## Important Dates for your Diary

### Term 1

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<td>Thurs 4&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Feb</td>
<td>P &amp; C Meeting 7pm</td>
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<td>Mon 8&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Feb</td>
<td>Healthy Breakfast 8.30 am</td>
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<td>Mon 8&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Feb</td>
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<td>Tues 9&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Feb</td>
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<td>Thurs 11&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Feb</td>
<td>Meet the Teacher</td>
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### Permission Notes and Payments Due

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<td>Life Education</td>
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<td>Friday 5&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Feb</td>
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<td>Dance Program</td>
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<td>Monday 15&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Feb</td>
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<td>Year 6 T-shirts</td>
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<td>Monday 15&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt; Feb</td>
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Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments.
Ribbons were awarded to: Savana L, Nalini B, Nicholas B, Joshua F, Luke S, Lily C & Scarlett O.

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<th>Grade</th>
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<td>5/6</td>
<td>Emily S</td>
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School Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer to help in any way at the school, you must have a “Working with children declaration check”. The form is valid for 5 years, if you are new to our school and would like to volunteer please see Mrs Lamey in the office. Thank you.
From the Principals Desk………

On behalf of all of the staff I would like to welcome back the entire school community that makes up Castlereagh Public School for 2016. I hope everyone had a safe and relaxing break. A special welcome to our new Kindergarten students who started on Monday, they have made an impressive start to their school careers!

Classes
At present, we have 107 students enrolled and have formed five classes –
- K with Ms. Robson (Mon, Tues) and Mrs. McFadden (Wed, Thur & Fri)
- Year 1 Mrs. Rozzoli
- Year 2 Mrs. Sutton
- Year 3/4 with Mrs. Vanoostwaard
- Year 5/6 with Mr. Jeff (4 days) and Mrs. Knaggs (Tues).

Mrs. Hillyard will continue as Librarian on Mondays. Mrs. Formosa will be our school Learning Support Teacher for 2016 on Thursday and Friday, she will also cover RFF on Friday afternoons. Mrs. Knaggs will be responsible for HSIE across the school on Wednesdays. Mrs. Sawyer, will continue in her role as Teacher’s Aide. During 2015, Mr. David Matheson, our school counsellor was successful in his application for a position elsewhere and has moved on. I welcome Mr. Terry Simms to the position of School Counsellor at Castlereagh Public School.

P&C
Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held on this Thursday night at 7pm. As you may be aware we have changed the day in which the P&C meet to facilitate the participation of more families. I encourage all members of the school and the community to become an active member of the P&C team. The effort and hard work that they offer is directly channelled back into supporting programs for our children. P&C meetings are held on the first Thursday of every month at 7pm in the school administration block.

Change of Details
Have you changed any of your personal details? During the holidays many people change their phone numbers or mobile phone numbers and some
people may have even moved house! Mrs. Lamey will be sending home the contact information we have on record for each student. Could you please read through it and let us know of any changes so that we can update our records.

**Mathletics and Spellodrome**
We have continued our subscription to the Mathletics and Spellodrome program this year. Each student has their personal username and password. Each program can be accessed from home and is a great way for our students to reinforce their skills and knowledge of Mathematics concepts and spelling rules.

**Absences**
Just a reminder that a note for any absence should be sent in with your child the day they arrive back at school.

**Dance Lessons**
Our school will be participating is a Dance Program throughout Term 1. There is no additional expense to families as this program has been fully funded through sporting grants Mrs. Lennon was successful in gaining for our school late last year. The lessons will commence on Wednesday 17th February 2016 and run each week until the conclusion of Term 1. Please complete the consent forms that have been sent home so your child can participate.

**Meet The Teacher**
On Thursday evening, 11th February, 2016 we will be conducting a ‘Meet the Teacher’ evening. This will provide you an opportunity to meet with your child’s classroom teacher, find out some important information that will impact your child and ask any questions that you may not have had answered as of yet. The evening will be as follows;

- 6.00pm: Commence in the Library where Mr. Jeff will welcome and introduce the 2016 staff
- 6.15pm: 3/4 class discussion located in the classroom
- 6.30pm: Kindergarten class discussion located in the classroom
- 6.45pm: 1class discussion located in the classroom
- 7.00pm: 2 class discussion located in the classroom
- 7.15pm: 5/6 class discussion located in the classroom
**Playground Before & After School**
As we are now fully up and running at our school for 2016 it is fitting for me to touch base with you regarding school hours. As of Department of Education policy our school provides child supervision from 8.30am to 3pm each school day. Students should not be arriving before this time without a parent or carer as there is no staff supervision. ‘Little Sparkles’ provides a before and after school care service if this may be of assistance. Additionally, following the school bell at 3pm students are not permitted to play on the fixed equipment without direct supervision from parents. Children are reminded to please walk through the school grounds, as running can cause avoidable accidents.

**Small Schools Swimming Carnival**
I would like to wish our Small Schools Swimming Carnival Team all the best for Tuesday 9th February. I am certain that they will participate with great school spirit and excellent behaviour. If your child has not yet completed an entry form and would like to compete please pick one up from the school administration office. All entries must be in by Friday 5th February.

I wish you all an enjoyable fortnight ahead!

**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.

Healthy Breakfast
We are holding a Healthy Breakfast on Monday 8th Feb, to coincide with Healthy Harold. Please bring along a bowl, spoon and cup. The breakfast will commence at 8.30am.

P&C Meeting
Please note our P&C meetings for 2016 will be held on Thursdays at 7pm in the staffroom. Our first meeting will be held on Thursday 4th Feb. 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
**Student Requirements 2016**

**Year 1 and Year 2**
- An A4 homework book (128 pages)
- An A4 sized Doculope (plastic envelope/wallet with Velcro fastener)
- 1 small pencil case
- 12 colour pencils
- 12 twistable crayons
- 4 x 2B lead pencils
- Sharpener
- 1 eraser
- 3 glue sticks (per term)
- 1 box of tissues (per term)
- 1 roll of paper towel (per term)
- Art shirt
- Headphones for computer

**Year 3 and Year 4**
- Scrapbook for homework
- Art smock/shirt
- 1 small pencil case
- 12 colour pencils
- 12 twistable crayons (optional)
- 12 Textas (optional)
- 3 x HB lead pencils (each term)
- Sharpener
- Small Scissors
- 1 eraser
- 1 ruler (30cm including mm)- not **flexible** and not **metal**
- 2 glue sticks (per term)
- 1 box of tissues
- 1 roll of paper towel

**Year 5 and Year 6**
- Coloured pencils
- 30cm ruler (with mm)- not flexible and not metal
- Small/medium pencil case
- 1 eraser
- Sharpener
- 2 glue sticks per term
- 1 box of tissues
- 4 x HB lead pencils
- Small scissors
- Pen pack (red, blue, black ballpoint pens)
- Ear phones for the computer
- USB flash drive memory stick
- Art Shirt
- 1 roll of paper towel
- Australian Dictionary

***ALL ITEMS MUST BE LABELLED WITH CHILD’S NAME***
PENRITH OBSERVATORY
SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS
ASTRONOMY NIGHT – Saturday 13 February – 8.00 pm – 10.00 pm

The evening will include a presentation, 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: westernsydney.edu.au/observatory, what’s on
Contact: Tel: (02)4736 0135 Email: r.mccourt@westernsydney.edu.au
Roslyn McCourt I Administration Officer I Penrith Observatory

Key points to remember around schools

Driving and parking safely near the school

School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school.
Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.
Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gate.
Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children's safety in mind.
NEVER double park as it puts children at risk.
Model safe and considerate behaviour for your child – they will learn from you.

Slow down near the school crossing.
At a supervised crossing, observe the directions of the school crossing supervisor.
Always park and turn legally around the school.
Avoid dangerous manoeuvres such as U-turns and three-point turns.
Always give way to pedestrians particularly when entering and leaving driveways.
Avoid parking across the school driveway or the entrance to the school car park.
Using your school's drop off and pick up facility will help keep all children as safe as possible during the busiest times of the school day.
Avoid parking in or near the school bus bay.

For the latest penalties – fines and the loss of demerit points – visit rms.nsw.gov.au

For more information visit roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au
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2016 Enrolment Form

Group Music lessons held at school

- Group music tuition at your school
- Caters for Year 1 to 6
- Weekly, 30 minute lessons
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- Instruments available for purchase for home use*

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Alternatively, return the slip below to your school office.

*Availability/Conditions apply. Information subject to change with or without notice.

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2016 Enrolment Form

We are interested in participating in Cool Kids Music @ our school and would like further information.

Child’s Name: ___________________________ School: ___________________________

Year: _______ Mobile: ___________________ Parent Signed: _______________________

Email: _________________________________ Instrument: _________________________

Possible instruments available: Keyboard, Guitar, Drums, Singing and Ukulele.

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**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,
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.