Important Dates for your Diary

TERM 4

Wed 12 November  Year 5/6 Cake Day (note date change)
Thur 13 November  Kindy Orientation 2015 10am-11am
                 Kindy 2015 Parent Information Afternoon 3.15pm
Thur 13 November  Interrelate Year 5/6
Wed 19 November  Swimming Carnival (note date change)
Thur 20 November  Interrelate Year 5/6
Wed 26 November  Year 6 Games Day
Mon 1 December  Captain Speeches
Mon 1 December  P & C AGM
Thur 4 December  Parent Luncheon & Scripture Assembly
Wed 10 December  HRV 1/2
Fri 12 December  Presentation Day
Mon 15 December  Year 6 Day out
Tue 16 December  Class parties
Wed 17 December  SCR talent Quest
Wed 17 December  Last Day of School

Permission Notes and Payments Due

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Ribbons were awarded to: Nathan C, Maxwell G, Janai R, Oliver B, Luke S, Corey M, Daniel S and Celeste S.
From the Principals Desk………

Simply Swimming Program
The Simply Swimming program has finished up for another year. Congratulations to the many boys and girls of Castlereagh Public School for your outstanding behaviour and fantastic swimming success. You will be able to try out many new skills learnt at our annual Swimming Carnival to be held next week at Warragamba Swimming Centre on Wednesday 19th November 2014.

P&C Halloween Disco
Congratulations to all the students, parents, family members and friends that were involved in our Halloween Disco. It was magnificent to see so many students enjoy themselves dressed in scary costume. I would like to thank the outstanding work that many P&C members and parents put into making this such a successful evening.

Public Speaking Cluster Semi-Finals
I would like to congratulate the 4 students who attended Londonderry Public School last Tuesday to represent Castlereagh Public School. Damon P (Year 3), William B (Year 4), Emily M (Year 5) and Hannah B (Year 6) all spoke extremely well and presented an additional impromptu speech along with their prepared speech. I was tremendously proud of the manner in which they wore their uniforms, presented their speeches and congratulated their fellow public speaking peers. Well done!
P&C Annual General Meeting
The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 1st December, 2014 at 7pm in the school Library. At this meeting nominations will be heard and voted upon for the senior executive P&C positions at Castlereagh Public School. Please feel free to attend and join the dialogue associated with achieving a positive, productive and educationally rich learning environment for our children. I look forward to seeing you on the night. The positions up for nomination are President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary and Uniform Shop Assistant.

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 held this Thursday, 13th November 2015 with an information evening for parents commencing at 3.15pm.

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](http://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/scraps 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.
**P & C Newsletter**

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**CALENDAR FUNDRAISER**
Orders and payments for the Christmas Calendar Fundraiser are due by Friday 14th November. If you would like to Direct Deposit, please do so in our P & C account, details are as follows: BSB 062589, AC/N: 00913185. If you would like to use a photo for your calendar please go to [www.crazycamel.com.au](http://www.crazycamel.com.au) and follow the instructions to upload a photo.

**UNIFORM SHOP**
Our uniform shop will be opened on **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.

*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.*

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**UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY**

**PENRITH OBSERVATORY**

**Family Astronomy Night - Telescopes for Christmas**
The UWS Penrith Observatory together with the Western Sydney Amateur Astronomy Group (WSAAG) will be running an Astronomy Night on Saturday, 22 November from 8pm – 10pm. The evening will include a presentation from WSAAG members who will look at some of the different types of telescopes you could buy for your families and friends, a 3D astronomy movie and stargazing through the University’s computerised telescopes (weather permitting).

**Cost:** $15 adult, $10 child/concession and $40 family.

**Bookings are essential:** Book and pay online: [www.uws.edu.au/observatory](http://www.uws.edu.au/observatory), What’s On

**Enquiries:** Phone (02)4736 0135 or email [r.mccourt@uws.edu.au](mailto:r.mccourt@uws.edu.au)
Traffic changes and Car Parking

**ROAD CLOSED** **WHERE** **TIME**

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* Local access will be maintained from 5:00am until 12:00pm.

**EVENT CAR PARKING**

Event car parking located at the Regatta Centre.
Held vehicles on Old Castlereagh Road.

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**Event Schedule**

**Friday, 28 November**

- 2.30pm - 7.00pm: Event Information Booth Open  SIRC
- 7.00pm: Legends of IRONMAN Dinner  Panthers Event Centre, Penrith

**Saturday, 29 November**

- 8.00am - 4.00pm: Event Information Booth Open  SIRC
- 9.00am: IRONMAN 70.3 Race Start 11 - 13 year olds  Warm up Lake, SIRC
- 9.30am: IRONMAN 70.3 Race Start 7 - 10 year olds  Warm up Lake, SIRC
- 9.30am: IRONMAN 70.3 Merchandise Store and Expo open  SIRC

**Sunday, 30 November**

- 4.45am - 5.00pm: Event Information Booth Open  SIRC
- 6.00am: IRONMAN 70.3 Race Start  SIRC
- 8.00am - 1.00pm: IRONMAN 70.3 Merchandise Store and Expo open  SIRC
- 10.00am: First male Finisher Expected  SIRC
- 10.30am: First female Finisher Expected  SIRC
- 3.00pm - 4.30pm: IRONMAN 70.3 Presentations and Roll Down Ceremony  Penrith Panthers Leagues Club

Times subject to change. Please continually check the website for update information.

Thank you for your cooperation and patience during this time.

For more information visit www.ironmanwesternsydney.com or phone 1300 761 384.

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**CHANGED TRAFFIC CONDITIONS WILL APPLY ON SUNDAY, 30 NOVEMBER.**

Please take the time to read this IMPORTANT information including the changed traffic conditions, parking information, event schedule and maps which outline how residents are able to travel during the event.

For more information visit www.ironmanwesternsydney.com or phone 1300 761 384.
Family Christmas Carols

Castlereagh Uniting Church is holding a family Christmas carol afternoon on Sunday 14th December @ 2.30pm.
If you can make it please RSVP to Sue on 0438 264337 or Helen on 47290640.

Castlereagh Uniting Church
Old Castlereagh Road, Castlereagh.
What people are saying about...

My School Lunch Box
myschoollunchbox.com.au

Food Premises Assessment Report
This business is one of the best for food safety in the Blue Mountains. Again congratulations.
Officer: Richard Elder

Hi Rae,
Thanks for both of my girls school lunches last Friday. They loved it! :) Thanks,
Amanda

My girls have loved everything they’ve ordered so far - it’s a great service. Thanks,
Catriona

Dear Rae,
Thank you for making my children’s day with your beautifully presented and beautifully tasting food.
Debbie

Hi Rae,
Thank you for providing such a great service. We have been ordering for our son every week this term and he really looks forward to ordering his lunch. Many thanks,
Sandra

We would like to thank everyone for their overwhelming support, allowing for the growth of this local business. We look forward to servicing you all in the future. Rae x
**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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**Absentee Note**

*To be returned to the School Office first day back after absence*

Student’s Name: .................................................................

Class: .....................

Date/s of Absence/s:

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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.