## 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.
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<td>Cye G, Hailey F, Matthew E, Katie C</td>
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Ribbons were awarded to: Cohen W, Caitlin S, Emily S, Matthew P, Jack D, Luke S, Joni-Rose B & Chelsea M.

Kindy badges were awarded to: Janai R, Oliver B & Cye G.
Small School Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to every member of our swimming squad, Jackson C, Ben N, Kane N, Emily S, Daniel S, Lexie R, Zanya F, Maddie H, Robert W, Thomas W and James W, who competed at last week’s Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival. They swam in the true spirit of Castlereagh Public School and the entire school community is very proud of them through their determination and willingness to ‘have a go’! Thank you Mrs. Formosa for your hard work on the day as a place judge at the Small Schools Carnival.

House Leaders 2014
Congratulations to the following students who were elected as captains and vice captains of their houses:
Kookaburras - Axyl G and William B
Lyrebirds - Daniel S and Kaitlyn G
Rosellas - Aliccia K and Zeikiel W

School Representative Council
Congratulations to the following students for being selected by their peers as the School Representative Council (SRC) for 2015.
Kindy & Year 1- Hayley H & Taylan W
Year 1 & Year 2 - Madison F & Liam N
Year 2, Year 3 & Year 4 - Zanya F, Jessica P, April A
Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 - Luca M, Robert W, Emily M, Ben P, Amy A & Ben N

Whole School Assembly
This Friday we will be presenting the students selected as 2015 SRC and Sports Captains and Vice Captains their badges. All members of the community are more than welcome to attend this assembly, as they are for any of our assemblies, to watch as their child is presented with their badge. The assembly will commence at 9.15am under the school COLA. We have adjusted the time of this week’s assembly to enable enough time for Life Education to take place at 10am.

Life Education
The Healthy Harold Life Education program that we have come to our school each year provides the students with age specific life skills related to a variety of subjects. Students across our school will have the opportunity to participate in these lessons on Thursday and Friday of this week. If you have not yet had the chance to pay for your child and you would like them to attend please do.
not hesitate in contacting the office for the relevant information. The times and program that will be running is as follows:

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<td>Stage 2 (Y3/4)</td>
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<td>Thursday 11.30-12.30pm</td>
<td>Stage 1 (Y1/2)</td>
<td>Harold’s Heroes</td>
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<td>Friday at 10.00-11am</td>
<td>Early Stage 1 (K)</td>
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<td>Friday at 11.30-1pm</td>
<td>Stage 3 (Y5/6)</td>
<td>Mind Your Medicine</td>
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If you would like to purchase some Healthy Harold Merchandise please complete the order form which has been sent home for each family today and hand into the office on Thursday or Friday.

**Student Information and Media Permission notes**
Thank you to all those families who have returned those notes, as it is important that we have up-to-date contact and permission to print information.

**Scripture**
Anglican Scripture and Catholic Scripture lessons begin this week. Please let us know if you would like to make any changes to your child’s scripture arrangements. The scripture groups are based upon the information supplied on enrolment or through prior arrangements. Mrs. Formosa will be supervising the non-scripture group this year.

**High School – 2016**
The transition to high school for our Year 6 students begins shortly in a few weeks’ time with the distribution of the *Moving into Year 7* in a government school in 2016 package which includes the Expression of Interest form. Information from the completed forms is required from every Year 6 student to allow the relevant High Schools to beginning planning for next year. The **Expression of Interest** form covers all students – those attending their local high school - Richmond or Cranebrook High, applying for an out-of-area public High School, those applying for a selective High School and those students attending a non-government High School. This form must be completed and signed by a parent and returned to school.

**Important dates** -

- 9th March: Expression of Interest forms distributed to all Year 6 students
- 12th March: Selective High School placement test
- 20th March: completed forms to be returned to school
Leadership Camp
Congratulations to Ben P, Emily M, Amy A and Ben N for your fantastic behaviour, effort and participation in the Leadership Camp last week. I was fortunate enough to attend after school on Thursday to assist with the evening duties and was so proud of each of our elected leaders. They really demonstrated what it means to be a member of Castlereagh Public School. Well done Leaders!

I wish you all an enjoyable fortnight ahead!

Mr. Tony Jeff
Principal

Pedestrian Safety

Hold tight when walking
The best way to keep young children safe from traffic injuries is to hold their hand or hold them close. By holding onto children, you can stop them running into dangerous situations. Even though children may complain about holding hands, by making family rules about safe walking, explaining them and reinforcing safe behaviour, you will help children learn how to become safer pedestrians.

The right messages
“Whenever we are out walking, we hold hands.”
“If we can’t hold hands, you can keep close by holding onto me, the bag or the stroller.”
“There’s no running ahead.”

Lessons to learn
• Where it is safe to walk and cross the road
• When it is safe to walk and cross the road
• What to look for
• What to listen for
• The need to stop and wait at the side of the road before crossing
• The need to keep checking until they are safely across the road or the driveway
Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival

Well done to Kane, James W, Thomas W, Robert W, Jackson, Ben N, Daniel, Zanya, Lexie, Maddie and Emily S who represented Castlereagh PS at the Small Schools’ Swimming Carnival on Tuesday 10 February. All children were the perfect ambassadors for our school, giving their best, displaying good sportsmanship and having outstanding behaviour.

Special congratulations to Daniel S who now goes on to represent Small Schools at the Hawkesbury District PSSA Swimming Carnival on Friday 27 February in two events – Senior Backstroke and Senior Butterfly. We wish you all the best Daniel.

Thank you to all the parents who supported their children on the day. A special thank you to Mrs. Robson who was team manager.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics has started. Class 1/2 are pictured here enjoying it immensely!!!
Small Schools Swimming Carnival
Naplan 2015

Please note the dates for the Naplan test days for Year 3 & 5.

They are as follows: Language Conventions Test- Tuesday 12 May
Writing Test- Tuesday 12 May
Reading Test- Wednesday 13 May
Numeracy Test Years 3 & 5- Thursday 14 May
Catch up Day- Friday 15 May

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/scraps 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.
School Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer to help in any way at the school, you must have a “Working with children declaration check”. Notes have been sent out to every family, so please fill out forms and return to the office as soon as possible, if you would like to volunteer.

Media Permission

Please send these forms back to school ASAP.

Student Details

A form was sent home to each family with every student details on it. Can you please check we have the correct details and return to the form to school with or without any changes. Thank you.

P & C News

P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 2\textsuperscript{nd} March at 7pm in the staffroom. Please come along to participate or just observe. All welcome!

Save the Date

Please find below dates for some of the P&C events for 2015.

Term 1 - 28 March- State General Election BBQ/ Cake Stall
Term 2 - 19 June- Walkathon
Term 3- 11 September- Disco
Term 4- 20 November- Movie Night

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.
## CASTLEREAGH PUBLIC SCHOOL

### UNIFORMS

#### Which Uniform on Which Day?

**TERM ONE 2015**

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When Gymnastics finishes, Wednesday will return to a school uniform day for 2/3/4 and 4/5/6. This guide will change from Term to Term. Please check with your Child’s teacher if you need further clarification.
RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL

Year 6
Information Evening

All Year 5 & 6 students & their parents are warmly invited to attend

Monday, March 9, 2015
5.30pm-7.00pm

Welcome Ceremony in our MAC.
Guided tours of school.
See student work samples in classrooms and workshops.
Meet Richmond High School teachers.
Enjoy a BBQ with entertainment by Creative & Performing Arts students.

Return this RSVP slip to your Primary School teacher who will forward it on:

To: Miss Jessica Taylor (Year 7, 2016 Advisor)
Yes we would like to attend the Year 6 Information Evening:

Name: ___________________________ No: _______
(Attending)
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
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2014-2015 Family Energy Rebate

Apply before Midnight 16 June 2015

2 MINUTES TO FILL IN A FORM
* eligibility criteria apply

WHAT IS THE FAMILY ENERGY REBATE?
The Family Energy Rebate helps to cover the cost of energy bills for NSW households with dependent children. In 2014-2015 the rebate gives:

• A $150 credit on electricity bills for eligible applicants who hold an account with an electricity retailer

• A $165 direct payment to nominated bank accounts for eligible applicants who live in a residential community (caravan or mobile home park) and receive electricity from the park operator.

AM I ELIGIBLE FOR THE REBATE?
To be eligible you MUST:

• Be a NSW resident; and

• Have been assessed by the Federal Department of Human Services (DHS) as being eligible for the Family Tax Benefit (FTB) A or B at any time during the 2013-2014 financial year, and have received an FTB payment in respect of that eligibility; and

• Be an account holder of an electricity retailer, or a long-term resident of a residential community (caravan or mobile home park), whose name appears on the electricity account for supply to her or his principal place of residence.

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO BEFORE I APPLY?
Before you apply, here’s a quick checklist. Have you:

• Lodged your tax return for 2013-14 with the Australian Taxation Office or informed the Department of Human Services (DHS) if you are not required to lodge a tax return?

• Received confirmation from DHS as to your eligibility for Family Tax Benefit A or B for 2013-2014?

HOW TO APPLY

• ONLINE – it takes just two minutes to submit an application. Processing starts immediately.

• PAPER – download a form from the website, complete and submit by email, fax or post.
Use this form if you receive your electricity from the operator of the residential community where you live.

FOR MORE INFORMATION & ASSISTANCE

PHONE  Service NSW 13 77 88
EMAIL  fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au
Cinema in the Park

SATURDAY, 21 FEBRUARY

TIME: 6PM TILL LATE
WHERE: REGATTA PARK
River Road, Emu Plains

Kids Activities will be available from 6pm including CircusWorks, Face Painting and the Mobile Playvan, with the feature film, Madagascar 3 commencing at 8pm.

PENRITH CITY COUNCIL
penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/events
**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.