Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the 2016 school year at Casino Public School. A very warm welcome to students transferring from other schools and those students commencing school for the first time in Kindergarten and attending Preschool. We trust you will make new friendships quickly and enjoy all CPS has to offer. The census date for school enrolments is Wednesday, February 10. Given the school’s current enrolment we have formed the classes for 2016 as shown in the table below. The Assistant Principals (Stage Leaders) are: Early Stage 1 (Kinder): Shaun Piccoli, Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2): Krystal Burley, Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4): Sharon Wood, Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6): Wendy King and the Support Unit: Fran Hayes. Congratulations to Kelly Hayward, Elizabeth Turner, Bobbie Anderson and Cindy Costella who took up their permanent appointments last Wednesday. Best wishes to each of you for a rewarding and fulfilling time teaching at CPS.

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| Preschool | Jeraliee Brown | Sport | Kris Davis | RFF | Vicky Tulle, Linda Duffy, Ian Gray, Jason Holmes | Wendy Heath & Sandy Grande | 1/2 | WHG | Michelle Underhill | 4/SU | Reading Recovery | Krystal Burley and Vicky Tulle |
|           |               |       |            |     |                                             | Lisa Taylor & Rachael Gooley | 2TG |  | Andrea Jones | 4J | Library | Annette Dollinson, Anne Goss |
|           |               |       |            |     |                                             |                            |  |  |              |  | Computers | Ian Gray, Matt Frost |

Please ensure your child brings a brimmed hat and drink bottle to school each day.

**Swimming for sport commences**: next Thursday, Feb 11 for Stage 3; Stage 1 Tuesday, Feb 16 for Stage 2 and Friday, Feb 19. Cost of entry to the pool is $3 per student or seasonal ticket. As swimming is part of the school curriculum ALL students are expected to participate.

The **Swimming Carnival** is being held this **Friday, February 5** for students turning 8 or older this year. Students in Year 2 who turn 8 this year and who can swim 50m were provided with a consent note to take home last Friday. Only children who have a brimmed hat and a suitable shirt to wear immediately after their swimming event will be permitted to attend the carnival. Sleeveless tops are not suitable. Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 (under 8 years) do not attend the Carnival. Year 2 students attending have had notes sent home.

If **pick up or travel arrangements** are different for a day please let your child’s teacher know in the morning. This can be done personally, sending in a note or telephoning the front office. It is not possible to communicate changes to transport arrangements after 3.00pm, please ensure messages are provided to the school before this time. We are unable to take messages from a child regarding changes to travel arrangements. At times arrangements are made between children at school during the day that parents/carers and the school are unaware of.

We are looking forward to working with you to ensure your child’s experience at school is a rewarding one for yourself and them. You are most welcome and encouraged to contact the school about any aspect of your child’s schooling.

Garry Carter, Principal
TERM 1 – WEEK 2
“DO THE FOUR”

WHAT'S HAPPENING.......

5 February  Swimming Carnival
9 February  P&C Meeting - 6pm
10 February Early Stage 1 Assembly - 2:10pm - School Hall
11 February Early Stage 1 Parent Evening - 6pm to 7pm
11 February Year 5 & 6 Swimming for Sport starts today
15 February Stage 1 Parent Evening - 6pm to 7pm
16 February Stage 2 Parent Evening - 6pm to 7pm
16 February Year 1 & 2 Swimming for Sport starts today
17 February Issue 1 Bookclub orders due by 9.30am
17 February Mufti Day
17 February Stage 3 Parent Evening - 6pm to 7pm
18 February Stage 1 Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall
19 February Year 3 & 4 Swimming for Sport starts today
24 February Stage 3 Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall
25 February Stage 2 Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall
2 March Early Stage 1 Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall
2-4 March Year 4 Midginbil Excursion
3 March Stage 1 Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall
8 March P&C Meeting - 9.30am
10 March Kinder Picnic in the playground - 1pm
16 March Mufti Day
17 March Stage 1 Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall
21 March Harmony Day
22 March School Photos
23 March Early Stage 1 Assembly - 2.10pm - School Hall
24 March Easter Hat Parade
25 March Good Friday
28 March Easter Monday
31 March 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.

CPS - SWIMMING CARNIVAL
The CPS Annual Swimming Carnival is on this Friday, 5 February. All children from Year 3 to Year 6 to attend and some Year 2 children who are 8 and can swim 50 metres confidently. The 8 year olds who are eligible to attend have been given permission notes which will need to be signed and returned to school.

Classes will assemble at 9.10am for roll marking and then walk to the pool. The cost is $3 per child (or season ticket). Students can wear swimmers to school but MUST have a change of clothes for the afternoon. All students are to have a hat, 30+ sunscreen and a sleeved shirt. Children will not be permitted to attend the carnival who do not have a hat and shirt to wear at the pool.

Lunches can be ordered at school or brought at the canteen (the pool canteen has a very limited menu). Ordered lunches will be delivered to the pool. Please put “SWIMMING CARNIVAL” on the lunch bag.
All students from Year 1 to Year 6 will be participating in swimming for sport this term. Due to the pool being booked for Carnivals they will not all start on the same week.

Stage 3: Thursday 11 February - Year 5: 10.30 to 11.30
Stage 1: Tuesday 16 February - Year 1: 12.30 to 1.30
Stage 2: Friday 19 February - Year 3: 12.30 to 1.30
Year 6: 11.30 to 12.30
Year 2: 2.00 to 3.00
Year 4: 2.00 to 3.00

Welcome back. We hope you had a relaxing break. The P&C looks forward to another successful year with the help of our volunteers, staff and parent/carers.

The AGM will be held 8 March with all positions being declared vacant. New members welcome. We look forward to seeing you there.

Casino Public School has for some time, been involved with Scholastic Book Clubs. Eight times a year, your child(ren) will have the opportunity to purchase books and educational products aimed at their reading level (and most importantly their interest). Our school receives bonus points for these purchases which can then be redeemed for books and equipment to be used in classrooms.

There is no obligation to buy from the brochure, but we do hope you take a little time to browse through it with your child(ren) and consider Book Club as a way of encouraging reading and learning outside normal classroom activities. Each child will receive a single brochure. This year there is only one brochure ranging from Preschool to Year 6. Each issue will be distributed to children and dates for ordering will be advised through classroom teachers and through the CPS Newsletter. If you do allow your child(ren) to order it would be appreciated if their name and class are clearly marked on the order form and returned (with correct payment) in advance of the closing date to the Administration Office. Orders usually take 1-2 weeks to arrive. In the event that items ordered are unavailable, credit vouchers can be supplied for future use, or, alternatively, refunds can be arranged through Scholastic.

**BOOKCLUB ISSUE 1**

Order forms for Issue 1 have been distributed to classes. If you would like to place an order, please ensure carefully completed order forms and correct payments are made to the office no later than 9.30am, Wednesday 17th February.

**CLASS LIBRARY DAYS**

Monday: 5/6B, 6K, 1H, 2SF, 1S, KHS
Tuesday: 5G, 6C, KG, 3/6SF, 1/4BF, K/2H, 3/6T, 2TG
Wednesday: Preschool, 5M, 4W, KP, 2A
Thursday: 3S, 3/4TH, 3C, 4J, 2S, KHH
Friday: 4/5U, 3R, 1C, KT, 1D, 1/2HG

Children in Kindergarten may borrow 1 book per week, Stage 1 may borrow 2 books per week, Stage 2 may borrow 3 books per week and Stage 3 may borrow 4 books per week.

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**P&C NEWS**

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

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

Casino Indoor Sport Stadium is available to local school & sporting clubs to use for students & athletes. We are equipped to host basketball, volleyball, futsal & netball, all in a safe covered environment. We are also able to cater for other activities: ranging from large events such as dance recitals & school concerts, trade shows, exhibitions, community classes & education, teambuilding workshops & other group pursuits. C.I.S.S. is about community involvement & is open for all members of the surrounding area to utilize & enjoy - it is the premier indoor recreation facility in Casino.

With two full size courts, sprung wooden flooring it is the ideal venue for many sports, activities and occasions. Our facilities include: toilets, showers & change-rooms with wheelchair access to the stadium & toilet. With a large covered outdoor area, we have the space to have BBQs & catering as well as the use of the surrounding Colley Park.