**Important Dates for your Diary**

**Term 1**

- Wed 17\(^{th}\) Feb  
  Activated Dance Begins
- Thur 18\(^{th}\) Feb  
  Scripture Classes Commence
- Wed 2\(^{nd}\) Mar  
  500 School Planting Class 3/4

**Permission Notes and Payments Due**

- Voluntary School Fees: $60  
  Family: $40  
  Single: $40
- Workbooks & Paper Levy: $60 per child

Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments.

**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.

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A quality education in a caring, small school environment
Ribbons were awarded to: Bryce P, Caitlin B, Janai R, Anthony B, Andre M, Dakirah B, Emily S, Hayley F & Anika R.

From the Principals Desk………

Small Schools Swimming Carnival
Last week on Tuesday 9th February, 12 of our Castlereagh Public School Students attended the Small Schools Swimming Carnival. I am pleased to report that all students who attended demonstrated their very best in the swimming pool and out of the pool supporting their fellow swimmers. I am extremely proud of the boys and girls and encouraged by their will to achieve their very best. Thank you to the parents who supported our school by transporting their children to and from the carnival. I would like to make special mention to Robert W from Year 6 who came 3rd in the 50m Butterfly event.

Pedestrian Crossing
The safety of the students at Castlereagh Public School is the most important responsibility that we have. Recently I have had to remind students to cross the road at the crossing and to do so in a sensible and orderly fashion. Additionally, no student should be mounting their push bike before exiting our school gates and when they do so it should be done with the utmost of care as Post Office Rd is extremely busy at 3pm. Please have a conversation with your children at home regarding the importance of safety around roads as we will be doing so here at school. Thank you for your ongoing support.
Induction & Badge Presentation
Now that we are well and truly into the year and all leadership positions have been filled we can hold our induction and badge presentation. On Friday 26\textsuperscript{th} February at 10am we will be presenting badges for 2016 to the elected class SRC, Sports Captains and Library Monitors. If your child is receiving a badge and you are available to attend we would love for you to come along and pin the badge on your child. Students receiving a badge will be informed via a letter home throughout this week.

Parent Helpers
Part of our school direction and in accordance with our school management plan, we are currently implementing and running the MultiLit program to those students who may require additional support with reading. Mrs. Formosa will be supporting this program in 2016 and has requested any parents who may be able to volunteer some of their time to assist with the implementation. Additionally, our school has recently purchased the PreLit program designed for implementation in Kindergarten.

P&C Meeting
The P&C usually meet on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm. The next meeting has been amended to be held on Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} March 2016. Unfortunately I will be out of the school on a 2 day conference the previous week resulting in a need to change the date. If you are available to attend and would like to become involved in the school P&C please feel free to join us. We are a non-confrontational team that works hard to support the school and the children within it.

Healthy Breakfast
On Monday 8\textsuperscript{th} February the P&C held a healthy breakfast here at our school. It was a very successful event with children having the opportunity to sit with their friends and share breakfast together. I would like to thank the support of the P&C who arranged the breakfast, Mrs. V for supplying the milk, the P&C for the donation of fruit and Kelloggs for the donation of the cereal to our school.
**Emergency Procedures**

From time to time it is extremely important that the students and staff are reminded about our safety procedures that are in place at Castlereagh Public School. To ensure that all members of the school know their responsibilities we must conduct drills across the year. The 2 emergency drills that we have are evacuation and lock down. In the event of an evacuation the children need to stop, remain calm, listen to the teacher and walk quickly and orderly to the designated point on the oval. Additionally, with a lock down students are to once again stop, remain calm, listen to the teacher and close and lock all doors and windows, pull the blinds closed and sit in the centre of the room away from windows. We hope that there will never be a need to have a real life emergency, however we do need to be informed and well drilled if the need were to arise.

**School Voluntary Contributions**

Throughout Term 1 parents will receive an invoice for School Voluntary Contributions. These payments assist in reimbursing the cost to the school for Mathletics and Spellodrome subscriptions and many other school resources, while the work books and text book fee covers the price of the resources purchased by the school for your child to use in class. The school is always willing to support those families who are not in a position to meet the expense of these contributions and offer student assistance when needed.
**Life Education – Healthy Harold**
During Week 3, all classes across our school participated in the Life Education sessions. The skills taught go hand in hand with programs being addressed within the classroom. I would like to thank parents for supporting this event and look forward to continued participation next year.

**Meet the Teacher**
Meet the Teacher sessions were held last Thursday evening. I would like to thank the many parents who took the opportunity to attend the event. If you missed out on speaking with your child’s classroom teacher and you would still like to touch base please make contact with Mrs. Lamey in the office and book in a time to meet that suits yourself and the teacher.

**The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey**
I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the Tell Them From Me student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. More information about the survey is available at: [http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents)

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the Tell Them
From Me survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 14 March and 8 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the consent form to school by Friday 26 February. The FAQs and copies of the consent form, including translated consent forms, are available from the website above.

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.

2017 High School Information Evenings
Parents of Year 6 please be advised that Cranebrook High School is holding an information night on 1st March and Richmond High School 7th March. Further information can be located within this newsletter.
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.

P&C Meeting
Please note our next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 10th March 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

Lost Property
If you are missing any jumpers, hats, etc, please check the lost property box. All items that are not claimed by Tuesday 23rd Feb will be discarded.

Cereal for Sale
There is cereal leftover from the Healthy Harold Breakfast for sale. They are $2 a box (700g), Sultana Bran, Cornflakes and Rice bubbles. Please see Mrs. Lamey in the office if you are interested.

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PENRITH OBSERVATORY
SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

ASTRONOMY NIGHT — Saturday 27 February 2016 (8.00 pm – 10.00 pm)
IS ANYONE OUT THERE?
Come along a listen to Dr Ain De Horta’s talk on the hunt for ET. 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: To book and pay for tickets visit westernsydney.edu.au/observatory
RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL

Year 5/6
Information Evening

All Year 5 & 6 students & their parents are warmly invited to attend

Monday, March 7, 2016
5.30pm-7.00pm

Welcome Ceremony in our MAC.
Guided tours of school.
See student work samples in classrooms and workshops.
Meet Richmond High School teachers.
Enjoy a BBQ with entertainment by Creative & Performing Arts students.

Return this RSVP slip to your Primary School teacher who will forward it on to our school

To: RICHMOND HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 7 ADVISOR 2017

Yes we would like to attend the Year 5/6 Information Evening:

Name: ___________________________ No: ______
(Attending)

Cranebrook High School
Information Evening for
Year 7 2017

Tuesday 1st of March 6:30pm to 8pm

Hear about teaching and learning programs and the many extra-curricular opportunities on offer to our students.

Tour the school and see Science labs, Design and Technology workshops, classrooms and the Library.

Meet and speak with Teachers, Head Teachers, School Senior Executive and Student Leaders.

Cranebrook High School
Hosking Street
Cranebrook NSW 2749
Ph: 4729 0777

Contact:
Mr Phil Kanaan
Deputy Principal
Ms Vashti Maynard
Year 6 Adviser

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Year Ones Healthy Harold Recounts

On Tuesday Year 1 saw Healthy Harold in the van. We watched a movie. I learnt we can’t pick up glass and needles. We saw a bus movie. By Chad

Today we went to see Healthy Harold in the van at school. First we watched a movie and then we sorted the body parts with Dr Amazing. Healthy Harold was giving out stickers. I learnt I don’t sit next to glass and needles. By Bryce

Today we went to see Healthy Harold. First we all put on seat belts and watched a movie. Next Zavier was Dr Amazing. After we picked out healthy food. I loved it. By Nalini

At school my class went in the Healthy Harold van. We put on our imaginary seat belts. We were pretending that it was moving. We played a game and we watched a movie. I learnt where my heart is. By Matthew

Today we went in the van to see Healthy Harold. Healthy Harold was a puppet. He was funny. He gave us a sticker. We played a carpet game. Zavier was Dr Amazing. After the carpet game we got to pat him. By Aydan

Today we went in the van to see Healthy Harold. We saw a movie in the van. We saw the body. We learnt about it. We put the body parts on the body. We sorted the food. I learnt to eat healthy food. By Kendall

Today my class went to see Healthy Harold. We watched a movie about a bus. We played a game about Dr Amazing. We picked healthy food out of the bag. We learnt that our lungs cuddle our heart. By Floyd

Today I went to Healthy Harold. It was in the van. We played with Healthy Harold. I learnt about the body. By Sophie

On Tuesday we went to see Healthy Harold. They were waiting for us. We were waiting for the van. Zavier was Dr Amazing. I had to show everyone the bread in the box. I learnt about body parts. The blood goes in the heart. By Luke
Before recess year one went in the van to see Healthy Harold. First we watched a bus movie. Next we got to play a game. Last we got our stickers. I learnt not to touch needles. By Nicholas

Today we went to Healthy Harold at school. It was in the van. We pretended the van was moving. I learnt the heart pumps blood. We watched a movie. By Marcus

Today we went in the van to see Healthy Harold at school. First we put our imaginary seat belts on and pretended we were driving and we watched a movie. I was Dr Amazing. I got to choose people. Healthy Harold brought some healthy food. There was a lunch box and a drink bottle. By Zavier

In the morning we went to see Healthy Harold in the car park. We sat down and watched a movie in the van. He was in the cupboard. We played a game. It was a carpet game. I learnt where my body parts are. We learnt not to touch needles. By Nathan

Before recess my class went in the van to see Healthy Harold. We watched some movies. We played the carpet game. It was about Dr Amazing. Zavier was him. We pretended we were putting imaginary seat belts on. By Oliver

On Tuesday my class went to see Healthy Harold. It was in the car park. We had a game. I learnt about healthy food. I liked the healthy food. Healthy Harold is a puppet. The heart pumps blood through my body. I learnt not to touch needles. By Savana

On Tuesday year one went to see Healthy Harold. I was late to get to school. First when I got to school I gave Harold a piece of fruit. But Harold was a puppet and I learnt not to touch needles and broken bottles. By Xayde

On Tuesday we all went in Harold’s van. We watched a movie in the van. We learnt not to touch needles. We all got a sticker and we all said thank you to Harold. By Brock

On Tuesday my class went to see Healthy Harold. First we put our pretend seat belts on and we watched a movie. We played the carpet game. Zavier was Dr Amazing. We looked at Healthy Harold’s bag. I learnt don’t touch needles and glass. By Hayley
Healthy Harold’s
First Family Fun Day

Sunday
21st February
10am-3pm
10 Hewitt St Colyton
[Life Education NSW]

Special guests!!!
Interactive sessions in
our Vans and classrooms
Prizes
Face Painting
Activities
Food stalls
Entertainment

Come and say “Hi” to
Healthy Harold

To find out more, get involved or support by sponsoring or volunteering please call Lillian 02 9673 3222
www.lifeeducation.org.au
Would you know what to do if you were walking through the school at lunchtime and your friend had a nosebleed? What about if you were at home and your parents or sibling burnt their hand on a hot plate? How about if you were at the shops and someone fell down the stairs?

Come along on a Friday night to St John Ambulance - Penrith Cadet Division to learn a wide variety of life long skills which could one day help you know what to do with your friend at school, family at home and strangers when you are out.

St John isn’t only about First Aid. At St John we also complete proficiency badges, which provide cadets with skills in a whole new variety of areas. Some of these include; Family Care, Caring for Animals, Fire Safety, Sports, Casualty stimulation and many more interesting badges.

If St John sounds like the place for you, here are the details you will need to get started.
Who: Ages 8-18 years
When: Every Friday during the school term
Where: 86 Henry Street Penrith 2750
Cost: $40 per term (discount for siblings). There is also a canteen available during our break time.

Join St John today and you too could save a life and make a difference.

For more information feel free to contact

Officer: Cath Adams on 0424 101 808 or
Officer: Cassie Durham on 0415 157 322 or
Cadet Leader: Jordon Cachia on 0451 050 112

Or visit us on Facebook at
Cool Kids Music Company
Excellence in Group Primary School Music Tuition

2016 Enrolment Form

Group Music lessons held at school

Cool Kids Music provides a wonderful opportunity for children to have quality music lessons at school. Our program promotes confidence and self-esteem, team work and commitment while creating enjoyment for themselves and others.

We offer professional teachers with a quality curriculum whilst being affordable and convenient.

Your child deserves the best start in music available, so be part of our great program already enjoyed by over 1250 students at 56 other Western Sydney Primary Schools.

♫ Group music tuition at your school
♫ Caters for Year 1 to 6
♫ Weekly, 30 minute lessons
♫ Music books included
♫ $12 per lesson, per student, per instrument (incl. GST) Paid by the school term
♫ Sibling or multiple instrument discount available*
♫ Parent recitals and reports available on request
♫ Certificates and prizes, once a term ‘Music Olympics’
♫ Equipment included for use during the lesson
♫ Instruments available for purchase for home use*

Please call or email our friendly staff on
0457668742 or enquiries@coolkidsmusic.com.au

2016 lessons will be held before school

Or visit www.coolkidsmusic.com.au
Alternatively, return the slip below to your school office.

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

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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.

www.coolkidsmusic.com.au
enquiries@coolkidsmusic.com.au

0457-6-MUSIC
0457-6-68742
**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,
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.