

Charlestown South PS

Newsletter

Monday 8 November 2021



Education



Some Upcoming Dates For Key Events

Wednesday 10th November - Book Week Costume Day & Book Fair

Wednesday 17th November - Mini Fete for students

Friday 19th November – Colour Fun Run

Monday 22nd November - Commencement of 2 week Intensive Swimming Program for Kinder to Year 3

Tuesday 7th December - Presentation Day onsite at CSPA as per 2020

Thursday 9th December - Year 6 Farewell at Club Charlestown

Tuesday 14th December - Primary Pool Day, Valentine; Infants Party Day at school

Term 4 Covid Update

Good news!! We have some changes happening across all school in NSW as of today! Our staff has once again done an amazing job educating, caring for and keeping our students safe and I know they will continue to do so in this further period of change.

Some of the things that will alter from today:

- Outdoor Assemblies can recommence
- Fully vaccinated visitors allowed on site to support curriculum delivery, wellbeing programs and school operations.
- Community use allowed including P&C Meetings
- Some forms of music
- Outdoor excursions permitted
- Outdoor Presentations but unfortunately, no parents
- Practicum Teachers can attend schools
- Graduation ceremonies

For a more comprehensive list of the changes, please follow the link below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/advice-for-families>

We will continue to be vigilant with physically distancing where practical, hand sanitising, mask wearing, ventilation and every other measure that keeps our students and staff safe.

A Parade With a Twist!!

The unfortunate twist is that once again in 2021 we will conduct our annual Book Parade without a proud parent and grandparent crowd to cheer our excited students. However, we will endeavour to take as many photos as we can to post for you on our Facebook page. This Wednesday we will don our costumes reflecting this year's theme, 'Old World, New World, Other Worlds'. This leaves it wide open for the imagination and creative juices, Mums and Dads! Students are asked to dress up as a character from a book that is from the past or has historical significance (old worlds); futuristic, unusual phenomena (new worlds); fantasy, creatures (other worlds).

Our Book Fair will still be held in the library after the parade. Students will be able to purchase books and prices will vary between \$10 and \$30. Last week students had the opportunity to view the books in the library. Mrs Stoppini will send a 'wish list option' home with your child. Books can be purchased on the day of the parade, using cash or the online payment option. The payment receipt option must be returned on the day of the parade.

Strokes of Genius!

We are very excited to announce that 'YES!' our 2 week Intensive Swimming program for Kinder to Year 3 will go ahead this year! This program is part of our Physical Education, Health and Sport Program and every child is expected to participate just as they would with literacy, numeracy or computer lessons. Regardless of their swimming ability or experience, lessons cater for all! Whether your child is a complete novice who struggles even in the bath or a Kyran, our Year 2 boy who won the silver medal at the NSW Championships this year, lessons cater for all! After the solid 2 weeks of swimming it is amazing to witness how every student's stroke improves beyond expectation. Given that it is starting to warm up, by Week 8 & 9 our kids will be dying for a daily dip and dive to cool down! Notes have been sent home and are also on Skoolbag.

Kinder Zoom in to CSPS

Despite not being able to invite parents of our new kinders for 2022 onsite for our 'normal' orientation session, we were able to connect via zoom! Mrs Hodson conducted a comprehensive and informative session with our online audience fielding numerous questions. Hopefully, with the lifting of a few more restrictions this week, we will be able to have our new Kinders onsite, in small groups, on Thursday 18th November for an abridged version of our planned Kinder Orientation. Mrs Hodson, Mrs Woodward (and Mrs McLelland who will take over KW during Term 1 next year when Mrs Woodward heads out on Maternity Leave), are all very excited to meet their students for the upcoming year. Just in case your neighbours have forgotten to enrol for the new year, please give them a gentle reminder!

Leaders Looking To Make A Speech Mark

On Tuesday morning of Week 7, a wonderfully trustworthy and talented group of year five students, will present their 'Captain's Speech' in a final push to secure the votes of their peers. Immediately after the event, students will head back to classrooms to cast their secret ballot. Our School Captains and Vice Captains will be announced as soon as counting is completed, hopefully by the end of the day. Their leadership role will be one of many that our Year 6s for 2022 will adopt. In the New Year we will also elect House Captains, the Computer Tech Team, Library Monitors, Environmental Leaders and more. At CSPS our Year 6 Leadership Team (all of them!) becomes responsible for many roles in the the day to day functioning of our school. The Captain's badge is a nice honour to receive, but, Year 6 parents, please stress to your child just as we do at school, that it is only one of many leadership opportunities along the way during a student's Year 6 journey.

Year 5/6 Has Our Fete in Their Hands!

Inflatable Soccer, Quackers, Bubble Magic, Ping Pong Toss, Bomb the Teacher, Dance Fever, Colour Wheel, Slip n Slide, Splendid Spiders, Slushies and the Gigantic Ring Toss will all be part of an incredibly well planned Mini Fete that Stage 3 has in store for us on Wednesday 17th November, 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 Tuesday 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. Hence, they follow the footsteps of last year's crew in creating this event to raise funds for a huge mural on the wall on the left as you enter the school from the Patricia Ave walkway. Having seen the plans, I suspect it could be a perfect addition to our school environment!

Cute Coloured Kids Collecting Cash!

It's almost here! There is no calibrating instrument large enough to measure the fun that our CSPS kids will have during our Colour Fun Run. P&C Fundraising coordinator, Mrs Keeley Mason, has planned, plotted and promoted this awesome event which will see all students and staff covered with colour by 3pm on Friday 19th November. All students need to come dressed in clothes that definitely aren't their 'Sunday best', including socks and shoes, as even the best Napisan will struggle getting our attire back to squeaky clean. A good tip is to grab old white T shirts as they look great when splashed with colour! The Salvos or St Vinnies might be worth a visit prior to this event.

Mr J's Free Parenting Tip – Edition 15, 2021

Keep the Covid conversation curbed! Most of our kids have come to terms with a Covid world but given their tender age, they can at times struggle to comprehend everything they hear and see, which can cause unnecessary stress. My tip is to speak sparingly around young children when it comes to Covid. That doesn't mean to pretend it doesn't exist, as the media certainly makes sure we know Covid is front and centre, but rather, speak positively about the more recent lifting of restrictions and focus on the good things coming up and all the reasons we can be grateful

Principal's Award
Term 4 Week 3
Marnie S



Principal's Award
Term 4 Week 4
Harper S



Principal's Award
Term 4 Week 5
Shae B



Diary Dates

November

- Wed 10 Book Week Costume Day and Book Fair.
Tue 16 Leaders' Speeches - Year 5.
Tue 16 P and C Meeting.
Wed 17 Mini Fete for students.
Fri 19 Colour Fun Run - out of uniform, wear old clothes!
Mon 22 - Fri 3 Dec Intensive Swimming Program years K-3.

December

- Tue 7 Presentation Day - details to follow closer to the date.
Thu 9 Year 6 Farewell - details to follow closer to the date.
Tue 14 Primary Pool Day - details to follow closer to the date.
Tue 14 Infants Party Day - held here at school.
Thu 16 Last day of term for students.

January 2022

- Fri 28 and Mon 31 Staff Development days - no students in attendance.

February

- Tue 1 Students return Years 1-6.
Tue 1 - Fri 4 Best Start Interviews for Kindergarten 2022 - appointment times will be sent out later this year.
Mon 7 First day of Kindergarten.
Fri 11 Swimming Carnival.



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