**Important Dates for your Diary**

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### Permission Notes and Payments Due

**Interrelate Years 5/6**
- Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Nov

**Swimming Carnival**
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Nov
  - $15.00

**Workbooks & Paper Levy**
- ASAP

**Voluntary School Fees**
- ASAP

Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments.
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Ribbons were awarded to: Lena A, Amy B, Lily C, Andre M, Liam N, Kaitlyn G & Emily M.
Walkathon
It gives me great pleasure in announcing to you that with your generous support, the students’ sore feet and the many sponsors that participated in our inaugural Castlereagh Public School Walkathon, the P&C raised $2850. Congratulations to these students for raising the most money from their classes and winning a $20 Smiggle voucher;
K/1 Lena A with $147 raised
1/2 Lexie R with $200 raised
3/4 Dan Z with $200 raised
5/6 Adam S with $120 raised
A special mention goes out to James T and April A who both raised a massive $130 each.
Well done boys and girls of Castlereagh Public School. This was a great event that I am certain you are looking forward to being part of next year.

Public Speaking Competition
Our Stage 2 and Stage 3 public speaking competition has recently been completed within our Stage 2 and 3 classes. Congratulations to all the students who participated in this event, Mrs Vanoostwaard and Mr Jeff are very proud of your efforts. I would like to congratulate the following students for making it to our school final which was held last Friday at our Grandparents Day assembly;
Year 3: Maxwell G, Damon P & Caitlin S
Year 4: Chelsea M, Emily S, William B & Corey M
Year 5: Aliccia K-R, Emily M & Daniel S
Year 6: Noah H, Celeste S, Hannah B & Annabelle B
Congratulations to our winners who will participate in the cluster semi-finals against other local schools on 4th November 2014 at Londonderry Public School. The winners were Damon P (Y3), William B (Y4), Emily M (Y5) & Hannah B (Y6).

Grandparents Day Celebration
On Friday 24th October, Grandparents, Parents and Visitors were invited into Castlereagh Public School to share our Grandparents Week celebration. We had well over 100 visitors to our school, they were invited to a whole school assembly, open classrooms and a morning tea. The day was a huge success with many positive and rewarding experiences. As the days have followed,
many students are still keen to discuss and share their experiences from Friday. Thank you to the many visitors that gave up their time rearranged their schedules or missed other important events to be in attendance. I would like to sincerely thank the many families for their very kind and generous donations of morning tea items. Without your support days such as Grandparents Day would not successfully happen. Finally I would like to congratulate the outstanding behaviour and hard work by all the students and staff of Castlereagh Public School. Well done Team!

**Year 5 & 6 Warragamba Catchment Tour**

On Tuesday 21st October, students from 5/6 had the opportunity to leave the school to investigate the catchment area of Warragamba Dam. On arrival we watched a short movie on the catchment area of Warragamba Dam. Did you know that it reaches as far south as Goulburn and well into the Blue Mountains National Park? Following the video students completed several activities related to testing the pH and turbidity level of samples of water and making hypothesis to possible impacts on the environment that change the quality of water that reaches the Warragamba Dam catchment. After walking along the wall of the Dam and examining the valves at the base of the Dam wall we left Warragamba. We shortly arrived in Penrith and completed a study on a local storm water drain litter trap. Finally, the day was concluded at Kanagra Reserve in Penrith where we planted approximately 250 native trees.

I would like to congratulate the students for their fantastic behaviour and outstanding participation. I truly was proud to be associated with them.
Simply Swimming Program
The Simply Swimming program has commenced this week and will continue until Friday 7th November. Just a brief remind that all items of clothing, including swimmers, towels and goggles must have the child’s name clearly
marked on it. Due to the fact that the equipment is getting wet names may need to be replied several times throughout the swimming program.

**P&C Halloween Disco**
The P&C Halloween disco will be held this coming Friday evening. If you haven’t already returned your information regarding this event please do so as soon as possible. Remember to pack your best dance moves and your scariest costume!

**Minikhana Miniwheels Competition**

Congratulations to Jack B from Year 5 who competed in the Minikhana Miniwheels motorcycle competition over the weekend. Jack won the event and has been named the State Champion for Minikhana Miniwheels 2014. James B also competed in a different division and produced some outstanding results also. Congratulations boys!

![Minikhana Miniwheels Competition](image1.jpg)

**Kindergarten Enrolment 2015**
As we approach the conclusion of the year formal decisions are being made in regards to the make-up of classes for 2015. If you have a child commencing Kindergarten with us in 2015 or you know of someone who is planning on sending their child to our school and have not yet completed an enrolment form could you please do so as soon as possible. Orientation for Kindergarten 2015 will be on Thursday 13th November 2015. Please stay posted for further information regarding this.
Selective High School Application 2016

Please be aware that Selective High School applications for 2016 are currently being processed. If you have a child in Year 5 this year and you are interested in applying for selective high school in 2016 an information letter will be forwarded home shortly. Applications must be completed online as there are no paper copies being accepted. Applications for entry in 2016 can be made online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement between 14th October and 17th November 2014. All applicants are required to sit the Selective High School Test on Thursday 12th March 2015.

I truly hope you have a magnificent week ahead!

Kind Regards

Mr Tony Jeff
Acting Principal

School Lunches

School lunches are available to order each Monday. Please go to www.myschoollunchbox.com.au and follow instructions on how to order.

Crunch and Sip
Castlereagh Public School is a certified ‘Crunch and Sip’ school. All classes have a ‘Crunch and Sip’ break during the day where children are encouraged to eat fruit and sip water. A tally of the fruit eaten is kept as it is one of the activities the children can complete to obtain their Healthy Lifestyle Challenge, Healthy Badge.

Waste Free Wednesdays
Every Wednesday is a waste free day at CPS. This means whatever food and drink wrappings/scrap that the children have that day must be taken home with their lunches, a class tally is kept of the number of children having ‘nude foods’! These are foods that have no wrapping but come in a reusable container. Thank you for your continued support for these two programs.
Swimming Carnival Change of Date

Our swimming carnival has been moved from Wednesday 12\textsuperscript{th} November to Wednesday 19\textsuperscript{th} November, all stays same except date.

Cake Day 5/6

As the Swimming carnival has been moved to Wednesday 19\textsuperscript{th} November, year 5/6 cake day will now be on Wednesday 12\textsuperscript{th} November. Sorry for any inconvenience.

Thank you

P & C Newsletter

P&C MEETING
The next P&C meeting will be held Wednesday, 5\textsuperscript{th} November at 7pm in the staff room. All welcome!

UNIFORM SHOP
Our uniform shop will be opened on \textbf{THURSDAY only from 9am to 10am} by Mrs Cowlishaw. If you are unable to make it to the uniform shop on a Thursday then you may complete an order form and send it to the office any day. Mrs Cowlishaw will fill your order and send it home with your child on the next Thursday.

HALLOWEEN DISCO
Please NOTE only Primary aged or younger siblings are allowed to the Halloween Disco (no friends or neighbours either). Thank you for you co-operation in this matter.

Getting involved in your child's school can be a rewarding experience. There are many types of school activities and parents/caregivers are always welcome to participate.
**Library News**

Congratulations and “thank you” everyone for your amazing support of last term’s book fair. You purchased an amazing $2500.00 worth of books, which gave the school $500.00 worth of commission to buy books and $380.00 worth of commission in books for the children to enjoy.

Scholastic books would like to reward the school community by offering a 2 for 1 deal. Purchase a book and choose another at the same or lesser value. A great way to help with the Christmas shopping!

Books will be available from Mon 10th Nov, Tues 12th Nov & Wed 12th Nov (before and after school care).

Again on Mon 17th Nov, Tues 18th Nov & Wed 19th Nov (before and after school).

Come along and see what’s available and hopefully you will get yourself a great bargain.

Happy Shopping!

Lesley Hillyard (Librarian)

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**Congratulations**

Congratulations to Joni-Rose B on being selected for the U12’s Panthers All Stars Basketball Development Program. Good luck Joni-Rose!
**Mini Mee Photo Sessions**

On Saturday, 22\textsuperscript{nd} November Mrs Mee (Bryce 1/2 & Holly K/1) will be holding photo sessions here at the school. This is a great opportunity to have some lovely family photos taken. Please see the following ad for details about the packages available.

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**Mini Mee Photo Sessions**

$75
1/2 Hour Session
inc 10 digital images on disc *
*images picked by CMee Photography

$125
1/2 Hour Session
inc All images on disc with some selected B&W.

Limited times available on the 22nd Of November 2014.
9, 9:30, 10, 10:30, 11, 11:30, 12, 1, 1:30, 2, 2:30, 3, 3:30.
Bookings are $10 and paid to Castlereagh Public School. The package you choose is due on the day photos are taken.
Photos will be taken on the school grounds.
To Book call or txt:
0409 761 523
Hawkesbury Oasis
Family Fun Day
15 November 10am to 3pm
Play all day with unlimited rides and attractions!
✓ Bumper Boats  ✓ Novelty Balloons
✓ Rock Climbing Wall  ✓ Pool Races
✓ Zorb Balls  ✓ Live Music
✓ Bungee Trampoline  ✓ Kids Activities
✓ Face Painting  and More!

Unlimited access $6 per person.
Windsor RSL and Hawkesbury YMCA member discounts available.

ymcansw.org.au/oasis

Hawkesbury Oasis
Cnr Church & Drummond St South Windsor
P 02 4587 9000
ymcansw.org.au/oasis

EARLY BIRD OFFER AVAILABLE
CALL TODAY!
4587 8900
WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?

The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

- A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer
- A $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?

To be eligible you MUST:

- Be a NSW resident; and
- Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and
- Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?

Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

- Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?
- Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

- ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.
- PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post. Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY
SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS
PENRITH OBSERVATORY

ASTRONOMY NIGHT

Saturday, 1 November 2014 (8pm – 10pm)
The evening will include a presentation, a 3D astronomy movie that will run for 15-20 minutes, a tour of the dome area and stargazing through various computerised telescopes. Our program will run regardless of the weather.

Cost: $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On
Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au

Roslyn McCourt | Administrative Officer
School of Computing, Engineering and Mathematics
Tel: 02 4736 0135
Email: r.mccourt@uws.edu.au | www.uws.edu.au/observatory
Office Hours: Mon, Wed and Thurs 8.30 am - 3.00 pm
Key points to remember around schools

1. In and out of the car

To comply with national child restraint laws, your child should be restrained in the car as follows:

0 – 6 months
Approved rearward-facing child car seat

6 months – 4 years
Approved rearward-facing or forward-facing child car seat

4 – 7+ years
Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat.

Make a rule that every child passenger must be securely buckled into a seatbelt or child car seat before you start the car.

A sleeping child must remain firmly buckled up while the car is in motion.

Reward your child with lots of praise for good road safety behaviour.

Assist your young child to buckle up – always check the buckle and make sure the belt is not twisted.

Ensure your children always get in and out of the car through the ‘safety door’. This is the rear kerb side door of the car.

Never allow children to get out of the car on the traffic side.

When possible, children should remain in the car until an adult opens the ‘safety door’. This helps ensure that children get out of the car safely.

Children aged between four and seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child car seat.

A child that is properly secured in an approved child car seat is less likely to be killed or injured in a car crash than one who is not.

NEVER leave a child of any age in a vehicle without supervision. A small child may rapidly suffer from dehydration, heat exhaustion and consequent organ failure. Older children could play games that may lead to danger.

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
**Direct Deposit Banking**

When purchasing uniforms and you wish to use direct deposit please place money in the P&C account which is:

Account Name: Castlereagh Public School P&C Association  
BSB No: 062 589  
Account No: 00913185

When paying for excursions etc. and you wish to use direct deposit please place money in the school account which is:

Account Name: Castlereagh Public School  
BSB No: 032 001  
Account No: 159 722

Please staple receipt to permission note and return to office thank you.

**Absence notes**

Parents, for your convenience we have included an absentee note to be filled out and returned to office as soon as your child is back at school.

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Reason for Absence:
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Signature of Parent/Caregiver: ..................... Date: .....................
CASTLEREAGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

Mission Statement

In our caring and supportive environment, each student strives to become a unique person and a valued member of society.

We recognise and strive for:

• Excellence in academic achievement,
• Positive aesthetic, personal and social attitudes,
• Whole school pastoral care for all students,
• A sense of belonging and a secure and caring environment enabling students to establish self-esteem,
  • Sensitivity toward others
• Awareness of the environment and
• Valued community participation.

Citizenship Affirmation Statement

From this time forward, under God,
I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people,
  Whose democratic beliefs I share,
  Whose rights and liberties I respect and
  Whose laws I will uphold and obey.

Pledge
If I wish to be a worthy member of my school and community,
  I must at all times watch:
    My words,
    My actions
    My thoughts,
  My companions and my habits.