

# Charlestown South PS Newsletter



## Monday 9 November 2020

### ***The Weeks Ahead...***

Thu 12 November - Mini Fete for students

Wed 18 November - Kinder Orientation visits

Thu 19 November - Stage 1 Awabakal Excursion

### ***We Have Got It 'Covid'!***

There have been further minor adjustments to restrictions relating to Covid19 and the school environment. This mainly applies to allowing a few more visitors on site but with continued social distancing regulations still in place. In terms of end of year events that have been majorly impacted, our Intensive Swim Scheme and our much-loved Carols Night will not run this year.. However, our 2020 Presentation Day on Thursday December 10 will be held at school due to our usual venue having to adhere to strict distancing even with children, unlike schools. There is a slight possibility that children who are receiving a class award (6 per class) may be able to have one significant adult attend for the shortened ceremony. If your child is in this category and we are able to invite a small gathering of adults, we will be in contact to inform you at a later date. It is likely that we will split our Presentation Day in to two events with a primary session and an infant's session with the times yet to be decided.

It is highly unlikely that the NSW Health Department will alter regulations in the next few weeks to allow parents to be part of the Year 6 Farewell evening at Club Charlestown on Monday 7 December. We will let you know very soon how this event will look. However, we may slightly alter our final day Year 6 'clap out' to accommodate our Year 6 parents especially so we can acknowledge those families who are spending their final school moments as part of the CSPS community. Again, we will keep you posted on all happenings as the final 6 week countdown begins.

Some good news though ... it very much looks like our Gold Day Out to the Movies will be able to proceed! This event is for students who have achieved 150 nights of home reading in their log (adjusted from the regular 200 nights of course to cater for Covid). Mrs Hodson is in negotiations with Reading Cinemas and the chances of them saying 'no' to Jill is highly unlikely!

### ***Year 6 Has Our Fete in Their Hands!***

Inflatable Soccer, Battle Duck, Bubble Magic, Dodgeball Danger, Water Mayhem, Bomb the Teacher, Chocolate Wheel, Ten Pin Bowling, Lucky Dips, Slip n Slide, Splendid Spiders, Slushies and the Super Sponge Toss will all be part of an incredibly well planned Mini Fete that Stage 3 have in store for us this Thursday as we enjoy 2 hours of action packed fun and frivolity. Having said 'yes' in a moment of weakness to water balloons being thrown at me from short range, I may very well tweak a hamstring late Wednesday afternoon and require a day off! Year 6 students have been incredibly passionate about leaving behind a legacy to be remembered in the years to come. So they have created this one-off event to raise funds with which they will purchase something special for our school. One idea is a huge mural on the wall on the left as you enter the school from the Patricia Ave walkway. Having seen the plans it could be an absolutely perfect addition to our school environment. Don't forget tokens are on sale each morning before school starts, under the COLA.

### ***We Are Up and Dressed and Ready To Go!***

On behalf of all of the CSPS community, thank you to our Uniform Review Committee for a job well done. We thank you for your sacrifice of time and your willingness to represent our community in leading us through this process. A special salute to Mrs Elise Mountford for 'chairing' our committee and for taking on a role that required high levels of leadership.

I knew at the very commencement of the process that there may be those in our CSPS community that might be less satisfied with the final decision than others and that the 'easy' option of just providing the girls with a shorts option and leaving everything else as is was certainly the fastest approach. At the commencement of the uniform review, during my first contact with the Department Uniform Officer it was clearly conveyed that this is the option many schools chose to take and we would be completely compliant in doing so. However, community is the foundation of what we have built at Charlestown South over many years well proceeding my principalship, hence the consultation process including students, staff and parents and carers was undertaken.

The Executive Team met last week and unanimously agreed to approve and adopt the samples provided to us by the Uniform Review Committee as the uniform options commencing 2021. Given that over 90% of the committee agreed with all options presented, I have contacted Lowes to convey the decision and asked them to commence production. They have replied stating that the items should all be available during January for purchase at their Charlestown Square store. We will obviously have a transition period during Term 1 but hopefully, a high percentage of students will be in the 'new' uniform options for Monday to Thursday wear, come day one Term1, 2021. Our sports uniform will remain the same for now.

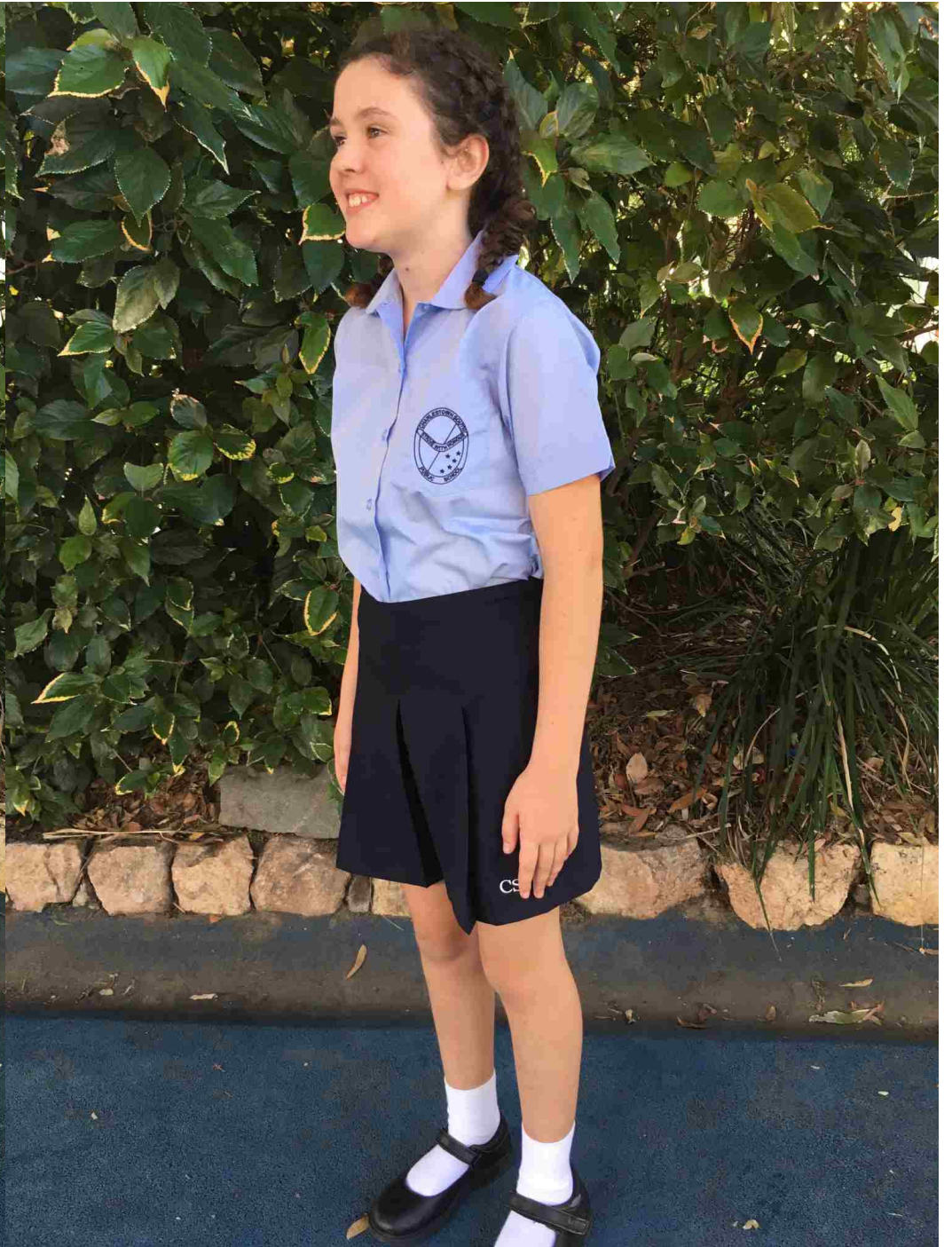
In readiness for the change which is still almost 3 months away, we have included a price list from Lowes of the items that students can opt to wear so parents and carers can prepare well in advance. Lowes have indicated that the new uniform options will be available in store hopefully by early January and we will let everyone know the moment that stock comes in.

Note that we no longer have gender specific uniforms but rather we have uniform options that students can choose from in which they feel most comfortable. Photos of most of these items are shown. These options for Monday to Thursday wear include:

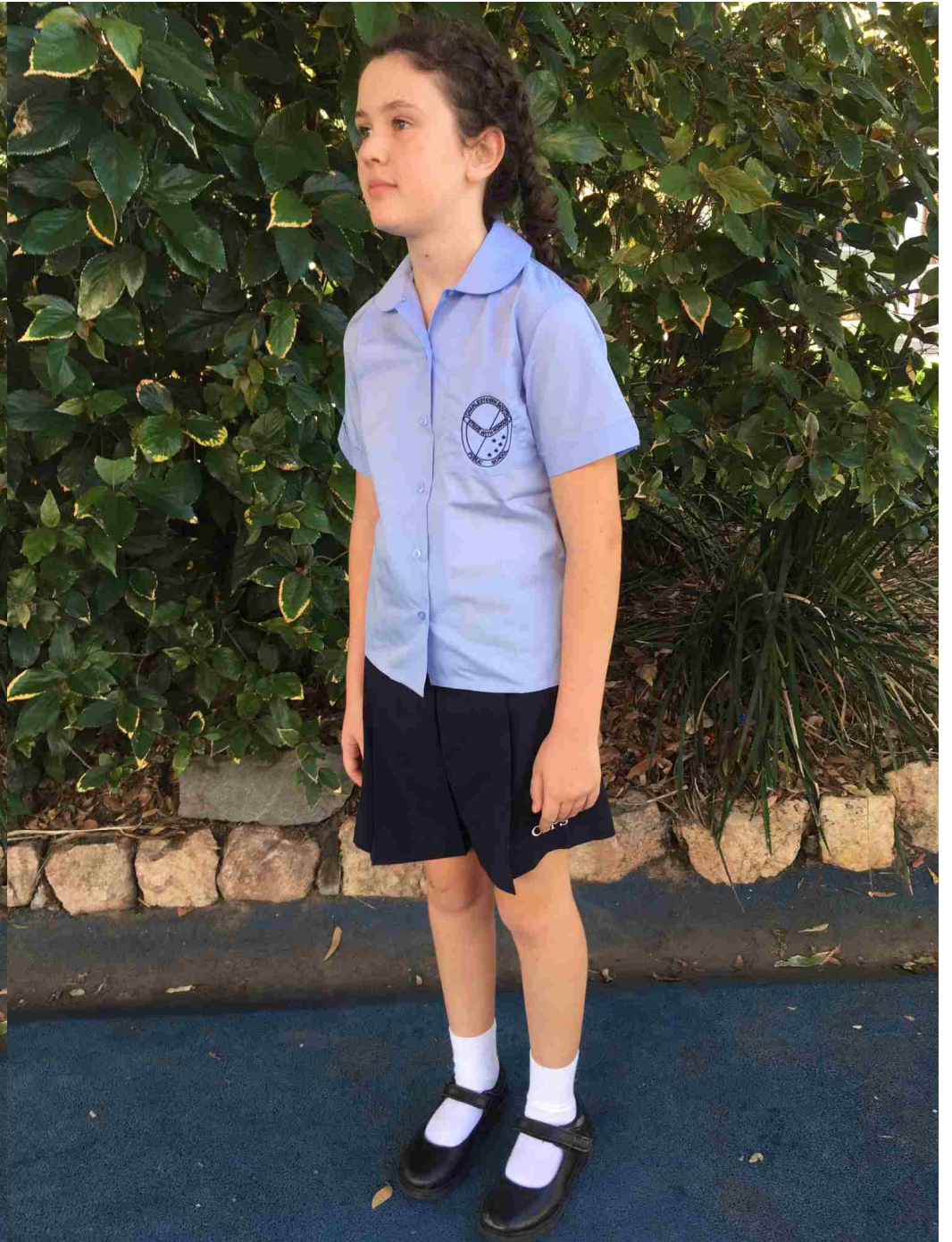
- A choice of 2 light blue short-sleeve shirts with slightly differing collars with school crest embroidered on left chest pocket
- A choice of navy blue shorts or culottes for the warmer months - note these will NOT be embroidered as shown in the sample photos.
- A choice of navy trousers or navy pleated pants for colder months (although some may still opt for the 'shorter' options)
- The checked tunic that has been part of the CSPS uniform for many years
- The long sleeve navy jacket and sloppy joe jumper will be the same with the white school crest embroidered
- Black school shoes with white socks
- Hats as per previous years – \*only item to be purchased from the school office
- Prices: shirts \$34.95, pleat front shorts \$27.95, 'blockers' shorts from \$24.95.

If during this process you find you have a uniform your child has outgrown or no longer needs, please consider passing it on to the school office for the preloved uniform pool. These items are on hand for students who may need them, and as spares for use in an emergency. If we find we are inundated with stock we will investigate donating it to international missions for school children overseas.













### ***Mud Runners Thrive!***

The unusually dry track at Flemington this year for the running of the Melbourne Cup, certainly disappointed the owners of the mud runners. However, the 750m track at CSPS last Friday suited the mud runners down to the ground and brought the fleet of foot back to the field. Despite the slower than usual conditions, Lacy B managed to break the school record for 11-year-old girls by a massive 24 seconds! Also, to break the school record over the 750m distance were Braxtan M, Zayne R and Ella S. The 750m placings were ...

Girls					Boys				
Age	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Age	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
9	Sophie A	Isabella H	Evelyn S	Ella M	9	Braxtan M	Ethan H	Joel D	Isaac T
10	Ella S	Elise M	Ashlee H	Willow T	10	Zayne R	Harry F	Lachlan M	Harry W
11	Lacy B	Lulu F	Niamh M	Aylisa A	11	Hudson J	Jacob T	Sam C	Hunter L
12	Emma S	Jaytarna L	Sunny R	Tiana B	12	Michael R	Reegan D	Nixon J	Aiden W

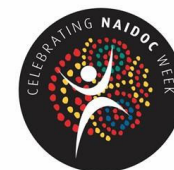
We were also able to conduct shot put events for our primary school without putting too many dents in our playground! the long shots were...

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Age	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Age	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
9	Maddison C	Aurora A	Sophia O	Shae B	9	Ethan H	Joel D	Harrison C	Spencer F
10	Ella S	Sienna B	Alexis R	Elise M	10	Zayne R	Harry W	Jett H	Noah J
11	Zali H	Lily C	Emily C	Aylisa A	11	Kane S	Oliver F	Jacob T	Hunter L
12	Cema V	Melody M	Emma S	Chloe M	12	Michael R	Aiden W	Beau B	Jaymen R

Next week weather permitting, we may be able to conduct a few jumping events to see how high and long we can go! Unfortunately, our usual Athletic Carnival that includes all students from kinder to Year 6 was unable to be conducted due to the restrictions enforced by Covid. Fingers crossed 2021 will see us back at the track and able to hold all events for all age groupings.

### ***It's NAIDOC Week!***

It does sound like a broken record, but sadly we have another one of our much loved events very much inhibited by the 'Covid interruptions'. We greatly cherish and enjoy our NAIDOC Day Celebrations and having our Aboriginal mums, dads and families play a huge role in this event. However, for obvious reasons we will this year tweak our event and be spreading activities across the week in our classes as we acknowledge and learn more about our First Nation Peoples. Our theme for the week is, 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. At CSPS it is a special week, but learning about our First Nation Peoples isn't just something we do for NAIDOC Week - it is a theme, topic and discussion interwoven into many of our units of work as we continue daily to broaden our knowledge of our nation's origins.



**Always Was,  
Always Will Be.**

### ***Year 6 Buddies Bursting to Buddy Up***

Next week we will finally welcome our new kinders for 2021 onsite for their Covid-shortened Orientation to 'big school'. Our Year 6 students for the new year have been so very patient amidst their excitement and finally will get to meet their kinder buddies for next year. This wonderful program headed up by Mrs Hodson, ensures that every kinder child is made to feel special and very cared for during their first term of school. The level of leadership and maturity shown by our senior students during this time sets them up for their demanding leadership roles that await them in their final year of primary school.

### ***The King's Speech***

Right on the coat tails of the extremely interesting US Election, comes our CSPS Leader's Election for 2021. Our students have been 'Biden' their time and have come up 'Trumps' with some personal campaign slogans. Over the next few weeks a wonderfully trustworthy and talented group of year five students, will prepare their 'Captain's Speech' in a final push to secure the votes of their peers. Later in the term in Week 8, they will present their speeches to the school which will be followed by our whole school election via secret ballot. Our School Captains and Vice Captains will be announced soon after the election process has been completed. Their leadership role will be one of many that our Year 6s for 2021 will adopt. In the new year we will also elect House Captains, the Computer Tech Team, Library Monitors, Environmental Monitors, Sports Monitors, Concert Band Captains and more. At CSPS all of our Year 6 Leadership Team becomes responsible for much of the day to day functioning of our school. Our captains elect will be just one role of many in the Senior Student Leadership Team.

### ***Active Kids Vouchers***

With summer sports returning and year-round sport and physical activity still taking place, here is a quick reminder to parents/carers about the Active Kids program. The program provides two x \$100 vouchers during the year with the second voucher available from July 1 and both vouchers available for use until December 31 2020. Claim your \$100 Active Kids vouchers for 2020 and redeem with one of the +11,000 providers. The following links will allow you to discover more.

<https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/sectordevelopment/activekids/parents>

<https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/find-active-kids-provider>



### ***Mr J's Free Parenting Tip***

"Sorry". Not a tough word to spell, read or recognise, but a really tough one to say for many people. It's not that it's a tongue twister or multi-syllabically challenging, it's just one that seems to get stuck in the throat! As parents, we often prompt, cajole or even demand our kids to say sorry when they are wrong or do or say something that is hurtful to others. Yet how often do we say sorry to our kids when we are in the wrong? An apology made to our children when we get unnecessarily angry at them or overreact or say something thoughtless before we actually stop and think of the consequences, can have a huge impact upon how a child relates to you and others. It may be a surprise, but as parents we aren't always right and we do sometimes get it wrong despite our best efforts. Sitting quietly with a child and saying sorry for how you spoke or apologising to them directly for something you did, helps them see you as a normal human being with the typical flaws that we all possess as well as training them that it's a good thing to have the ability to say sorry and apologise. Apologies are powerful.

*Principal's Award*  
*Term 4 Week 3*  
*Sienna H*



*Principal's Award*  
*Term 4 Week 4*  
*George M*



### Important Changes to Staff Development days for 2021

The Department of Education has changed the Staff Development day dates for 2021. At the start of Term 1 both Wednesday 27 January 2021 and Thursday 28 January 2021 are Staff Development days. **Students commence school on Friday 29 January 2021.**

As a result of this extra day in Term One there will now only be one Staff Development day in Term 4 2021 on Friday 17 December. **This means the final day for students is Thursday 16 December 2021.**



## Diary Dates

### November

Thu 12	Mini Fete - out of uniform, details sent home last week
Wed 18	Kinder Orientation sessions
Thu 19	Stage 1 Awabakal Excursion
Tue 24	P and C Meeting 7.00pm
Mon 30	Home Reading logs due 9.00am

### December

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

**\*\* Please note these end of year events may be subject to change due to future COVID-19 restrictions and Department of Education guidelines.\*\***

### January 2021

Wed 27	Staff Development Day - no students
Thu 28	Staff Development Day - no students - <b>new date</b>
Fri 29	Students return for Term 1 - Years 1-6 - <b>new date</b>
Thu 28 - Mon 1	Kindergarten completing Best Start Assessment

### February

Wed 3	Kindergarten students commence
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Students are reminded to bring a drink bottle to school each day - the school bubblers remain closed due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Thank you.



Please return all Stewart House donation envelopes to the Office by tomorrow, Tuesday 10 November. Thank you.

