



CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 9

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Celebrations

As we move toward the end of the school year students CPS will be acknowledging student achievement and participation during the 2025 school year.

Our preschool students recently celebrated their graduation from preschool with a family picnic before they begin their formal schooling in 2026. There were lots of smiling faces and a visit from Santa and Mrs Claus who gave gifts of books resulted in much excitement and many smiling faces.

CPS 2025 formal assemblies were held yesterday. It was an impressive to see the achievements of our students in the classroom, on the sporting field, in the arts and within community were impressive and made me proud to be a principal in NSW Public Education, especially at Casino Public School. Our students acknowledged the success of their peers and were challenged to think of something they had learnt this year that made them proud. Thanks to all our families who were able to come and celebrate our students! Your support is appreciated.

Tomorrow night our Year 6 graduation dinner will be held in the school hall. This is always a highlight of our school year as we take a moment to pause and see how much our Year 6 students have grown and learnt while they have been at CPS and farewell them to high school. Families and staff often find this an emotional event and I am looking forward to attending tomorrow night.

Please keep an eye of the newsletter and our social media platforms to keep updated about the special events at school as we come to the end of the school year. A reminder that all students are expected to attend school until the Friday 19th December.

2027 OC Class Application Now Open

Applications for Opportunity Class (OC) and Selective High School (SHS) placement for 2027 opened on Thursday, 6 November 2025. The OC program is designed for students who demonstrate high academic ability and seek greater challenge. It offers an advanced curriculum with like-minded peers.

Parents and carers can now apply for OC placement if their child is finishing Year 3 or beginning Year 4. Applications for SHS placement are open for students finishing Year 5 or starting Year 6. Please note that, due to the extended application period, late applications will not be accepted. Applications are to be done online and close on Friday, 20 February 2026. For more information, please visit the NSW Department of Education website or contact the school office.

School Session Times 2026

In 2026 there will be a slight change to session times during the school day. These times were changed to support timetabling to positively impact teaching and learning. Our Morning session will run from 9.10 to 11.10, Lunch 11.10- 12.05, middle session 12.05 to 2.05, recess 2.05 to 2.25 and afternoon session 2.25 until 3.10. These changes are internal only and there is no change to school starting and finishing times or the length of the school day.

A reminder that as we continue to plan for 2026 it would be appreciated if you could let the school know if you are not intending to return to CPS. If you know of anyone looking at CPS as an educational option for their child please get them to give us a call.

Have a great week everyone!



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 10 December
Stage 2 and 3 Rewards
Social at RSM

Wednesday 10 December
Support Unit High School
Transition

Wednesday 10 December
Year 6 Graduation Dinner

Monday 16 December
Academic Reports sent
home

Friday 19 December
Last Day of Term 4

Jackie Nilon
Principal



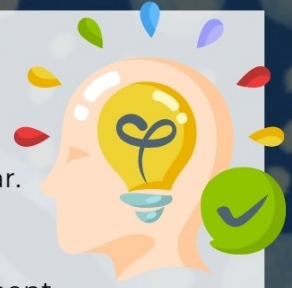
Education

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

This week we will focus on: **Reflecting on Our Learning and PBL Journey**

This week, students are taking time to reflect on their learning experiences and their growth within our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) classroom throughout the year. By looking back on achievements, challenges, and positive behaviours, students gain insight into their progress and set goals for continued success.

Reflection helps us appreciate how far we've come and encourages ongoing commitment to a respectful and supportive learning environment.



CHARITY CASH BINGO!



A big THANK YOU to Casino Charity Cash Bingo for their recent generous donation of \$800 to Casino Public School! We are deeply grateful for your continued generosity and support. Your contribution, no matter the size, plays a crucial role in enhancing the educational outcomes of our students.

Cash Bingo is held at the Casino RSM Club on Thursday evenings at 7pm. Beneficiaries of the charity are: Casino Public School, Casino West Public School, Casino High School, Jumbunna and Casino Cancer Group.

HANDS THAT SING



Our Auslan Language Group

Last Thursday our Auslan Language Group represented our school at the Richmond Valley Council Christmas Street Party. It was great to see so many students and families out supporting this community event. Our Language Group students sang two Christmas Carols for our community members. Mrs Coughran and I would like to extend a huge thank you to all the parents/carers who made the time to bring our students to this event and stayed to support us!



SPORT REPORT

Get Moving This Summer:

Stay Active and Beat Screen Time!

As the summer holidays are upon us, it's a great time to encourage our children to stay active and enjoy the outdoors. Staying active not only helps keep our kids healthy and strong but also boosts their mood and energy levels – making holidays even more fun!

To help reduce screen time over the break, try setting daily limits and encouraging activities that get the whole family moving. Going for walks, riding bikes, playing in the park, or organising fun outdoor games can be great ways to get everyone outside and away from screens. Remember, fresh air and physical activity are wonderful for both body and mind.

By balancing screen time with plenty of active, outdoor fun, we're helping our children have a happy, healthy, and exciting summer holiday!



What's Happening in our school

Curriculum Bites

Semester 2 Reports **Coming Home in Week 10**

As we approach the end of another busy and successful year at Casino Public School, we're excited to celebrate the wonderful learning and growth our students have achieved! Semester 2 reports will be sent home in Week 10, providing a snapshot of each child's progress, effort, and achievements across the year.

We are incredibly proud of the hard work, persistence, and enthusiasm our students have shown in their learning. Every child has made progress in their own way, and these reports are a reflection of that journey.

We encourage families to take the time to sit down together and read through the report, celebrating your child's achievements and discussing the goals they can continue to work towards. It's a wonderful opportunity to recognise their individual successes and share in their pride.

Carols in the Playground

Last Tuesday, we came together for our much-loved annual Carols in the Playground event, and what a wonderful evening it was! We want to extend a big thank you to all our families, carers, and friends who came along to celebrate with us. Your support means so much and truly helps create a warm, community atmosphere for everyone.

This year's Carols was one of our biggest yet, and the excitement among the students was absolutely contagious. They were so thrilled to perform their favourite songs for the special people in their lives. It was heartwarming to see their faces light up with joy as they sang and shared in the festive cheer.

We were also lucky to have a very special visitor Santa Claus make a magical appearance, delighting the children and adding an extra sparkle to the evening. It's moments like these that make our celebration so memorable.

A huge thank you goes to our hardworking P&C committee, who did an amazing job organising tasty food and drinks for everyone to enjoy. Their efforts helped make the event comfortable and delicious for all attendees.

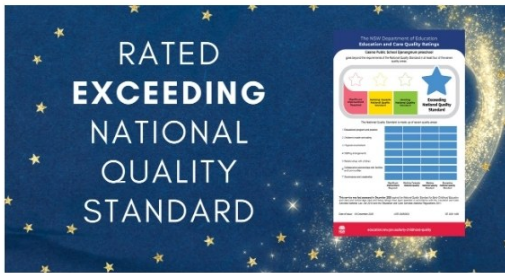
Carols in the Playground is always such a fun and special way for us to come together as a community to mark the end of what has been a big and busy year. We hope you enjoyed the evening as much as we did, and we can't wait to celebrate with you again next year!



Djanangmum Preschool News

Look What We've Been Up To!

Assessment and Rating



In Week 6, Djanangmum Preschool participated in the Assessment and Rating process. This involves closely reviewing our service practices against the seven Quality Areas of the National Quality Standard (NQS). We are incredibly proud to share that Djanangmum Preschool has once again been rated **EXCEEDING the National Quality Standard in all seven Quality Areas.**

This achievement reflects the dedication of our educators and, importantly, the strong and enduring partnerships we share with our families and wider community. Your ongoing support, trust and collaboration play a vital role in helping us deliver a high-quality service where children thrive.

Thank you for being part of the Djanangmum Preschool journey!

Celebrating Our 2025 Preschoolers



This time of year is abuzz with excitement at Djanangmum Preschool!

Last week our families all joined us for a celebration picnic/graduation. Our preschoolers danced with gusto, received a special award, enjoyed party food, and to our great surprise ... some special jolly Christmas guests showed up!

What a special event.

Thank you families for joining us!

Cooling Off with Water Warriors

This week, our preschoolers are keeping cool and having loads of fun getting wet and wild with the Water Warriors program, led by Mr Brad from Fitness Kidz. Such a fantastic way to finish the year with smiles all around!



Join the Djanangmum Preschool Journey

If you are looking to enrol, it's never been a better time!

Call 6662 1113 or pop into the office or preschool to collect an enrolment form.