Dear Parents/Carers,

Parents, grandparents and community members are invited to a morning tea on Friday, 30 October at CPS Assembly Hall. The morning tea is an opportunity for us to celebrate the many achievements and successes the students have experienced through the opportunities provided through funding the school has received as a result of the Gonski review of education. The best way to see evidence of the outstanding results is for you to see and hear the learning environments and culture of the classrooms. We would very much like you to join us at 10.00 am on Friday, October 30.

Intensive Swimming lessons commence next week for Year 2 and students in the Support Unit. Year 1 will have their lessons in Weeks 6 and 7- Kinder, Year 3 and Year 4 in Weeks 8 and 9. A consent and information note has been sent home today for all Year 1, Year 2 and Support Unit students. Kinder and Years 3/4 will receive a consent note later in the term.

Next Monday, October 25 the final Kindergarten 2016 orientation day will be held between 9.30 and 11.00 am. The participation rate of children and parents in this transitioning phase to school has been exceptionally high. Thank you to all those parents who have been supporting their child to participate in the orientation days.

This week we say farewell to Mr Lancaster who is moving to a school in the Newcastle area for 2016. Dale had already planned to take long service leave until the end of the year before his appointment was announced. He and his family are heading off to travel Australia next week. We wish Mr Lancaster and his family every enjoyment on their trip and best wishes and success in the future. Ms Anderson is working with 3L and Mr Lancaster this week and will be 3L’s class teacher for the remainder of 2015. Mr Lancaster will have 3L’s reports written for school information to be added to them before they go home to parents later in the term.

The Partners in Learning parent feedback survey is closing this 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 The survey has already been completed by twenty six parents. Please make sure that you click through the survey before closing to ensure you have responded to all the questions.

Swimming for sport for students in Years 1 to 6 has commenced very positively with the planning and organisation of lessons being well prepared and most of the students remembering to bring their swimmers and money. 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.

Years 1 and 2 on Tuesdays, Years 3 and 4 on Fridays and Years 5 and 6 on Mondays.

5/6 G thoroughly enjoyed their first visit to Cedars Nursing Home last Monday. Each member of 5/6G has paired with a buddy from Cedars. Where possible the students have chosen someone who has an interest shared with them Each Monday 5/6G will spend an hour sharing stories and interests, as well as learning songs that are popular with the elderly hosts. Mrs Griffiths was amazed with how fantastic the first interactions were and what a valuable learning experience this activity has provided for the students. There are many rich learning experiences our students can engage in within our own community.

Garry Carter - Principal
TERM 4 – WEEK 3
“DO THE 4”

WHAT’S HAPPENING........
21 October       Stage 1 Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall
21 October       Book Club Issue 7 orders due by 9.30am
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
Wed 21 Oct:     J Saunders, J Whittaker
Thu 22 Oct:     M Jordan, N Newstead
Fri 23 Oct:     J Wilson, J Convery, J Saunders

Mon 26 Oct:     R Lambeth, N Tapper
Tues 27 Oct:    N English, S Gill
Wed 28 Oct:     G Sullivan, K Watson

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.

The Canteen Committee wish to thank all parents/carers for their continued support. Thanks to this support we have been able to donate $15000 to the P&C. $1000 of this was from takings from the Fete day.

CANTEEN

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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.

**CUPCAKE DAY**  
The SRC will be holding a "Cupcake Day" on Tuesday 3 November. Teachers will take orders and during Week 4. The cupcakes will be 50 cents each and there is a limit of one per student.

**SWIMMING FOR SPORT**  
Stage 1, 2 & 3 swimming for sport this term:

- **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  
If you would like to place an order, please ensure carefully completed order forms and correct payment is made to the office no later than 9.30am this 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!!!!

**CONCERT PHOTOS**  
Orders for the concert photos will close this Friday, 23 October. The photo’s will be sent to the students classes when they are printed.

**GONSKI IN ACTION**  

Five state and territory governments in 2013 signed agreements with the Federal Government to follow the Gonski plan and improve the way schools are resourced.

Those agreements specify the level of funding each government must contribute over six years from 2014 to get to a point where all schools have the right level of resources.

States that did not sign agreements (WA, the NT and QLD) are receiving 4 years of federal Gonski funding but have not contributed their own one third share.

Where the funding is being delivered in full, schools are reporting that it is getting fantastic results.

**So what is the problem?**

The problem is that the Federal Coalition Government is refusing to honour, in full, the Gonski agreements signed with NSW, SA, Tasmania, Victoria and the ACT.

It wants to end the tear up the agreements in 2017 and stop delivering to all governments the needs-based Gonski funding.

That means children across Australia will be denied the resources and the opportunities they need to get a good education.

The financial impact of this decision will be huge because the majority of the funding is due to flow from the Federal Government to schools in the final two years.

In NSW alone, it means schools will miss out on funding that could pay for four teachers, on average.

“...the Commonwealth government's budget decision is more than a breach of a commitment with the NSW government, it is a breach of faith with all school students in the state.”  
NSW Education Minister Adrian Piccoli

The Federal Government has also failed to deliver on its election commitment to extend Gonski funding in 2015 to all students with disability.

**We can change this**

Getting the right resources into schools to ensure all our children get a high quality education should be something all politicians can agree on.

By signing up for the Gonski campaign you can join over 145,000 other Australians who are committed to this cause and to putting pressure on the politicians to do the right thing by our kids.

The Uniform Shop is open every Wednesday 9am to 12 noon.

The Uniform Shop will be open next Monday after the Kinder Orientation.

COMMUNITY NEWS

FREE – One day Parenting Workshop
Casino Family Support Service will be presenting a free one day parenting program based on the 123 Magic course for parents & carers. This course helps in the development of calm parenting & strategies for parents to aid children in learning to manage their strong emotions. Tuesday 10 November at the Casino Community & Cultural Centre. Lunch & refreshment provided. Registration required for catering purposes. More info: 6662 6792.

CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL – ADVICE OF ABSENCE

Student Name: ____________________________________  Class: ______________

Dates absent: ____________________________

☒ Sick: ____________________________  ☐ Leave: ____________________________

Signed: ____________________________  Date: ____________________________