Important Dates for your Diary

**Term 1**

- Wed 30\(^{th}\) Mar: HRV Year 3/4
- Thu 31\(^{st}\) Mar: Parent/Teacher Interview [Kindergarten Only](#)
- Thu 31\(^{st}\) Mar: Cross Country Carnival @ school
- Tue 5\(^{th}\) April: Anzac Day Service Years 5/6
- Thu 7\(^{th}\) April: P&C Meeting 7pm
- Fri 8\(^{th}\) April: Anzac Day Assembly
- Last day of Term

**Term 2**

- Mon 25\(^{th}\) April: Anzac Day Holiday
- Tues 26\(^{th}\) April: Staff Development Day
- Wed 27\(^{th}\) April: Students return
- Wed 4\(^{th}\) May: Mother’s Day Stall
- Thu 5\(^{th}\) May: P&C Meeting 7 pm
- Fri 6\(^{th}\) May: Years 3-6 History Excursion

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**Permission Notes and Payments Due**

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Ribbons were awarded to: Luke S.
From the Principals Desk………

Welcome back following our short, but well deserved, Easter Long Weekend. I hope that you had an enjoyable time with families and loved ones and celebrated time together wherever possible. I would like to publicly thank the P&C for their hard work preparing the School Disco, Chocolate Fundraiser and Easter Raffle for us this term. Additionally, I would like to thank the whole school community for supporting these events.

School continues for another 2 weeks with the end of Term 1 being on Friday 8th April 2016. School resumes in Term 2 for children on Wednesday 27th April 2016.

School Disco
On Friday 18th March the school P&C ran their annual disco. It was fantastic to see so many of our students, parents and teachers dressed up in costume and dancing to the music. I would like to thank and congratulate the P&C for putting on an excellent evening that was enjoyed by all. All money raised goes directly to assist the students of Castlereagh Public School.

Winter School Uniform

As the year progresses and the seasons begin to change it becomes necessary to transition from summer uniform to winter uniform. Currently the weather remains quite hot and it is expected that children be wearing the summer uniform. I would like to request that Castlereagh Public School transition into winter school uniform between Week 1 to Week 4 of Term 2. It is anticipated that this should be enough time for the weather to change.

The school winter uniform is as follows;
Boys
Sky blue polo shirt with school logo
Long grey trousers
Royal blue school sloppy joe jumper/Zip Jacket
Grey socks with black shoes

Girls

Infants:
Royal blue navy check tunic
or
Royal blue trousers
White polo shirt with school logo
Royal blue school sloppy joe jumper/ zip jacket
White socks with black shoes

Primary:
Royal blue navy check winter skirt
or
Royal blue trousers
White polo shirt with school logo
Royal blue school sloppy joe jumper/ zip jacket
White socks with black shoes

Easter Hat Parade

Thank you to all the students who participated in our annual school Easter Hat Parade last Thursday. The hats were outstanding and it is obvious that both parents and children put a lot effort into their creations. Our school captains and vice captains ran the event completely by themselves unaided by myself. I would like to congratulate them for their hard work preparing for the day. They gave up countless lunch breaks to create certificates. Well done to all involved!
Cross Country Carnival
The Castlereagh Public School annual Cross Country Carnival will be held this Thursday, 31st March at 9.30am. All students are encouraged to wear their sport uniform and comfortable running shoes for the event. Unfortunately, in 2015 we had poor weather which impacted on the event; hopefully the day will be clear and provide great running conditions. Spectators are encouraged to assist with cheering on the students. Usually the Cross Country concludes before recess with a normal day till 3pm.

ANZAC Day Service
On Tuesday 5th April, our Years 5 and 6 students will be attending the ANZAC service at Penrith Paceway. Permission notes have been sent out and are due back by Friday April 1st.
Our school ANZAC Day Service will be held on Friday 8th April at 10am. All parents and friends are welcome to attend.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day was held at Castlereagh Public School on Monday 21st March 2016. Mrs. Hillyard organised many enjoyable and team building activities that emphasized the need for cooperation and consideration of each other. Harmony Day is traditionally celebrated on the 21st March each year by many countries across the world. It is an opportunity to celebrate the vast differences that individuals bring from all corners of the globe and share experiences among one another. On behalf of the entire school I would like to thank Mrs Hillyard for her dedicated hard work and support of our school.
Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews
Kindergarten Best Start parent teacher interviews will be held this Thursday afternoon with Mrs. McFadden in the Kindergarten classroom. It is anticipated that all parents of Kindergarten students who request a meeting complete the online application. If you require further information please do not hesitate in contacting the school office.

I wish you all an enjoyable and safe school holidays and look forward to your return in Term 2 on 27th April 2016.

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.
P&C Meeting
Please note our next P&C meeting will be held on Thursday 7th April at 7pm in the staffroom. Please come along to participate or just observe. All welcome!

Easter Raffle

Chocolate Fundraiser
Thank you to everyone that sold chocolates. If you have not brought in the money or unsold chocolates please do so as soon as possible, so we can tally the final amount. We have so far raised $960.

P&C Disco
Everyone had a great time at the disco, thank you to all that came. We raised approximately $700.

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

Anti-bullying & Cake Day Photos
Science Club

Have you ever wanted to create weird and crazy science experiments?

Well, you can do many crazy experiments at our Crazy Science Club with ‘The Crazy Scientist’ each week at Penrith Library!

Our Science Club experiences enable maximum learning and FUN due to:

- Creative activities designed and explained by a qualified experienced teacher
- Activities are tried and tested to engage at many levels.
- A mix of everyday materials and specialised science equipment

New for 2016 is our Robotics Club addition which is aligned to the NSW syllabus and perfect for young students to use as well as challenging for older students who are into to programing etc.

Children get to take home many science bits and pieces to explore further at home during the term (Including a real 14 million year old shark tooth fossil).

Where: Penrith Library Theatrette
When: Thursday 28 April - Thursday 30 June
Time: 4:15pm - 5:15pm
Cost: $200 per child for the term
Contact: Barjinder on 4732 7890 or bkaur@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au to book your place.

We need a minimum of 20 children to run the ‘Science Club’.
it’s planting season
join the fun at our...
FREE kids gardening classes
11am weekdays
Mon 11 April - Fri 22 April

Children under 5 years of age must be supervised by an adult.
For more information go to www.facebook.com/FlowerPowerGardenCentres
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

Bundeena
Penrith
Balmain (Mort Bay Park)

Tuesday 12th April 2016
Thursday 14th April 2016
Thursday 21st April 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
higher school certificate lectures

Penrith City Library will be hosting a series of Higher School Certificate (HSC) lectures during the second week of June, to support local students in the lead up to their examinations. The subjects on offer will be English, Mathematics 2 Unit and Modern History. All of our guest speakers are senior qualified teachers and HSC markers in their area of study. More detailed information will be available after the April school holidays. Please check the library’s Facebook page regularly for updates, and look out for posters in the library for further information.

after school activity

science club - term 2, 2016

Have you ever wanted to create weird and crazy science experiments? Well now you can at our Crazy Science Club with ‘The Crazy Scientist’ each week at Penrith City Library! Our Science Club experiences enable maximum learning and fun, with creative activities designed and explained by a qualified and experienced teacher. The activities are tried and tested to engage at many levels, using a mix of everyday materials and specialised science equipment. Science Club now also includes robotics!

WHO: For 6 - 12 year olds
TIME: 4:15 - 5:15pm
DATE: Thursday 28 April - Thursday 30 June
COST: $200 for the term.

Look inside for all our great school holiday activities!

Penrith City Council

Penrith City Library
601 High Street
Penrith 2751
Ph: 4732 7891
penrithcity.nsw.gov.au
FAMILY SHOWS

VAUDEVILLE SPECTACULAR
with Benny O, Wednesday 13 April

International artist Benny O entertains the children in this action-packed show featuring circus, dance, magic, clowning, comedy and plenty of audience participation. Benny O blends his experience as a street mime artist, performer at the Commonwealth Games, award winner for balloon sculpting, show producer and director, and circus performer with his dynamic energy to enthral the children with this fantastic show that is not to be missed!

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

CIRCULAR CIRCUS
with Ring Mistress Heidi Hoops, Wednesday 20 April

Roll up, roll up for the Circular Circus! Ring Mistress Heidi will present an outstanding array of fabulous things you can do with a hula hoop. Watch as she spins them around her finger tips, top hat, knee caps and tippy toes. See how many she can spin at once, but be prepared to give her a helping hand because she can't do it all on her own. Come along and enjoy the comedy, magic rope tricks, illusion, juggling, lasso, hula hoops, LED hoops, fabulous costumes and audience participation.

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

WORKSHOPS

EMBROIDERY WORKSHOP
with Del White and friends, Tuesday 12 April

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 covers for your MP3 player or mobile phone. It might just make a great present for Mother's Day!

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

ROBOTICS WORKSHOP
with Anthony Head,
Thursday 14 April

Build a robot and learn how to program it using LEGO
Mindstorms EV3. Working in pairs, you will learn to control
motors and use different types of sensors and connect
them to a computer to program and control them.

WHO: For 9 - 14 year olds
TIME: 10am - 12:30pm
TICKETS: $45 per child

CLAY WORKSHOP
Na’ama Atzmon-Simon,
Monday 18 April

Using colourful plasticine and
inspired by the vibrant work of
gifted animator Rony Oren, you
will begin by making a friendly
pet. You will then use clay to
create a dwelling for your new
friend, using coil technique.

WHO: For 5 - 12 year olds
TIME: 10:30am - 12pm
TICKETS: $15 per child.

REPTILE WORKSHOP
with Walkabout Reptiles,
Tuesday 19 April

This quality educational and
entertaining workshop features
lizards, frogs, snakes and
fascinating props. Children will
learn about our environment
and the importance of
protecting the health of
our planet.

WHO: For 5 - 12 year olds
TIME: 10:30 - 11:30am
TICKETS: $12 per child.

@ ST CLAIR LIBRARY

WOMBAT'S WILD WEEKEND
with Em's Entertainment, Thursday 21 April

Wombat's Wild Weekend is a fun way to familiarise kids with our
beloved Australian native animals. Wombat from the big smoke goes
on an Aussie outback adventure, only to run into a sneaky Bower Bird
who seems intent on ruining his weekend getaway by stealing all his
socks! Join Wombat and his new friends, including: Kerry Koala, Dingo,
Kookaburra and Joey the Kangaroo while they band together to stop
the pesky Bower Bird. Fast paced, and full of catchy songs, Wombat's
Wild Weekend has proven to be a hit with kids Australia wide.

WHO: For the whole family
TIME: 10:30 - 11:15am
TICKETS: Free. Please collect from St Clair Library.
SUMMER READING CLUB WINNERS

Congratulations to the following people who were winners of the Summer Reading Club. Each of these fantastic readers was the lucky recipient of a $20 book voucher.

Iman Dhillon
Chloe Edgecombe
Lachlan Hall
Jayden Howarth
Cody Luczak

Emily Mwanho
Pola Romanowska
Hayden Snell
Rebecca Trewin
Reuben Trudgett

2016 PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (PRC) aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more and to read more widely. The PRC is available for all NSW students in Kindergarten to Year 9, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. The Challenge opens on 7 March and closes on 26 August 2016.

Penrith City Library has a great collection of books that are included on the PRC booklists. Titles can be located at all of our branches. Members can also access hundreds of PRC titles on the Overdrive website. Overdrive is available 24/7 to all members of Penrith City Library at ‘penrith.lib.overdrive.com’. Please speak to our friendly staff if you would like any advice about starting to use Overdrive.

STORY TIME WITH YOUR GRANDCHILDREN

As part of Penrith City Library’s celebrations for the NSW Seniors Festival, join your grandchildren at Story Time. Enjoy singing, stories and craft with your precious little one.

St Marys  Tuesday 5 April 10:30 - 11:30am
Penrith  Wednesday 6 April 10:30 - 11:30am
St Clair  Thursday 7 April 10:30 - 11:30am

Look out for our flyer for more information about all of the great events that are being held at Penrith City Library branches as part of the ‘Re-Imagine Ageing Seniors Festival’. Events include free talks, a technology workshop and a screening of the movie ‘Gigi’. Bookings are essential for all events (excluding Story Time).

PENRITH CITY COUNCIL

penrithcity.nsw.gov.au
**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,
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.