## Important Dates for your Diary

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Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments.
Ribbons were awarded to: Hailey F, Megan B, Alexis M, Axyl G

Library Monitors 2015

Congratulations to our Library monitors for 2015: Corey M, Chelsea M, Robert W, Liam C, Emily S and Evie B.
ANZAC Day Service
On Tuesday 21st April, our Years 5 and 6 students will be attending the ANZAC service at Penrith Paceway. If your child is yet to hand in their permission note could you please ensure they do before the conclusion of term. Our school ANZAC Day Service will be held on Friday 24th April at 10am. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Staff Development Day
A reminder that Monday 20th April is our Staff Development Day. Students return to school on Tuesday 21st April 2015.

Easter Hat Parade & Raffle
The Easter Hat parade will be held at Castlereagh Public School on Thursday morning commencing at 11.30am. Following morning tea, students will return to their classrooms to fasten their creative Easter hats and assemble ready to display them for you. The P&C will be drawing the Easter Raffle following the SRC Easter Hat Parade on Friday. A big thank you to the families that have donated eggs and to those parents who are organising the prizes.

Election BBQ and Cake Stall
Last Saturday saw the State Election being held with many Castlereagh locals choosing to vote in our school Library. I would like to acknowledge the many students, parents and staff members who donated their time to assist with the running of the BBQ and cake stall. I would also like to thank the families responsible for donating cakes, slices and other confectionaries to the stall. It was extremely impressive to witness so many of our hard working students being responsible for customer service on the day. Well done Castlereagh, I was very proud to wear my school polo shirt and to be associated with such a fantastic school community.
**Basketball Gala Day**
I would like to congratulate the students who participated in the Small Schools Basketball Gala Day last Friday. It is with great pleasure that I can report to you that the Boys Stage 2 team won their competition up against many other small schools teams. A special congratulations is fitting for the Girls Stage 2, Boys Stage 3 and Girls Stage 3 teams for their outstanding behaviour and effort that they put into the day. I would also like to acknowledge the support of many parents who assisted in travel to and from the venue, helped as scorers and team managers and the many spectators that cheered on our teams. Well done to everyone involved!

**School Administration Officer Allocation**
It is with great pleasure that I announce to you that Mrs. Tchadovitch has been offered an additional day through our school entitlements. As of Term 3 she will be working in the office on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Congratulations Mrs. Tchadovitch and welcome to our Wacky Waste Free Wednesdays!

**School Classroom Allocation**
Recently our numbers here at Castlereagh Public School have reached an all-time high. We have had our classroom allocation report revised and we are now entitled to a fifth classroom with a Relieving Assistant Principal. I am currently in negotiations with staffing regarding this new position and asset management regarding the installation of a demountable building within our school grounds. When I have further information regarding this position and new classroom I will communicate it to you as soon as possible.

As this is the last newsletter for the term, I’d like to wish our students, staff and families a very restful and safe holiday break. We look forward to another productive and exciting Term ahead. Just a reminder that Friday of this week is a Public Holiday and school concludes for Term 1 on Thursday 2\textsuperscript{nd} April 2015.

Kind Regards
Mr. Tony Jeff
Principal

**Easter Hat Parade and Egg Hunt**
Reminder last day of school is a mufti day with a gold coin donation. The hat parade and egg hunt have been organised by the SRC.
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/scrapas 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.

Small Schools Basketball Gala Day
Castlereagh Public sent 4 teams, 2 junior and 2 senior, to this event on Friday. As per usual Castlereagh Public played fair, for fun and always with a smile on their faces! I was a very proud teacher on the day as we displayed fantastic sportsmanship and manners.
Junior girls played hard and came away with a win and two losses. They were a determined little team especially since they played against two mixed teams that were mainly boy based. Well done girls you did us proud!
The junior boys played their hearts out. They missed so many shots but still managed to come away with a win, a loss and a draw making them Competition 2 winners! Outstanding effort boys!
The senior boys had some stiff competition but showed true Castlereagh never die spirit and enjoyed the day. They had a win and two losses. Great job boys! And last but not least our senior girls. They deserve extra credit as they played on with true grit and determination with only 5 players. No matter what came at them they tackled it head on especially since they mainly played against mixed teams made up of boys. Fantastic effort girls you never gave up!

A big thank you to all the parents who came to support us, manage us and transport children to and from the venue. Thank you to our team managers and trainers Mr Connell, Mrs Glover, Mrs Novak, Mr Regan and Mrs Robson. Thank you Castlereagh students for making me feel very proud to be your teacher, you were awesome!

Mrs V

Cross Country 2015

What a great morning to have the Cross Country and how great were the students of Castlereagh! The final result was

1. Lyrebirds – 138
2. Kookaburras – 70
3. Rosellas – 64

Congratulations Lyrebirds for again winning the Cross Country.
Many thanks to all parents who attended to support our carnival. Special thank you to Mrs Pace, Ms Searle, Mrs Barrett and Mrs Laxton who helped by manning checkpoints around the course.

Thank you to our house captains – Axyl, William, Daniel, Kaitlyn, Aliccia and Zeikiel – who have already demonstrated why they were elected to lead their houses. They prepared their teams before hand with house meetings, practising their war cries and developing a sense of pride in their houses. Thank you to the staff who as always efficiently and enthusiastically carry out any task that is allocated to them. A big thank you to Mr Jeff for supplying the zooper doopers that the children all enjoyed after the cross country.

Ribbons were presented to the students who came 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

Our school team for Small Schools’ Cross Country has also been announced and notes need to be back at school by Friday 24th April. It should be noted that at Small Schools’ Cross country the 8&9 girls and 8&9 boys run as one age group.
P & C News

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

Election BBQ & Cake Stall
The P & C would like to say a really big thank you to all the mums, dads, students and staff that helped out with the Election Day BBQ and cake stall.
The amount of help was amazing, from cutting onions, baking cakes and biscuits, setting up and packing up to cooking on the BBQ and serving on stalls, as well as a million other tasks that were accomplished by a multitude of different people. We couldn't have done it without you, so thank you very much.
We had a great day and a lot was accomplished by all....

Uniform Payments
Direct Deposit is the preferred method of payment and cash is only accepted for orders under $50.
Account details are: Castlereagh Public School P & C Commonwealth Bank.BSB Number: 062 589 Account No: 00913185

Mother's Day Stall
A note is being sent out this week with information regarding the Mother's Day Stall. Orders are due in by Wednesday 29\textsuperscript{th} April (Term 2, Week 2). If you would like to help wrapping the gifts on Friday 1\textsuperscript{st} May or can help out on the day of the stall (Thursday, 7\textsuperscript{th} May) please let me know. Orders can be sent by email to castlepnc@yahoo.com or by returning the form to the school office.

Uniforms
Thanks to those people for getting your winter uniform orders in on time. Items that are in stock have been sent home with your child already. When the items that are on order are ready, you will receive an email to advise.

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.
PENRITH OBSERVATORY
SPECIAL EVENT – A LUNAR ECLIPSE

Saturday 4 April - 9 pm – 12 midnight

This event will include some detailed information on the eclipse, and an opportunity to look at the moon and other wonders of the night sky through the observatory’s telescopes including the 0.6 metre telescope.

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
www.facebook.com/UWSObservatory

Roslyn McCourt l Administrative Officer
School of Computing, Engineering and Mathematics
Tel: 02 4736 0135
Email: r.mccourt@uws.edu.au l www.uws.edu.au/observatory
Office Hours: Mon, Wed and Thurs 8.30 am - 3.00 pm
GET AHEAD OF THE GAME

Keep your team match ready this season at the Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium.

Register now for our Monday or Wednesday morning Netball competitions.

Crèche available.

Hawkesbury Indoor Stadium
16 Stewart St South Windsor 2756
P 02 4587 8788
ymcansw.org.au/stadium
2015 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
TITLES NOW AVAILABLE ON OVERDRIVE

The Premier’s Reading Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and to enable them to experience quality literature. It isn’t a competition but a challenge to each student to read, read more, and to read more widely. The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. The challenge begins on 2 March 2015.

Penrith City Library is making it even easier to participate in the PRC. In addition to the extensive collection of PRC titles that you’ll find on the shelves at each of our branches, the Library is now offering our members access to over 200 PRC titles on Overdrive. The majority of titles cater for the Year 3 to 4, 5 to 6 and 7 to 8 categories. Overdrive is available 24/7 to all members of Penrith City Library at ‘penrith.lib.overdrive.com’. Please speak to our friendly staff if you would like any advice about starting to use Overdrive.

MIDWEEK EXTRAVAGANZA
ROBOTICS CLUB

Use Lego Mindstorms EV3 to design, build and program robots. In weeks 1 to 5 children will learn how to control motors, use different types of sensors and use a programming language to control robots. In weeks 6 to 10 they’ll design, build and program robots to complete several different challenges.

Where: Penrith Library Theatre
For 9 - 14 year olds
Dates: Thursday 23 April - Thursday 25 June
Time: 4:15pm - 5:15pm
Cost: $150 for the term
Contact: Barjinder on 4732 7890
or bkaur@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au to book your place.
FAMILY SHOWS

DISCOVER AUSTRALIA SHOW
with Paul Grerson
Wednesday 8 April
An engaging, interactive, educational and entertaining show filled with Australian bush songs and anecdotes going back to the early history of Australia. Come and see Paul bring his excellent level of showmanship, humour and musical professionalism to Penrith Library!

At Penrith Library
For the whole family
10:30am - 11:30am
Tickets: $5 per person
Children under 2 free.

MAGIC SHOW
with Lindsay Gardner
Wednesday 15 April
Be amazed by our local magician, Lindsay. You’ll be astounded by his amazing tricks, and you’ll greatly enjoy the audience involvement. A wonderful show that the whole family will love.

At Penrith Library
For the whole family
10:30am - 11:30am
Tickets: $5 per person
Children under 2 free.

Get your tickets from Monday 9 March

Bookings are essential!
Tickets sell quickly so be quick to avoid disappointment. There will be no refunds or exchanges for tickets purchased.
Workshops are supervised by professional performers and library staff.
All accompanying adults can attend our workshops for free.
Family shows are $5 per person and every adult and child attending must have a ticket.

Your feedback is appreciated. If you would like to provide feedback about our family shows or workshops please email the Library’s Children’s team at bkaur@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au
WORKSHOPS

WRITING WORKSHOP
with Kylie Fornasier
Thursday 9 April
Create a picture book
Get your creative juices flowing as you write your own story and begin illustrating it to turn it into a picture book.

At Penrith Library
For 7 - 12 year olds
10 am - 12 pm
Tickets: $15 per child.

TEEN WRITING WORKSHOP
with Kylie Fornasier
Thursday 9 April
Plot your own fantasy novel
Learn about the ‘Hero’s Journey’ model and how to adapt it to create powerful narratives and characters that will resonate with readers.

At Penrith Library
For 13 - 16 year olds
1:30pm - 4 pm
Tickets: $15 per teen.

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP
with Del White
Tuesday 14th April
Gain a lifelong skill and learn the basics of handmade needlecraft. In this workshop you’ll make poppies in remembrance of the 100 year Gallipoli anniversary.

At Penrith Library
For 7 - 13 year olds
10:30am - 12:30pm
Tickets: $10 per child.

ROBOTICS 101 WORKSHOP
with Anthony Head
Thursday 16th April
Build a robot and learn how to program it using LEGO Mindstorms EV3. Working in pairs, you will learn to control motors and use different types of sensors. Includes a workbook to take home.

At Penrith Library
For 9 - 14 year olds
9:30am - 12:00pm
Tickets: $40 per child.

@ ST CLAIR LIBRARY
St Clair Shopping Centre
Bennett Rd

MIME-O-RAMA with Dennis Clare
Saturday 11 April
Be drawn into the imaginative world of mime and visual theatre. Giant slinkies, marvellous mime, very, very, very long arms, masks, songs and silliness! Every child will want to get involved in this visual feast which explores what the imagination is capable of.

For 2 - 12 year olds
10:30am - 11:30am
Tickets: Free. Every child needs a ticket and must be accompanied by an adult. Please collect from St Clair Library.
Easter Family Workshop  
**Sunday 29 March, 1pm – 3pm $12pp or $40 for a family of four**  
Get ready for Easter festivities with a creative and fun family workshop. The workshop includes decorative egg painting and floral-crown making, capped off with a garden egg hunt.

Fan Workshop  
**Thursday 9 April, 10am – 12 noon, 8 – 12 yrs $20**  
In this workshop you will paint and decorate a wooden fan, then mount it ready to hang on your wall at home.  
Tutor: Naomi McCarthy

Clay Animal Workshop  
**Friday 10 April, 10am – 12 noon, 6 – 10 yrs $20**  
Animals that can be tamed such as horses, camels, dogs and pigeons have played an important role in the development of the world. In this workshop participants will hear stories about iconic animals and make clay models inspired by these stories.  
Tutor: Paula Perugini

*Inspired by the current exhibition:*  
**Home/Front 100 year commemoration of the Gallipoli campaign**

Tank and Plane Drawing workshop  
**Wednesday 15 April, 10am – 12 noon, 8 - 12 yrs $20**  
Students will do a series of small sketches, learning how to capture the shape of a WWI fighter plane and a tank and then using graphite, pen and water colour students will complete a final drawing which will be mounted ready for display at home.  
Tutor: Naomi McCarthy

Mini-Submarine Sculpture Workshop  
**Thursday 16 April, 10am – 12 noon, 7 – 10 yrs, $20**  
Have fun putting together a cardboard submarine, add some cardboard furniture and then create tiny characters ready to inhabit your vessel.  
Tutor: Naomi McCarthy

Crafts of the Home Front Family Workshop  
**Friday 17 April, 10am – 12 noon, $40 per family of four**  
Those not directly involved in the battlefield still made important contributions to the war effort by sending sentimental items to soldiers abroad. In this workshop parents and children work together to create commemorative wreathes using dried Australian natives. As an added bonus participants will learn to make edible poppies to adorn delicious sugar cookies.  
Tutor: Paula Perugini

Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest, 86 River Rd Emu Plains NSW 2750
EASTER FAMILY FUN DAY

GOOD FRIDAY 3RD APRIL

Free Entry
10.30AM - 2.30PM

All ages will be delighted with our giant Easter Egg Hunt, face painting, animal farm and interactive games (all free!)

GO CRAZY ON OUR CARNIVAL WITH OUR UNLIMITED RIDES PASS FOR JUST $10*
(includes the giant slide, jumping castle, cup & saucer, pirate ship, rock climbing wall, video game truck, hamster balls, laser tag & ‘Tumbletown’ playground)

*Bungy trampoline and dodgem cars are paid per ride.

ImagineNations Church (Cnr of M4 Motorway & the Northern rd)
INCHURCH.COM.AU  •  02 4736 3000
IRONFEST

IRONFEST will be held at Lithgow Showground on 18th & 19th April 2015. Aiming to educate through entertainment, Ironfest features historical events over these days - jousting, and the annual colonial battle re-enactment event entitled ‘The Battle of Lithgow’. Both events depict accurately extremely interesting periods in history. The re-enactments are very dramatic, featuring artillery, cavalry and infantry, and there is a fully authentic military encampment, hospital and blacksmith’s workshop. Lots of roving entertainers, music, dance, woodturning demonstrations, as well as Australian made goods on sale at the stalls.

Saturday 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m.
Sunday 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Tickets at gate:
One day - Adult $35; Conc. $30; Child $25; Family $95.
2 Day Weekend - Adult $55; Conc. $45; Child $35; Family $140.

For more information you can visit the Ironfest website at www.ironfest.net.au.
Saturday 4 April 12.30pm – 6pm.
Corner Borrowdale Way and Callisto Drive.

Free family fun day + Bush Dance
(Rides, Sideshow alley, Activities, BBQ, fairy floss and more). Bush dance starts at 5pm.

Tuesday 7th April

Minecraft Kids day. 9.30am-2.30pm
$8 per child. $20 per family. Lunch included @ Toms Church (29 Callisto)

Thursday 9th April Kids disco K-6
7.30pm $5 per person @Toms church. Parents stay for dessert

Go to toms4christ.com or phone 4730 3434 for more information about youth and adult events and registration.
Art Workshops - Term Two 2015
Bookings Essential Ph: 4735 1100

Kid’s workshops: challenging, inspiring and fun, creative experiences in a stimulating gallery and studio environment.

All Term Workshops:
- include a sketchbook and all art materials
- build on and develop students' existing practical skills
- foster the development of critical thinking and problem solving skills
- are suitable for new and returning students

**Note** - wear clothes suitable for a workshop environment

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**Wednesday Drawing School**
9 - 12 years old, $130 pp
29 April - 17 June 2015
4pm–5.30pm
Tutor: Naomi McCarthy

Students will learn expressive and observational drawing techniques that extend and consolidate their existing skills. Students will learn new techniques whilst working with a range of drawing mediums and a variety of subject matters.

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**Art Attack Saturday**
5 – 9 years old, $130 pp
2 May – 20 June 2015
10am-12noon
Tutor: Na’ama Atzmon-Simon
Tutor: Paula Perugini

Students will explore art themes and concepts while creating a range of a creative and imaginative 2D and 3D artworks inspired by the gallery’s exhibitions. Students will use a mix of traditional art making techniques and experimental methods with a range of materials.

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86 River Road Emu Plains NSW
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Please note that event dates were correct at time of printing but changes and additions may be made due to unforeseen circumstances.
**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.