## Important Dates for your Diary

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<td>NSW State Election, P&amp;C BBQ/ Cake Stall</td>
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<td>Wed 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; April</td>
<td>Kindergarten Parent/Teacher Interviews</td>
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<td>Thur 2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; April</td>
<td>Easter hat Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Last Day</td>
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## Permission Notes and Payments Due

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<td>Instalments may be paid Friday 20&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; March</td>
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<td>HRV 2/3/4</td>
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<td>Year 7 2016 Forms</td>
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<td>School Fees</td>
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Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments.
Ribbons were awarded to: Mylie D, Katie C, Lily C, Jacob R, Alexis M, Joshua F,

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Wow, Week 8 is already upon us and we still have so many enjoyable and educationally rich activities to cover before the Easter holiday break. Please follow information sent home via letters, the school website and our Facebook page to inform you of upcoming events.

**Compulsory School Attendance**
Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW Public Schools work in partnership to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

Education in NSW is compulsory for all children from the age of 6 and once enrolled, children are required to attend each school day it is open for students. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences include;

- Being sick, or having an infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstances (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following any absence a verbal or written explanation for their absence is required. Further information can be located on the following website [http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/attendance.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/attendance.php)

**Past Several Weeks**
The past several weeks have been extremely busy at Castlereagh Public School. We have had a variety of school visits from a range of different organisations. Students participated in a Commonwealth Bank Super Saver sessions, Ripples water safety session and Primary are currently engaged in the football program “Backyard League”. We have been very lucky to have such sessions at our school free of charge.

**Award/Reward System**
As we are now well and truly into our school year I feel it fitting to touch base with the school community regarding our school reward system. In classes individual students are awarded Well Done Awards that accumulate towards Congratulations Awards, Ribbons and Cockatoo Badges.
5 Well Done Awards = Congratulations Award
5 Congratulations Awards = Ribbon
5 Ribbons = Bronze Cockatoo Badge
10 Ribbons = Silver Cockatoo Badge
15 Ribbons = Gold Cockatoo Badge

Please be aware that on occasion your child will receive a School Merit, Congratulations or Ribbon Awards. When your child has reached any of their Cockatoo badges written communication will be made with you to inform you of this milestone.

**Winter School Uniform**

As the year progresses and the seasons 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. A selection of the new clothing available has been placed on display in the P&C noticeboard.

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
Year 6 Transition to Year 7 forms due by Friday 20th
Parents with children in Year 6 please note that information regarding Transition to Year 7 information sheets for 2016 are due back to the school administration by this Friday. We have set guidelines that we must adhere to in order to successfully complete, with your assistance and the completed forms we will be able to meet our deadlines.

Harmony Day 21st
This Saturday, 21st March is Harmony Day. In support of Harmony Day at Castlereagh Public School students may wear an article of clothing that is orange on Friday 20th March 2015 (e.g. socks, shirt, shorts, hat, hair ribbon, etc).

Drinks and Ice Blocks Day
As you may or may not be aware our vending drink machine has been returned to the manufacture as it was very old and becoming quite problematic. As a school, we have purchased a small refrigerator and will be selling drinks and ice blocks on Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons during the first half of lunch time. All drinks are $2 each.

Election Day
On Saturday 28th March 2015 the school will be open for voting in the State Election. Our P&C have generously offered to run a BBQ and cake stall on the day. If you are able to assist on the day or help by donating cakes for the stall it would be greatly appreciated. Parent request sheets can be located from the office if you can offer any assistance. Thank you!

Cross country Carnival
The Castlereagh Public School annual Cross Country Carnival was held on Tuesday of this week. I would like to congratulate all the students for their fine behaviour and their have a go attitude. Thank you to the many spectators who attended and parents who assisted as course marshals. Finally I would like to acknowledge Mrs. Lennon for her organisation of the carnival and extra support that she offers to our school so frequently.

Basketball Gala Day
The Basketball Gala will be held on Friday 27th March 2015. Thank you to the many students who brought back their letters so promptly. We have managed to fill 2 boys and 2 girls teams to compete on the day. Mrs. V will be attending and it is anticipated that all students wear their full school sports uniform on
the day. I am looking forward to reporting back regarding this day in the next Newsletter.
I wish you all an enjoyable fortnight ahead!

Mr. Tony Jeff
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.

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.

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.
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!

**UNIFORM ORDER REMINDER AND UPDATE**
Just a reminder that winter uniform orders are due this **FRIDAY (20TH)** to ensure you will have them in time for the uniform change in Term 2 Week 4. Please email castleuniforms@yahoo.com. I now have a limited supply of the Girls A-line skirt and Boot Leg Pants in stock but the Long Sleeve Polo Shirts take 3 weeks (plus school holidays) to come in so don't miss out. And don't forget to have a look at all 3 of our new uniform items in the P&C noticeboard.

**Easter Raffle**
We are accepting Easter egg donations until Thursday, 26th March. Thank you to everyone who has already donated.

**Council Election Day Helpers**
We are still looking for volunteers to help out on Election Day- Saturday, 28th March. Please return form or see Mrs Lamey if you can help. Thank you.
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Contributing to the community since 1882
28th Annual
Penrith Working Truckshow
Sunday 29th March 2015 - 8am-5pm
Australia’s Best Value Family Day

Fun and Excitement!

The Best In Country Music

- Direct access from Penrith Station
- Unlimited FREE amusement rides all day (20 rides)
- Concert sound & full stage
- Specialist trade stalls & displays
- Entertaining games & competitions
- Free Balloons & Fairy Floss
- Free face painting
- BBQ, drinks & beer tents
- Major prizes & trophies
- Price includes entry to Museum

Held at Museum of Fire, 1 Museum Drive, Penrith. Phone: (02) 4731 3900

Adults $30
Up to 3 children FREE
with paying adult

Children under 16, Student or registered if over 13 years.

Sydney Classic & Antique Truckshow on 31st May, 2015 (See website for more details)

www.pwts.com.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.