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# BULLETIN

WEDNESDAY 04 NOVEMBER, 2020

## From The Principal's Desk



Last Friday was World Teachers Day. We are very blessed to have such a talented, dedicated, professional and caring teaching team at Charlestown East. This year has challenged us all but our teachers have demonstrated their resilience in adapting to an ever-changing educational environment and have continued to provide educational and wellbeing support to their students and their families throughout. Thank you to those parents who have acknowledged these efforts over the last few months. I have been able to pass this positive feedback on to the staff which has made a difference to their day. As a passionate and proud principal I am thankful every day for our teachers and the wonderful environment that they create in our school and for their dedication to the learners at CEPS.

### Learning Intentions and Success Criteria

Our staff have been working very hard to develop a deep understanding of learning intentions and success criteria and implementing these in their lessons. Learning intentions and success criteria are evidence-based teaching strategies proven to have impact on student learning and are part of our work on Visible Learning. We have set a goal that these will be visible in all classrooms by the end of this term. Mr Larnach has been supporting all staff individually to build their capacity and has been conducting classroom walkthroughs to check in with the students to see if they know what they are learning and what they need to do to get there. The data that he has been gathering is positive and we are already starting to see an impact on the learning behaviours of our students. When you child comes home from school today, instead of asking them, "How was school today?" ask them, "What was the learning intention of your maths lesson or writing lesson today?"

### Student Leadership

Mr Lewis has been working with our Year 5 students in preparation for the student executive election process for 2021. We see all our senior students as role models and leaders in our school. Being part of the student executive team is one way of making a difference at our school. All candidates now have their posters displayed in the library window so that they can be viewed by all students and staff. Due to COVID restrictions, the speeches will be recorded and all classes will view them in their own classrooms before voting occurs. Best of luck to all of the candidates.

### Parent Portal

We currently use a variety of tools for communication and to organise our school data. Sentral is a software package that the staff currently use for roll marking, student reports, organisation of activities, staff information and calendars, resource management, student information etc. We have sent letters home with the information about activating the Sentral parent portal. If you are a parent of a high school student, you may already be

familiar with this. Parents will be able to access their child's semester reports, provide absence explanations, receive information about school events through a calendar and notifications and track their child's participation in school activities. The letters were sent to the main residence recorded in our enrolment system. Each family's key is unique and only enables access to their child's information. In some families, both parents don't reside in the same home. In these cases, an additional key can be requested from the school. Once the parent portal is established, Skoolbag will no longer be used for notifications and reminders. We hope that this will allow us to continue to improve our operational effectiveness and be a user friendly platform for parents.

### **School Maintenance**

Thanks to our wonderful P&C we have just ordered some additional playground equipment. These items are for interacting with rather than climbing on and will provide students with an interest in music, an opportunity to create some beautiful sounds while playing. Stage one of this project includes three items which will be added on to in 2021.

In the coming weeks we will be installing the final section of fencing to the school boundary in Ulaka Street and extending the playground area of the support classes.

Two additional air conditioners are scheduled to be installed in our learning support room and counsellor office which will mean that all spaces in our school are air conditioned, with the exception of the hall.

Some of our families may have received a letter from Schools Infrastructure NSW this week about a possible new demountable in our school. We are sitting right on the border line of having the enrolment figures to support a 13<sup>th</sup> mainstream class. It is really critical that we know as soon as possible of any students who will be leaving the school and if you know of any friends or family in the neighbourhood who are considering enrolling at our school, urge them to contact us as soon as possible.

Thank you to Rebecca Howard who has volunteered to use her 'green thumb' to plant out our new garden beds near the Bula and James Street entrances. She will be using a combination of her own propagated plants and purchased ones to create a lovely entrance to our school.

### **Pedestrian Safety**

The safety of our students is of the highest priority. The staff make every effort to ensure that the students are safe during the school day and are educated in road safety. It makes it very difficult, however, for our students to travel to and from school safely when the road users don't obey the rules. We would appreciate your consideration of the following issues:

- We have had a number of parents express concern about parents parking on the corner of James and Bula Street in front of the soccer fence. Parking on this corner, particularly in a large vehicle, makes it difficult for people to cross the road using the pedestrian island and can impair vision for drivers coming around the corner.
- Parents waiting to collect their children at the bottom James Street gate need to be conscious of their children playing near the pedestrian crossing on the raised concrete areas. This can cause alarm for drivers travelling along James Street as they are expecting someone to cross and also poses a risk of children tripping and falling on to the road.
- We appreciate that parents can't wait to see their little ones at the end of the school day, enjoy the ease of parking closest to where their child's class is and have no choice at the moment but to wait outside the school gates, but we have six gates around our school that can all be used for drop off and pick up. Try to avoid congestion and gathering at the school entrances by looking at the options that are available.

Thank you in advance for your assistance.

Keep smiling and stay safe.

*Michelle Unterrheiner*      Principal



## Tree of Values

Last week our Tree of Values program continued to highlight the value of excellence through students being motivated learners. This value is not only demonstrated by students being eager and engaged in their learning but by taking initiative and becoming problem solvers when they come across obstacles in their learning.

This week our focus is still on the value of excellence and how we strive to improve. This is demonstrated by students being able to set achievable goals and the value of self-assessment to determine where they need to go next. This value not only encompasses our attitude towards our learning but also our behaviours in all important aspects of our lives. Students are encouraged to reflect on their behaviours, take ownership of them and see where they can do better next time.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our values program.

Mrs Bailey and Mrs Bell  
Values Coordinators

## Library News

Thank you to all our students who came dressed as their favourite character last Wednesday, you looked fantastic and definitely set the scene for a very successful Book Week parade.

Many thanks to our wonderful executive who hosted the parade, they did an amazing job. Well done!

Donna Reinhard  
Librarian

## Bucket Filler Award



Ariana from class KT, for caring for others.  
Thank you for filling someone's bucket!

## Principal Awards

TERM 4	Congratulations on receiving 5 merit awards
1B	Tex
1/2M	Braxton
1/2M	Rory
4/5L	Alliss
5/6H	Bobby
5/6H	Manning

## Quality Education Awards

TERM 4	
K/6A	Kaitlin, Kyrie
K/6C	Kaydn
K/6T	Heath
KB	Will, Matilda, Isabella, Callan
KM	Frankie, Jayden
KT	Macey, Syrus, Olyver, Hamish
1B	Chloe, Lee, Carter, Chloe
1/2M	Evie, Micah, Flynn, Lucia, Asher
1/2W	Hazel, Lewis, Abby, Duncan
2/3A	Leila, Ben, Nicholas, Izac
3C	Zara, Lyla, Nate
4N	Xavier, Charlie
4/5L	Mia, Ava, Chelsea, Claude
5/6H	Chloe, Jessica, Mackenzie, Andrhea
5/6L	Boston, Sarah, Tyson, Jai

## Values Awards

TERM 4	
K/6A	Lisa, Chase
K/6C	Ruby
K/6T	Bella
KB	Callan, Sophia
KM	Huxley, Kimberley
KT	Zoe, Macey
1B	Benji, Lee
1/2M	Josie, Wilson
1/2W	Jai, Maddison
2/3A	Molly, Ayla
3C	Harper, Mila
4N	Jeremy, Nate
4/5L	Noah, Ellie
5/6H	Abby, Bobby
5/6L	Lara



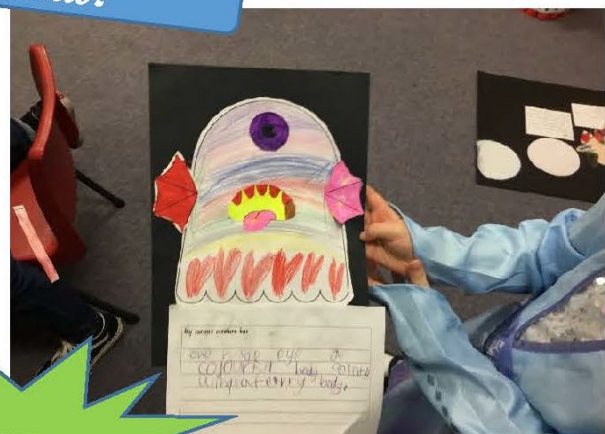
# KM are budding authors!

**Learning Intention: we are learning to write interesting descriptions.**

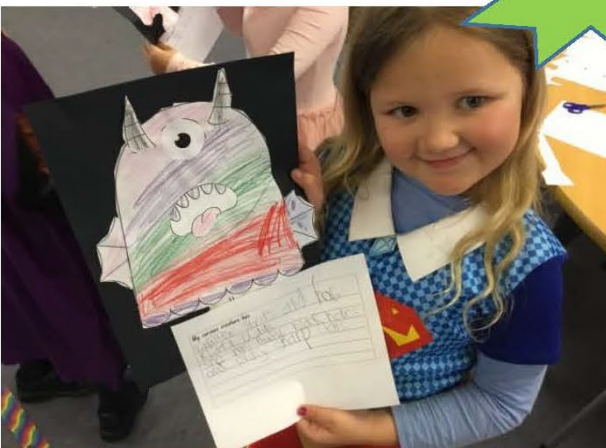
**Success Criteria: use interesting adjectives to describe your curious creature.**



*Curious creatures,  
wild minds!*



**We are  
superstars!**





# Maths in 1/2W

*We learn in many different ways.*

Learning Intention:

*We are learning to create, draw and continue patterns with numbers and objects.*



Success Criteria:

I can skip count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

I can continue patterns with numbers and symbols.

I can describe a pattern and fill in missing numbers or objects.

I can identify odd and even numbers.



## Garden News

The wild weather has made some amazing things appear in the garden. Radishes have popped up quicker than they were planted and the fruit trees look like they will provide a nice crop in the summer.

We have some interesting experiments to try with 4N, who are attempting to grow a square watermelon. We will keep you updated with this unusual trial.

A smaller planting day will be held in the coming weeks where we can continue to educate our students about gardening, sustainability and the impact we have on the planet.

## P & C Update

Our face to face P&C meetings are still on hold, but we are still busy behind the scenes!  
Our recent wine fundraiser raised a huge \$712.50! Thank you everyone who placed an order!

Don't forget about our ongoing fundraisers:

1. Newcastle Permanent Building Society Introducer Program - For every eligible new home or business loan (over \$100 000), Newcastle Permanent will give Charlestown East \$600. During the loan application process, you just need to mention our school name.
2. Athletes Foot School Rewards Programme - When buying new school shoes, or joggers don't forget to visit the Athletes Foot. For every pair of shoes purchased our school receives \$5 when you mention CEPS.
3. Rebel Sport -Ask them to link your membership to CEPS and with each purchase a % goes back to CEPS to spend on anything that Rebel stock.
4. Stuck on You - Click on the link and purchase some amazing products and a % of each purchase comes back to the School <https://www.stuckonyou.com.au/affiliate/fundraiser/CEPS>

Thank you for all of your continued support

Emily Baker  
P&C committee member

## Uniform Shop

We have been busy sorting all of the second hand uniforms ready for our online second hand uniform sale. Thank you for all of the uniform donations. The sale will go live on our online shop on Monday 9 November at 8pm.

We are still waiting on our hat order which should arrive any day. All uniform orders will be filled Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, then delivered to your child's classroom. All 2021 kindy orders will be left in the office for collection. If you already have a child at the school pop their name and class in the notes section at the checkout and they can be sent home.

Uniform committee.

## Lunchbox Café News

This week in our canteen we had Fresh Food Tuesday with mini chicken meatballs and salad. We hope all of the children enjoyed their yummy lunch. We really enjoy collecting fresh produce from our school garden and making delicious things for the children.

Birthday ice blocks are back. They are \$10 for the class set and must be ordered 1 week in advance. Please place your child's name, class, and birthday date on the front of an envelope and drop it to the lunch order box in the office. The ice blocks will be delivered to your child's class on the day of their birthday in a fun birthday bucket.

We have a meal deal booked in for Thursday 26 November. A note will go home about this soon.

I will start next year's roster shortly so if you would like to volunteer please leave your details at the office and I will get in contact with you. If you already volunteer and are able to help next year, send me a message and let me know what day and time you would like to do. Without volunteers our canteen cannot be open every day.

Leila Finch and the canteen committee.

CANTEN ROSTER : TERM 4	Mon 02 Nov	Tues 03 Nov	Wed 04 Nov	Thurs 05 Nov	Fri 06 Nov
	Leila Finch 8.45am - 2pm Heather Cowling 11am - 2pm	Leila Finch Kara Robb 8.45am - 2pm  Fresh Food Tuesday	Leila Finch 8.45am - 2pm	Leila Finch 8.45am - 2pm	Leila Finch Cath Hetherington 8.45am - 2pm
	Mon 09 Nov	Tues 10 Nov	Wed 11 Nov	Thurs 12 Nov	Fri 13 Nov
	Leila Finch 8.45am - 2pm Victoria Lipsconbe 11am - 2pm	Jenny Roach 8.45am - 2pm	Michelle Hammond Susan Rees 8.45am - 2pm	Leila Finch 8.45am - 2pm Lisa Baglee 11am - 2pm	Leila Finch Jenny Ryan Belinda Bow 8.45am - 2pm
	Mon 16 Nov	Tues 17 Nov	Wed 18 Nov	Thurs 19 Nov	Fri 20 Nov
	Leila Finch Rebecca Wilson 8.45am - 2pm	Leila Finch 8.45am - 2pm Rebecca Howard 11am - 2pm	Emily Baker Becky Beveridge 8.45am - 2pm	Leila Finch Andrew Tiller 8.45am - 2pm	Leila Finch Kristy Morris 8.45am - 2pm Elle Duffy 11.30am - 2pm



# SCHOOL UNIFORM



Please place all uniform orders through our online shop.  
Scan the QR code with your smart phone camera to be taken directly to the site.

**<https://charlestown-east-pc.square.site>**

Remember to include your child's name and class in the notes section at the checkout.  
Orders will be filled on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and delivered to your child's class.  
Any further information required please email **[uniforms@ceps.org.au](mailto:uniforms@ceps.org.au)**



*Please note: Prices below are correct as of August 2020 subject to adjustment based on supplier changes. There is no additional credit card processing fee, this is inclusive within the price listed. The P&G is not profiting from this charge in any way.*

## Price List

HAT	
Royal blue bucket hat with sports colour inside - red, blue, green, yellow	\$21.00
GIRLS UNIFORM	
White polo shirt	\$26.00
Dress - royal blue & white checks	\$47.00
Skorts - royal blue & white checks	\$36.00
Warm navy stockings, 80% cotton	\$11.00
Royal blue zipper jacket	\$47.00
BOYS UNIFORM	
White polo shirt	\$26.00
Shorts - grey gabardine	\$21.00
Long pants - grey gabardine	\$26.00
Royal blue zipper jacket	\$47.00
UNISEX SPORT UNIFORM	
Coloured polo shirt - red, blue, green, yellow	\$26.00
Sports shorts - royal blue	\$21.00
Sports shell jacket - royal blue	\$47.00
Sports shell pants with leg zipper - royal blue	\$26.00
MISCELLANEOUS	
Logoed plastic for notes - royal blue	\$16.00
Calico library bag	\$6.00
Insulated lunch wallet - black with grey, red or blue coloured trim	\$12.00
Insulated lunch wallet - black with orange trim to signify *ALLERGY*	\$12.00
Beeswax Wraps	\$7.00 - \$33.00

Charlestown East Public School Parents & Citizens Association – 90 James Street Charlestown NSW 2290  
T 4943 5173 / F 4942 2575 / W [www.charlestowne-p.school.nsw.edu.au](http://www.charlestowne-p.school.nsw.edu.au)

## Good for Kids good for life

### KEEP THE LUNCHBOX COOL

As the weather warms up it is important to keep the lunchbox cool so that food stays safe to eat.

Using an insulated lunchbox with an ice brick can keep the lunchbox 12° cooler.

You could also try a frozen:

- Water bottle
- Milk popper
- Yoghurt

These double as a refreshing drink or cool snack as they defrost.



Health  
Hunter New England  
Local Health District

HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au  
<http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au/>

## Good for Kids good for life

### MOVE AND PLAY EVERY DAY



For their best health, kids aged 5-13 years should aim for:



At least 60 minutes of physical activity each day – the more you huff and puff the better!



Non-educational screen-based activities limited to less than 2 hours each day. In your spare time, move more and sit less.



9-11 hours of uninterrupted sleep each night.

Source: Australian Movement Guidelines; [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au)



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