## Important Dates for your Diary

### 2015

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<td>Tuesday 10(^{th}) Feb</td>
<td>Small Schools Swimming Carnival (selected students)</td>
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<td>Wednesday 11(^{th}) Feb</td>
<td>Gymnastics starts</td>
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<td>Meet the Teacher 6pm Start</td>
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<td>6.15pm-2/3/4, 6.30pm-K/1, 6.45pm 1/2, 7.00pm 4/5/6</td>
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<td>Thursday 19-20(^{th}) Feb</td>
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### Permission Notes and Payments Due

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<td>Life Education K-6</td>
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Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments.
From the Principals Desk………

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to welcome back to 2015 all of the community that makes up Castlereagh Public School, I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing break. A special welcome to our new Kindergarten students who started on Friday, they have made an impressive start to their school careers!

Classes
At present, we have 101 students enrolled and formed four classes –
• K/1 with Ms. Robson (Mon, Tues) and Mrs. McFadden (Wed, Thur & Fri)
• Year 1/2 with Mrs. Lennon (Mon, Tues & Wed.) and Mrs. Rozzoli (Thur, Fri.)
• Year 2/3/4 with Mrs. Vanoostwaard (Mon-Thur) and Mrs. Formosa (Fri)
• Year 4/5/6 with Mr. Jeff (4 days) and Mrs. Knaggs (Tues).

Mrs. Hillyard will continue as Librarian on Mondays. Mrs. Formosa will be our RFF teacher again this year teaching HSIE on Thursdays. Mrs. Rozzoli will continue in her role as Learning and Support Teacher on Wednesdays. Mrs. Sawyer, will continue her role as Teacher’s Aide. At the conclusion of 2014 Mrs. Condon our school counsellor has moved on and I welcome Mr. David Matheson to the position.

P&C
Our first P&C meeting for the year was held on Monday night at 7pm. As you may be aware we have changed the day in which the P&C meet to facilitate the participation of more families. I encourage all members of the school and the community to become an active member of the P&C team. The effort and hard work that they offer is directly channeled back into supporting programs for our children. P&C meetings are held on the first Monday of every month at 7pm in the school administration block.

Change of Details
Have you changed any of your personal details? During the holidays many people change their phone numbers or mobile phone numbers and some people may have even moved house! Mrs. Lamey will be sending home the contact information we have on record for each student. Could you please read through it and let us know of any changes so that we can update our records.
Mathletics and Spellodrome
We have continued our subscription to the Mathletics program this year and have begun using the Spellodrome program. Each student has their personal username and password. Each program can be accessed from home and is a great way for our students to reinforce their skills and knowledge of maths concepts and spelling rules.

Absences
Just a reminder that a note for any absence should be sent in with your child the day they arrive back at school.

Gymnastics Lessons
Gymnastic equipment is very expensive and the accredited skill level for teaching of gymnastics has increased over the last several years. As a mandatory component of the K-6 PDHPE curriculum we will be using the services of the “Active Group” to provide the equipment and expertise level for the introduction and development of gymnastics skills in Term 1. All instructors are fully qualified and will be supervised by classroom teachers. The program will run from Wednesday of Week 3 to Wednesday Week 10. If you have not had the opportunity to register your child/ren for the program and you would like further information it can be located from the school office or on the school website.

Class 4/5/6 9:10-9:50am
Class 2/3/4 9:55-10:35am
Class K/1 10:40-11:20am
Class 1/2 11:45-12:25am

Meet The Teacher
On Wednesday evening, 11th February, 2015 we will be conducting a ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening. This will provide you an opportunity to meet with your child’s classroom teacher, find out some important information that will impact your child and ask any questions that you may not have had answered as of yet. The evening will be as follows;
- 6pm: Commence in the Library where Mr. Jeff will welcome and introduce the 2015 staff
- 6.15pm: 2/3/4 class discussion located in the classroom
- 6.30pm: Kinder/1 class discussion located in the classroom
- 6.45pm: 1/2 class discussion located in the classroom
- 7.00pm: 4/5/6 class discussion located in the classroom

Sports uniform is to be worn each Wednesday for the duration of the Gymnastics program.
Playground Before & After School
As we are now fully up and running at our school for 2015 it is fitting for me to touch base with you regarding school hours. As of Department of Education and Communities policy our school provides child supervision from 8.30am each school day. Students should not be arriving before this time without a parent or carer as there is no staff supervision. ‘Little Sparkles’ provides a before and after school care service if this may be of assistance. Additionally, following the school bell at 3pm students are not permitted to play on the fixed equipment without direct supervision from parents. Children are reminded to please walk through the school grounds, as running can cause avoidable accidents.

I wish you all an enjoyable fortnight ahead!

Mr Tony Jeff
Principal

School Leaders 2015
Our school leaders for 2015 are as follows: Captains: Emily M & Ben P and Vice Captains: Amy A & Ben N.

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/scaps 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.
**Student Banking**

Mrs Bezzina is our Student banking co-ordinator. Our Banking day is Tuesday; please hand in your bank book to Mrs Lamey in the office in the morning.

**Ice Blocks**

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

**“NO HAT NO PLAY POLICY”**

Here at Castlereagh PS we have a “NO HAT NO PLAY” policy. If your child does not have a hat on they cannot play. They must sit on the silver chairs in the shade.

**Mobile Phones**

Students are not to have mobile phones at school. If your child needs to have one for after school they must leave it at the office during the day.

**Permission Notes**

Permission notes requesting payment for Gymnastics and Life Education have been sent out already this Term. We acknowledge that there are a lot of expenses at the beginning of the year getting your child/ren ready for school.

If you are having difficulty paying for the Gymnastics or Life Education please see Mr Jeff or Mrs Lamey.
P & C News

P&C MEETING
The new committee for 2015 is as follows: President - Mrs Ham, Vice Presidents - Mrs Wiessel & Mrs Fletcher, Treasurer - Mrs Robson & Secretary - Mrs Bransdon.

UNIFORM SHOP
Welcome to the beginning of another school year and Welcome to an exciting new Uniform Shop.
I want to make getting new uniforms for your child/ren as easy as possible so I have made some changes to the way we order uniforms and supply them to you. The greatest change is you can now order your uniforms online. Send me your order by email, pay directly into the P&C bank account and your order will be sent home with your child within 1-3 days.
Attached is a Uniform pack for each family which consists of:
1. Uniform Handbook (Mini Version) - The handbook outlines everything you need to know about ordering uniforms. What the school uniform requirements are for boys and girls, summer and winter, sports uniform and hats. How to order the uniforms, how to pay, and how you will get the uniforms. What happens when we don’t have uniforms in stock and how long you will have to wait to get them in. The full version of the Handbook will have photos of the uniform requirements and you will receive this within the next few weeks.

2. A Price List – We have a new Price List as we have added new items such as items previously purchased at Brynorms. You can still get the uniforms directly from Brynorms however the prices are the same and buying through the Uniform Shop will support the school.
The price list is on our school website for easy reference when ordering by email. The price list is also our Order Form. Our preferred method of payment is now direct deposit but should you need to pay by cash, print the order form from the website and bring it into the office.
Unfortunately prices have gone up as they do from year to year. We have tried to keep it to a minimum but some items were being sold at a loss which doesn’t help the P&C to raise funds for the school.

Opening times – The uniform shop will be open by appointment only on Tuesday mornings from 8.30-9am for trying sizes and purchasing 2nd hand uniforms. Please email me at castleuniforms@yahoo.com to organise an appointment.
Hats – Hats can be purchased at the school office. A small supply will be available in case you need a hat on the day.
If you have any questions or have any feedback please email me and I look forward to helping you with your uniform needs.
Regards Christine

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.
Uniform Handbook – Mini Version

This handbook outlines everything you need to know about ordering uniforms. Starting with what the school uniform requirements are, how to order, how to pay and how you will get the uniforms. It also lets you know what will happen if your item is not in stock and other information such as uniform shop opening hours and 2nd hand uniforms.

School policy requires your child to attend school in the correct school uniform. Sport Uniform is to be worn on your child’s allocated sport day only. Should there be a reason your child can not wear the uniform, please discuss this with the School Principal.

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

The Uniform Shop will be open on Tuesday Mornings from 8.30am to 9am on an appointment only basis. To book an appointment please emails castleuniforms@yahoo.com. If Tuesdays don’t suit an alternative time can be arranged.

Price List and Order Form

You can find the Price List/Order Form on our school website. The order form is to be used for cash payments only when online banking is unavailable. In this case, please returned the completed form to the school office. The form will be given to the Uniform Shop Person and your order will be filled within 2-3 days

Hats “No hat, No play”

A small supply of hats will be available from the office everyday just in case you can’t find it in the morning. Just fill in a Hat Order Form at the office, pay cash and you will be given your hat straight away.

Ordering Procedure

1. Order:  Please email your order to: castleuniforms@yahoo.com
   Include:  Your name, mobile number and email address, your child’s name and class, items you want, quantity, size and colour.

2. Payment:  Direct Deposit is the preferred method of payment. If you know your total purchase amount please transfer your payment into the Castlereagh Public School P&C Bank account.
   Commonwealth Bank   BSB 062 589   Account No 00913185.
   If you don’t know your total purchase amount, an invoice will be sent to you by email for you to deposit into the account.
   When you have paid, can you please email your receipt number and amount paid to castleuniforms@yahoo.com

3. Once payment is received:  your order will be filled and sent home with your child within 2-3 days.

4. If any items are not in stock: You will be advised by email. Depending on the item, it can take anywhere between 3-12 weeks for your order to come in.

Second Hand Uniforms

Second Hand Uniforms are available from the Uniform shop. Please email to organise a time see what we have.

Any questions or feedback?  If you have any questions or feedback please email castleuniforms@yahoo.com
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***
PENRITH OBSERVATORY
FAMILY ASTRONOMY NIGHTS
Saturday 14 February and 28 February
8pm – 10 pm

These nights will include a multimedia presentation with question time, a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes. Our programs will run regardless of the weather.

Cost: $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: www.uws.edu.au/observatory, What’s On
Contact: Tel: (02)4736 0135 Email: penrithobservatory@uws.edu.au
www.uws.edu.au/observatory
www.twitter.com/uwsobservatory
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Key points to remember around schools

4 Hold your child’s hand

As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers. They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.

Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it is not a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways.

Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:
- on the footpath.
- in the car park.
- when crossing the road.

Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.

If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

After school, meet your child at the school gate. At the end of the school day children may be excited, distracted and tired and may not concentrate on road safety.

5 Helmet and safety on wheels

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it’s the law.

Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels – bikes, foot scooters, rollerskates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead.

Although children quickly learn to pedal, steer and brake, they are not ready to cycle near traffic or on the road.

Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath, unless there are signs specifically prohibiting cycling.

When riding on the footpath, cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. Children need to take special care at driveways where vehicles may be driving in or out. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the ‘STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!’ procedure.

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.