



# CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**TERM 4 WEEK 4**

**TUES 04 NOV**

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

What a fantastic achievement by our School Captain and champion swimmer Knox Ellis. Last week, Knox competed in the School Sport Australia Games in Ballarat. Knox and the relay team won gold and claimed a new Australian record with their swim in the 4x50 freestyle relay. The relay team won bronze in the mixed medley relay and 7<sup>th</sup> in the medley relay. On a personal level, Knox came 9<sup>th</sup> in the 50m freestyle and 6<sup>th</sup> in the 100m backstroke!

Last Friday, we proudly celebrated World Teachers' Day, a special occasion to recognise and honour the incredible dedication and hard work of our teachers. Their passion and commitment make a lasting impact on the lives of students and the wider community every day. A very big thank you to our P&C for acknowledging our staff with a beautiful cupcake and to our wellbeing team for their thoughtful token of appreciation. Thank you to all our educators for inspiring, supporting, and guiding our learners towards a brighter future!

### **Deadly Futures Careers Day**

Last Wednesday, our school proudly hosted Deadly Futures Day, expertly coordinated by our dedicated Aboriginal Focus Team. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the 20 community members who generously gave up their time to share their career journeys and inspire our students. With presenters from a wide range of fields, students had the unique opportunity to explore diverse career options and engage in meaningful discussions. It was an empowering day that sparked new ambitions and possibilities. Please read more about this exciting event inside the newsletter!

### **Intensive Swimming**

Our Intensive Swimming Program began for Years 3 and 4 this week. A huge thank you to all families that have ensured that their children are coming to school with the equipment they need to participate and encouraged them to engage actively with the program.

### **School Parking Zones**

We kindly remind all parents and carers that the "No Parking" and "No Stopping" signs on the fence outside the little gate are in place to ensure the safety and smooth flow of traffic at the end of the school day. Unfortunately, some parents have been disregarding these signs, which has caused difficulties and disruptions for others. Please respect these rules to help keep our community safe and make pickup times easier for everyone. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. Thank you for working with us to keep our school environment safe and orderly.



## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

**Monday 3 – Friday 7  
November**

Intensive Swimming  
Years 3 and 4

**Thursday 6 November**

Support Unit  
High School Transition

**Friday 7 November**

School Counsellor  
Recognition Day

**Monday 10 November**

Intensive Swimming  
Years 2 and Support Unit

**Monday 10 November**

Swimming Safety  
Years 5 and 6

**Wednesday 12 November**

MUFTI Day – Pyjama Day

**Sharon Bain**  
(Rel) Principal



Education

# Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

## This week we will focus on: **Positive Behaviour for Learning: Swimming Lessons Safety and Respect**

This week, our focus is on demonstrating safe, responsible, respectful, and cooperative behaviour during our intensive swimming lessons at the town pool. By listening carefully, following instructions, and supporting one another, students help create a safe and positive environment for everyone to learn and enjoy. Being respectful to instructors and classmates, and working together cooperatively, ensures that our swimming lessons are fun, effective, and successful.

**Let's dive in with confidence and kindness!**

## CHAMPIONS IN THE MAKING

**We can run, we can jump and we can throw our way to success!**

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of October we had 4 students represent Casino Public School and the North Coast Region at the NSW State Athletics Championships and achieved outstanding results. They include:

- **Indie:** Who came 14<sup>th</sup> in the state in Senior Girls Shot put and threw a whopping 8.32m
- **Evaliah:** Raced a time of 15.58 and qualified 14<sup>th</sup> for 8 years semi finals!
- **Jahzeel:** 36<sup>th</sup> in the state 11 years 100m, running a speedy time of 14.30 seconds.
- **Darius:** Competed in Junior Boys High Jump and came equal 3<sup>rd</sup> in the State and cleared a massive height of 1.35m! (Only 19cm more and he could clear Mrs Smith's head!!!)

Thank you to the parents and carers who supported their children in achieving their dreams. Well done to all of the students for their hard work and training - you have achieved amazing results.

**CPS is extremely proud of you all!**



## **Future Filmmakers Shine on the Big Screen**

Students from CPS have been busy over the last 2 terms creating a short film for the FilmBy Northern Rivers festival.

The theme this year was "Change" so the 3-and-a-half-minute film had to include this in some way. The students have created the script, filmed and edited it. The film, along with all the other entries from schools across the Northern Rivers, will be debuted on Tuesday 18 November at SCU.

**When:** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 6.00pm

**Where:** At Whitebrook Theatre, Southern Cross University

**Tickets available at:**

<https://www.ticketebo.com.au/filmbytnr2025>

## **SPORT REPORT**

### Swimming to Success

Knox recently represented NSW at the National Swimming Championships held in Ballarat.

He competed in 5 events, achieving outstanding results and many PBs, including:

- 12 years Boys 50m FS where he came 9<sup>th</sup> in Australia
- Senior Boys 100m Backstroke coming 6<sup>th</sup> in Australia
- Senior Boys Medley Relay came 7<sup>th</sup> in Australia
- Senior Mixed Medley Relay came 3<sup>rd</sup> and walked away with a bronze medal!
- And last but not least, the Senior 4x 50m FS Relay team came FIRST, receiving a gold medal! The team also set a new Australian Record!

**Congratulations Knox on your outstanding achievements!**



### Intensive Swimming & Swimming Safety

Starting next Monday, 10th November, our **Year 2 and Support Unit** students will be taking part in an intensive swimming program. As well as **Years 5 and 6** participating in a Swimming Safety program.

**Please ensure your child brings:**

- Swimmers
- Sunscreen
- Rash Shirt
- Water
- 2 towels Labelled
- Hat
- Plastic bag for wet clothes
- Lunch (*school canteen orders still available*)
- Jumper and Thongs optional for between lessons

# What's Happening in our school

## Curriculum Bites



## Mathematics: Building Strong Foundations at Casino Public School

Mathematics is a vital part of our curriculum at Casino Public School, where we focus on developing strong numeracy skills and problem-solving abilities from Kindergarten through to Year 6. Recently, some of our Stage 3 students demonstrated their dedication and skills by participating in the 'APMSO Maths Games' and the Newcastle Permanent Maths Competitions, achieving some exciting results. We are proud of their efforts and commitment to learning, and we look forward to seeing all our students continue to grow and excel in maths!

## Aboriginal Education Team

## Deadly Futures Careers Day

Last Wednesday at Casino Public School, the students in Years 3-6 had the opportunity to talk to and ask local businesses and professionals questions about their jobs and what it takes to enter the workforce in these chosen fields.

Our Deadly Futures grew this year from 12 careers represented last year to 23 showcased this year. We were lucky enough to talk to local hospitality representatives, apprentices across a number of trades and local government and council branches.

The students all walked away with ideas about future opportunities they would like to explore and now also have some valuable local connections to reach out to when the time comes.

### A big thank you to:

- Mario from the Charcoal Hotel
- Tony's Workshop
- NAB Banking
- McDonalds
- The Ivy Room
- PRD Real Estate
- Alison Bienke
- Ashton Johnston (Electrician)
- Bryce Chapman (Solar Electrician)
- Adam and Brad from Kingsbrae Bulk Haulage
- Richmond Valley Council
- Casino Library
- Our local Police Youth Officer
- Casino Ambulance Station
- Our Rangers team Richard, Matt and Bill
- Lismore base Hospital nursing
- Kylie Phelps
- Vann Kennedy Harris
- Our Department of Education Careers Team



**Thank you for sharing all your knowledge!**

# World Teachers Day

***Our teachers are the heartbeat of our school.***

*Last Friday, we celebrated not just their hard work, but the passion and kindness that make learning an adventure every day.*

Recognising our teachers is important.

It reminds us that behind every student's success is a caring professional who goes above and beyond to make learning meaningful.

Shout out to our wonderful team of CPS teachers for your dedication, compassion, and the many ways you help our students learn, grow, and thrive.

**Your hard work and passion make CPS a truly special place to be!**



## ACTIVE AFTERNOON CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL Rainbow region kids

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CHILD CARE



**Tuesdays**  
**3.50 - 4.50 pm**  
**Starts week Oct 20**

**\$12.80 per session**  
+ after school care fee

**👉 We are Child Care Subsidy approved!**  
CCS available for eligible families (up to 90%)

**Join now!**



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