Important Dates for your Diary

Term 1

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<td>Tues 8th Mar</td>
<td>CBA Start Smart Program Years 1-6</td>
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<td>Thu 10th Mar</td>
<td>P &amp; C Meeting (note change of date)</td>
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<td>500 School Planting Class 3/4</td>
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<td>Mon 14th Mar</td>
<td>Graffiti Education Class 5/6</td>
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<td>Wed 16th Mar</td>
<td>Cake Day Class 3/4</td>
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<td>Fri 18th Mar</td>
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Permission Notes and Payments Due

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

Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments.
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<td>April A, James B, Corey M, Chelsea M</td>
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**Ribbons were awarded to:** Janai R, Lochlan L & Maxwell G.
From the Principals Desk………

Dance Lessons
We are now into our 3rd week of dance lessons here at Castlereagh Public School. The lessons that the students are engaged in are fun, interactive and fast moving. I would like to encourage all students to wear their sports uniform on the Wednesdays to ensure that they are comfortable while participating. The dance lessons will continue on a Wednesday until the conclusion of Term 1.

NRL Penrith Panthers Visit
Last week students in the Primary were fortunate enough to have a visit from several Penrith Panthers players to discuss fair play, teamwork and anti-bullying. This was a fantastic opportunity for the students and the players to engage in deep conversation with such a positive message and positive role models.

Commonwealth Bank of Australia
Next Tuesday, the 8th March students across our school will have the opportunity to listen to some super saving tips and ideas delivered from the Commonwealth Bank. These sessions are designed to illustrate to children the benefit of saving their money and highlight the financial skills required of them as they get older.
NAPLAN Dates
Each year students from Year 3 and Year 5 across the country participate in the NAPLAN testing. This provides schools with a snapshot of how the students within their school perform in assessment based tests related to Language conventions, Reading, Writing and Numeracy. While it is recommended that your child participate in the assessment it is not mandatory or compulsory. If you wish for your child to be withdrawn please provide notification to the office at your earliest convenience.
This year the Year 3 and Year 5 students will participate in the NAPLAN on the following days;

- Tuesday 10th May 2016: Language Conventions & Writing
- Wednesday 11th May 2016: Reading
- Thursday 12th May 2016: Numeracy

500 Planting Day “Bring Back The Bush”
Students from Year 3 & Year 4 will participate in the 500 schools Planting Day on Thursday 10th March 2016 between 10.00am and 11.30am. Mrs. V and the students will depart by bus for Dean Park. Students are requested to wear their sports uniform and their school hat. Old shoes or gumboots are a good idea to pack in case the ground is muddy and a poncho in case it rains. Please pack your child/ren’s recess as usual along with an additional water bottle.

High School Open Days
Although the year is still young it is essential that students and parents of the Year 6 students begin seriously thinking about placement into High School. I strongly encourage all families to visit a wide range of High Schools so the most informed and best fit school is selected. Richmond High School will be holding their information night on 7th March between 5.30-7pm and Cranebrook High School will conduct their information evening on 1st March between 6.30-8pm. These are two fine opportunities to see first-hand what quality activities and programs are taking place in the local Public High Schools.

Induction & Badge Presentation
Last Friday students across our school SRC, Library Monitors and Sports Captains were presented with their badges and inducted into their position. I would like to thank the many parents who were available to help share this important event. I am certain that each student elected into their leadership position will conduct their responsibilities with the utmost enthusiasm and dedication. Congratulations girls and boys!
Principal’s Conference
Last week I attended a 3 day conference in the city with Principal colleagues from across the state. It was a fantastic opportunity to stay abreast of the many changes and reforms that are currently impacting schools in NSW. This Thursday and Friday I will be attending the annual Penrith & Blue Mountains Primary Principal’s Council Conference. Being a 2 day conference there will be many opportunities to work closely with colleagues across the Penrith & Blue Mountains network of schools. I will participate in a variety of workshops that will directly assist in developing a further inclusive culture here at Castlereagh Public School.

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 10th 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.

I wish you all an enjoyable fortnight ahead!

Mr. Tony Jeff
Principal

Student Details
A form was sent home to each family a few weeks ago with student details on it. Can you please check we have the correct details and return the form to school with or without any changes as soon as possible. Thank you
Media Photo Permission
Permission forms will be sent home today, please fill out and return to office by Wednesday 9th March. We require one form per student.
Thank you

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.

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!

Easter Raffle
Each family will receive a book of raffle tickets for the Easter P&C raffle. Prizes will be Easter egg hampers. The tickets are priced at 3 for $2 or the whole
book (10 tickets) for $5. Please return all sold or unsold tickets by Tuesday 22nd March. Raffle will be drawn on Thursday 24th March after the Easter hat parade. If you require more tickets please see Mrs Lamey in the office. Raffle tickets will be sent home this week.

**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

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WESTERN SYDNEY UNIVERSITY

PENRITH OBSERVATORY
SCHOOL OF COMPUTING, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS

Astronomy Night — Saturday 5 March 2016 (8.00 pm — 10.00 pm)

COSMIC COLLISIONS
From asteroids and comets that collide with Earth to the merging of giant galaxies, collisions in our universe can be dramatic and sometimes devastating events. Not all collisions are extinction events though. This exploration of things that go bump in space will include some of the latest information about the Chelyabinsk meteor event that occurred in 2013.
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
Booking are essential: To book and pay for tickets visit westernsydney.edu.au/observatory

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**Call Alana on 0478 533 833**
DIG DEEP FOR Depression

Saturday 19th March 2016

Corpus Christi Hall
86-92 Andromeda Drive, Cranebrook 2749
Arrival: 7:00pm for a 7:30pm start

$30 per adult
$25 per child (4-11 years)

Limited tickets available

We invite you to an event to fundraise for both beyondblue and St John of God Richmond Hospital

two organisations that support and care for people suffering depression.

Our evening will include a 3 course meal (soft drinks included – BYO alcohol), tea, coffee &
biscuits; live entertainment & guest speakers, raffles, lucky door prizes & auctions.

For tickets and enquiries, please contact Mary Vella:
Mobile: 0411 409 628
Home Phone: (02) 4776 1624
Email: vellamary@bigpond.com

To secure tickets, money must be paid prior to the event:

Account Name: Dig Deep For Depression
BSB: 062 589
Account No: 1099 3302

Proudly supporting beyondblue

ST JOHN OF GOD
Richmond Hospital
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
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
**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: …………………

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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.