



CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 10 TUES 16 DEC

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Thank You!

As we wrap up 2025, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks to our school community. Your support in getting students to school, ready to learn each day, has been invaluable. We appreciate your engagement and participation in community events such as Open Classrooms, NAIDOC Week, Beef Week, Book Week, and P&C meetings. A special thank you to our volunteers in the canteen – your time and effort make a real difference.

We also want to thank the families who attended our academic assemblies and the Year 6 graduation. Your presence means a lot to our students and helps celebrate their achievements.

My sincere gratitude goes to our dedicated staff who have gone above and beyond throughout the year, including coaching PSSA Knockout teams, supporting filmmaking projects, organising school camp, leading choir and dance groups, and so much more. Your commitment does not go unnoticed.

To our students, thank you for embracing challenges, taking risks in your learning, and demonstrating positive behaviour every day.

2026 Staffing Update

I would like to share some staffing news for 2026. Mr Justin Richardson will be relieving Principal at Mummulgum Public School for Terms 1 and 2. This is a wonderful opportunity for Justin, and we wish him all the best as he steps into this important leadership role.

I have accepted the offer to relieve as Director, Educational Leadership, Richmond Valley Principal Network for the 2026 school year. This is an opportunity to lead principals to drive school excellence and will build my leadership capacity. Mrs Andrea Whitten has been successful through an EOI process and will relieve as principal in my absence. Andrea will do an outstanding job leading the CPS team in 2026.

To fill Justin and Andrea's current roles of Stage 2 Assistant Principal and Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Instruction (3-6) expressions of interest are being sought from current teaching staff and these positions will be finalised this week.

Throughout these changes, our students will continue to be well supported, including through additional transition assistance to ensure a smooth and positive start to the school year.

We look forward to a fantastic 2026 with our dedicated staff and vibrant school community!

Important Dates

Staff will return to school on Tuesday, 27 January 2026 for professional learning focused on Brain Science and Basic Water Safety. We will also use this time to plan and collaborate for the upcoming school year.

Students will return on Monday, 2 February 2026, ready for an exciting new year of learning.

I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a relaxing, restful and safe holiday break.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 17 December
Class Parties

Friday 19 December
Christmas MUFTI Day

Friday 19 December
LAST DAY OF TERM!

2026

Tuesday 27 January
Staff Return –
Professional Learning

Monday 2 February
Students Return
First Day of Term 1 2026

**Tuesday 17 and
Thursday 19 February**
School Photos

Jackie Nilon
Principal



Education

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

This week we will focus on: **Teach Me Tuesday**

This Tuesday, students get to have some fun and take the lead by teaching the class!

"Teach Me Tuesday" encourages creativity, confidence, and communication as students share something they're passionate about or have learned. It's a great opportunity to build leadership skills and celebrate each other's knowledge in a supportive and engaging way.

We can't wait to see what our young teachers will share!



2027 OPPORTUNITY CLASS Applications Now Open

Applications for Opportunity Class (OC) and Selective High School (SHS) placements for 2027 opened on Thursday, 6 November 2025. The OC program caters to students who demonstrate exceptional academic ability and are looking for a more challenging learning environment with peers of similar capabilities.

Parents and carers can now submit applications for OC placement if their child is completing Year 3 or starting Year 4. Applications for SHS placement are available for students completing Year 5 or beginning Year 6.

Please be aware that late applications will not be accepted, as the application period is extended.

Applications must be completed online by Friday, 20 February 2026. For further details, please visit the NSW Department of Education website or contact our school office.



SPORT REPORT

Congratulations to Harlow and Amber-Lee!

Earlier this year, Harlow and Amber-Lee proudly represented CPS at the NSW PSSA Cross Country State Championships, an incredible achievement! Although we weren't able to celebrate their success at our Academic Assembly last week, we were delighted to present them with their well-deserved certificates in front of their peers today.

Our entire CPS community is very proud of Harlow and Amber-Lee for their outstanding accomplishments at this level. We congratulate them both on this fantastic achievement and look forward to cheering them on in their future sporting endeavours!



FESTIVE FRIDAY MUFTI DAY!



To celebrate the end of a wonderful year and the Christmas season, the last day of term will be a Festive Friday Mufti Day! Students are invited to wear their favourite festive outfits

It's a fun way to spread cheer, celebrate together, and wrap up the year with smiles and holiday spirit.

What's Happening in our school

Curriculum Bites

Preparing for the Future: Curriculum Reform at Casino Public School

At Casino Public School, our teachers are actively engaging with the latest curriculum reforms to ensure the best learning experiences for our students. We are currently focused on understanding and implementing the new syllabus documents in Creative Arts, PDHPE, Science, and HSIE.

Through professional learning and collaboration, our staff are preparing to deliver innovative and relevant programs that reflect the updated standards and priorities. Our teachers are excited about what's coming and are eager to bring fresh ideas and approaches into the classroom. This ongoing commitment helps us equip students with essential skills and knowledge to thrive in a rapidly changing world.

CPS Sport Jerseys 2026

LOOK GREAT, PLAY GREAT

Introducing Our New CPS Representative Sport Jerseys!

We're excited to unveil our brand-new CPS representative sport jerseys designed for our talented athletes who make us proud on and off the field.



Looking great, feeling great, and playing great, these jerseys are more than just uniforms, they're a symbol of our school spirit and team pride.

We're eager to watch our sports stars shine brightly in 2026, showcasing their skills and sportsmanship. Here's to a year filled with teamwork, dedication, and unforgettable achievements!

SCHOOL **SAVE THE DATE** PHOTOS 2026

Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19
February 2026



Uniform Shop

Uniforms can be purchased from the school office during the school terms
Monday through Friday: 8.30am – 3.20pm

We will be opening our office for uniform purchases for 2026 on

Thursday 29 January: 8.30am – 3.00pm

Friday 30 January: 8.30am – 3.00pm

Uniform Item	Cost
Polo Shirt: Size 2 - 16Y	\$25.00
Polo Shirt: Size S, M, L, XL, 2XL	\$30.00
Shorts: Size 2 - 16	\$16.00
Box Pleat Short	\$20.00
Wide Brimmed Hat	\$10.00
Reversible Bucket Hat	\$20.00
Fleecy Sweat Shirt: Size 4 - 16	\$20.00
Fleecy Sweat Shirt: S, M	\$23.00
Track Pants	\$18.00



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HOLIDAY HOOPS BASKETBALL, GAMES & FUN!

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AGES: PRIMARY SCHOOL (GIRLS & BOYS)

DATE: WED 7TH JAN

TIME: 9AM - 11AM

**WHERE: CASINO INDOOR SPORTS
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TIME: 10 AM - 1 PM

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