Dear Parents/Carers

Week 1, Term 2

Tuesday 21 April

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The Mother's Day Stall will be held next week on Wednesday and Thursday, May 6 and 7, after recess. If children would like to purchase a gift for their Mum, Nan, Carer etc, they just bring along $5 (per gift) and they will be able to choose from the selection of items.

Each year on the 25th April, our school participates in the ANZAC Day March through the streets of Casino. We would like as many students as possible to march this Saturday on ANZAC Day. We ask Parents to bring their children to Graham Place (in front of the Town Library) at 9.45am on Friday, 25th April, dressed in their school uniform ready to march. The march will commence at 10.15am. Our staff will be there to organise the students. The march finishes with an ANZAC Service in front of the Casino RSM Club, where students can be collected from at the conclusion of the service.

During last term at parent and staff meetings, and at yesterday’s school development day, we have been working towards writing a vision statement. The words people contributed during those meetings describing their hopes, dreams and aspirations for learning at CPS into the future have been incorporated into a draft statement. We would like everyone to look at this statement and provide feedback over the next week, so that we can form a vision statement that truly reflects the school community’s (students, parents, staff and wider community members) ideas.

Below is our first draft of a vision statement for CPS:

Positive respectful relationships will support students to develop as confident self-directed learners while promoting a culture of high expectations, and shared responsibilities to engage all students, in a school where everyone is valued.

Some of the questions we could look at in developing a vision for our school:
How do we want our students to be learning in the future?
How will they be behaving, interacting, connecting with others?
What skills and qualities do our students need to develop for success, now and into the future?
What does this mean for staff members and school leaders and the way they work and connect?
How do we best connect with our broader community and with other schools?
What contributions are we making beyond our schools?

A vision statement should be future focussed – we need to have a dream before there is any possibility of it coming to fruition! The vision helps tell the story of where our school has been and where we would like to go. It should describe the ethos and collective purpose of the school community. Our vision is a shared statement of what we value as excellence.

Garry Carter - Principal
So that our records are accurate and up to date, please let the office know as soon as possible of any changes to details regarding your child.

The Canteen Committee has designed and had colourful signs installed on the exterior walls of the canteen over the holidays. The signs provide messages about making wise choices when eating and being active to be healthy.

YEAR 6 – EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR YEAR 7 – 2016
All Year 6 students received an Expression of Interest for Year 7 – 2016 form some time ago. If you haven’t already done so, please fill form out with relevant information and return to the school office as soon as possible.

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### OFFICE HOURS

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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.

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### WEAKLY ROSTER

**Week 1:**

**Wed 22 Apr:** G Sullivan, K Watson

**Thur 23 Apr:** M Jordan, N Newstead

**Fri 24 Apr:** J Wilson, J Convery, J Saunders

**Mon 27 Apr:** R Lambeth, N Tapper

**Tues 28 Apr:** N English, S Gill

**Wed 29 Apr:** J Lindsay, S Gill

### AWARDS

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STAGE 2 & 3 SPORT

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All participants must wear appropriate footwear and are asked to bring a water bottle and asthma medication in case it is needed. Students will walk to the grounds and return to school before the end of normal lesson time. Presentation of certificates will happen after the event and notes concerning the Northern Rivers meet will be attached if the students are successful.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to Kiara 4/5J for being the first student at CPS to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge and submit her reading record this year. Hot on Kiara’s heels was Grace 4/5J, who submitted her completed reading record the very next day!

Congratulations girls, on your awesome effort!

The P&C Committee would like to welcome you back from holidays. We hope that you all had a happy and relaxing holiday.

Mother’s Day Stall

MOTHER’S DAY STALL 6th and 7th May 2015

The P&C will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall. The stall will be held over the 6th and 7th of May. Gifts will be able to be purchased for mum, nana/grandma, auntie, carer or that someone special. Gifts will be $5 each. All money is to be returned to the class teacher.

If you would like to assist with the stall, you will need to pre-register with the office before the day.

Note: It is now policy of Casino Public School that all volunteers must be registered with the school and you can do so at the office.

Easter Raffle

A massive Thank You goes to everyone who has participated in the raffle. The lucky winners of the raffle were:

1st Prize: Georgia Trustum 2nd Prize: Izak Eyres 3rd Prize: Harry Hammond
4th Prize: Riley McPherson 5th Prize: Amber Vout 6th Prize: Georgina Farrell
7th Prize: Chelsea Smidt 8th Prize: Thomas Transton 9th Prize: Murphy Family
10th Prize: Brodie Wilkes

The P&C donated 2469 Easter Eggs between the Preschool, Infants and the Raffle. We are pleased to report that with your help we were able to raise $1035. The P&C would also like to Thank and Acknowledge the family, who donated the books that were incorporated into the prizes from 5th through to 10th prize.

Fete 2015

The P&C will be holding a HERB stall at this year’s fete. We are asking for donations of Herb Seedlings so we can grow them out. If anyone would like to donate some HERB seedlings it would be most welcomed.

Alternatively if anyone has some growing at home that they would like to donate that will be great also. Please phone Alison on 0419093445 if you are interested in donating. Donations can also be brought into the office before the 5th May 2015.

We would like herb seedlings like Rosemary, Thyme, Chives, Coriander, Parsley and Oregano, etc. No Basil at this time as it does not like the cold winter months. Thank You in advance for supporting your P&C and School.

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

The next meeting will be on the 12th May 2015 in the Cultural Room at 6pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank You to everyone for your continuing support.
Struggle with packing lunchboxes daily? Need inspiration!

Let's Look at Lunches
Take the challenge out of packing a healthy lunchbox thanks to a new initiative from Northern NSW Local Health District. They have created a fortnightly e-newsletter that will be delivered straight to your inbox full of lunchbox inspiration, tips, recipes, ideas and competitions. The feedback has been amazing so if you haven't already subscribed, simply send us your: first name, email address and postcode by:

- Email to lookatlunches@gmail.com, or Text to 0429 033 517,

We look forward to lightening your load and sharing ideas!