**Important Dates for your Diary**

**TERM 3**
- Wed 16\(^{th}\) Sept: Years 3-6 Excursion
- Thur 17\(^{th}\) Sept: SRC Fundraiser
- Fri 18\(^{th}\) Sept: Last day of Term 3

**TERM 4**
- Mon 5\(^{th}\) Oct: Labour Day Holiday
- Tue 6\(^{th}\) Oct: Students & staff return Term 4
- Thur 8\(^{th}\) Oct: P&C Meeting 7pm
- Tues 13\(^{th}\) Oct: School Photos
- Tues 20th Oct: Basketball Clinic (incursion)
- Fri 23\(^{rd}\) Oct: Grandparents Day

**Permission Notes and Payments Due**

Simply Swimming  
Voluntary School Fees & Workbooks  
Expression of interest  

Expression of interest  
Tues 6\(^{th}\) Oct
ASAP

Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments.
Ribbons were awarded to: Jack B, Matthew B, Luke S, Chelsea M, Corey M and Ben N.

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A quality education in a caring, small school environment
From the Principals Desk………

End of Term 3
As we conclude this term I would like to thank the entire school community for supporting Castlereagh Public School. Together, with the partnerships of school and home, we have made this such a rewarding period of time. I wish all families a very safe and happy two week break from school and look forward to working with you once more when school commences in Term 4.

During the holiday break our General Assistant, Cleaner and Teachers may be here at school at times, however if you see anything suspicious could you please contact School Security on 1300 880 021 or Penrith Police.

School P&C Disco
Last Friday evening the school P&C put on a very enjoyable school disco. The theme for the evening was TV and Movie Characters. It was fantastic to see so many students and even several parents get into the spirit of the theme. The many super heroes who attended ensured that Castlereagh was a safe place to be, with enough crime fighters to protect all of Australia if needed. Additionally, I felt as though we truly were in the presence of royalty or a real life fairy tale with so many beautiful princesses grooving to the music and gracing us with their attendance.

I would like to sincerely thank the efforts of the school P&C and the other parents who donated their time to volunteer on the night. I would also like to thank the parents who arranged such outstanding costumes, the teachers for your assistance on the night and mostly to the children of Castlereagh Public School for bringing their enthusiasm and positive spirit to our school so regularly.
**Grandparents Day**
In Week 3 of Term 4 we will be conducting our annual Grandparents Day at Castlereagh Public School. The open day will be held on Friday 23rd at 9.30am. Following the assembly the visitors to the school will be invited to a morning tea in the Library. Further information regarding the Grandparents Day celebration will be forwarded home in Week 1 of Term 4.

**P&C School Carnival & Movie Night**
On Friday 20th November 2015 the school P&C will be running a community carnival evening at our school. During the afternoon and evening there will be carnival rides available, a variety of food, stalls and to conclude the evening with a movie played on our school big screen. Further information regarding this event will be forwarded home early next term.
The stalls will be selling a variety of goods. If you are interested in holding a stall please put in writing a request addressed to the P&C. As this is a fundraiser the cost of running a stall will be $50.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**
The Woolworths Earn & Learn sticker drive has now concluded. I would like to briefly take the chance to thank the many parents, friends and family members of Castlereagh Public School for donating the stickers to our school. I will report back with a final tally amount and what we purchased with the reward stickers. Thank you for supporting us!

**2016 Enrolments**
Kindergarten enrolments and all other 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.

**SRC Bandaged Bear & Mufti Day**
Castlereagh Public School SRC have organised a fundraiser for Bandaged Bear Day.
When: Thursday, 17th September
Dress: Mufti
Cost: Gold coin donation
Students are asked to bring in their favourite Teddy Bear. There will be awards given for the Most Colourful, Craziest, Most Injured, Biggest and Smallest. Money raised will go to Westmead Children’s Hospital. Please ensure you wear enclosed footwear.

I truly hope that you have a happy and safe 2 week break. I am looking forward to school returning for both staff and students on Tuesday 6th of October 2015.

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/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. Drinks will be sold Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, they will be $2 each.
School Photos
School photos will be taken on Tuesday 13th October. To keep with our uniform cycle we would like students to wear their summer uniform and black shoes. Envelopes will be sent home today. Every child needs to return their own envelope, even if payment is enclosed in a sibling’s envelope. Please return envelopes to the office prior to the photo day. If you require a family photo envelope, they are available from the office.

P & C NEWS

P&C Meeting
The next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 8th October 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

Thank you
Thank you to Mrs Bransdon, Mrs Barrett, Mrs Bezzina, Mrs Connell and Mr Pace for making the Father’s day stall a success.

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.
FUN SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM FOR BEGINNERS

FOR: 5-14 year old boys and girls (no experience necessary)
WHEN: Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} September and Wednesday 23\textsuperscript{rd} September 2015
TIME: 9.30am – 11.30am
WHERE: UWS Kingswood Campus, O’Connell St Kingswood
COST: $45.00 (price includes Stick, ball, shin pads, mouth guard, shirt and tuition)
REGISTRATION: http://hookin2hockey.hockey.org.au/Find-a-Club
Enter location Penrith, then click on Nepean Hockey Association, registration, then follow prompts
NSW PARLIAMENT PRESENTS

FAMILY FUN DAY

2nd OCTOBER 2015

COME ALONG FOR A LOOK AT AUSTRALIA’S FIRST AND OLDEST PARLIAMENT HOUSE

NO NEED TO BOOK
ALL WELCOME!
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM

MACQUARIE ST. SYDNEY
www.parliament.nsw.gov.au
ENQUIRES: 02 9230 2047

FUN ACTIVITIES

FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY INCLUDING:

• PHOTO AND DRESS-UP OPPORTUNITIES
• TOURS OF THE LEGISLATIVE CHAMBERS
• MYSTERY OBJECT GUESSING COMPETITION
• SAUSAGE SIZZLE (MINIMUM CHARGE)
• ROVING HISTORICAL CHARACTERS
• ART AND OTHER DISPLAYS

FREE ENTRY
September & October Kids Holiday Workshop Program

Bamboo & Bear Chinese Brush Painting Workshop
Tuesday 22 September, 10am – 12noon, 5-8 yrs $25
Inspired by the bamboo patch in our garden, learn how to use a brush and ink to create a bamboo forest on paper, add a cute bear to finish your scroll ready to hang on your bedroom wall
Tutor: Christine Hali

Clay Landscape Workshop
Wednesday 23 September, 10am – 12noon, 9-12 yrs $25
Use your hands and imagination to sculpt, carve and mould clay into a 3D landscape. Mix-up some garden colours to finish off your landscape in acrylic paint
Tutor: Christine Hali

Statement Jewellery Pieces Workshop
Thursday 24 September, 10am – 12noon, 7-10 yrs $25
Budding jewellery designers will make a modern neck piece from an array of materials including handmade paper flowers, origami and recycled materials
Tutor: Christine Hali

Headdress & Shield Workshop
Friday 25 September, 10am – 11am, 3-6 yrs $12 per child, adults don’t pay but must stay
Bring your tot on a child-size gallery tour of The Flower Show and then head to the studio to create a nature inspired headdress or shield
Tutor: Christine Hali

Paint & Weave Cactus Workshop
Tuesday 29 September, 10am – 12noon, 5-8 yrs $25
The gallery garden is home to many prickly cactus friends. Capture their beauty with acrylic paints and create a colourful woven background.
Tutor: Paula Perugini

Garden Bugs Drawing Workshop
Wednesday 30 September, 10am – 12noon, 6-9 yrs $25
In this workshop kids will learn to draw garden creepy crawlies and complete a detailed patterned background using metallic pens and puffy paint
Tutor: Paula Perugini

5 Senses - 5 Stations Family Workshop
Friday 2 October, 10.30am – 12noon $16 per child, adults don’t pay but must stay
Inspired by the current exhibition Hot House this workshop features activities that explore all five senses in this creative and fun session. Participants will make their own slime, play the ‘what smell am I’ game and more!
Tutor: Paula Perugini

Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest
86 River Rd Emu Plains NSW 2750
Phone 4735 1100

WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY
SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS
PENRITH OBSERVATORY

School Holiday Events

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<td>Thursday 1 October 10 am – 12 noon</td>
<td>Astronomy Night CHECKING OUT OUR NEIGHBOURS</td>
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<td>Saturday 3 October 7pm – 9 pm</td>
<td>A close up look at our solar system with some the latest news about Pluto. 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 School Holiday Hand-on Science Program ROCKET WORKSHOP Lots of fun for kids of all ages. Make and launch your own paper rocket and watch water rockets being launched. The program will also include a short presentation, a 3D astronomy movie and SAFE and detailed viewing of the sun through our telescopes (weather permitting). Cost $15 Astronomy Night THE LIVES OF STARS How do stars form and what happens when they die? The night will include a 3D astronomy movie, a tour of the dome area and an opportunity to view the night sky through the observatory’s telescopes.</td>
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Cost: Astronomy Nights: $18 adult, $12 child/concession and $50 Workshops: $15 per child/adult
Bookings are essential: Book and pay online: westernsydney.edu.au/observatory What’s On Contact: Tel: (02) 4736 0135 Email: penrithobservatory@westernsydney.edu.au westernsydney.edu.au/observatory www.twitter.com/uwsobservatory www.facebook.com/UWSObservatory Roslyn McCourt I Administration Officer I Penrith Observatory School of Computing, Engineering and Mathematics T: 02 4736 0135 I E: r.mccourt@westernsydney.edu.au
SCHOOL HOLIDAY ROAD SAFETY REMINDER
FOR FAMILIES

With the school holidays approaching, daily routines will soon change. Different play locations and holiday destinations means different traffic environments.

So to help keep our children safe, families are reminded about these key road safety points:

- **Stop, look, listen, think every time you cross the road.**
  If your child is aged 8 years or younger hold their hand when walking near or across roads. If your child is 9-10 years old always actively supervise them.

- **It’s the law that everyone wears a helmet when riding a bike in a public place.**
  It makes sense to wear a helmet when riding scooters and skateboards too!

- **Click clack front ‘n back every person for every trip.**
  Everyone in the car must be securely buckled up in the right seatbelt or child restraint.

- **Talk to your child about being a safe road user.**
  Reinforce safe road behaviours by being a good role model! Children learn safe road behaviours from the adults who care for them. Talk about what you are doing to be safe when near roads, in the car and when riding.

- **Point out road safety differences and dangers in new environments.**
  This is especially important when on holidays in different surroundings. Roads, footpaths, parks, carparks, bike tracks and bike lanes may look different in holiday areas.

The best way to keep your child safe is to actively supervise them.

Talk and teach your child about road safety every time you are out and about.

Remind other adults who care for your children to do this too.

You can find out more at:

- [Safety Town](#)
- [Department of Education](#)
- [Transport for NSW](#)

Have a safe holiday break!
GIANTS HOLIDAY CAMP

PENRITH
Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{nd} September
10.00am – 2.00pm
Dukes Oval
Emu Plains

AFL NSW/ACT & GWS GIANTS would like to invite all boys and girls aged 4-12 to attend the AFL GIANTS Holiday Camp at Dukes Oval, Emu Plains.

For $30, children will:
- Receive an AFL Fun Pack and Football
- Free 2016 Junior GIANTS GMan Membership
- Participate in skills & fun games.
- Be provided with morning tea and lunch.
- Meet G-MAN.

To register, please call 8867 7403 or email sophie.mckibben@aflnswact.com.au.
Alternatively, registrations can be taken in person from 9.30am at the venue on the day of the camp.
WORKSHOPS

CARTOONING WORKSHOPS
With 'Cartoon Dave' Hackett, Thursday 24 September

CAROON ANIMALS
Learn to draw cartoon animals in this fully interactive cartooning workshop. Students of all abilities can discover how to easily access and implement their own creativity!

WHO: For 6 - 10 year olds
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: $15 per child

MAKING UP MANGA
If you love manga you will love Cartoon Dave's no-rules approach to cartooning. Be involved right from the start in this hands-on workshop. Improve your cartooning skills within a relaxed, fun environment.

WHO: For 11 - 14 year olds
TIME: 12 - 1pm
TICKETS: $15 per child

JUNIOR ROBOTS
With Anthony Head, Tuesday 29 September

Welcome to the world of robots with LEGO WeDo Robotics! You will work in pairs building models with motors and sensors and connect them to a computer to program and control them. Build the hungry crocodile, dancing birds, drumming monkey or airplane rescue.

WHO: For 5 - 10 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 12:30pm
TICKETS: $30 per child

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP
With Del White & friends, Thursday 1 October

Gain lifelong skills as you learn the basics of handmade needlecraft from the wonderful talents of Del and her friends. In this workshop you will have fun and improve your craft skills as you create beautiful Christmas decorations to celebrate the upcoming festive season.

WHO: For 7 -13 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 12:30pm
TICKETS: $10 per child

@ ST CLAIRE LIBRARY
St. Clair Shopping Centre
Bennett Road

ART WORKSHOP
With Na'ama Atzman-Simon, Saturday 26 September

In this art workshop you will use frottage, tearing, collage and other drawing techniques to create a forest with hidden animals, following the art works of German artist Max Ernst.

WHO: For 6 - 12 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 12pm
TICKETS: Free. Please collect from St. Clair Library.
FAMILY SHOWS

ARCHIBALD THE AWESOME CIRCUS MUSICAL
With Ms Emma Harris, Wednesday 23 September
There’s more than just entertainment in this visual and musical feast where children learn about their own INNER AWESOMENESS. With fantastic costumes and sets, and larger than life characters, this fully interactive show is just good, old fashioned fun.

WHO: For the whole family
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: $5 per person (children under 2 free).

MIME & MAGIC SHOW
With Leo Bonne, Wednesday 30 September
The amazingly funny mime and entertainer Leo Bonne is coming back to Penrith City Library by popular demand. Leo will dazzle and amaze the whole family with unicycling, mime, comedy and magic! With audience interaction, clown gags and slapstick, you won’t be able to get the smile off your face.

WHO: For the whole family
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: $5 per person (children under 2 free).

WORKSHOPS

HENNA WORKSHOP
With Aseem, Tuesday 22 September
Learn techniques to apply henna and how to make henna mud. Aseem will apply a henna tattoo on you, or apply a tattoo on yourself or your friends. Take home a henna recipe.

WHO: For 10 - 15 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 12:30pm
TICKETS: $12 per child

STAGE CRAZY DRAMA WORKSHOP
With Miss Em, Wednesday 23 September
Come on a journey of silliness and self-discovery...proving that even the shyest of children can shine on stage. Miss Em will share all her theatrical wisdom from voice warm-ups, physical workouts, theatre-sports games and simple scripts. Have fun and be silly while improving listening skills and self-esteem.

WHO: For 5 - 12 year olds
TIME: 1 - 2:30pm
TICKETS: $15 per child

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TICKETS ON SALE FROM MONDAY 24 AUGUST
All events are held at Penrith Library unless stated otherwise. Bookings are essential! Tickets sell quickly so be quick to avoid disappointment. There will be no refunds or exchanges for tickets purchased. Family shows are $5 per person and every adult and child attending must have a ticket. Workshops are supervised by professional performers and library staff. All accompanying adults can attend our workshops for free. Your feedback helps us plan future events - email the Library's Children's team at bkaur@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au
Commencement date for Vacation Care:
21 September to 2 October 2015

Care available at Kindana, Glenmore Park, Yoorami, Grays Lane, Tandara, Emu Village and Gumbirra

PLEASE NOTE THAT MONDAY 5 OCTOBER 2015 IS A PUBLIC HOLIDAY AND OUR CENTRES WILL BE CLOSED.

PRE-PAYMENT IS REQUIRED TO SECURE YOUR BOOKING
Please phone Children’s Services Clerical team on 4732 7844 to book.

CHILDREN’S SERVICES
PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

penrithcity.nsw.gov.au
Kids’ fishing workshop

Kids 8–14 years old are invited to come and learn to fish safely and responsibly. Instructors are experienced volunteers and staff from the Department of Primary Industries.

The day runs from 10 am to 2 pm and involves fishing techniques, bag and size limits, and fish handling for best release techniques.

COST is $40 PER CHILD, and includes: * rod and reel combination * shirt * hat * tackle box * show bag—all to take home!

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL. Maximum 25 participants.

Locations and Dates

Cronulla (Gunnamatta Park)  Wednesday 23rd September 2016
Penrith (Sydney International Regatta Centre)  Tuesday 29th September 2016
Narrabeen (Coastal Environment Centre)  Thursday 1st October 2016

To book: e-mail carl.bevilacqua@dpi.nsw.gov.au or ring Carl Bevilacqua, 02 9741 4846 or 0448 837 677

NSW DPI fishing workshops are run with the assistance of the Fishcare Volunteers and are supported by funds from the Recreational Fishing Trusts
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Underground Power

+ More

Call Adam Sullivan on 0413 99 77 35 for an obligation free quote
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.

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,
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.