Dear Parents/Carers,

Week 6 Term 1

Tuesday March 5 2013

All Parents and Carers are invited to the P&C’s Annual General Meeting which is being held next Tuesday, March 12, at 9.30 am in the school’s Cultural Room. The P&C had a very successful year in 2012. The School Fete recommenced after a holiday of two years during the capital works and refurbishment programs. Carols in the Playground has become a popular event for our school and was well supported by P&C volunteers to cater for the event. Over the past four years the P&C has been tireless in their endeavours to raise funds to provide undercover shelter for areas such as the bus lines area. Plans for this structure are currently being sourced from the Department of Commerce so that engineer plans can be drawn ready for a tendering process to begin. Quotes for the installation of soft fall matting under the playground equipment area in the central playground are being prepared at the moment. Last year the P&C purchased additional playground picnic tables and benches to provide outdoor seating for all the children at eating times.

The P&C’s under covered area project has become particularly important given the ongoing long periods of wet weather. In conjunction with this project I can inform you that the preliminary costing for constructing covered walkways has been completed ready for tenders to be called - between A Block (the office block) and B Block (Stage 1 classrooms), B Block and the canteen and C Block (Kindergarten rooms) and the toilets via the ramp. I will be approaching the P&C to see if they will provide support funding to fully complete this work.

In Week 10 of this term our school will have a computer network upgrade with the school’s computer server being cut over to an external Department server. In this process we have had to upgrade the cabling and switches for the classrooms on the second level of A Block. This will ensure that the entire school site is brought up to standard ready for the cut over. Yesterday we took delivery of this year’s T4L allocation of computers, sixteen PCs. Last week the school purchased a new photocopier for the print room. The cost of the service agreement on the previous copier was becoming uneconomical for us to maintain the copier, hence the decision to purchase a new copier. These additions have been timely as they can be added into the school’s computer network and checked for compatibility and access while the technicians are on site.

The 2013 NAPLAN tests for Years 3 and 5 will be conducted on May 14 to 16. The tests involved are: numeracy, literacy, language conventions and writing.

Congratulations to the following staff members who have received permanent appointments to Casino Public School; Annette Dollisson who has been appointed from .8 to full time permanent librarian and Wendy Heath who has been appointed as Learning and Support Teacher replacing Wendy McHattan who has retired from teaching. Wendy will continue on 2H for the remainder of 2013.

Garry Carter – Principal
WHAT'S HAPPENING

06 March  | North Coast PSSA Swimming Carnival - Coffs Harbour
12 March  | Stage One Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall
12 March  | P&C AGM - 9.30am - Cultural Room
13-15 March | Year 4 Midginbil Camp
14 March  | Early Stage One Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall
26 March  | Stage One Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall
28 March  | Easter Hat Parade - Preschool to Year 2
29 March  | GOOD FRIDAY
01 April  | EASTER MONDAY

CANTEEN - Weekly Roster

Wed 06 Mar:  E Trustum, S Gill
Thur 07 Mar:  K Bruggy, K George
Fri 08 Mar:  J Wilson, K George
Mon 11 Mar:  T Coughran, N Brooks
Tues 12 Mar:  E Weismantel, S Gill
Wed 13 Mar:  S Roache, F Frahm

As a “Thank You” for helping in the canteen, at the end of each term, all volunteer’s names will be placed in a hat for a lucky draw.

Danielle Parker - Canteen Co-ordinator

SPORT NEWS

2013 SWIMMING AWARDS

Congratulations to our 2013 swimming champions and runner up champions. In recognition of their achievement each of the students will receive a swimming medallion. Date to be advised.

Junior Boys Champion: Kayne Blasche
Junior Girls Champion: Xailyn Ellis
11 Year Boys Champion: Blair Haynes
11 Year Girls Champion: Mackenzie Taylor
Senior Boys Champion: Brayden Heath & Casey Ellis
Senior Girls Champion: Brooklyn Handford
AWD Junior Boy Champion: Julius Robertson
AWD Senior Boy Champion: Michael Peglar
AWD Senior Girl Runner Up: April McLean

Junior Boys Runner Up: Sam Siddon
Junior Girls Runners Up: Tyra Fraser & Tayla Dawson
11 Year Boys Runner Up: Josh Pugsley
11 Year Girls Runner Up: Emily Speak & Emily Taylor-Talbott
Senior Boys Runner Up: Sam Hemsley Hackett
Senior Girls Runner Up: Annabella Grace
AWD Junior Girl Champion: Kya Landsburough
AWD Senior Girl Champion: Maria Roberts

ZONE SWIMMING

Well done to those students who represented the school at Zone in Lismore last week. Many students swam personal best times and a few only just missed qualifying for the next level. Congratulations to Julius Robertson, Michael Peglar and Maria Roberts who have qualified for the next level of competition in Coffs Harbour. Good Luck!

LIBRARY NEWS

CLASS LIBRARY DAYS - MONDAY: 5G, KP, 1H & 3/4T, TUESDAY: 5/6G, 3S, KS, 1C & 3L,
WEDNESDAY: 5/6M, 3/6S, KLS, 2H & 4B, THURSDAY: K/1H, K/3Y, 4C, 5J, 2R & 1D,
FRIDAY: 3/6B, 6P, KK, 2D & 1B

BOOKCLUB - Issue 2

Order forms for Issue 2 have been distributed to classes. There is no obligation to buy. If you choose to order, please ensure carefully completed order forms and correct payments are made to the office no later than 9.30am, Tuesday 19 March.
Hello All, here is my wrap up for the P&C…..

Congratulations and many thanks to all parents, carers, citizens, Principal, teachers and school staff and friends for your all your patience, persistence, passion and pennies for the school. The P&C in the past year has raised $14073 Well done.

Your continued support is important for all our wonderful children at CPS.

Special thanks to Mr Carter and Mrs Bain for sharing information and views with us and for being interested in hearing ours and tackling issues together with us. Thank you also to Julie and her team in the office for their invaluable continued support.

Well done and thank you also for your time and dedication to our P&C Committee, namely, Mark Redhead (VPres), Megan Biggins, Jenny Convery and Kim Egan (Treasury), Katie Rees and Linda McPherson (Secretariat), Jenny Wilson and volunteers at the Uniform Shop, Erica Trustum and the Canteen committee team, the wonderful Danielle for running the Canteen so well and to all our canteen volunteers…. Also to all our members and parents who contributed to meetings and events.

As you know, the P&C ran an evening meeting last month with a view to finding out how many people may come to evening meetings as opposed to day time meetings.

Thank you for your Attendance: Geraldine Watt, Jenny Convery, Erica Trustum, Jenny Wilson, Gary Carter, Sharon Bain, Lisa Frisken. Thank you for your Apologies and expression of interest in the evening meetings: Mark Redhead, Sharon Gill, Linda McPherson, Cindy Reeves, Kelly George, Kim Egan, Diane Ryan, Sarah Smith, Adain Macqueen, Ngarie Macqueen, Gail Cooper, Kerry Smith, Stewart Grace, Luisa Grace, Kelly Hayward

We discussed:

- Fundraising for Easter - funds towards new softfall under playground climbing equipment - Jenny Convery offered to coordinate this event - fundraising purpose and picture of the softfall to be included with tickets

- Concern - School Bell times - issue - children missing bus, children getting out of class later than bell, busy walkways. Discussed - Mr Carter agreed to raise these important issues to deal with the concerns

- Evening meetings - It was noted that this was a trial of an evening meeting to see if there was much interest in evening meetings - Attendance was not great although the number of people sending apologies had increased perhaps indicating more interest in the activities of the P&C….

Remember, the next P&C meeting is a big one on TUESDAY 12 MARCH 2013 at 9.30AM (including AGM)
In the cultural room at the end of the library

The positions of President/Vice President, Secretary/Assistant Secretary, Treasurer/Assistant Treasurer will be vacated at the AGM. You may have a group of friends keen and prepared to take on other roles like Committee for fundraising or fete. Please come along and show your interest in the school for 2013. We are all happy to have new people in these positions this year …. Thank you for the privilege this year. Best wishes to the new team.

Cheers, Lisa

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**FUNDRAISING 2012**

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS**

**Early Stage 1 - Week 4** - Charlee KLS, Mikayla KS, Jaylan KP & Jack KK.

**Early Stage 1 - Week 5** - Brodie KLS, Ryan KS, Ethan KP & George KK.

**Stage 1 - Week 3** - Gibson IB, Chayce 1H, Shakarra IC, Brooklyn ID, Cameron 2R, Jessica 2H & Isabella 2D.

**Stage 1 - Week 4** - Aisha IB, Dimity IH, Harmoni IC, Isabelle ID, Xailyn 2R, Alicia 2H & Dahlton 2D.

**Stage 2 - Week 5** - Clayton 3L, Dakota 3S, Will 3/4T, Jay 4C & Lateah 4B.

**Stage 3 - Week 4** - Clarissa 5/6P, Kyle 5J, Shaeli 5G, Lisa-Maree 6M & Tyson 5/6G.

**Stage 3 - Week 5** - Jasmyn 5/6P, Phoebe 5G, Robert 5J, Matthew 6M & Sam 5/6G.
**CASINO RSM JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE COUGARS** – Sign-ons for 2013 season still being taken for all grades U/7 – U/16. Registration of $125 includes shorts, socks, training shirt, hoodie and trip to Titans v Souths NRL match on Saturday 27 July. Training days: Tuesdays & Thursdays from 4.30pm, starting on Tuesday 26 February. New players welcome. More info: Jason – 0417 400 738, Darren – 0417 495 040.

**CASINO RSM COBRAS FOOTBALL CLUB** are still taking registrations for new or returning players. Please check our website for more details at www.casinocobrasfc.com, email: casinocobrasfc@gmail.com or phone 0435 329 937. Muster day is Saturday 16 March at 9.00am for team placement.

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**ICAS**

**2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS**
ICAS provides an opportunity for all students in Years 3 to 6 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses. All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

Forms are available from the Assistant Principal for your stage. A cost is attached to these tests.