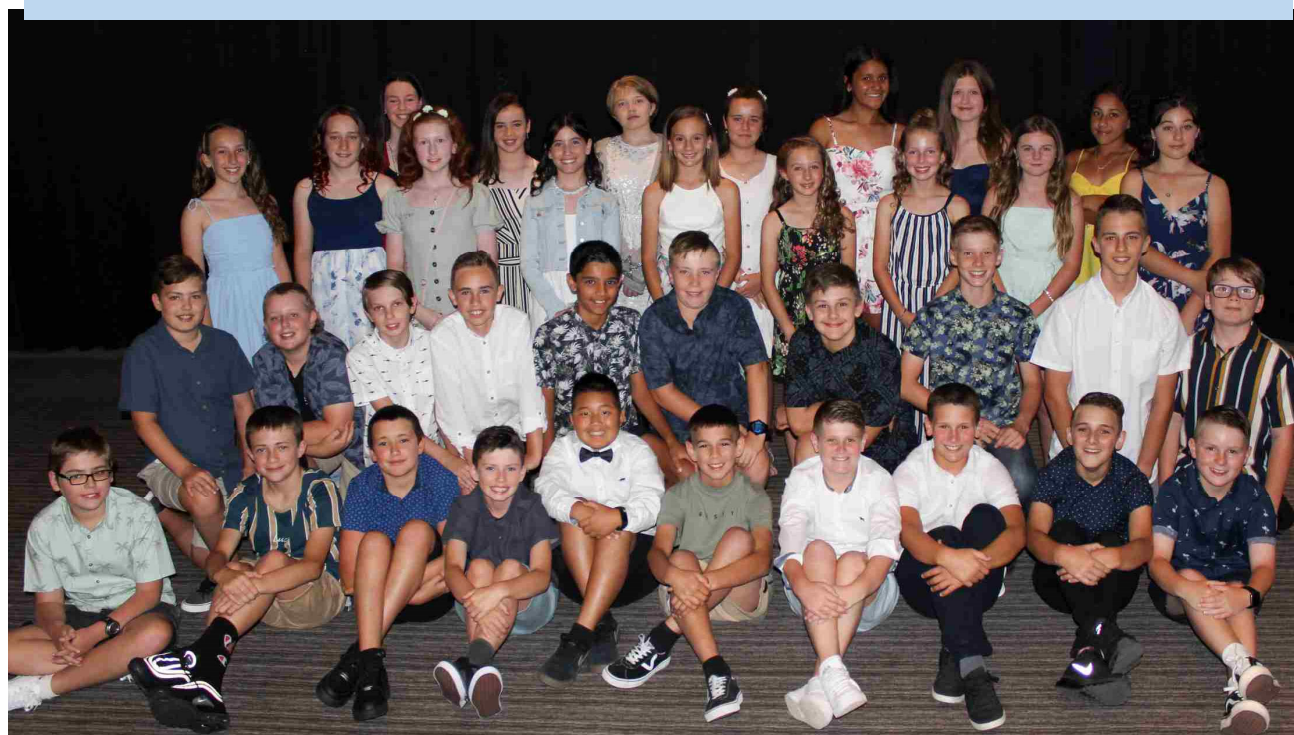


THE P & C PIE DRIVE DELIVERY IS TUESDAY 15 DECEMBER.

**A SKOOLBAG NOTIFICATION WILL BE SENT AS SOON AS THE ORDERS ARE READY
FOR COLLECTION.**



Farewell Year 6 2020



Key Dates for the Diary for 2021

January 27 & 28 Staff Development Days

Students Return Friday January 29 – wear sports uniform

January 29, February 1 & 2 – Kinder Individual Best Start assessments

Wednesday February 3 – Kinder starts!

New Uniform Available Now!

Lowes are Stocked and Ready to Rock

Lowes Charlestown Square has our new uniform options on the shelves and are ready to roll them out the door. Every new item except the pleated navy long pants, are in store and waiting purchase. Given that there are options please ask the staff at Lowes to allow students to try on the various options so you can work out what best suits and feels comfortable. A show of hands at school last week when we modelled the new options for the students, indicated that many of the girls liked the navy culottes and new shirt option but we also had many still planning to wear their tunic. The vast majority of the boys indicated they would opt for the new shirt with the 'pointed' collar as opposed to the rounded collar, along with the navy shorts. I'm guessing over time the Lowes staff will get to know the most popular option should that be of importance to you. It seemed the students were very impressed especially with the new shirt with the CSPS school logo. Please note that the jackets will remain the same so no need to opt for new if you already have one. Hats will still be available ONLY from the school office.

Crisis Averted!

Congratulations Charlestown South Community on handling the 2020 school year with style and grace. Despite the craziness of this year surrounding us on all fronts and feeling like the enemy was advancing from all sides, there was wonderful sense of calm from day one. It is really only when a crisis comes that you discover how well you cope under pressure. Some freeze, some collapse, some default to an extremely negative setting and yet others lift their head, rise above the circumstances and move forward regardless. Our teachers and support staff were simply outstanding in 2020. I will admit initially I had concerns way back in the middle of Term 1 when everything halted momentarily as we all stood and looked at each other with that look that says "So what do we do now?" That feeling lasted about 24 hours as I watched our team click into gear and plan the next 2 months as though they had been expecting this all their lives. At that point, I relaxed, took a breath and knew 'we've got this!' During this time, our kids were amazing. I truly believe that just about every student at CSPS is exactly where they would have been academically had Covid not reared its ugly head. They have applied themselves with great determination and resilience and just got the job done. The reason being they have the most outstanding and caring parents on the planet!

I did mention on Presentation Day that this year highlighted the age old saying that 'it takes a village to raise a child' and we proved that to be entirely correct during the course of this year. Thank you to everyone involved in our tight knit CSPS community for pulling together and not only withstanding the onslaught, but advancing and winning the battle!

Presentation Day Celebrations

Congratulations to all staff and students involved in making this such a successful event despite the restrictions imposed by Covid. Fortunately, for the first time in many months we were able to have more than just a couple of parents onsite to celebrate learning with us. The list of award recipients is published later in this Newsletter. How wonderful it was to have our Concert Band finally play and our Elective Choir sing to a real live audience! I am almost certain all would agree the quality of both groups of performers was quite outstanding.

Year 6 'Clap Out' Final Day of Term, 2020

Given that our wonderful group of Year 6 students of 2020 has missed out on what their predecessors experienced in terms of opportunities and experiences, we'd like to make our usual 'clap out' on our last day a little different than usual. In order for parents and carers of Year 6 students to at least experience and share some sort of parting ritual, we would like to invite this specific group to attend the school at 2.30pm on our final day. (We ask parents and carers of all other students to please honour the usual pick up time and remain offsite until 3pm so we adhere to the Covid safe Regulations specified by the Department of Education.)

During this time we would like to acknowledge our departing families, some of whom have been part of the CSPS family well beyond a decade. We would also like to acknowledge each individual student rather than just the whole Year 6 crew as per other years. Normally, we would do this at their Year 6 Farewell with you present, but we all know the 'Covid Cut or Cancelled' story, oh so well by now. So we would ask you to join us and take a seat upon the 'silver seats' in our COLA area on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30pm December 16 as we celebrate a significant milestone in the life of each of our Year 6 students.

We've Pooled Our Resources

Mrs Pascoe has managed to pull off the negotiation of a lifetime (police are requesting her services already!) and we are heading to Charlestown Pool with Stages 2 & 3 this Tuesday for our end of year pool party. Teachers can now halt blowing up the pump up baby pools that were being positioned in the wet areas of classrooms! Thank you Mrs Pascoe for getting us through the gate ... albeit in 2 separate sessions. On Tuesday Stage 2 & 3 students can dress out of uniform but must have a shirt that covers their shoulders. Don't forget the sunscreen, food, water bottle and (highly recommended) a pair of goggles just in case the chlorine levels are high.

Simply Superb!!!

How our P&C team still managed to raise in excess of \$17,000 in a year that will go down in history forever, is an absolute miracle! In fact, we have asked P&C President, Craig Barnes, along with our Fundraising Coordinator, Mrs Katrina Crump, to walk past our new water bottle filling and drinking station just to see what might happen! Here are some of the new additions to our school as a result of our P&C Fundraising. Water Station donation \$2000, School Blazers \$1100, Maths Pathways \$2000, Creative Play Area \$2500, Garden Bed \$246, Year 6 Farewell Gifts \$500, 10 x iPads \$4860, Covered seating area \$3000, 3 x bench seats \$1527 - total donated to the school for 2020 \$17,733.

A massive thank you also to Cass Small and all of her canteen team for a job superbly done. You have served the CSPS community wonderfully, not to mention the funds put back into a whole variety of resources for our kids. 🙌

A Big Thank You to HopeUC

The tradition that has been long standing for many years now ever since HopeUC Church used our Hall each Sunday for Children's Church back in 2014-17, has continued. On Presentation Day we were able to present two very fortunate students with a \$250 scholarship each to attend HopeUC Creative Arts School for Dance. This scholarship will allow for just over two terms of free dance tuition. This year's recipients were Gia L and Jasmine W. The girls certainly won't feel out of place as we already have many of our students attending one afternoon a week for dance, drama or music tuition. Not ending their support there, HopeUC have also donated 12 large Christmas Food Hampers for CSPS families. Together as a community we thank them for their generosity and long standing support of CSPS.

Captains Hooked

As most are aware, we have had our School Leader Elections for 2021 and our incoming Captains and Vice-Captains performed an outstanding job on Presentation Day albeit a small cameo role. Newly elected Captains Lacy B and Sam C, along with Vice-Captains Niamh M and Josh F, have had outstanding role models in Sunny R, Zach K, Maddy F and Aiden W who have all passed on a few golden tips. At the commencement of 2021 we will elect our other Year 6 school leadership positions which will be closely followed by our Leader Induction Assembly.



Mr J's Free Parenting Tip

Keep reading! You often hear the odd infants teacher (even the normal ones sometimes too! LOL) talk about the 'holiday slump'. This phenomenon of nature occurs when a small child aged between 5 and 8, who is reading so brilliantly with fluency, intonation and expression, suddenly regresses seemingly by months over a few weeks of holidaying. However, it doesn't always happen! In fact, it has been known for some to return to the classroom far beyond where they left off. The common denominator in these unique cases these children have continued to read during the break. Can I encourage all parents, not just those of our littler ones, to keep your kids reading over the next 5 weeks. Find some fun books, read lots to them, try the audio books on car trips, read before bed to them and have them also read to you. These practices are guaranteed to sack the slump big time!

Principal's Award
Term 4 Week 7
Piper W



Principal's Award
Term 4 Week 8
Archie G



Principal's Award
Term 4 Week 9
Ava T



Congratulations to the award winners for 2020...

Class Awards - Infants

KH

Academic Achievement - Alfie C

Academic Achievement - Elaine W

Academic Achievement - Patrick G

Academic Achievement - William S

Academic Achievement - Piper W

Consistent Effort & Application - Myah H

KW

Academic Achievement - Callum M

Academic Achievement - Jasmine R

Academic Achievement - Matej J

Consistent Application & Effort - Macy M

Consistent Application & Effort - Monroe J

Class Citizenship - Mackenzie W

1-2F

Outstanding Academic Progress - Seamus M

Class Citizenship - Mila P

Academic Achievement - Ellie J

Academic Achievement - Aston S

Consistent Effort - Clover P

Consistent Effort - Charlotte R

1-2M

Outstanding Academic Achievement - Pippa R

Class Citizenship - Jasmine W

Outstanding Academic Achievement - Kyran V

Class Citizenship - Malachi A

Outstanding Effort & Application - Evelyn P

Outstanding Effort & Application - Charlotte J

1-2T

Class Citizenship - Gia L

Consistent Effort & Application - Phoebe S

Academic Achievement - Rio S

Academic Achievement - Xunaid R

Consistent Application & Effort - Emily-Vogue P

Consistent Application & Effort - Purnota H

Congratulations to the award winners for 2020...

Class Awards - Primary

3-4B

Academic Achievement in Mathematics, History & Science - Harrison C

Outstanding Academic Progress in Mathematics & English - Jasmine H

Outstanding Academic Progress in English & Mathematics - Eden M

Academic Achievement in All Subjects - Evelyn S

Academic Excellence in English, Mathematics, Science and History - Hamish B

Class Citizenship - Jett H

3-4K

Academic Achievement - Lachlan M

Academic Achievement - Isaiah A

Academic Achievement - Hamish B

Academic Achievement - Joel D

Academic Achievement - Maddison C

Class Citizenship - Kaleb B

4-5C

Academic Achievement - Neve B

Consistent Application & Effort - Kayla S

Consistent Application & Effort - Archie G

Academic Achievement - Elise M

Most Improved - Charlotte B

Class Citizenship - Kaleb B

4-5K

Academic Achievement - Ella S

Most Improved - Aurora A

Class Citizenship - Ava H

Academic Achievement - Jacob T

Consistent Effort & Application - Joshua A

Creative Arts Achievement - Josh F

5-6G

Academic Achievement - Emma S

Academic Achievement - Heba M

Class Citizenship - Ella B

Academic Achievement - Ariana C

Consistent Effort & Application - Tiana B

Class Citizenship - Zali H

5-6S

Consistent Application & Effort - Lacy B

Consistent Application & Effort - Niamh M

Academic Achievement & Application - George M

Academic Achievement - Aiden W

Most Improved - Lilah S

Academic Achievement - Beau B

Congratulations to the award winners for 2020...

Special Awards

Dux of the School - Zachariah K

Stage 3 Citizenship Award - Madison F

Michael Golledge Memorial Award - Daniel K

Robyn Waller Memorial Award - Chloe M

Stage 2 Community Involvement Award - Maddison C

CSPS Writing Award, Stage 3 - Sunny R

Information Technology Award - Daniel K

Library Award - Sonny B

Band Person of the Year - Neve B

Most Improved Instrumentalist - Josh F

Hope UC Scholarships - Gia L and Jasmine W

Sports Awards

Premier's Sporting Challenge Medal - Reegan D

Sportsman of the Year - Michael R

Sportswoman of the Year - Emma S

Sporting Blue Award, Swimming - Neve B

Champion House, Swimming - Lawson

Champion House, Athletics - Wentworth

Champion House, Cross Country - Wentworth

Swimming

Junior Girl Champion - Neve B

Junior Boy Champion - Brendan W

11 Years Girl Champion - Zali H

11 Years Boy Champion - Luke W

Senior Girls Champion - Tiana B

Senior Boys Champion - Beau B

Athletics

Junior Girl Champion - Ella S

Junior Boy Champion - Zayne R

11 Years Girl Champion - Zali H

11 Years Boy Champion - Jacob T

Senior Girl Champion - Cema V

Senior Boy Champion - Michael R

Diary Dates

December

- Wed 16 Last day of school for students.
- Thu 17 & Fri 18 Staff Development Days - no students.

January 2021

- Wed 27 Staff Development Day - no students.
- Thu 28 Staff Development Day - no students.
- Fri 29 Students return for Term 1 - Years 1-6 - **new date**
- Thu 28 - Mon 1 Kindergarten completing Best Start Assessment appointments.

February

- Wed 3 Kindergarten students commence.
- Tue 9 Swimming Carnival - more information provided in Week 1 2021
- Wed 10 Dance2bfit commences. This program runs for 8 weeks and is our Term 1 Sport. The cost is \$24 each student, payable in Term 1 when a detailed note is sent home.



Thank you to families for supporting Book Week 2020. This year has been different to the past. Fortunately, the children maintained their enthusiasm. Everybody seemed to enjoy the day. It was lovely to see such a variety of costumes.

Thank you also for supporting the Book Fair. Book sales totalled approximately \$3300. The library receives about \$800 in commission. Thank you also to families that donated a book to the library. It is greatly appreciated. The children get very excited when introduced to a new book. Enjoy the holidays!

Mrs Stoppini

Merry Christmas to all our CSPS families. Thank you for your support and understanding in 2020 and we look forward to welcoming you all back into the school and the Office in 2021. Best wishes from Mrs Kellie Pascoe and Mrs Cheryl Hansen.



Shoe Lace Tying with Ascent Footwear

On Wednesday 2 December, Ascent Footwear visited our school and held a Lace Tying Workshop with our K-2 students in partnership with The Athlete's Foot at Charlestown Square. This YouTube video details the steps taught: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9CK2tVgPmTg>

Each student received a shoe pencil case with laces to practice with.

Thanks to The Athletes Foot at Charlestown Square and Ascent Footwear.





School bus service changes from 14 December

There will be timetable changes to some school services to improve reliability. Parents and students will need to check their trip to and from school.

You can check your trip at
newcastletransport.info/plan-your-trip/school-services/





Parks and Play Lake Mac!

Parks and playgrounds help everyone to be healthy and happy.

That's why Lake Macquarie City Council is developing a **Parks & Play Strategy**.

To make sure parks and playgrounds are safe, inclusive and cater for everyone now and in the future.

We want to hear from you. Tell us what you love about our parks and playspaces and what you'd like to see in the future.

For your chance to win an iPad or Galaxy tab¹ and have your say on the future of our parks and play spaces -

1. Go to <https://shape.lakemac.com.au/parks-and-play> and complete the survey
2. Go to <https://shape.lakemac.com.au/parks-and-play> and join in the discussion forums
3. Visit your favourite park, take a photo and tell us why you like that space using the hashtag **#letsplayinLakeMac**

Consultation closes on the 11th December.




¹ Your choice of either a Ipad 32 gb wiFi (8th gen) or Galaxy Tab s6 Lite (wifi) not redeemable for cash.

Recycling at Charlestown South PS


We have just joined Terra Cycle's pen recycling program! This program accepts pens, whiteboard markers, textas, permanent markers, correction tapes and fluid, as well as mechanical pencils. These plastic items are then shredded, melted and turned into pellets which are then made into new products like picnic benches and playground equipment. Here at CSPS we use up to 2500 whiteboard markers in a year! We will now be able to recycle these items and save them ending up in landfill. We invite all of our CSPS families to join us in recycling your pens and markers - and we've placed a collection box in the foyer of the Office for students to use.

Just a reminder we accept bread tokens too - please hand these to Mrs Hansen as they are collected separately.




Writing Instruments Recycling Programme

Accepted waste
Pens, felt tips, highlighters, markers



Mechanical pencils, correction tape and fluid pots, fountain pens, ink cartridges


Waste not accepted



Glue sticks Rubbers Rulers Pencils Sharp objects

Please note, glue sticks are not accepted

For more information please visit terracycle.com.au



WHAT HAPPENS TO MY WASTE?

Once you send your waste to TerraCycle® it goes on a journey to become something new. These are the steps we take to give your waste a second life

- 1 The waste arrives at our warehouse where it is weighed, sorted and mixed with similar items



- 2 The plastics are sent to processing facilities where they are shredded, melted and turned into pellets



- 3 These pellets are then remolded into products like benches, picnic tables, and even playgrounds



BREAD BAG CLOSURE RECYCLING PROGRAM

ACCEPTED WASTE



Bread Bag Tag recycling program accepted waste:

1. Any brand of plastic bread bag closures as shown above

Recycling best practices. This program does not accept bread bags, or other forms of bag closures such as twist ties. Please do not include these in your collections.



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