Dear Parents/Carers,

Week 1 Term 4

Tuesday, October 13 2015

The first Kinder 2016 orientation day was held yesterday. Two more orientation days will be on Monday, October 19 and 26 between 9.30 and 11.00 am. It was fantastic to see so many parents joining the information session while their child was involved in the orientation activities in the classrooms. I will now form classes and allocate teachers to classes for 2016 based on the enrolment applications we have received for Kinder 2016. Thank you to parents for having the application for enrolling their child completed. This has been an important step in having the school ready for your child in 2016.

After carefully reviewing the curriculum being offered to students across all Stage 3 classes at CPS we wish to advise that the Year 5/6 Extension class will not continue in 2016. The learning opportunities provided to support students to achieve at higher academic levels have been and continue to be extended in each classroom. Through ongoing professional development and evaluation of our teaching practices as well as the implementation of strategies such as Stronger Smarter, Growing Respect- Healthy Relationships and Positive Behaviour for Learning we believe that the original program aims for the Extension class are now being applied across all of our classes. All classes at CPS aim:

- To offer a stimulating and challenging learning environment for all students, particularly with students who show academic potential for achieving at a high level in various aspects of the curriculum;
- To broaden the curriculum to offer students an opportunity to develop their higher order and critical thinking skills, and
- To foster and develop leadership skills and qualities which students are encouraged to display in their class, school and community settings.

Continual monitoring of student progress now allows us to identify students within each classroom who need to be extended. You might have noticed that the student report reflects this information.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey closing date has been extended to Friday, October 23. Parents with children at CPS can access the survey via the following link: https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/login.htm
username = parent17826 password = Cas1526

The survey takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. More information on the parent survey, including FAQs, can also be found here: http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents
We would really appreciate you completing the survey if you have a child at CPS.

The Mid Richmond Council is currently constructing new curb and guttering and a footpath on the southern side of Richmond Street in the block from the school to the pool. Please note that these parking spaces are not available at the moment and parents may need to plan to take more time in locating parking at school drop off and pick up times at CPS. The designated parking spaces at the front of the school will help with this. Someone people are remaining in these designated parks longer than permitted. This could result in a parking fine. Importantly it limits other parents use for dropping their children off at school.

Swimming for sport commenced this week for Years 1 and 2 on Tuesdays, Years 3 and 4 on Fridays and Years 5 and 6 on Mondays. Each year group will be swimming at a separate time to provide the best opportunities for the students to develop and refine their water confidence and swimming skills. Entry to the pool is $3 or seasonal ticket. All students are expected to participate in the swimming for sport program as it forms an important part of our school’s curriculum. Each student should bring a towel, swimmers and a rash shirt.
**WHAT'S HAPPENING............**

14 October  AECG AGM - 12.30pm - Community Cultural Centre
19 October  Kindy 2016 Orientation - 9.30am
21 October  Stage 1 Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall
21 October  Book Club Issue 7 orders due
22 October  Early Stage 1 Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall
23 October  Year 5 (2016) Tyalgum Excursion full amount to be paid by today
26 October  Kindy 2016 Orientation - 9.30am
28 October  Mufti Day
29 October  **Stage 2 Assembly - 2.10pm (Cancelled)** - Stage 2 Public Speaking Final - 9.30 - School Hall
29 October  Stage 3 Assembly - 12.05pm
30 October  Stage 3 Public Speaking Final - 12.05 - School Hall
4 November  Stage 1 Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall
9 – 12 November  Year 5 Tyalgum Excursion
10 November  P&C Meeting - 6pm
11 November  Stage 1 Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall
12 November  Early Stage 1 Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall

**OFFICE HOURS - 8.30AM - 3.20PM**

**PLEASE SEND A NOTE:** If there are any changes to your child's routine in the afternoon ie: catching different bus/not catching bus etc., PLEASE SEND A NOTE IN THE MORNING to your child's teacher telling them of the change. Please do not phone the office with afternoon changes except in an emergency situation as this is a large school, with a busy office. It is not always possible for messages to be delivered to students on time.

**Weekly Roster**

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The school canteen does not take calls from parents to order school lunches. Students must order their lunch before 9.05am each morning.

**REMINDER:** the canteen does not book up children's lunch orders.

**AWARDS**

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**SKOOLBAG** If you are using the Skoolbag app to inform the school of your children's absences, please ensure that you keep your app upgraded. The information does not come through correctly on our end if the app isn't up to date.
**SNOW CONES**

Snow Cones will be available for students to purchase at lunch times at a cost of $2 each on Wednesdays 21, 28 October and 4 November.

**SWIMMING FOR SPORT**

Stage 1, 2 & 3 will all be swimming for sport this term at the following times:

- **Stage 1** - Tuesdays
  - Year 2: 12.30 to 1.40
  - Year 1: 2.00 to 3.00

- **Stage 2** - Fridays
  - Year 3: 12.30 to 1.40
  - Year 4: 2.00 to 3.00

- **Stage 3** - Mondays
  - Year 6: 12.30 to 1.40
  - Year 5: 2.00 to 3.00

The cost is $3 per week (or season ticket), to be paid at the pool on the day. Children will need to bring swimmers, towel, rash shirt and sunscreen to school each swimming day.

**LIBRARY NEWS**

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 7
Brochures have been distributed to classes, please ensure carefully completed order forms and correct payment is made to the office no later than 9.30am on Wednesday 21 October.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING FINALS**

Stage 3 – 12.05 in the school hall on Friday 30 October. Stage 2 – 9.30 in the school hall on Thursday 29 October. There will be NO Assembly for Stage 2 this week.

PARENTS OF FINALISTS WELCOME!!!!

**KINDER 2016 ORIENTATION**

Parents and Children who will be starting Kindergarten at Casino Public School in 2016 are invited to attend our following orientation days. Monday 12, 19 and 26 October. The children will be taken to the Kindergarten class rooms while parents go to the hall for an informative morning.

**DJANENJAM PRESCHOOL – FUNDRAISING**

Djanenjam Preschool is participating again this year in a Fundraising Program to benefit our jarjums. Parent Direct and Chalk mail-order fundraising catalogues offer you the opportunity to purchase high quality branded toys to inspire creativity, learning and family fun at reasonable prices to suit every budget. In recognition for our efforts, Parent Direct and Chalk will issue Djanenjam Preschool a Fundraising Voucher for 20% of the value of orders. We will then use the vouchers to purchase much needed resources.

If you are interested in browsing through the catalogues, please collect them from Djanenjam Preschool. Orders will be sent in three batches and must be received no later than 9.30am on:

1. **1st Batch** – Thursday 15 October
2. **2nd Batch** – Friday 6 November
3. **3rd Batch** – Friday 20 November

Completed order forms and payment must be returned to the Preschool. Please ensure you have chosen a delivery method, and included the relevant payment. Payment can only be made by credit card, cheque or money order made payable to Chalk and/or Parent Direct at the time of ordering.

Thank you for your continued support of Djanenjam Preschool!

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We are currently hearing a lot on the news about the NSW Teachers federation campaigning to the government to provide the Full Gonski to all schools. I would like to take this opportunity, over this term, to provide our parents with better understanding of Gonski and what it means to our school and the benefits provided to your children.

Sharon Temple  NSW Teachers’ Federation Representative Casino Public School 2015

**What is Gonski?**

Gonski funding is designed to ensure that every Australian child, no matter what their background, can get a high quality education.

This funding began in 2014, after the independent Gonski Review warned too many children were missing out on the education they needed due to a lack of resources.

The review, headed by respected businessman, David Gonski, said Australia was under-investing in education and not delivering funded to where it was needed most.

Under the Gonski plan, all schools are funded according to the individual needs of their students and what is required to educate them to a high level.

Schools can use the additional resources to better meet the individual needs of students. The ways they can use the funding include:

- Reducing class sizes
- Employing additional specialist teachers in areas such as literacy and numeracy
- Providing greater assistance and support for students with disabilities or behavioural problems
- Building the skills and knowledge of teachers.

The fete was a great success and with your help we were able to raise about $7000. The exact amount is not in yet as a few bills need to be paid. Thank you to everyone who attended the fete. The P&C would like to thank the canteen for its generous donation. The canteen does a fantastic job within the school and supporting the P&C. Congratulations to Danielle, Canteen Committee and her team of volunteers.

This year the P&C has provided funds for the purchase of the Gold & Platinum Award Badges, Reuben F Scarf Awards, Outdoor Furniture, Re painting of the handball and basketball courts, Easter Raffle Prizes, Fete Raffle Prizes and much need equipment for the P & C so we are able to continue to provide services for the school. The major ongoing projects that the P&C has pledged money for is the Bus Shelter, Preschool Playground Upgrade and the Central Playground Upgrade and more Undercover Walkways.

The next monthly meeting is on the 10th of November 2015 in the Staff Room at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you to everyone for your continuing support.

Casino Amateur Swimming Club - Thursdays from 5.30pm. Contact Tanya on 0438 166 908

BreastScreen NSW is in Casino until mid October 2015. The unit is located in Graham Place adjacent to the library. The service is free and women aged between 50 to 74 are particularly encouraged to have two yearly mammograms, however, all women over the age of 40 are eligible for free screening. A doctors referral is not necessary, if you would like to make an appointment, phone 13 20 50.