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Ribbons were awarded to: Alexis M, Declan O
I would like to begin this week’s newsletter by reflecting on the year of 2015. We have seen many changes throughout the year, especially with the inclusion and installation of our 5th classroom. As a school we have achieved so much and shared many enjoyable and rewarding opportunities like; Grandparents Day, Book Character Parade and our annual P&C Carnival and Movie Night to name but a few. It is with great sadness that we farewell Mrs Lennon as she will be taking 2016 and 2017 as extended Long Service Leave. We wish you a very happy and safe extended break Mrs Lennon.

I would like to sincerely wish the students, parents, staff and community members a truly happy and enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

The final day for students in 2015 is Wednesday 16th December 2015 and the day of return is Thursday 28th January 2016.
If you are travelling on the roads please be safe and take regular breaks.

**2015 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 on 11th December 2015 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 will be held on Monday 14th 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 15th December the Year 6 students will be participating in their annual Year 6 farewell dinner. This will be held at the Star Buffet at the Richmond Club. 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.
End of Year Reports
The 2015 end of year reports will be sent home with children on Friday 11th December. 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.

Mufti Day & SRC Talent Quest
On Wednesday 15th December, the last day of term, our school SRC runs a talent quest for the students. This is meant to be an enjoyable experience where some children will perform and others will sit and enjoy the entertainment. On this day we will be holding our final mufti-day for the year. Please ensure that your child is wearing closed in shoes, a hat, and shirts that cover their shoulders. Please do not allow your child to wear anything offensive or singlet tops. In keeping with the season we are in maybe something festive might be a good choice. Thank you.

2016 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 2016 we anticipate there being 5 classes once more. A Kindergarten, Year 1, Year 2, Year 3/4 and Year 5/6. While we are anticipating operating with these classes we are subject to change if our school numbers drop significantly.

Class Parties
Class parties will be held on Tuesday 15th December 2015. 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.

2016 Kindergarten Enrolments
Kindergarten enrolments for 2016 are currently being taken. In order for us to prepare our classes and ensure that equitable class numbers are maintained it is essential that we have all the information needed leading into 2016. If you know of someone who is enrolling at Castlereagh Public School and has not yet done so, could you please pass on our school details? Additionally, if you have children in Kindergarten to Year 5 and are planning on moving at the end of the year, that information is important also.
Motocross American Nationals
Following Ben N great success at the Australian Nationals where he finished 4th, Ben has recently competed in the US Nationals in Florida on his 65cc and brought home the amazing result of 6th. Congratulations Ben on this achievement!

Tree Removal
Over the past week we have had the dead tree removed from behind the school toilet block. I would like to thank 'Streemline Sydney Tree Specialists' for removing the tree for us. They completed the job quickly and professionally and removed the cut trunk and limbs from the school site at cost price. Thank you to the Fahy family for your support and quick service. For further reference please visit http://www.streemlinetrees.com

I would also like to thank the P&C for supporting the cost of removing the tree. Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr. Tony Jeff
Principal

School Lunches
School lunches are available to order online. 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.

Ice Blocks & Drinks
Ice blocks will be sold Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at lunch time. They range from 50c to $2 in price. Drinks will be sold Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, they will be $2 each.

Lost Property
If you are missing any jumpers, hats, etc, please check the lost property box. All items that are not claimed by Tuesday 15th Dec will be discarded.

Thank you

P & C NEWS

P&C Meeting
Please note our P&C meetings for 2016 will be held on Thursdays at 7pm in the staffroom. Our first meeting will be held on Thursday 4th Feb. Please come along to participate or just observe. All welcome!

Uniform Payments
Direct Deposit is the preferred method of payment and cash is only accepted for orders under $50.
BSB Number: 062 589 Account No: 00913185
Student Requirements 2016

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

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

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FAMILY SHOWS

ONCE UPON A TIME CAFE PUPPET SHOW
Sydney Puppet Theatre, Wednesday 13 January

The chef has left suddenly, so the waitress and resident musician at the Once Upon a Time Cafe must fill the orders. Adventure, love, wicked characters and happy endings are on the story menu, but the chef has left only a few ingredients - a golden ball and a frog’s foot!

The puppeteers concoct a modern and stylish interpretation of the classic story “The Frog Prince”. Children will be thrilled by the exquisite hand crafted wooden puppets, shadow puppets, and a stunning crystal marionette.

WHO: For the whole family
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: $5 per person (children under 2 free).

COMEDY MAGIC SHOW
with Peter Wood, Wednesday 20 January

This funny show is great for kids of all ages. Children will be delighted by a variety of magic tricks and animals, including cute bunnies and doves. With intrigue, laughter and surprise, everyone will have fun and leave with a smile on their face.

Come along and add a little bit of magic to your day!

WHO: For the whole family
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: $5 per person (children under 2 free).

WORKSHOPS

HULA HOOP DANCE WORKSHOP
with Caitlyn Woods, Tuesday 12 January

Hoop dance refers to movement and dance with the use of a hula hoop. Develop your coordination, rhythm, flexibility and fitness while having some serious fun! Learn how to love exercise and enjoy movement.

WHO: For 5 - 12 year olds
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: $13 per child
WORKSHOPS

ART WORKSHOP
with Na'ama Atzmon-Simon
Thursday 14 January

Bring out your creative side these school holidays in this fun-filled art workshop, inspired by the work of Henri Matisse. Develop artistic skills such as cutting, collage and rubbing to create a summer themed ‘cut out’ creation.

WHO: For 5 - 12 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 12pm
TICKETS: $15 per child

PICTURE BOOK WRITING WORKSHOP
with Kylie Fornasieri
Tuesday 19 January

Get your creative juices flowing as you write your own story and begin illustrating it to turn it into your own picture book. Kylie will talk about her journey as a writer, teach you about the principles of a picture book and help you to generate an idea to write your own book, with attention to characters, pace and structure.

WHO: For 7 - 12 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 12:30pm
TICKETS: $15 per child.

LITTLE LIFE SCIENCE WORKSHOP
with Fizzics,
Thursday 21 January

Gain an appreciation of the complexity of life in this fun workshop. Check out mini-beasts, learn about life cycles and the relationships between plants and animals. How do biologists track animals? What techniques do animals use to hide? What are the parts of a flower? Investigate this and much more!

WHO: For 5 - 12 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 11:30am
TICKETS: $12 per child.

@ ST CLAIR LIBRARY
St Clair Shopping Centre
Bennett Road

DIGGING DINOSAURS WORKSHOP
with Fizzics, Saturday 16 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.

WHO: For 5 - 12 year olds
TIME: 10 - 11am
TICKETS: Free. Please collect from St Clair Library.
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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CLINIC**

**DATE:** MON 11TH - TUES 12TH - WED 13TH JANUARY 2016  
**TIME:** 9:00AM – 12:00PM  
**LOCATION:** WINMALEE HIGH SCHOOL  
High School Drive, Winmalee  
Cost: $129 Non enrolled SBF/SGF Academy players  
$ 99 Enrolled SBF/SGF Academy players

**DATE:** THURS 14TH – FRI 15TH JANUARY 2016  
**TIME:** 9:00AM – 12:00PM  
**NEW LOCATION:** GLENBROOK OVAL  
Great Western Highway, Glenbrook  
Cost: $ 99 Non enrolled SBF/SGF Academy players  
$ 79 Enrolled SBF/SGF Academy players  
** Academy players must wear their training strip **

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download and fill out a registration form and return via email by 06 January 2016  
to: sydneyboysfootballacademy@gmail.com

Max Andreotti: 0419 147 353  
George Accetta: 0431 250 760

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SCHOOL HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY REMINDER
FOR FAMILIES

With the school holidays approaching, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations means different traffic environments.

So to help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

- **Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road.**
  If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.

- **It’s the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place.**
  It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!

- **Click clack front ‘n back every person for every trip.**
  Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.

- **Talk to your child about being a safe road user.**
  Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.

- **Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments.**
  This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, carparks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them.

Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out and about.

Remind other adults who care for your children to do this too.

You can find out more at:

[Safety Town](#)

[Department of Education](#)

[Transport for NSW](#)

Have a safe holiday break!
**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.

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  Whose rights and liberties I respect and
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If I wish to be a worthy member of my school and community,
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    My actions
    My thoughts,
  My companions and my habits.