**Important Dates for your Diary**

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Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments.
Ribbons were awarded to: Tayla H, Kane N, Lexie R,

A Bronze Cockatoo was awarded to Brianna M,


Sports badges were awarded to: Jaela F, Alexis M and Luke S.
From the Principals Desk

Castlereagh Public School Principal Position

Last week, the selection panel met to fill the fulltime position of Castlereagh Public School Principal. I would like to officially announce that I have been successful in my application and I will be the permanent Principal in 2015 and beyond. I would like to thank everyone for their support over the last semester and I truly look forward to working alongside the students, staff and parents into the future. I am honoured to be selected for this position and relish the opportunity to serve the community of Castlereagh.

Swimming Carnival

Warragamba Swimming Centre saw an invasion from Castlereagh Public School on Wednesday of last week. I would like to congratulate the fine effort on display from students from Kindergarten to Year 6 with all differing swimming abilities and strengths. It was truly inspiring to be part of such an enjoyable event with so many parents and community members present. The sun was out, the weather was warm and the war cries were loud and intimidating. Well done students of Castlereagh Public School for achieving so many personal bests and displaying your “have a go attitude”.

A quality education in a caring, small school environment
P&C Movie Night
On Saturday evening, approximately 70 people met at Castlereagh Public School for our first end of year movie night. During the afternoon and evening we saw some performances from the students, had the opportunity to purchase some small gifts and had our faces painted. It was a warm evening and as the sun went down and we got comfortable in our camping chairs, bean bags and rugs we settled in, with popcorn at hand, for the movie “Free Birds”.

This was a magnificent community event and I would like to offer my thanks and gratitude to the staff who assisted in the preparation for the evening, Mrs Lennon and Mrs McFadden who also supported on the night, the hard work of the P&C with a special mention to Mrs Ham and the Ritzrow family, Novak Signs for their support with the screen and all the parents, students and friends who were in attendance.

Lost Property
The lost property container located in the room beside the 3/4 classroom is currently overflowing. If your child has miss placed jackets, jumpers or hats over the past several months it may very well be inside this container. Please, at your earliest convenience, take the time to have a sort through the container in preparation for next year and collect anything that belongs to your child.
Year 5 & 6 Interrelate Program
The Interrelate program has wrapped up once again for another year. I would like to acknowledge the support of Londonderry Public School for including us in the sessions, thank the parents for transporting and negotiating the time timetable for the sessions and congratulate the mature and sensible approach all students who attended displayed.

P&C Annual General Meeting
The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 1\textsuperscript{st} 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.

I truly hope you have a magnificent week ahead!

Kind regards

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.

UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN SYDNEY
PENRITH OBSERVATORY

Astronomy Night

The UWS Penrith Observatory will be running an Astronomy Night on Saturday, 6 December from 8pm – 10pm. The evening will include a presentation, 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, What’s On

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Office Hours: Mon, Wed and Thurs 8.30 am - 3.00 pm
**P & C News**

**P&C MEETING**
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**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.

**GIRLS DRESSES & SHORTS**
We have some girl’s dresses and one pair of shorts left to sell from our Kindy orientation day. Dresses Size 4, 6 & 8. Shorts Size 4. If you would like to purchase some of these items, please see Mrs Cowlishaw on Thursday 27th November in the uniform shop or leave an order with Mrs Lamey in the office.

*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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**Penrith Community Aid**

Christmas time is here again. We are collecting non-perishable items to donate to Penrith Community Aid. Suggested items are:
- Non-perishable foods such as canned foods, bottles of drink and packet/boxed foods (please check use by date)
- Christmas items such as bon-bons, serviettes, decorations

Please have all donations in by Monday 8th December. Thank you for your support.
Swimming Carnival

The day started with children going for their swim badges with many successes. Lexie gained her Stage One Badge and Emily B, William, Jackson, James W and Thomas gained their Stage Two Badges. Next were the freestyle races. First were 50 metre age races, then 25 metre age races, then 25 metre age races for the children who required assistance of swimming aides. Following the freestyle races we had 25m breaststroke and 25m backstroke. Children who did not enter these races were catered for with kickboard and noodle races. A special thank you to Hannah, Annabelle, Hayley, Noah Mc, Nicholas, Noah H, Daniel S and Emily M for their assistance with the younger students in their races. This is always wonderful to see and says so much about our school. We also had ‘Splash and Dash’ activities so all children were catered for.

After lunch was the highlight – Year 6 versus Mr Jeff. This was Mr Jeff’s first swimming challenge and although Annabelle put up a mighty challenge to get second, Mr Jeff could hold his head up high as winner 2014. Finally we had the junior and senior mixed relays. Lyrebirds won both with Kookaburras coming second in both and Rosellas coming third. Special mention has to be made of three people who displayed wonderful sporting spirit. Firstly, Annabelle who swam two legs of the relay for Kookaburras gaining them second place. Secondly, Ben P and Ben N, both valued Lyrebirds, who swam for the Rosellas so they could field a team. War cry champions on the day were Rosellas. Very impressive war cries! The success of the day can be attributed to many groups. Firstly, the children who were well behaved displaying those manners that they are famous. The bus drivers and the Warragamba Pool staff commented on what a pleasure they were. Secondly, the parents and extended family who supported the children and to Mrs Burrell who helped by being a place judge. Thirdly the house captains who organised their houses so well. Finally, the staff who worked tirelessly all day never complaining.

The final result was
Kookaburras 176
Rosellas 186
Lyrebirds 246
Well done the mighty, mighty Lyrebirds!
We have now started to compile our school magazine for 2014. This magazine is given free to all members of the school community. To assist with printing costs we need to have sponsorship for our magazine. We encourage all families within our school to donate a page of the magazine, especially families of our Year 6 children. Page donations cost $10.00. Any business may also advertise with business card sponsorship. The cost for this is $20.00 (including GST). The inside of the front or back cover are also available at a cost of $50.00 (including GST). Please fill out the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and return it to the school office.

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**SCHOOL MAGAZINE SPONSORSHIP**

- I wish to donate a page in the 2014 Castlereagh School Magazine. Enclosed please find $10.00. I wish the page to say “This page donated by ___________________________”

- I wish to take out Business Card Sponsorship in the 2014 Castlereagh School Magazine. Enclosed please find $20.00 (including GST) plus my business card.

- I wish to sponsor the inside of the front or back cover of the 2014 Castlereagh School Magazine. Enclosed please find $50.00 (including GST) and a copy of my advertisement.

Signed ______________________________ Date _________________
THE STUDENTS AND STAFF
of
CASTLEREAGH PUBLIC SCHOOL
CORDIALLY INVITE
OUR PARENT HELPERS & SCRIPTURE TEACHERS
to join them for a

THANK YOU LUNCHEON
THURSDAY 4TH DECEMBER
FROM 1.00 PM

This is our way of saying Thank You for your dedication.
R.S.V.P 1ST DECEMBER TO JACKIE ON (02) 4776.1197
### Traffic changes and Car Parking

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SIRC access will be maintained via Leland St to Old Casteleagh Rd.
* Local access will be maintained from 5:00am until 12:00pm.

### Event Schedule

**Friday 28 November**

- 2.30pm - 7.00pm: Event Information Booth Open
- 8.00am - 4.00pm: Event Information Booth Open
- 9.00am: IRONMAN 70.3 Race Start 11 - 13 year olds
- 9.30am: IRONMAN 70.3 Race Start 7 - 10 year olds
- 9.30am: IRONMAN 70.3 Merchandise Store and Expo open
- 10.00am: First male Finisher Expected
- 10.30am: First female Finisher Expected
- 4.00pm - 4.30pm: IRONMAN 70.3 Presentations and Roll Down Ceremony

**Saturday 29 November**

- 7.00pm: Legends of IRONMAN Dinner

**Sunday 30 November**

- 6.00am: IRONMAN 70.3 Race Start
- 8.00am - 1.00pm: IRONMAN 70.3 Merchandise Store and Expo open
- 10.00am: First male Finisher Expected
- 10.30am: First female Finisher Expected
- 4.00pm - 4.30pm: IRONMAN 70.3 Presentations and Roll Down Ceremony

### Changed Traffic Conditions

**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.
Little Sparkles
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Fun and friendly environment with caring, qualified, experienced long term staff
We use modern teaching strategies, we educate each child to be independent capable individuals
Children are inspired to be active learners through play and hands on investigation
Provides all healthy and nutritionally balanced meals, freshly cooked on the premises everyday
Open planned setting, has fully ducted air conditioning and has a large secure outdoor play area with soft fall, herb and vegetable gardens and lots of shade

We aim to work collaboratively with every family as well as the local community to provide continuity in your child’s education and care
Road safety

Key points to remember around schools

2. Driving near school buses
There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children.
This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.
The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear wig wag lights on the bus flash.
Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.
As a driver, remember: When the lights on the bus are flashing, you must slow down to 40 km/h.
Never park in or near a bus stop or bus zone.
For information about fines and demerit points, visit rms.nsw.gov.au

3. On and off the bus safely
Your child is most at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. You can reduce this risk.
Meet your child (or arrange for another trusted adult to meet your child) AT the bus stop, NEVER on the opposite side of the road.
Wait until the bus has been driven away before choosing the safest place to cross the road, then follow the usual road crossing procedures with your children.
STOP! One step back from the kerb.
LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right again.
LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic.
THINK! Whether it is safe to cross.
Teach your children to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road.
While waiting at the bus stop, stand well away from the passing traffic. Never wait right at the kerb.
Remind your children that when a bus is fitted with seatbelts, they must buckle up.
Until they turn ten, hold hands with your child as you cross the road.

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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**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.