**Important Dates for your Diary**

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Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments.
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Ribbons were awarded to: Liam N, Joni-Rose B, Maddie H, Madison F, Azim G, Mary D, Andrew S & Anika R.

SRC badges were awarded to: Hayley H, Taylan W, Liam N, Madison F, Zanya F, Jessica P, April A, Luca M, Robert W, Amy A, Emily M, Ben N and Ben P.

From the Principals Desk………

District Swimming Carnival
I would like public acknowledge the fine achievements of Daniel S in the recent District Swimming Carnival. He participated with the true Castlereagh Public School spirit and achieved some very commendable results. He placed 2nd in his backstroke heat and 2nd in his butterfly heat. Once again, thank you Daniel for representing our school in such a fine manner and congratulations on your results.

Life Education
Life Education lessons were conducted on Thursday 19th & Friday 20th February 2015. All students who participated demonstrated outstanding behavior and were thoroughly engaged throughout the entire session. Unfortunately for Year 6, it was their last visit with Harold as next year they are moving on to High School.
Principal’s Conference
Last Thursday and Friday I was at an annual Penrith & Blue Mountains Primary Principal’s Council Conference. I would like to briefly thank the support of the staff and the students for allowing me to attend. Being a 2 day conference there were many opportunities to work closely with colleagues across the Penrith & Blue Mountains network of schools. I participated in a variety of workshops that I hope to implement into the everyday culture here at Castlereagh Public School.

School Cross-Country Carnival
Please be aware that our annual Cross Country Carnival will be held in Week 8 on Tuesday 17th March 2015. All parents, friends and community members are more than welcome to attend this whole school event. It will be held within the school grounds, weather permitting, commencing in the morning session. Further information regarding the carnival will be forwarded home this week.

500 Planting Day “Bring Back The Bush”
Students from Year 3 & Year 4 will participate in the 500 schools Planting Day this Friday 6th March 2015. Mrs Formosa and the students will depart by bus for Dean Park at 11.45am and return to school by 3pm. Students are requested to wear their sports uniform and their school hat. Old shoes or gumboots are a good idea to pack in case the ground is muddy and a poncho in case it rains. Please pack your child/ren’s lunch as usual along with an additional water bottle.

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Next Monday the 9th March students across our school will have the opportunity to listen to some super saving tips and ideas delivered from the Commonwealth Bank. These sessions are designed to illustrate to children the benefit of saving their money and highlight the financial skills required of them as they get older.

Ripples Water Safety Day
On Wednesday 11th March, students will have the opportunity to take part in a Ripples Water Safety Road Show presentation. There is no cost associated with this event and it is designed to illustrate to children of all ages how to be safe in and around water.

NAPLAN Dates
Each year students from Year 3 and Year 5 across the country participate in the NAPLAN testing. This provides schools with a snapshot of how the
students within their school perform in assessment based tests related to Language conventions, Reading, Writing and Numeracy. While it is recommended that your child participate in the assessment it is not mandatory or compulsory. If you wish for your child to be withdrawn please provide notification to the office at your earliest convenience. This year the Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the NAPLAN on the following days:

- **Tuesday 12th May 2015:** Language Conventions & Writing
- **Wednesday 13th May 2015:** Reading
- **Thursday 14th May 2015:** Numeracy

**Winter School Uniform**
As the year progresses and the sessions begin to change it becomes necessary to transition from summer uniform to winter uniform. Currently the weather remains quite hot and it is expected that children be wearing the summer uniform. I would like to request that Castlereagh Public School transition into winter school uniform between Week 1 to Week 4 of Term 2. It is anticipated that this should be enough time for the weather to change. The school winter uniform is as follows;

**Boys**
- Sky blue polo shirt with school logo
- Long grey trousers
- Royal blue school sloppy joe jumper/Zip Jacket
- Grey socks with black shoes

**Girls**

**Infants:**
- Royal blue navy check tunic
- or
- Royal blue trousers
- White polo shirt with school logo
- Royal blue school sloppy joe jumper/zip jacket
- White socks with black shoes

**Primary:**
- Royal blue navy check winter skirt
- or
- Royal blue trousers
- White polo shirt with school logo
- Royal blue school sloppy joe jumper/zip jacket
- White socks with black shoes

I wish you all an enjoyable fortnight ahead!

**Mr. Tony Jeff**  
**Principal**
Government Statistics

We have been informed that the Department of Education will be doing a census to gather information on Parental Education and Occupation, if your employment or education details have changed since enrolling your child, please forward details to Mrs Lamey. The information gathered helps to determine a percentage of the government funding that is sent to our school.

Thank you

School Lunches

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

Backyard League Program

Backyard League are coming to our school on Friday, 13th March. This program is an in-school skills clinic run by Panthers as part of their curriculum program. The program aims to introduce students to rugby league through the concept of game sense activities in a non-competitive environment. BYL format consists of 3 sessions- 30 – 40 minutes each session. Each participant will receive a free mod sized football. The program is free.

Ice Blocks & Drinks

Ice blocks will be sold Monday, Wednesday and Fridays at lunch time. They range from 50c to $2 in price. As our drinks machine is no longer available, we will be selling DRINKS on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, they will be $2 each.

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.

Riding your bike to school

Unless you are riding your bike to school with a parent/carer then you must be at least 10 years old and have attended the C.A.R.E.S bike safety program.

Please remember to always wear your helmet and beware of the traffic. You must get off your bike at the gates and walk it to the bike racks.
URGENT
Media Permission
Please send these forms back to school ASAP.

URGENT
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 ad return to the form to school with or without any changes. Thank you.

Impetigo
A few students in our school have been found to be suffering from Impetigo. It is highly contagious, a fact sheet has been sent home today. Please have a read so that you will be able to recognise if your child has been affected.

P & C News

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 4th May at 7pm in the staffroom. Please come along to participate or just observe. All welcome!

Easter
Our Easter Raffle will be held again this year and will be drawn on Thursday, 2nd April. More information to come.

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.
SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

PENRITH OBSERVATORY
ASTRONOMY NIGHTS IN MARCH

Saturday 14 March - 8pm – 10 pm

COMETS AND THE Icy OUTER SOLAR SYSTEM
Recent exciting space missions to icy bodies in our solar system have brought us more information about these remote and mysterious objects. We will discuss some of the findings for our distant dwarf planet neighbours and our comet cousins as well as what this means in the context of life on earth and in the solar system.

Saturday 28 March - 8pm – 10 pm

DADS & KIDS NIGHT
Kids and dads also include grandfathers, kids and grandkids. So it is for everyone. Age is no barrier to spending an evening with the family and the stars.
These nights will also include 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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Roslyn McCourt | Administrative Officer
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Office Hours: Mon, Wed and Thurs 8.30 am - 3.00 pm
A quality education in a caring, small school environment
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)
**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.