**Important Dates for your Diary**

**TERM 2**

Wednesday 7 May  
P & C Meeting

Thursday 8 May  
Mother’s Day Stall

Friday 9 May  
Small Schools Cross Country (selected students)

CBA Start Smart Program (in-school)

Tuesday 13 May  
NAPLAN- Yrs 3 & 5

Wednesday 14 May  
NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5

Thursday 15 May  
NAPLAN Yrs 3 & 5

Tuesday 20 May  
School Photos

ICAS Science

Thursday 22 May  
Cyber Bullying Performance Yrs. 4-6

Wednesday 28 May  
Raw Art

**Permission Notes and Payments Due**

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|           | Zanya F         | Kane N       |
|           | Jack D          | Zanya F      |
|           | Bryce M         | Liam N       |
|           | Declan O        | Nicholas C x 2 |
|           | Katie C         | Andrew S     |
|           | Iona K          | Bryce M      |
|           | Liam N          |              |

| 3/4       | Corey M         | Dylan P      |
|           | Matthew P       | Maxwell G    |
|           | Emily B         | James T      |
|           | Megan B         | Ebony L      |
|           | Ebony L         | Joshua F     |
|           | Caitlin S       | Joel F       |
|           | Joshua F x 2    |              |
|           | Maxwell G       |              |

| 5/6       | Hayley G        |              |
|           | Celeste S       |              |
|           | Emily M         |              |
|           | Hannah B        |              |
|           | Celeste S       |              |
|           | Noah M          |              |

Ribbons were awarded to: Declan O, Daniel S & James T.
A Silver Cockatoo was awarded to: Luke S.
A Bronze Cockatoo was awarded to: Joni-Rose B.
Reports
This semester is the first time schools are reporting under the new English K-10 Syllabus. At the present time the reporting on student achievement the strands of English is under review, so it has been requested that reports be changed to reflect this. We will be adjusting our reports for this semester to reflect this and once the review is complete the staff will readjust the reports as necessary.

Small Schools’ Cross Country
I am very much looking forward to attending the Small Schools’ Cross Country carnival on Friday with our school team. I’m sure they will do themselves and their school proud in their respective races.

P&C
Thank you to those parents who have indicated that they will be attending tonight’s meeting, which will be held in the staffroom at 7pm. However, we do need more to attend so that we can have a properly functioning P&C. Everybody is welcome and please remember that the P&C is there solely for the benefit of the students of our school!
One of the upcoming tasks of the P&C will be to nominate the parent representative on the merit selection panel for the new principal following my retirement at the end of this term. At the present time, the most probable scenario will be that a Relieving Principal will be appointed on a temporary basis until the new principal is appointed following the merit selection process.

NAPLAN 2013
Next Tuesday the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commences for students in Years 3 and 5. The students will sit the Language Conventions – spelling, grammar and punctuation; and the Writing tests next Tuesday. These tests will be before and after recess. On Wednesday they will sit the Reading test and on Thursday the Numeracy test. Both of these will take place before recess. Students who are absent on any of the testing days may take the test they missed on Friday.
If your child is in Years 3 or 5 please make sure they have a water bottle with them on the test days.
School Photos
A reminder that school photos will be taken on Tuesday 20\textsuperscript{th} May. To keep with our uniform cycle we would like the students to wear their \textit{winter uniform and black shoes} that day.

2015 Opportunity Class Placements
Applications are currently open for those students whose parents wish them to participate or paper application form, which are available from the office. Applications must be completed by Friday, 16\textsuperscript{th} May. Online applications are found at \url{www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement}. Paper applications are available through the office. Opportunity Classes provide ‘intellectual stimulation and an educationally enriched environment for gifted and talented students’. Our local Opportunity Class is conducted at Richmond Primary School.

Keith Hayman
Principal

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

School Banking
Our school banking day is \textbf{Tuesday}, bring your bank book in to the office before the morning bell.

Mrs Sawyer is participating in the Hawkesbury Relay for Life event at the Hawkesbury Showground Clarendon on the 24\textsuperscript{th} & 25\textsuperscript{th} May. If you would like to support her and donate, go to \url{http://www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au/} then click on the Hawkesbury Relay. Mrs Sawyer’s team is ‘The Theme Team’.

Thank you
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.
Easter Egg Raffle

Congratulations to our Easter Raffle winners they were:

1st Prize: Zeikiel W
2nd Prize: Jacob R
3rd Prize: Caitlin B

Other prize winners were: Chelsea M, Wilcher Family, Glover Family, Grundy Family, Hayley G, Pace Family, Joel F, N Newman, Hayden D, Bezzina Family, Lexie R, Fahy Family, Zanya F, Heine Family, Bryce M & Dan Z.

$471 was raised. Well done!

A special Thank you to Lucy Garvin for the bows for our raffle prizes.
Out of the Bag Performance
Cross Country Carnival

The last Tuesday of Term 1 saw our first carnival being run in near perfect conditions. Excellent preparation by our House Captains, Nicholas, Jordan, Hailey, Grace, Noah and Annabelle, saw all houses keen to participate not only in their run but also in the war cries.

The final result was:

- Lyrebirds = 105
- Rosellas = 72
- Kookaburras = 55

Many thanks to the staff who always make my job easy, to all the parents who came and supported all children and finally to the wonderful children of Castlereagh who again showed why coming to work at Castlereagh is great!

The following children were successful in making the team to represent our school at the Small Schools' Cross Country Carnival.

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3. Amy  
4. Aliccia |
| 11    | M      | 1. Ben P  
2. Ben N  
3. Noah  
4. Daniel S  
5. Nicholas  
6. William |
| 11    | F      | 1. Hayley  
2. Kaitlyn  
3. Evie B  
4. Grace  
5. Emily |
| 12    | M      | 1. Jordan B  
2. Noah |
| 12    | F      | 1. Annabelle  
2. Hannah  
3. Celeste |
**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: ………………….
UWS PENRITH OBSERVATORY
Astronomy Night – Saturday 10 May (7pm – 9pm)
MUMS & KIDS ASTRONOMY NIGHT - WOMEN IN ASTRONOMY
AND ASTROBIOLOGY

Dr Carol Oliver, Associate Director of the Australian Centre for Astrobiology (ACA) at the University of New South Wales, is guest speaker for this special night. She is currently leading two major education and research projects – The Mars Lab and the Smart Science Initiative. This night not only includes Dr Oliver’s talk but also a 3D astronomy movie and viewing of the night sky through the University’s computerised telescopes. Our program will run regardless of the weather.

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

Bookings are essential: Book online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What's On
Enquiries: Phone (02)4736 0135 or email r.mccourt@uws.edu.au (Mon, Wed, or Thurs)

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

School Photos
Our school photos will be taken on Tuesday, 20th May. We ask that students wear their full WINTER uniform on this day. Envelopes have been sent out to students. Please enclose correct money and return to office prior to photo day. Family photo envelopes are available from the office.

Gazebo

Thank you to Year 6 2013 for your gift to the school of a Gazebo. Also a Thank you to Novak Signs.
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.