### Important Dates for your Diary

**2015**

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### Permission Notes and Payments Due

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Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments.
From the Principals Desk

Welcome parents, carers and community members to another very busy term ahead. I would like to commence this week’s newsletter by congratulating the students for their cooperation with all the wet weather of late. Currently we are still waiting for the back of the oval to completely drain away ready for full use once more. We are extremely fortunate that there has been no damage caused to the school buildings or grounds due to the persistent rain.

A Ribbon was awarded to: Damon P.
ANZAC Day Service
Last week our Year 5 & 6 students were due to attend Penrith Paceway for the annual Anzac Day service. Unfortunately due to the weather this event was cancelled for 2015.
On Friday 24th April staff, students and several parents participated in our school Anzac Day service. I must say that every child within the school showed a great deal of respect and listened to the many stories that our school leaders read. Towards the conclusion of the assembly all students had an opportunity to lay a wreath or poppy that they had made in class throughout the week as a mark of respect. I was truly honored to be associated with Castlereagh Public School and I thank the students for their sense of occasion.

Year 5 OC Class for 2016
Opportunity classes cater for highly achieving Year 5 and 6 academically gifted students who may wish to sit a placement test for possible inclusion in the following year. If you are interested in your child applying for the OC class please follow the link www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement and read the instructions carefully. Please be aware that this needs to be completed online and must be submitted by no later than Friday 15th May 2015.

New Classroom & Teacher
I am sure you are full aware now that Castlereagh Public School is in the process of having a new classroom installed to cater for an additional classroom. Once the building has been installed we will have 5 classes across our school.
Mrs McFadden & Ms Robson  Kindergarten
Mrs Lennon & Mrs Rozzoli  Year 1
Once the building has been craned into location and the new Relieving Assistant Principal has been appointed we will make the necessary class splits to support our plan. Thank you for your ongoing understanding regarding this matter. As soon as more information becomes available to me I will pass it onto you.

NAPLAN Dates
Please be aware that NAPLAN for Years 3 and 5 is approaching quickly. Students will participate in the tests on the following days;

- Tuesday 12th May 2015 Language Convention & Writing
- Wednesday 13th May 2015 Reading Test
- Thursday 14th May 2015 Mathematics Test

The NAPLAN testing is not mandatory. If for any reason that you do not want your child to participate in the assessments please provide a written request for your child to be exempt.

Stewart House Donation Drive 2015
Stewart House are currently holding their annual donation drive for 2015. Later this week envelopes will be forward home to families who may be interested in supporting Stewart House, who in turn, support children in need in Public Schools in both NSW and ACT. By placing $2 in the envelope you will go in the draw to win a $4000 holiday to a destination of your choice.

Small School Cross-Country
The Small Schools Cross Country has been postponed to Friday, 8th May and will be held at Woodbury Reserve, Glossodia commencing at 10am and conclude by approximately 2pm. I will be attending on the day and will bring with me the school gazebos for additional shelter. If you have not yet returned the permission slip for your child to attend could you please do so as soon as possible.

If you are concerned about the weather we will keep you up to date with any further changes to program.

Kind Regards
Mr. Tony Jeff
Principal
School Lunches
School lunches will be available to order again on **Monday, 11th May**. 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 4\textsuperscript{th} May** at 7pm in the staffroom. Please come along to participate or just observe. All welcome!

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
Thank you to everyone who has put their orders in for the Mother's Day stall and those who volunteered to help. For those of you who are helping with the wrapping please meet in the library after assembly at 9am on Friday, 1\textsuperscript{st} May. I will be in contact with those who are helping with the stall. Please see the notice board for a sample of some of the gifts and the gift bag/ card.

Uniforms
If you need to come into the school to purchase a uniform this may be done by emailing castleuniforms@yahoo.com to make an appointment for a time on a Tuesday.

*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.*
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Call Adam Sullivan on 0413 99 77 35 for an obligation free quote
Mums and Kids Astronomy Night

SOLAR SYSTEMS ACROSS THE GALAXY

Astronomers have discovered many planets orbiting distant stars - but what are they like? Even our own Solar System is full of surprises, and there is so much more to learn.

Join Dr Sarah Martell for a tour through the moons and planets where we've sent human or robot explorers, and some of the weird and wonderful solar systems we've found. The night will also include a 3D movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6 m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes.

ASTRONOMY NIGHT

The night will include a colourful and informative multimedia presentation, a 3D movie, a tour of the dome area and 0.6 m telescope and an opportunity to view celestial objects through the university’s telescopes.

Our programs will run regardless of the weather.

Cost: Astronomy Nights -$18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 family
Workshops - $15 per person

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
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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.

**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.

Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest
86 River Road Emu Plains NSW
Useful Websites

Spellcheck
Is your child learning to spell? Struggling with the weekly spelling lists? Here are a few strategies that will help:


Homework planner
Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan - so print out our 2015 homework and study calendar, which includes key dates and school holidays.


Managing depression
One in four kids over 12 has symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? Don't be afraid, ask your child how they are feeling and keep communicating with them.

**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:  
…………………………………………………………………………………………

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.