Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Casino Public School for 2013. A very warm welcome to students transferring from other schools to our school and those students commencing school for the first time. We trust you will make new friendships quickly and enjoy all your new school has to offer. It was fantastic to see the children arrive back at school with bright smiles and looking very smart in their uniforms. The children in Years 1 to 6 were placed in groups last Wednesday, except for some changes that were necessary in Stage 3, the classes for this year commenced operating yesterday, Monday. The census date for school enrolments is Wednesday, February 13. Given the school’s current enrolment being maintained until the census date the class organisation commenced this week will remain for 2013.

Kindergarten commenced school yesterday after having their Best Start Assessments completed over Wednesday to Friday last week. We will see how the Kindergarten children settle into their groups before finalising their classes for the year. The end of day pick up for Kinder this week is still 3.00pm. Next week will go to normal school time of 3.12pm. Enrolments at the preschool have risen sharply this year. Currently there are no vacancies and nine children on the waiting list.

Our Assistant Principals (Stage Leaders) are: Preschool and Early Stage 1 (Kinder) : Wendy King, Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2): Krystal Burley, Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4): Sharon Wood, Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6): Shaun Piccoli (Relieving) and the Support Unit: Fran Hayes.

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As the summer months are still upon us, please ensure your child brings a brimmed hat and drink bottle to school. The Swimming Carnival is being held this Friday for children turning 8 or older this year. Only children who have a brimmed hat and a suitable shirt to wear immediately after their swimming event will be permitted to attend the carnival. Sleeveless tops are not suitable.

If pick up or travel arrangements are different for a day please let your child’s teacher know in the morning. This can be done personally, sending in a note or telephoning the front office. We are unable to take messages from a child regarding changes to travel arrangements. At times arrangements are made between children at school during the day that parents/carers and the school are unaware of.

We are looking forward to working with you to ensure your child’s learning journey is a rewarding one for yourself and them. You are most welcome and encouraged to contact the school about any aspect of your child’s schooling.

Garry Carter, Principal
**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

8 February  | Swimming Carnival  
11 February | Stage 1 Parent Meeting - 6pm  
12 February | Stage 2 Parent Meeting - 6pm  
12 February | P&C Meeting - 6pm - School Hall  
13 February | Stage 3 Parent Meeting - 6pm  
13 February | AECG Meeting - Cultural Centre - 12.30pm  
05 March   | Canteen AGM - 12.30pm  
12 March   | P&C AGM - 9.30am  
13-15 March| Year 4 Midginbil Camp

**CANTEEN: - Weekly Roster**

Wed 06 Feb:  E Trustum, S Gill  
Thur 07 Feb:  K Bruggy, K George  
Fri 08 Feb:  J Wilson, K Palmer  
Mon 11 Feb:  T Coughran  
Tues 12 Feb:  S Gill, E Weismantal  

The Canteen Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 5 March at 12.30pm. All positions will be declared vacant.

Danielle Parker -  
Canteen Co-ordinator

**SPORT NEWS**

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SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2013
Casino Public School Swimming Carnival is on this Friday, 8 March from 9.30am to 3.00pm. All children from Year 3 to Year 6 and some 8 year olds attend. See separate note for details.

Permission to leave school grounds note was sent home last Friday for all Year 3 to 6 students. This note needs to be completed and returned to school before this Thursday, so that your child can participate in the swimming carnival.
All Year 3 to 6 students will have to go to the pool on Friday, whether they are participating in the carnival or not. Novelty events will be held for students who are not participating in 50 metre races.

Hi Everyone!
I’m pleased to welcome you all back to school. We are planning to have a fun fundraising year this year. If you have some new ideas and friends to join in with you to do something your kids would love then please let us know....... lfrisken.15@bigpond.com.

Would you like to have evening P&C meetings? 6pm?, 4pm, what time?...simply come along and let us know that you would like to have evening meetings. Vote with your attendance!

Don’t forget that the Annual General Meeting is just around the corner on 12 March...

Enjoy school being back in! I know I will...looking forward to seeing you at the Hall on Tuesday or hearing of your ideas!
Lisa - P&C President

Eight ways to get your kids organised....
Are you ready for morning madness, late assignments, yesterday’s half-eaten lunch sweating in the schoolbag? Just like adults, children cope much better if they can manage their time and their environment wisely.

Smart foods to boost learning
Mother Nature is full of foods that help us think and feel better. What do you give your child to help them think more clearly, and enhance concentration and memory?

Casino Junior AFL Lions Sign on Days
Casino Junior AFL Lions sign on days are Sunday February 3rd and 10th at Queen Elizabeth Oval from 10am to 12 noon. The Club welcomes any prospective new players in the 6-14 years
age group as it is planned to field an U8, U9, U10, U12
and a new U14 team in 2013. Financial assistance and
transport to games can be arranged. Please contact
Secretary, Di Donnelly on 0427 641334 for further
information. The League Website is

Willing and Able
Camp Willing and Able is a residential program suitable
for people of all ages with a physical and/or intellectual
disability.
The camps will provide children, teenagers and adults
with the opportunity to participate in a variety of
games and recreation activities. The emphasis during
activities is on making friends and having fun.
Activities may include: canoeing, sailing, archery,
basketball, tennis, swimming, craft, archery,
indoor recreation, beach games, dance.
Program Details
Adults (18 years and over)
Date Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 February, 2013
Cost $235 per person with Companion Card
$267 per person without Companion Card
Children (9-17 years)
Date Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 March, 2013
Cost $210 per person with Companion Card
$242 per person without Companion Card
Time 9.30am Saturday to 3pm Sunday
Venue Lake Ainsworth Sport and Recreation Centre,
Pacific Parade, Lennox Head
Note Cost includes all meals, accommodation,
activities, coaching and support staff
How to enrol
By phone: Call (02) 6618 0400 and have your credit
card details ready (Visa, Mastercard).
By fax: Complete the enrolment form, include your
credit card details and fax to
(02) 6687 4175.
By mail: Complete the enrolment form and send to:
NSW Sport and Recreation
PO Box 121
Lennox Head NSW 2478

FAR NORTH COAST BASEBALL ASSOCIATION
RE: AUSSIE T-BALL RECRUITMENT PROGRAM

As it is drawing near to the baseball season, Far North Coast Baseball Association are kicking off
our recruitment program ‘Aussie T-Ball’ for 2013.
Aussie T-Ball is an initiative of the Australian Baseball Federation in conjunction with the
Australian Sports Commission, Major League Baseball and Baseball Queensland, aimed at
increasing sport at entry level baseball.
I would like to offer your school the opportunity to participate in our recruitment program free of charge.

Development Officers from Baseball Queensland will be attending the Lismore area from Monday 4
March to Friday 8 March 2013.

They would like to offer children at your school from grade 1 to grade 4 the opportunity to participate in baseball
specific activities for about 30 to 45 minutes. The activities are designed to develop motor skills in a games
play environment. Promotional flyers will be handed out on the day. It is possible that children of other age groups
may be accommodated on the day by arrangement.

We expect this program to be very popular and bookings
will be made on a first in/ first served basis. I will be in
touch with your school in the week commencing 4 February
to discuss your interest in the program, however, I would
be happy to answer any questions you may have in the
interim.

Junior Rugby League
Upper Clarence Juniors
Upper Clarence Cowboys Junior Rugby League Club sign on
days, for 5 – 16 year olds will be held at Tabulam Junior
Rugby League home ground and at Albert Park, Johnson
Street, Casino on Saturday, February 2nd, 9th, 16th,
& 23rd from 9am – 11am We have kept our Registration Fee
the same as previous years at $60 for the season this also
includes, shorts, socks & training shirt.
All inquiries welcomed on sign-on day or to Grant Martin
0419669579 Secretary/Registrar