



# CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**TERM 4 WEEK 5** TUES 11 NOV

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

### **Thank you**

A huge thank you to Sharon Bain, Andrea Whitten and Stacey Stewart who stepped into leadership positions to provide me with the opportunity to relieve as Director Educational Leadership for the first three weeks of this term. The opportunity to relieve as DEL has provided me with further insights into how things operate at a system level, how that impacts Casino PS and my leadership. It is testimony to the fabulous staff at CPS that I can step away and things keep running smoothly. Thanks to families who have welcomed me back at the gate in the mornings and popped in to say hello. I am very happy to be back and looking forward to finishing the year positively and continuing to strive for excellence and make CPS an even better place to learn, play and work.

### **Attendance**

A reminder that attendance at school or participation in an approved education program is compulsory for students in NSW from 6 years of age. Regular attendance at school provides continuity of learning and improvement in outcomes. All students should be attending school unless they are sick or engaging in other activities approved by the principal. Should your child be away from school you are required to provide a reason for their absence. This can be done by text message, phone or letter to the school. Continual unexplained absences may result in follow-up action under the NSW DoE Attendance Policy and procedures. Please support your child by ensuring they arrive at school on time and attend every day.

### **Intensive Swimming**

Last week saw our Stage 2 and Support Unit students participate in our Intensive swimming program. This week Year 2 and Support Unit students will participate in intensive swimming and Stage 3 students in a swimming safety program. The NSW DoE is committed to providing students with opportunity to learn and develop their skills in the water. I would like to thank families who have supported their children to take part in these programs by ensuring payments are made and students come to school with the equipment they need to attend. Swimming is a skill for life and your willingness to work with the school in this endeavour is appreciated.

### **Kindergarten 2026**

Last Tuesday was our final Kindergarten orientation session before our new Kindergarten students start big school in 2026. Our Orientation program culminated with a parent session which was well attended. Thanks to Sharon Wood and Wendy Heath for sharing information with families to support a positive start to school. A huge shout out to our Kinder teachers and SLSOs who enjoyed getting to know students for next year.

It is not too late to enrol in Kindergarten at CPS for 2026. If you would like more information, please contact the school office.

Have a fabulous week everyone and remember to "Do the Four" in all settings.

**Jackie Nilon**  
Principal



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## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

**Monday 10 – Friday 14  
November**

Intensive Swimming  
Year 2 and Support Unit

**Monday 10 – Friday 14  
November**

Swimming Safety  
Years 5 and 6

**Wednesday 12 November**  
MUFTI Day – Pyjama Day

**Tuesday 18 November**  
Step Up Day – 2026 Classes

**Tuesday 18 November**  
FilmBy Screening Night

**Thursday 20 November**  
Stage 2 and 3 Public  
Speaking Competition

# Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

This week we will focus on: **Respectful Assemblies and Celebrating Success**

This week, our focus is on showing respectful behaviour during assemblies and being genuinely happy for our friends who receive awards. Listening attentively, applauding kindly, and celebrating each other's successes helps build a positive and supportive school community.

**When we respect and encourage one another, we create an environment where everyone feels valued and motivated to do their best.**

## AUSLAN LANGUAGE GROUP

Mrs. Essery &  
Mrs Coughran



In Term 4, our Auslan Language Group meets every Wednesday in the library. The group continues to work with Mrs. Coughran to focus on developing their Auslan (Australian Sign language) skills and we are also preparing to represent our school at two upcoming community events. The students are learning a few songs that we will sing and sign at these events.

The first event will be the Lions Christmas Carols held at QEII (Saturday, November 29<sup>th</sup>) and the Casino Christmas Street Party held downtown (Thursday, December 4<sup>th</sup>). We would love our CPS community to come and support us at these upcoming events.

Please keep an eye for more information about these events in the related posters in our upcoming newsletter.

Save the Date  
**November 29th**  
The Casino Lions Club presents:  
**Casino Christmas Carols 2025**  
Venue: Queen Elizabeth Park #2  
Gates Open 4pm  
Entertainment from 5pm  
Santa visit  
School performances  
Dance groups  
Face Painting  
Food Trucks  
Market Stalls  
Mr Brad and Fitness Kids  
Kids Entertainment

## SPORT REPORT

Years 3 & 4  
Make a Splash!



Last week, our Year 3 and 4 students took part in the Intensive Swimming Program. Across the week, students developed their water confidence, refined their swimming strokes, and learned important water safety skills.

It was fantastic to see everyone giving their best effort in the pool, supporting their classmates, and showing great resilience as they built their skills.

A big thank you to the instructors and teachers for making the week such a success!



# What's Happening in our school

## Curriculum Bites

### Supporting Every Student's Learning

#### Semester 2 Report Writing

At Casino Public School, our teachers are currently busy assessing and gathering important information about every student as we approach Semester 2 report writing. This ongoing process helps us truly understand each child's unique strengths and areas for growth.

By continuously collecting and analysing data, we can tailor our teaching to best support every student's learning journey and ensure they reach their full potential. **We're committed to providing personalised learning experiences that help all our students thrive!**



## Every Day Matters - School Attendance

### Attendance Matters

Regular school attendance plays a vital role in your child's learning and overall development. Every day your child is at school, they have the opportunity to build essential skills, make new friends, and engage in meaningful learning experiences that prepare them for their future. Even a few days missed can make it harder for students to keep up with important lessons.

At our school, we believe that everyday matters. Consistent attendance helps children develop positive routines, build confidence, and achieve their full potential. We thank you for partnering with us to support your child's education by ensuring they come to school each day, ready to learn.

NSW Department of Education



### Every Day Matters

Days missed = years lost

If your child misses as little as

1

day per week

they will miss

8

weeks of school per year

which adds up to over

2.5

years missed over their school life

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

Learn

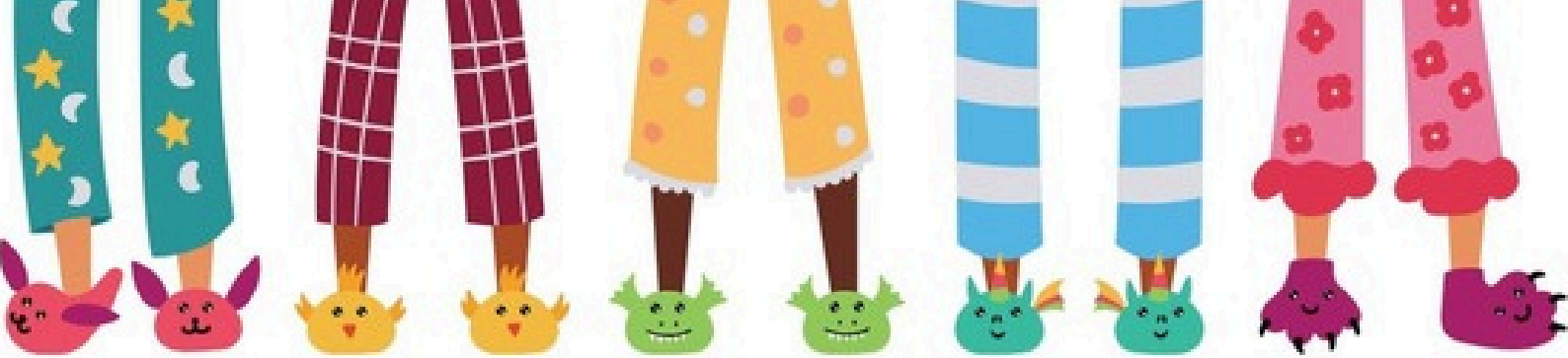
Strengthen friendships

Build skills through fun



Scan the QR code to learn more

**If you require support in getting your child to school for any reason, please reach out to us. We're here to help and work with you. Together, we can make every day count!**



# CPS SRC MUFTI-DAY

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2025

## PYJAMA DAY



### DRESS CODE

- Favourite Pyjamas or something comfy and suitable for a day at school.
- Suitable enclosed footwear
- Covered shoulders.

Gold coin donation to support our chosen charities for 2025

- Make a Wish Foundation
- Ronald McDonald House
- Dolly's Dream