Important Dates for your Diary

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Permission Notes and Payments Due

Hawkesbury Retirement Village Kinder  
Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July

Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments.
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<td>Mareeka S, Oliver B x 2, Matthew B, Bryce P, Chad W</td>
<td>Zavier F, Floyd R x 2, Layla S, Hayley H</td>
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<td>Malachi F, Cye G, Zak W</td>
<td>Bethany B x 2, Azim G, Taylan W</td>
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<td>Zanya F, Liam N, Jacob R</td>
<td>Jade C, Nicholas C, Jemma B, Lily C, Hailey F, Jacob R</td>
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Ribbons were awarded to: Hayley H, Kane N, Brianna M & Ben P.
Welcome parents, carers and community members to Term 3. As we commence this very busy term I would like to draw your attention to some of the major celebrations coming up over the next 10 weeks, they include; Small Schools Athletics Carnival, Education Week Assembly, P&C Walkathon, Book Week celebrations, Book Character Parade and many more exciting and educationally rich activities planned. Please stay abreast of all communications via information sent home, the school website and school Facebook page for further events and dates.

**Education Week Assembly**
Public Education is the right to a quality education that each and every child has in Australia. In 2015, Education Week falls between the dates of 27th to 31st July and at Castlereagh Public School we will be conducting a special assembly and open classroom session on Wednesday of that week. Parents, relatives, friends and community members are invited to attend the assembly and open classroom on **Wednesday 29th July 2015 at 9.15am**.

**School Camp**
In the last week of Term 2 our Stage 3 students along with Mrs. V, Ms. King and myself attended camp to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains. The time spent away from school was extremely busy with the students from our school visiting the following locations; Australian War Memorial, Electoral Education Office, New Parliament House, Old Parliament House, Australian Institute of Sport, National Capital Exhibition Centre, Questacon and Snowy Mountains. All students who attended consistently demonstrated outstanding behaviour at all times. I was extremely impressed with the students and immensely proud of them.

On behalf of myself and the Stage 3 students I would like to sincerely offer our thanks and gratitude to Mrs. V and Ms. King for their support on camp. Both ladies sacrificed a great deal of family time to support our school and camp. Thank you!
P&C 2015 Walkathon
Unfortunately once again, last week we were unable to hold our annual School P&C Walkathon due to poor weather. The backup day for this event will be Tuesday 11th August 2015 between 11.30am and 1pm. Please encourage your children to keep collecting sponsors as the child from each class who raises the most money will be awarded with a Smiggle voucher. We can’t wait until Week 5 for the event!

Small Schools Athletics Carnival
This week some of our students are participating in the Small Schools Athletics Carnival. I would like to wish them all the very best and I am certain that they will once again represent our school with outstanding behaviour and commitment to their event. Go get them Castlereagh!

C.A.R.E.S
Mrs. V and some students from the Year 4/5/6 classes attended the C.A.R.E.S program last week. This program is designed to develop road awareness and road safety skills necessary for children when riding bikes. Mrs. V reported back that all students who attended were very well behaved and represented our school at an outstanding level. Congratulations and thank you boys and girls from Year 4/5/6.
**Parent Teacher Interviews**

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the school community for their participation in the recent Parent Teacher Interviews. If you were unable to attend on the night and you would like to meet with your child’s classroom teacher please feel free to contact the school office or directly with the teacher and book in a time that suits yourself and the staff member.

**P&C Secretary & Treasurer Positions**

Castlereagh P&C has had 2 volunteer positions become available and I am seeking your support in filling these roles. If you are interested in joining the P&C team and keen to become involved with the position of Secretary or Treasurer I seek your support in attending the next meeting on Monday 3rd August at 7pm.

**2016 Kindergarten Enrolments**

Kindergarten enrolments for 2016 are currently being taken. In order for us to prepare our classes and ensure that equitable class numbers are maintained it is essential that we have all the information needed leading into 2016. If you know of someone who is enrolling at Castlereagh Public School and has not yet done so, could you please pass on our school details. Additionally, if you have children in Kindergarten to Year 5 and are planning on moving at the end of the year, that information is important also.

**Uniforms**

This time of year it is quite cold in the morning and it is great to see a large amount of the students arriving at school with adequate clothing on to keep them warm. Frequently throughout the day students remove their jumpers or additional layers as to not overheat. Unfortunately while teachers consistently remind students to place their items of clothing in their bags this does not always happen. Please ensure that your child’s name is clearly labeled on all items of clothing including hats. At times, the labeled names within the clothing can fad and be difficult to read and may need your attention in reapplying it name. Alternatively, there are several websites that provide iron on labels for uniforms at an inexpensive cost.

**Earn & Learn**

Our school is currently participating in the Woolworths ‘Earn & Learn’ program aimed at raising money for resources within the school. If you shop at any Woolworths store and receive the Earn & Learn stickers could you please collect, place on a tally sheet and either return to school where there is a box available in the administration or directly place them in the box labeled
Castlereagh Public School at Jordan Springs Woolworths shopping centre. Thank you!

I hope that you have a fantastic week ahead.

Kind Regards
Mr. Tony Jeff
Principal

School Lunches
School lunches are available to order online. 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/scrap 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. Drinks will be sold Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, they will be $2 each.

Congratulations It’s a girl!!

Congratulations to Nicholas C (year 2) and his family on the arrival of ‘Paulette Gloria’ on 24/6/2015.
Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school/early learning centre – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

School Banking Competition

Outer Space Savers
The Commonwealth Bank is holding a competition in Term 3, to enter you must bank three times in Term 3. You then will be placed in the draw for some great prizes which include:

* IPad mini Wi-Fi 16GB
* Beats by Dr.Dre Solo Headphones
* $30 Booktopia Gift Certificates

Students can also complete a Money mission at commbank.com.au/prizeportal to double their chance of winning. Please note, students can complete the money mission at any time, but are required to make three deposits by the end of Term 3 to double their chance of winning.

TUESDAY is School Banking day.
P & C News

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on **Monday 3rd August** 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.
BSB Number: 062 589 Account No: 00913185

Walkathon
Our Walkathon will now be held on Tuesday 11th August. We all need to keep our fingers crossed for good weather!!

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ASTRONOMY NIGHT
Saturday, 25 July – 7pm – 9pm

Stars, Supernova, and Our Place in the Universe
This talk looks at the birth, life, and eventual death of stars. The stellar demise of a particular group of stars will be looked into, namely, the explosive 'supernova'. From there, our place in the Universe will be put into perspective as we travel outward from Earth. The evening will also include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory's telescopes.

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

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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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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.