Important Dates for your Diary

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Permission Notes and Payments Due

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Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments.
Ribbons were awarded to: Zak W, Bethany B, Malachi F, April A & Amy A.

Kindergarten Badges were awarded to: Caitlin B, Bethany B, Mylie D, Scarlett O, Matthew E, Azim G, Andre M & Taylan W.

Swimming badges were awarded to: Emily B, Jackson C, James W, Thomas W & William B.

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From the Principals Desk………

I would like to begin this week’s newsletter by reflecting on the year of 2014. We have seen many changes throughout the year, some happy and some sad. It was with great sadness that we farewelled Mr Hayman, we continue to wish him the very best in retirement. As a school we have achieved so much and shared many enjoyable and rewarding opportunities like; Grandparents Day, Book Character Parade and our first P&C Movie Night to name but a few.

I would like to sincerely wish the students, parents, staff and community members a truly happy and enjoyable Christmas and New Year. Thank you to everyone who has made me feel so welcomed at Castlereagh Public School. I look forward to many years of working in partnership with the entire school community.

The final day for students in 2014 is Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2014 and the day of return is Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2015.

If you are travelling on the roads please be safe and take regular breaks.

2014 Presentation Day
Presentation Day is an opportunity to congratulate, reward and recognise the students of our school for their continued hard work, improvement in their academic studies and positive citizenship behaviour. Our assembly will be commencing at 9.30am and all parents, relatives and friends are welcome to attend. This assembly will be quite lengthy with many fine achievements recognised.

Year 6 Farewell Dinner & Day Out
The Year 6 Fun Day Out to Darling Harbour will be held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2014. This is a fantastic way that we can congratulate the fine effort and hard work that the Year 6 students have put into achieving their goals throughout Primary School. Further information regarding this event can be collected from the office or through the school website.

Following the Fun Day Out, on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December the Year 6 students will be participating in their annual Year 6 dinner. This will be held at Panarottis Pizza and Pasta restaurant inside Penrith Panthers. On behalf of the entire school community I would like to congratulate Year 6 and wish the all the very best in High School and beyond.
Staff Training & Development
Recently our teaching staff have undergone significant training and development related to the implementation of the Mathematics New Curriculum in 2015. We have planned for and will be commencing next year with vibrant programs that support a multi-modal 21st Century learner. Thank you for your ongoing support of our teachers and their programming development.

End of Year Reports
The 2014 end of year reports will be sent home with children on Friday. Please take the time to sit down with your child and discuss their report with them, as this is a fantastic way for them to remain informed of their progress throughout the year.
Please note that while our school has had full implementation of the new curriculum in English this year we will be implementing the Mathematics and Science curriculums in 2015. Consequently, a complete overhaul of our reporting systems will be made with many changes evident in 2015.

2015 Class Makeup
Our school is situated in a beautiful location with outstanding student behaviour, academic achievement and community atmosphere. Being a small school the makeup of our classrooms are often different to larger settings due to the numbers of students we have in certain grades. In 2015 we will have 4 classes once more with a K/1, 1/2, 2/3/4 and 4/5/6 classroom.

Class Parties
Class parties will be held on Tuesday 16th December 2014. If there is a certain type of food that you do not want your child to consume could you please make contact with your child’s classroom teacher. In preparation for these class parties teachers will be in contact with you regarding this matter.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr Tony Jeff
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/scrapfs 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.

Merry Christmas
P & C News

P&C MEETING

The P& C AGM was held on Monday 1st Dec. The new committee for 2015 is as follows: President Mrs Ham
Vice Presidents Mrs Wiessel & Mrs Fletcher
Treasurer Mrs Robson
Secretary Mrs Bransdon

Thanks to our outgoing P&C Committee 2014 for all your hard work.

UNIFORM SHOP

Thank you to Mrs Josie Cowlishaw for looking after our uniform shop for 2014. Mrs Christine Bransdon will be taking over in 2015; opening hours will be confirmed next year.

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 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.

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.
**Student Requirements 2015**

**Year 1 and Year 2**
An A4 homework book (128 pages)
An A4 sized Doculope (plastic envelope/wallet with Velcro fastener)
1 small pencil case
12 colour pencils
12 twistable crayons
4 x 2B lead pencils
Sharpener
1 eraser
3 glue sticks (per term)
1 box of tissues (per term)
1 roll of paper towel (per term)
Art shirt
Headphones for computer

**Year 3 and Year 4**
Scrapbook for homework
Art smock/shirt
1 small pencil case
12 colour pencils
12 twistable crayons (optional)
12 Textas (optional)
3 x HB lead pencils (each term)
Sharpener
Small Scissors
1 eraser
1 ruler (30cm including mm)- not flexible and not metal
2 glue sticks (per term)
1 box of tissues
1 roll of paper towel
1 Ream of white paper

**Year 5 and Year 6**
Coloured pencils
30cm ruler (with mm)- not flexible and not metal
Small/ medium pencil case
1 eraser
Sharpener
2 glue sticks per term
1 box of tissues
4 x HB lead pencils
Small scissors
Pen pack (red, blue, black ballpoint pens)
Ear phones for the computer
USB flash drive memory stick
Art Shirt
1 roll of paper towel
Australian Dictionary

***ALL ITEMS MUST BE LABELLED WITH CHILD’S NAME***
the Christmas EXPERIENCE

from the producers of ‘Bethlehem’

SATURDAY & SUNDAY • 13TH & 14TH DECEMBER 2014
4.30PM GATES OPEN TO THE EXPERIENCE, CAROLS BEGIN AT 5.30PM.

Reserve your free priority seating at inchurch.com.au/christmas
or just turn up for available seating on the night. Free parking.

A unique carols Experience with a trip through time into the village of Bethlehem
2000 years ago. Experience the culture, the people, the event that changed History.

This is a FREE event however beware, the Tax Collectors
will take a gold coin gift for our charity WestCare.

The ‘marketplace’ will be open after the carols for dinner & snacks.

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COMMUNITY SERVICES
IMPORTANT ROAD SAFETY REMINDER FOR PARENTS AND CARERS THESE HOLIDAYS

As the school holidays approach, it is important to remember when walking near roads, on footpaths, near driveways and in car parks always:

- **hold your child’s hand.** Until they are at least 8 years old children need to hold an adult’s hand. Until they are at least 10, children should be closely supervised by an adult and hold hands when crossing the road.

- **talk to your child about road safety.** Talk about how to be safe when near roads. Be a good role model.

- **point out road safety dangers and differences** in new environments. This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths and pedestrian facilities may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe on or near the road is to hold their hand.

Talk with your child daily about road safety.

Remind other adults and carers about this too.


Have a safe holiday break!
Hi readers. My name is Natalie and I have recently joined the Children’s Team at the Library. I will be with you for the next few months while Elizabeth spends time with her beautiful new baby. I am currently undertaking a Master of Teaching qualification, so I am thrilled to have this opportunity to support our young people with learning and literacy. I hope to see you at Storytime, Babytime, and in January at our school holiday activities, which you can read about inside. Also, see below for a great way to keep up with your reading over summer.

SUMMER READING CLUB

Are you ready for an adventure? The theme for the Summer Reading Club is ADVENTURE and this year, children will be encouraged to explore Adventure Fiction, a genre of fiction in which an adventure - an exciting undertaking that involves risk and physical danger - forms the main storyline.

Our young library patrons are encouraged to choose their own adventures from the library shelves as they read stories of dodging danger, outwitting arch nemesis and journeying beyond their wildest imaginations!

Led by the State Library of Queensland, in partnership with the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and other state and public libraries, the Australian Summer Reading Club is an annual program delivered in libraries and online that aims to encourage a continued love of reading and ongoing multi-literacy skills development amongst children and young people during the summer holidays.

The Summer Reading Club: Adventure will run from Monday 15 December 2014 to Saturday 31 January 2015.

Penrith City Library
601 High Street
Penrith 2751
Phone 4732 7891
www.penrithcity.nsw.gov
FAMILY SHOWS

MIME AND MAGIC SHOW
with Leo Bonne
Wednesday 14 January

The amazingly funny mime and entertainer Leo Bonne is coming to Penrith Library for the first time. Leo will dazzle and amaze the whole family with unicycling, mime, comedy and magic! With audience interaction, clown gags and slapstick, you won’t be able to get the smile off your face. Abracadabra!!

At Penrith Library
For the whole family
10:30am - 11:30am
Tickets: $5 per person
Children under 2 free.

ARMS, LEGS, WINGS AND THINGS SHOW
with Dennis Clare and Tony Williams
Wednesday 21 January

Dennis and Tony are back to take you on an amazing journey of the imagination. You will be delighted by their very distinctive blend of mime, physical theatre and comedy. “Arms, Legs, Wings and Things” brings together the best of Dennis and Tony’s shows, including ‘Mime-o-rama’, ‘When Vegetables Attack and other Emergencies’, and ‘Gulp!!!’.

At Penrith Library
For the whole family
10:30am - 11:30am
Tickets: $5 per person
Children under 2 free.

Get your tickets from Monday 15 December

Tickets sell quickly so be quick to avoid disappointment.
Workshops are supervised by professional performers and library staff.
All accompanying adults can attend our workshops for free.
Family shows are $5 per person and every adult and child attending must have a ticket.

Your feedback is appreciated. If you would like to provide feedback about our family shows or workshops please email the Library’s Children’s team at bkaur@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au
WORKSHOPS

MAGICAL GENIES WORKSHOP
with Ulah, Tuesday 20 January

Enjoy the fun, energetic art of belly dancing and drumming. Morph into genies with head bands and coin belts for the girls and fez hats for the boys. Shimmy your hips and shake Middle Eastern instruments, while learning to bellydance to the beat of drums.

At Penrith Library
For 5 - 12 year olds
10:30am - 12 pm
Tickets: $12 per child.

DIGGING DINOSAURS WORKSHOP
with Fizzics, Thursday 15 January

Find out all about dinosaurs in this hands on workshop. Work like a real life palaeontologist. Find out how fossils are formed and how it is easy to find them on the beach. Feel replica dinosaur skin and compare it with modern animals.

At Penrith Library
For 7 - 12 year olds
10:30am - 11:30am
Tickets: $12 per child.

AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOP
with Drum Safari, Saturday 17 January

A fun, educational experience for children to learn about the music and culture of Africa. Led by an African master drummer, this is a totally hands-on workshop as every child will get to play a drum or African instrument.

For the whole family
10:30am - 11:30am
Tickets: Free, please collect from St Clair Library.

CREEPY LAB AND WICKED WOUNDS TEEN WORKSHOP
with Fizzics, Thursday 22 January

Make disgusting wounds whilst learning human anatomy! View blood, skin and hair under the microscope. Make realistic skin burns and dotted blood. Find out the difference between plasma, platelets and blood cells.

At Penrith Library
For 12 - 16 year olds
10:30am - 11:30am
Tickets: $12 per teen.
STORYTIME AND TOY LIBRARY

Storytime runs during school terms at Penrith, St Marys and St Clair branch libraries. Join us each week as we explore a different theme using songs, stories and craft. Also, discover our Toy Library, where children can boost imaginations and core developmental skills with our extensive toy collection.

First Sessions for 2015

St Marys  Tuesday 10 February
Penrith  Wednesday 11 February
St Clair  Thursday 12 February

BABYTIME

Meet other parents and learn new skills at our babytime sessions. Sessions have different themes such as singing, baby massage, reading and games to play with your baby.

10:30 - 11:30am
Penrith Library Theatrette
Sessions resume on Thursday 12 February 2015

MIDWEEK EXTRAVAGANZA:
WACKY SCIENCE CLUB

Have you ever wanted to create weird and wacky science experiments? To examine gross super slime, gigantic bubbles and gruesome body bits? What about making dry ice and water cannons or radical water rockets that land with parachutes? Well, you can do all this and more with ‘The Crazy Scientist’ each week at Penrith Library!

Where: Penrith Library Theatrette
Dates: Thursday 5 Feb - Thursday 2 April
Time: 4:15pm - 5:15pm
Cost: $135 for the term

Contact: Barinder on 4732 7890
or bkaur@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au to book your place.
**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.