## Important Dates for your Diary

### TERM 2

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<td>Thursday 22 May</td>
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<td>Friday 23 May</td>
<td>Hotdog Day</td>
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<td>Wednesday 28 May</td>
<td>Raw Art</td>
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<td>Wednesday 4 June</td>
<td>Athletics’ Carnival Whole School</td>
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<td>Friday 6 June</td>
<td>Brewongle Yrs. 3-6</td>
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<td>Monday 9 June</td>
<td>Queen’s Birthday Long Weekend</td>
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<td>Wednesday 11 June</td>
<td>C.A.R.E.S</td>
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<td>Thursday 12 June</td>
<td>Cake Day Class 1/2</td>
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<td>Monday 16 June</td>
<td>ICAS Writing</td>
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<td>Tuesday 17 June</td>
<td>ICAS Spelling</td>
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### Permission Notes and Payments Due

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<td>Voluntary School Fees</td>
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<td>Raw Art</td>
<td>Friday 23rd May</td>
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<td>Athletics Carnival</td>
<td>Friday, 30th May</td>
<td>$10.00</td>
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<td>Brewongle Excursion Yrs 3,4,5,6</td>
<td>Monday 2nd June</td>
<td>$30.00</td>
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Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments.
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<th>Class</th>
<th>Congratulations</th>
<th>Merit cards</th>
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<td>K/1</td>
<td>Bethany B, Malachi F, Taylan W</td>
<td>Caitlin B, Janai R, Azim G, Hayley F, Donavan F</td>
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Ribbons were awarded to: Malachi F, Andrew S, Jaela F, Emily B, Megan B, Joshua F, Dylan P, A Bronze Cockatoo was awarded to: Andrew S,
From the Principals Desk………

Small Schools’ Cross Country
It was a wonderful day at Glossodia for the Small Schools’ Cross Country and I’d like to congratulate all of our competitors for making it even better! Our students made me very proud of them by the way they participated in their races but even more importantly the way they supported each other throughout the day. It was great to see a line of blue and white shirts cheering on their school mates as they ran by. All of our competitors were excellent participants in their races but a special mention to Evie G, Jordan B, James T and Jackson C who will represent Small Schools at the District Carnival.
A very big thank you to the parents who organised the students throughout the day.

P&C
Many thanks to the parents who attended our last P&C meeting and have offered to take various roles to ensure that we have a fully functioning P&C. We still need a few more members to ‘share the load’. As I said in the last newsletter, the P&C is there to purely to benefit the students of Castlereagh through the fundraising, decision making, lobbying on behalf of the school, publicity and general support.

Payments
At the moment we have several extra-curricular activities going on now and over the next weeks which we are asking parents to pay for the students to participate. Please remember that we can make arrangements for parents who are finding it difficult to make those payments. If you need to arrange alternative methods of payments please contact Mrs Lamey or myself.

Reports
As stated in the last newsletter, 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.

Keith Hayman
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.

School Banking

Our school banking day is **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 24th & 25th May. If you would like to support her and donate, go to [http://www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au/](http://www.relay.cancercouncil.com.au/) then click on the Hawkesbury Relay. Mrs Sawyer’s team is ‘The Theme Team’.

Thank you

Mothers Day Stall

Thank you to all the parents that wrapped and sold the presents for Mother’s Day.
P & C Newsletter

P&C MEETING

The next P&C meeting will be held tonight, Wednesday, 4th June at 7pm in the staff room. All welcome!

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. There is also a new order form for the uniforms, if you require one please see Mrs Lamey in the office or on our website.

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.
Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

Mental Math’s strategies

We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/JkiUsY

Does speaking another language at home confuse children?

Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk
**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.