

Charlestown South PS

Newsletter

Monday 3rd August 2020



Education



Come To Our Place From Your Place!

P&C President Craig Barnes and the First Lady, Michelle Barnes, invite all to join them in their lounge room at 7pm via Zoom for tomorrow night's P&C Meeting. Given the restrictions many encounter under 'normal circumstances' with child minding, conducting meetings via Zoom in the Covid19 period allows for so many more to attend! And you can have Ninjas or Farmer Wants a Wife on in the background if you absolutely need to! Leave the washing up to the kids and Zoom in with Barnsey to catch up on all that is happening (or all that has been postponed!) on a P&C front at 7pm. Check your emails to see details of the Zoom Meeting login.

Lowes Lowering Prices For 2 Days Only!

This Thursday and Friday August 6th & 7th, Lowes at Charlestown Square has a 20% off School Wear Sale. That's more than \$10 off your school jacket! If you need a clothing update or upsize, this week is the perfect time to head online or in-store to the square. Whilst talking uniform, our Uniform Review Committee has received some sample school wear as per the brief they sent to Lowes after the first URC meeting in Term 2. Once this has been viewed by the URC and more discussion had, which will include the feedback slips left by parents in the box at the office, the URC will report back as to the next step in our uniform review process.

All Ramped Up

Our new demountables are looking a tad 'swisher' as well as being a little more accessible with the addition of the ramps last weekend. The ramps to all demountable classrooms are now mandatory and Asset Management Group has done a great job in designing us a linking ramp system that captures both classrooms. From school funds we also have added a deck area with an overhead awning and bag hooks so the students can hang their bags externally which now will create so much more space in the classrooms. If you do see Mr Kiely and Miss Mac running up and down the ramp or lounging in the new deck area in the sun, please just wave and give them the thumbs up as they are both very excited at the new addition to their classrooms!

Here are Your Orders

It has arrived! Our canteen is once again open for orders from Thursday and Friday this week. Until further notice there will be no counter service at lunchtime, so any items students would normally purchase at lunch time will need to be ordered in the morning, before 9.00am. Being part of the canteen team, even on just one day a term is a great way to feel more a part of school life and a great way to meet a few other parents and students. Please let us know if you're considering volunteering a few hours a term and we can talk you through what is involved.

Students are reminded to bring a drink bottle to school each day -
the school bubblers remain closed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Thank you.



Getting it Write!

One of my favourite things each day is when students are sent down to share with me their quality writing. Sometimes this is one student and other times a whole tribe! I love it when kids become great readers and love reading. I like how proficient so many of our students are at maths, but a piece of amazing writing just does it for me! The almost exclusive reply from a high school teacher when you ask them what is the missing skill amongst their students is an ability to write well. Personally, I believe it's a whole new jump in academic achievement when kids can write well. As a teacher, when you read a piece of quality writing from a student it just makes you smile! This week let me share just a few that I have spotted that made me smile. For the older students I have not included all of their text but just a small select portion. The rest was brilliant too!

Mackenzie W (Kinder) - *The silly squirrel is taking a photo in the windy woods.*

Joel D (Year 3) - *As I trekked down the meandering pathway to our Nature Play area, I could see an emerald canopy of foliage overhead and spikey plants growing on the forest floor. I spotted well constructed birds' nests and I could hear the crunch of dry hedge leaves under my feet. As I ambled along I touched the rough bark, itchy tangled sticks and the spikey vegetation. I felt relaxed and tranquil as I descended the steep hill covered in shrubs. I could smell the overpowering eucalyptus and the fragrance of wild flowers.*

Patrick W (Kinder) - *The stripy tiger is lurking in the green grass and it's growling to catch an animal to feed the babies.*

Sienna H (Year 4) - *Fear can change you forever. Every time, I still get chills when I have to flick the switch. It all centred on the day I heard the story that changed my life forever!*

It had been an amazing day at my cousins but I was considering ignoring the mysterious invitation to come to their room at 8pm sharp. They were probably going to play a game or so I thought. I had to find out just what they were up to so I accepted their invitation. I calmly walked down the long winding hallway and knocked on their door. As it slowly creaked open I stuck my head in the door. "Gee it's dark in here!" I thought. As my eyes adjusted I could just make out two figures watching and waiting. "Waiting for me?" I asked aloud as my eldest cousin slyly gestured towards a spot on the floor.

Chills ran up and down my spine as I took my seat. Suddenly, there was a clap of thunder and my cousin said to me in a spooky way, "Have you heard about the beasts that roamed the dark?" "No?" I said, trying to sound less disturbed than I felt. My mouth went dry, my tummy dropped and my mood went from calm to horrified!

Ruby W (Kinder) - *The cute and brown mouse is running fast on the soft carpet.*

Niamh M (Year 5) - *I spied the majestic and yet ferocious snow leopard from the hidden bushes, having to concentrate extremely well, for I did not want to lose track of her in the snow. The only way I could keep track of her was her distinctive oval shaped spots, identifying her against the powder white sleet and snow. Suddenly, I felt as though I was a slowly deflating balloon just waiting for my inevitable doom. The snow leopard had spotted me in my fortress of solitude; the bushes. She started to gracefully creep toward me, obviously hoping that I did not know that she had seen me, for if I did; which I definitely had as I was watching her every move, then I would be a matter of skin and bones within hours.*

Lacy B (Year 5) – Bitterly cold winds rippled across the pristine green goldfields, chilling every scantily dressed prospector to flesh and bones. I glared at the snow, sleet and ice clinging to every miner's tools. I felt the saturated dirt crumbling under my feet, the pain, the suffering of standing like a statue because of the frost spreading over my fragile body. Dredging was particularly difficult when every fossicking miner had frostbite. The aroma of smoky fireplaces off in the distance was the only warmth a migrated Chinaman felt on those cold, nippy winter's mornings.

Parthib H (Year 3) - I saw the enthusiastic people impatiently waiting to descend along the meandering waterslide down into the crystal clear water. I also saw the hard working canteen man preparing the warm chips. I heard the delighted squeals of excitement and heard the water gushing. I smelt the delectable hot chips. I touched the freezing cold water which made me feel like I had frostbite. I felt the beaming sun rays warming my skin. I tasted the sweet sugary lollies and the overpowering chlorine which felt like an inferno in my nose. I felt invigorated yet exhausted from my tiring Sunday.

Beau B (Year 6) – The shimmering gold stood out like the moon in the beautiful night sky. The diggers frolicked in excitement to celebrate their find. One man slipped and knocked the alluvial gold back into the thunderous river. The two now disheartened men dredged back to the uncomfortable campsite in their worn dirty clothes and sat down around the toasty campfire in shame.

Xunaid R (Year 2) – As the mischievous cute Moana quietly ambled on the soft butter sand, the turquoise magical ocean created a path for her and invited her in. She stood inside the crystal clear sea and saw colourful coral dart past and a colossal turtle carefully glide by.

Lachlan M (Year 4) - I am surrounded by a plethora of emerald eucalyptus trees, lush foliage, miniscule bushes and dull rocks spread across the fertile soil. I can see the maroon leaves spread out on the damp ground and the abundance of weeds terrorising the native vegetation. I can smell eucalyptus from the gum trees wafting in the breeze and the faint aroma of local wild flowers.

Ella S (Year 4) - Bang! Smack! Rumble! The howling of the nasty waves recklessly filled the triggered surfer with a rush of adrenalin as he hastily roamed toward the illuminated horizon. He was in agony as he felt the excruciating pain of the sea salt burning his skin, and he could taste the unwanted emotion of fear travel through his taste buds at an exceptional pace. In the blink of an eye the serenity had turned to intense chaos. He lay frozen on his board observing a vile silhouette murderously propelling towards him like a carnivorous feline disturbing a daunted and isolated mammal. As the mysterious figure met the intimidated surfer's feet, he instantly stopped dead in terror as it steadily traversed to the ocean floor.

A Spark For Our Park

A conversation last week with the Department of Education Roads and Safety Education Officer sparked a new glimmer of hope as we continue our negotiations toward extending our staff carpark. After viewing traffic flow and issues encountered by parents at pick up time, the ERSE Officer now completely supports our application for extension. This would benefit parents enormously at pick up time as all staff vehicles would be snugly tucked up securely onsite leaving Patricia Ave nice and clear for parent parking for pick up.

Mr J's Free Parenting Tip

We all know that parenting is the most constant job in the world. How often can we be trying to get a task done at home for the benefit of our children, whilst encountering frequent interruptions from these same children? These interruptions can become very frustrating if you are a task-oriented person. It helps to remember that the interruptions are not a distraction to our parenting, but rather these interruptions are the parenting. So next time you are pulled away from cooking the dinner to referee a sibling dispute, or distracted from helping with homework to answer your child's questions about the meaning of life, remember that these moments are the very business of parenting. This shift in thinking can really help us to remain calm and give us perspective as we press on being good mums and dads.

Principal's Award

Term 3 Week 1

Lulu F



Principal's Award

Term 3 Week 2

Jett S



Tick Alert!

We have had two reported cases of ticks from students using the Nature Play area last week. Please check your children carefully if they complain of itching and soreness.

We are unable to remove ticks here at school and will call parents if any students come to sick bay with a tick.



Protect yourself from viruses



Clean your hands with soap and water, or hand sanitiser.



Cover your nose and mouth when you cough or sneeze.



Avoid close contact with anyone with cold or flu-like symptoms.



Stay home if you are sick.



Find the facts

health.nsw.gov.au/coronavirus

Canteen reopens this week - Thursday 6th August.

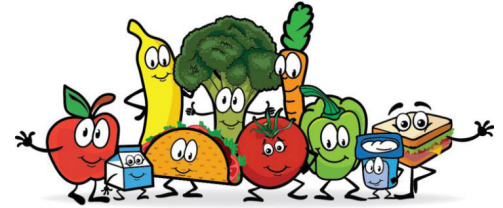
The Canteen will only fill lunch orders, there will be **no counter service at lunchtime.**

So students who would normally buy an ice block at lunchtime will need to order it before 9.00am as part of a lunch order - it will then be sent to the classroom for them with normal lunch orders.

Fruit and vegie cups are no longer on the menu, but pieces of fruit (apples, oranges) are still available.

Please have exact money where possible to reduce the amount of cash handled.

Thanks for your understanding.



Diary Dates

August

- Tue 4th P and C Meeting 7.00pm Zoom meeting - log in details were emailed to parents.
Thu 6th Canteen reopens - lunch orders only, no lunchtime counter service.

September

- Tue 1st P and C Meeting - more details to follow.
Fri 25th Last day of Term 3.

October

- Mon 12th Students return for Term 4 - no Staff Development Day this term.
Wed 21-Fri 23rd Stage 2 Excursion to Morisset Camp - to be confirmed.
Wed 21-Fri 23rd Stage 3 Excursion to Bathurst - to be confirmed.

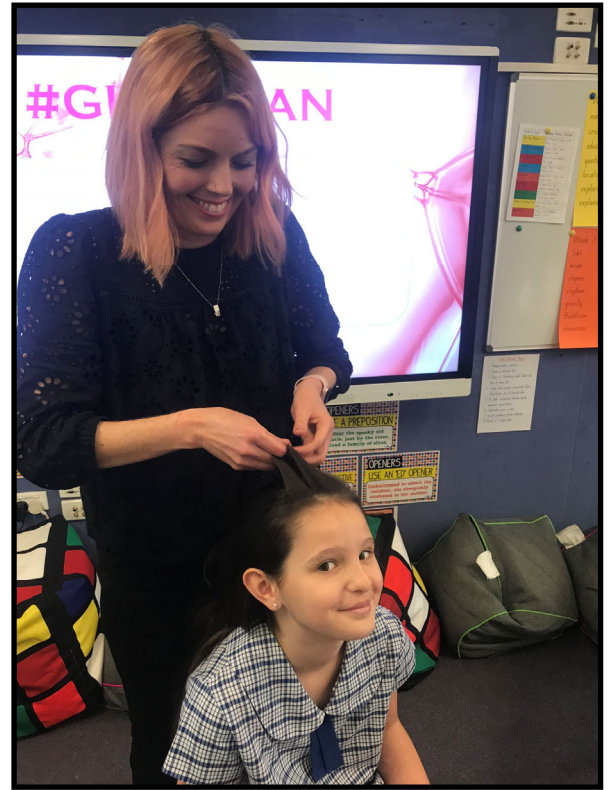
December

- Tue 1st Year 6 Whitebridge High School Transition Day - more details to follow
Mon 7th Year 6 Farewell - more details to follow.
Thu 10th Presentation Day - more details to follow.
Wed 16th Last day of school for students.



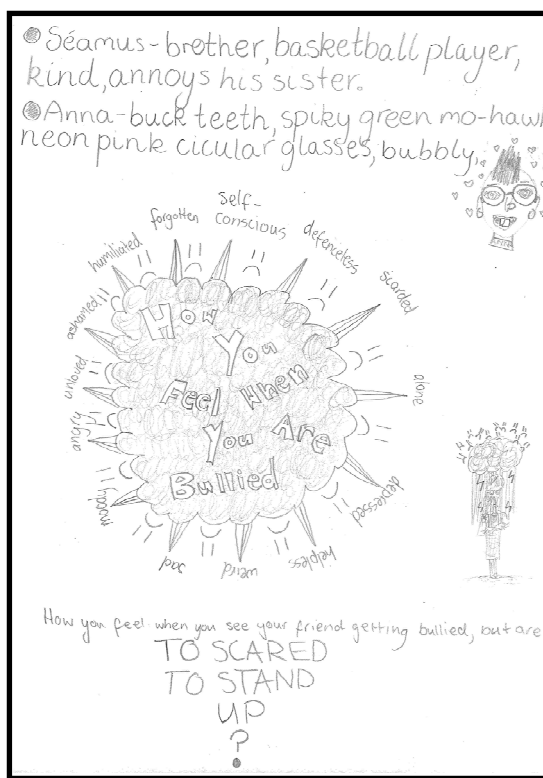
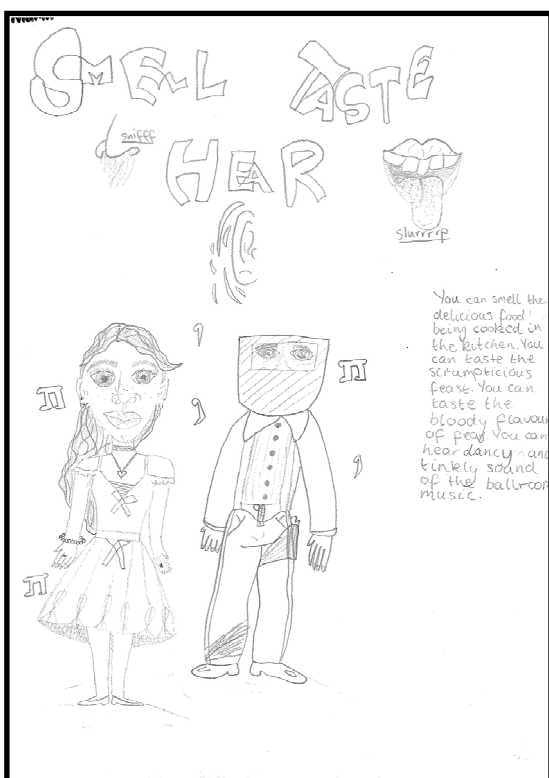
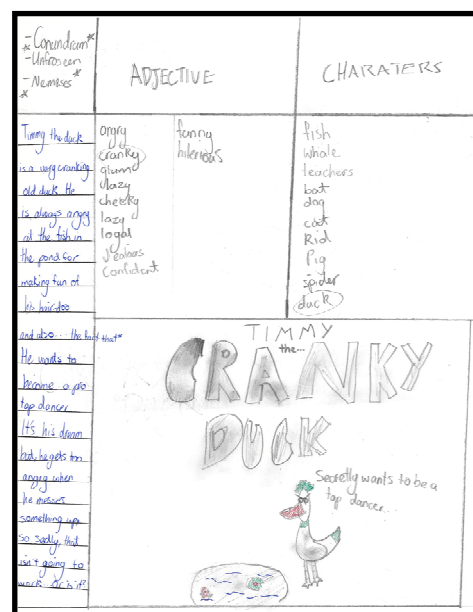
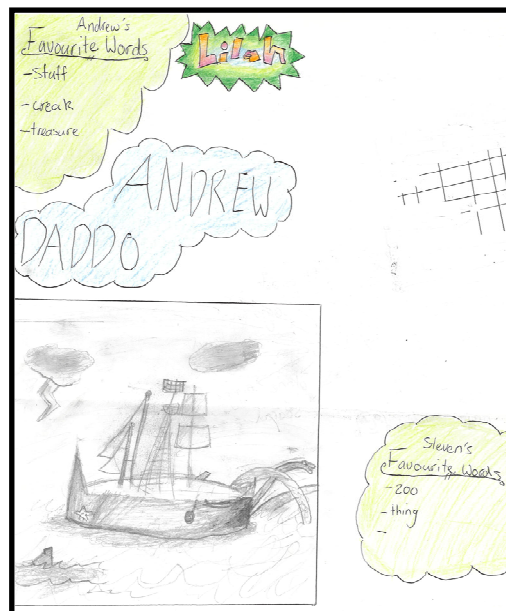
GIRLSCAN kicked off Term 3 last week with our very own talented local hairdresser Bec Jeffrey, speaking on hair care and demonstrating some braiding techniques. She was accompanied by Corinne Fisher, Sophie Eland and Sarah Morrow who all generously gave their time to braid the girls' hair. We'd like to extend a big 'thank you' to them all.

Sarah has a website: <https://www.instagram.com/sarah.hairstyles/>



Littlescribe Writing Festival

The Littlescribe Writing program went ahead last week for all Year 3-6 students. Each day we were introduced to a different author who spoke about their writing techniques and how they remain inspired to write, create and illustrate the novels and picture books that find their way into our hearts! We were inspired by authors such as Andrew Daddo, James Foley, Kristen Darrell and Jackie French to name a few. A selection of photos and work is below.



EXTENDED TRADING HOURS FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE!

**2 DAYS ONLY - 6TH - 7TH AUGUST
ZERO & REWARDS CARD HOLDERS**

**20%
OFF
SCHOOLWEAR
& EVERYTHING ELSE!**



SHOP IN-STORE & ONLINE

On the day of the event, Lowes will have measures in place to restrict customer numbers and movement throughout the store. Thank you for your support. Lowes will be enforcing social distancing, Marshalls wearing hi-vis vests will be on site. We ask for your support in limiting the number of people you take with you into the store.

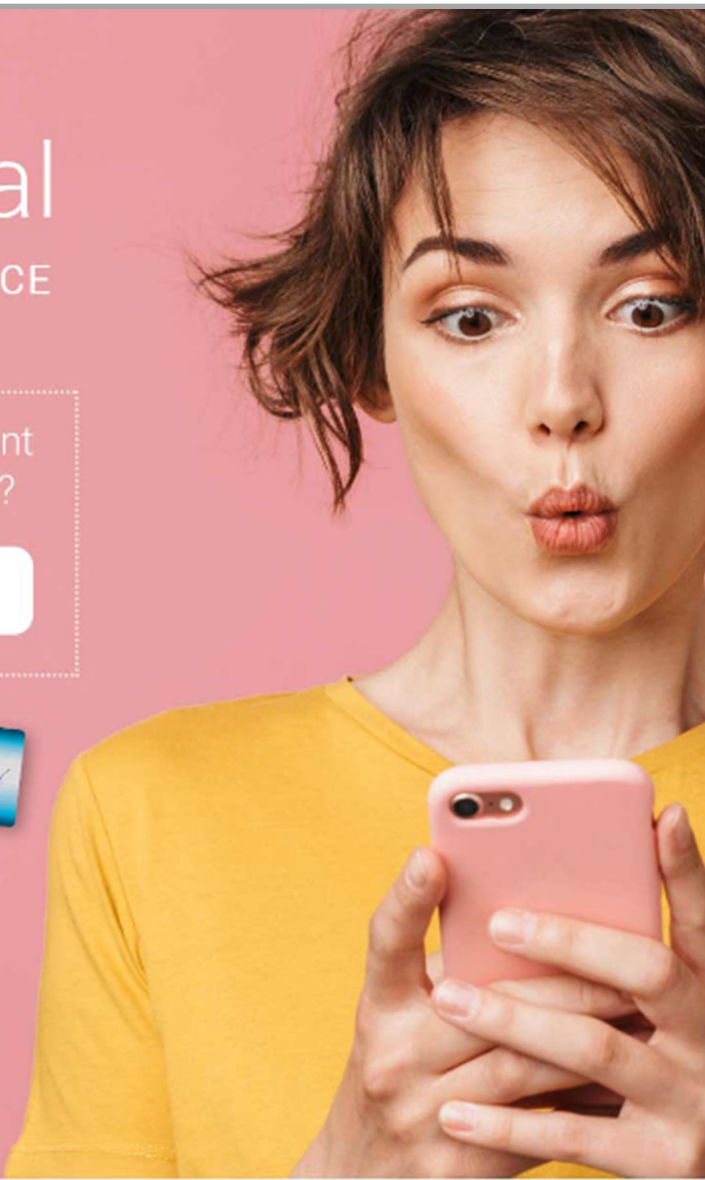
DON'T HAVE A CARD? APPLY IN-STORE OR ONLINE & START ENJOYING THE BENEFITS.

*Offer ends midnight (AEST) 7/8/2020. Must use Zero or Rewards card to receive discount. Excludes gift cards, all suit packages & Schoolwear layby's. Cannot be combined with any other offer or discount. Floor stock only. Styles and colours may vary from store to store. No rain checks. Please choose carefully, exchanges and refunds only with docket. Includes existing 5% discount. Savings off original prices.

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AND SAVE

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- ★ Bonus \$50 Discover Queensland holiday voucher† with every purchase

Valid for bookings before 30 June 2021

