Dear Parents/Carers,

Week 8 Term 1

Tuesday, March 17 2015

This term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices. Students in Years 4 to 6 have the opportunity to complete this online survey. More information about the survey is available at: [http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents). The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school. I want to assure you that the survey is **confidential** and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary. A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school before **Tuesday 24 March**. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above. Each student in Years 4-6 has received a consent form to take home with today’s newsletter.

On Thursday, Kindergarten students at CPS were involved in Picnic in the Playground. It was great to see so many parents, carers, grandparents and friends attend. Students showed their guests around their classrooms, their work they have been doing and read them a story. The children and families were treated to a sausage sizzle, face painting and a jumping castle. It was great to see our special guests mingling and meeting each other. The Kinder students enjoyed showing off their school. We thank you all for coming and hope you enjoyed yourself as much as we did!

Year 4 Midginbil Hill Excursion – last week was fantastic fun!!

Garry Carter - Principal
**WHAT'S HAPPENING .............**

**18 March**  
Mufti Day -- "CRAZY HAIR"

**18 March**  
AECG - 12.30 - Community & Cultural Centre

**20 March**  
Harmony Day

**24 March**  
School Photo's

**25 March**  
Stage 1 Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall

**26 March**  
Carill Cup-Kyogle Swimming Pool -- Early Stage 1 Assembly-2.10pm-School Hall

**1 April**  
Stage 1 Social - During the school day - School Hall

**2 April**  
Stage 2 & 3 Social - RSM - 6-8pm

**2 April**  
Stage 3 Assembly - 12.05pm - School Hall

**2 April**  
Stage 2 Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall

**2 April**  
Easter Hat Parade - Preschool to Year 2 - LAST DAY OF TERM 1

**20 April**  
Staff Development Day

**21 April**  
First day of Term 2 for students

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**OFFICE HOURS** - 8.30am – 3.20pm

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**CANTEEN**

**Weekly Roster**

- **Wed 18 Mar:** M Blasche, J Whitticker  
  - **Mon 23 Mar:** R Lambeth, S Gill
- **Thur 19 Mar:** C Rankin, J Wilson  
  - **Tues 24 Mar:** N English, S Gill
- **Fri 20 Mar:** J Wilson, S Blasche, N Phelps, J Lindsay  
  - **Wed 25 Mar:** G Sullivan, K Watson

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**NEW CANTENE COMMITTEE - 2015**

- **Canteen Convener:** Erica Trustum  
  - **Vice Convener:** Amanda Westbury-Williamson
- **Treasurer:** Jenny Convener  
  - **Secretary:** Marie Cullen

The canteen was able to donate $21000.00 to the P&C from profits made in the canteen during 2014.

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**AWARDS**

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One of the responsibilities of parents is to make sure that their child gets a good night’s sleep. Children are coming to school tired and irritable which is not fair to our teachers and to their fellow classmates. As we all know it is very hard to achieve your best when you are tired. A lack of sleep can also lead to:

- Decreased attentiveness
- Decreased short-term memory
- Inconsistent performance
- Delayed response time

Each child is different, but as a guide: Preschoolers should sleep about 10 to 12 hours, 6 to 9 year olds need about 10 hours sleep and 10 to 12 year olds need a little over 9 hours. It’s up to parents to judge the exact amount of sleep their child needs and to see that they’re in bed for a sufficient night’s sleep. Establishing a bedtime routine will help your child to get a good night’s sleep:

- Have a wind-down period
- Stick to a bedtime, giving your child a warning beforehand
- Consider allowing time for your child to read or play soft music
- Tuck your child into bed for a feeling of security

If your child has not slept well for whatever reason and you feel it may affect their behavior at school it may be necessary for you to inform their teacher.

School photo envelopes have been sent home. The photos will be taken on Tuesday 24 March. Please ensure that envelopes are filled out clearly, and that the correct money is placed inside each envelope, (do not put envelopes into each other). Photo’s cannot be paid for using Eftpos and the office cannot give change. Correct money and envelopes will only be accepted on Tuesday 24 March by the photographer. If you would like to have family photo’s taken, please come to the office and pick up a yellow family envelope.

BOOKCLUB ISSUE 2 - If you would like to place an order, please ensure carefully completed order form and correct payments are made to the office no later than Wednesday 18 March.

This year, to celebrate Easter, Stage 2 and 3 are going to have a Mega Egg Giveaway! It will be held in the School Hall at 12.15 on the last Thursday of the term after the Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 Easter Hat parade. We are asking each family at Casino Public School to make a donation of one Easter egg or Easter gift to the school. We will then package them up into prizes and give every student in Stage 2 and 3 a ticket in the draw! Every student will have a chance to win!

Easter Eggs and gifts can be handed into the front office or to the classroom teacher. Thank you for your support!

The second Mufti Day for the term is this Wednesday, 18 March. The theme for the day is “CRAZY HAIR”.

Selected children have received a note to represent Casino Public School at the annual Carlill Cup. This is a traditional swimming competition between Casino Public, Casino West and Kyogle Public Schools. It will be held at Kyogle Pool on 26 March. Students will leave school at 9.15am and return by 3pm, travel will be by bus. If your child is participating, please complete and return your note to school by Friday 20 March.

Fundraising for the Heart Foundation can be done via the forms sent home or online. The target for our school is $1000.00 and so far we have raised $450.00. Money raised needs to be bought into the school office by Monday 6 April. Prizes will be collated and handed out next term. A huge thank you to everyone who has participated.
The next P&C meeting will be on Tuesday 12 May at 6pm in the Cultural Room. Thank you to everyone who attended the AGM last week.

We welcome the new committee for 2015:  
**President:** Alison Bienke  
**Vice President:** Amanda Duscher  
**Treasurer:** Sharon Gill  
**Secretary:** Jodi Hancock  
**Uniform Co-ordinator:** Jenny Wilson

Thank you to our outgoing 2014 committee.

Attending P&C meetings gives you a better understanding of the school's planning, management and daily operation for the benefit of your children.

**EASTER RAFFLE**

Tickets are now on sale for our Easter Raffle. Tickets are being sold for $1 and books of 10 tickets have been sent home with the eldest child at school. More books are available from the office. If you are unable to sell your book of tickets PLEASE return them to the office as soon as possible.

1st Prize: Large Basket of Easter Eggs  
2nd Prize: Medium Basket of Easter Eggs  
3rd Prize: Small Basket of Easter Eggs  
4th Prize: Gift Packet of Easter Eggs.

All tickets must be returned to school by Tuesday 24 March. The raffle will be drawn at the Infants Easter Parade on Thursday 2 April.

THE UNIFORM SHOP IS OPEN EVERY WEDNESDAY 9AM TO 12 NOON.