Congratulations to the following award winners who were presented with their awards at last week’s assembly:

Our Congratulations awards were presented to:

K  Megan Blackall, Mackenzie Laurence, Caitlin Sultana, Joshua Frawley, Maxwell Glover, James Wilcher, Thomas Wilcher
1/2 Chelsea Martin, Aidan Attard, Corey Mifsud, Zeikiel Cowlishaw
2/3 Kaitlyn Glover, Owen O’Connor, Noah Heine x 2, Noah McElhinney

Merit awards were presented to:

K  Joni-Rose Barker, Bronte Holcombe, Mackenzie Laurence, Jackson Connell, Luca McElhinney
1/2 Charlize Murray, Axyl Grundy, Mathew Whillock
2/3 Owen O’Connor, Ben Pace, Ethan Payne, Noah Heine
4/5/6 Nicola Hargans, Brittany Pate, Krystelle Vella, Nathan Tobin

A Ribbon was presented to:

K  Luca McElhinney
1/2 Charlize Murray, Joel Farrant, Axyl Grundy, Mathew Whillock
4/5/6 Faith Sullivan, Krystelle Vella

Kindergarten badges were presented to: Ellee Saab. Joshua Frawley
Another great week in Castlereagh! We are watching the weather closely and as per our Extreme Heat Policy and Procedures we will keep the children indoors during playtime if the temperature becomes excessive. Please assist by sending the children along with a water bottle and their hat every day and encouraging the use of sunscreen.

This will be one our quieter weeks before things get really busy. All library books are now due back and there will be no more borrowing until 2012. Any library books that are overdue will soon be ‘chased up’ by Mrs Hillyard. I thank her for her efforts with the Premiers Reading Challenge, for her wonderful work in the library so far and for running a stocktake of the library resources over the next few weeks. It is necessary but can be a really arduous task. Thanks Mrs Hillyard.

Dance-a-thon sponsors
Keep the money rolling in if you still have not collected your earnings. Congratulations to these students! A grand prize for the top money earner for each class was awarded last Friday by the Hon David Bradbury MP to;

- Joel Farrant for raising $132.00
- Megan Blackall for raising $153.00
- Tristan Kable for raising $255.00 and
- Ben Novak for raising an amazing, $545.00

All other money earners chose a little prize for their efforts, and I thank them all. Well done, everybody. The P&C are still banking and calculating the total and I’m looking forward to seeing just how much that is.....

School Photos
From what I have seen they were outstanding. Photos went home last week to very excited students who all looked fantastic. The whole school photo is displayed in the foyer and specialist group photos are on display for you to view and purchase. Thanks to Mrs Lamey who has done a great job collating and distributing all of the photos to everyone.
Panthers Expo
Class 4/5/6 has been invited to attend an expo of sports afternoon at Panthers Stadium tomorrow. They will meet some players and participate in a number of sports as a culmination of our association with Panthers this year. The club run some great programs that I have been very happy to involve us in, this year. We should have a great afternoon.

Kindergarten Orientation
It’s that time of year where we begin our transition to school program and next week I look forward to meeting our Kindergartens for 2012. On Wednesday 23rd at 10.00 am Mrs McFadden will open her classroom for a session with the little ones. Rooby Roo will be visiting with a picture book for each child to keep in order to promote a love of reading. Uniforms will also be on display and for sale in the library and at 3.15pm, parents will be invited back for a school information session. If you know of anyone who is thinking about starting their child next year, please ask them to come up to the office for an enrolment form.

I’ll see you around school.......

Grace Palamara
Relieving Principal

School Magazine- Kaloorie

We have now started to compile our school magazine for 2011. This magazine is given free to all members of the school community. To assist with printing costs we need to have sponsorship for our magazine. We encourage all families within our school to donate a page of the magazine, especially families of our Year 6 children. Page donations cost $10.00. Any business may also advertise with business card sponsorship. The cost for this is $20.00 (including GST). The inside of the front or back cover are also available at a cost of $50.00 (including GST). Please fill out the slip at the bottom of the newsletter and return it to the school office.

Thank you
A big thank you to Krystelle Vella (4/5/6) who made Anzac cookies for all of the students and staff last Friday for Remembrance Day.

Community Aid

Just a reminder that we are collecting non-perishable items to donate to Penrith Community Aid. Suggested items are:
- Non-perishable foods such as canned foods, bottles of drink and packet/boxed foods (please check use by date)
- Christmas items such as bon-bons, serviettes, decorations

**The P&C are also collecting items for the Christmas Raffle. We appreciate your generosity if you are able to donate to both. Please mark clearly where you would like your donations to go eg. Community Aid non-perishable item and or/ P&C Christmas raffle prize. Thank you.

A big thank you to David Bradbury who very generously donated a BMX Bike to our Christmas Raffle. Thank you also to Mary Vella for organizing this. Somebody will be the very lucky winner of this great prize.

Swimming Carnival

Last week a permission note for our swimming carnival was sent home. Please return permission slips and payment to the office by Friday, 2nd December.
**Cake Day**

Just a reminder that we are having a cake day on Thursday, 24th November. Cakes and treats will be available for sale at recess for 50c each.

**School Photos**

School Photos were sent home with your child/ren last Friday. Thank you to everyone for having their payment in on time. Please find attached an order form for the special group/ sports photos that were also taken on photo day. These photos are currently on display in the office.

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**UWS Penrith Observatory**

(Great Western Highway, Werrington North (Building AO))

**Family Astronomy Night- Saturday 19 November 8pm-10pm**

**SPACE EXPLORATION**

Humans have always been curious about what was going on “up there”. Now in the age of space flight, we can start to answer some questions. How and why do we explore space?

**Cost:** $12/ adult, $8/ child or concession and $35 per family.

**To Book:** Phone 4736-0135 Mon, Wed or Thurs) or email: rmccourt@uws.edu.au


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**News from the Department of Education and Communities**

**Getting organised**

On the School A to Z website, listen to Shannon Lush’s advice about how to organise your household in a way that will leave you with more time to enjoy your family.


**Toy recycling**

With Christmas fast approaching, have you considered donating your youngest child’s unwanted toys to charity? Many families feel the pinch over this time and donations to all charities are much appreciated. A new resource for quality used goods is Second Chance Toys ([www.secondchancetoys.com.au](http://www.secondchancetoys.com.au)), an Australia-wide community initiative to rescue and recycle gently used plastic toys by donating them to children in need. Check out the website for more information, or donate at your local op shop, charity or drop off bin.

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**Ice-Block Price List**

- Super Doopers: $0.50
- Mini-Calypo: $1.00
- Paddlepops: $1.50
- Ice-cream tubs: $2.00

Available Mon/Wed/Fri at lunchtime.
Money raised goes towards Year 6 end of year fun day and school gift.

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**Drink machine Price List**

- Orange Juice
- Apple Juice
- Apple & Blackcurrent Juice
- Tropical Juice
- Water

All drinks $2.00
Available everyday.
Avon

Brochures for Avon Campaign No. 2 are now due. Late orders and payments will be accepted until Friday, 18th November. Thank you.

P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be the Annual General Meeting and will be held **Wednesday, 7th December 2011** at 7:30pm in the staffroom. Please find attached a note from the P&C advising the events of the night and please consider nominations for the 2012 P&C Committee. All welcome.

Dance-a-thon

The winners of each class for raising the most money are:
- Kinder - Megan Blackall
- 1/2 - Joel Farrant
- 2/3 - Ben Novak
- 4/5/6 - Tristan Kable

Well done! And we hope you enjoy your prizes.

Just a reminder for those that have not yet bought in their Dance-a-thon money to please do so ASAP.

Christmas Raffle

The P&C have sent out raffle tickets with this week’s newsletter. Donations of Christmas goodies for the Prize Hamper are to be sent to the office where you will receive a free entry into the raffle. There are some great prizes, including a 20” BMX Bike and various Christmas Hampers. Please return all raffle ticket books (sold or unsold) to the office by Wednesday, 7th November.

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.

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**Clips 2 Stay**

*Created with love & designed to stay in*
*Handmade Hair Bows, Unique & Everyday*

*My design or yours*
*Custom Orders welcome for dancing, school uniforms etc*

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For custom-made hair clips matching our school uniform please e-mail Simone at clips2stay@optusnet.com.au
Bank Deposit Payments

For payments for school excursions, fees, school events, please use the school account details

Castlereagh Public School
BSB: 032 001 (Westpac)
Account nbr: 159722

For payments for school uniforms or P&C Fundraising events, please use the P&C account details

Castlereagh School P and C Association
BSB 06 2589 (CBA)
Account nbr: 00913185

SCHOOL MAGAZINE SPONSORSHIP

____ I wish to donate a page in the 2011 Castlereagh School Magazine. Enclosed please find $10.00. I wish the page to say “This page donated by _________________________”

____ I wish to take out Business Card Sponsorship in the 2011 Castlereagh School Magazine. Enclosed please find $20.00 (including GST) plus my business card.

____ I wish to sponsor the inside of the front or back cover of the 2011 Castlereagh School Magazine. Enclosed please find $50.00 (including GST) and a copy of my advertisement.

Signed ______________________________ Date ______________

The School Photographer Re-Order Photos

The following photos are on display in the school office, and may be ordered by completing a re-order envelope (which is available on request from Mrs Lamey in the office). Please place payment either cash, cheque or credit-card (PLEASE DO NOT SEND PAYMENT VIA BANK DEPOSIT TO CASTLEREAGH PUBLIC SCHOOL- PAYMENT IS TO BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER) in the envelope provided and return to school by Monday, 28th November.

The photos are $14.00 each, 2 for $26.00, 3 for $36.00, 4 for $44.00 or 5 for $50.00.
Any additional orders over 5 photographs are $10 each. This discount is only available per family order.
Maxi sized photos which are A3 in size are $20.00 (ie. Whole school photo).

*Whole school (maxi) photo is $20.00.

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