



# CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**TERM 4 WEEK 6**

**TUES 18 NOV**

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

### **Community Yarn-Up**

Thanks to our Aboriginal families who were able to attend our community Yarn-Up last Tuesday afternoon. It was fantastic to see so many families attend and yarn about the good things that are happening at CPS and things we can do better for our Aboriginal students and their families. I have been working with Aunty Carmel to look at how we can use the information provided to us to improve our Aboriginal Education programs. Keep an eye out as community Yarn Ups become a regular event on the CPS calendar.

All families are welcome to contact the school at any time and provide feedback about what we do at CPS. By working together we will continually improve and strive for excellence and continue our work ensuring that our school is a great place to learn, play and work.

### **Respectful language**

We kindly ask all families to ensure that appropriate and respectful language is used when on school grounds, especially during busy pick-up times. Our school is a safe and positive environment for all students and staff, and it is important that we set a good example for our young learners. Please remember that our youngest students are always observing the behaviour of the adults around them. By using kind and respectful language, we help foster a supportive community where everyone feels safe and respected.

Thank you for your cooperation and ongoing support in maintaining a positive school environment.

### **Step Up Days**

Students participated in their first Step Up Day today in preparation for 2026. Step Up Days are an important part of our planning process where students get an opportunity to spend time in their "maybe" classes for next year. A great deal of thought goes into the class placements, and many variables are taken into consideration, including academic, social and emotional needs as well as class sizes. Our second Step Up Day will be held next Wednesday. I understand that transition can be an anxious time for students and your support to make this a positive experience is appreciated.

### **Now enrolling**

Casino PS is now taking enrolments for the rest of this year and 2026 in all year groups. Please contact the school office if you require further information about the process or would like to have a chat about what our amazing school offers both in the classroom and beyond.



## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

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

**Monday 20 November**  
Support Unit High School  
Transition

**Monday 24 - Thursday 27  
November**  
Stage 3 Brisbane Excursion

**Saturday 29 November**  
Casino Lions Christmas  
Carols - QE2  
*Auslan Language Group*

**Tuesday 2 December**  
Carols in the Playground

**Thursday 4 December**  
RVC Casino Christmas  
Street Party

**Jackie Nilon**  
Principal



Education

# Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

This week we will focus on: **Building Resilience Through Step Up Day**

Change can be challenging, but it also brings new opportunities for growth and learning. On Step Up Day, our students took an important step toward embracing change by spending a session with their next year's class and teacher. This experience helps them build resilience by becoming familiar with new environments, forming connections, and gaining confidence about the year ahead. By stepping up and facing change with courage, our students are developing the skills they need to adapt and thrive both inside and outside the classroom.

**Step Up Day is just one way we support their journey to becoming resilient, confident learners ready for the future.**



## SUSHI WEDNESDAYS



Enjoy delicious Sushi Long Rolls every Wednesday, available for order exclusively through our Flexi-school app. Each roll is just \$4.50, soy sauce available for 20c.

Our current flavours include

- Tuna & Mayo,
- Chicken Honey Soy,
- Beef Teriyaki

If you forget to order or want an extra roll, any leftover sushi will be available to purchase at the canteen on the day.

Got a favourite flavour you'd love to see? Have a chat with Danielle and share your ideas!

## SCHOLASTIC Book Club

**Issue 8 Book Club Orders will close Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025.**

Please order online or send payment and order forms to the front office by this date.



## SPORT REPORT

### Intensive Swimming and Water Safety Program Wrap-Up

Another successful year of our Intensive Swimming Program has come to an end! The smiles on the students' faces say it all and the improvement has been amazing. A big thank you to all our dedicated teachers and instructors who supported and guided our students throughout their swimming lessons. Staff members at the pool also shared how impressed they were with the excellent behaviour of our students. Learning to swim and understanding water safety are vital skills that help keep our children safe and confident in and around water. We're proud of all our students for their effort and progress, and we look forward to continuing this important program next year. **Staying safe in the water is a skill for life!**



# What's Happening in our school

## Curriculum Bites

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### *Adding Success:* **Building Strong Numeracy Skills Together at Casino Public School**

At Casino Public School, we are deeply committed to improving numeracy skills for all our students. This year, we have implemented a whole-school focus on additive strategies to strengthen foundational maths skills. Through targeted teaching and consistent practice, we have already seen significant gains across all year groups.

Parents can play a vital role in supporting their child's learning at home. Have you ever thought about how you can help your child with addition? A simple and fun way is to encourage them to add up their own lunch order. Other ideas include adding prices while shopping, counting change, or keeping score during games. **Together, we can help our students build confidence and success in numeracy!**

## Every Day Matters - School Attendance

### *Student Support Officer*

Casey Rankin has been appointed to CPS as Student Support Officer - Recovery Strategy. Casey is known to many of you as she has been an SLSO at our school for a number of years.

#### **About the Student Support Officer - Recovery Strategy role:**

Student Support Officers - (SSOs) contribute to the implementation of the whole-of-school approach to wellbeing with a focus on early intervention. They work closely with the school counselling service and other wellbeing supports to assist students to develop social and emotional skills through strengths-based programs and strategies that build resilience, coping skills and positive relationships. SSOs with the Recovery Strategy Initiative work to support school communities with developing emotional resilience, social connection and coping strategies after natural disaster events. The programs they deliver to students are in line with these key focus areas and are evidence based.

#### **Skills and experience of the student support officer workforce:**

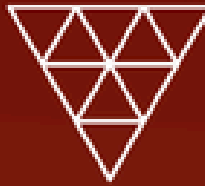
A Student Support Officer is a non-teaching member of a school's wellbeing team. They apply their skills in working with young people, small group facilitation and assisting with whole school wellbeing initiatives to:

- Improve the wellbeing, resilience, and pro-social behaviours of students by working in partnership with the wellbeing team and the school counselling service to prioritise and deliver individual, small group and whole-school evidence-based programs and strategies.
- Support transition, between schools for year 6 students and pre-schoolers transitioning to kindergarten.
- Establish referral pathways to appropriate supports within the school community should additional student needs be identified.





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YOU ARE INVITED TO



# Christmas Street Party



**CAROLS | MARKET STALLS | FIREWORKS  
SANTA VISIT | POOCHES ON PARADE | AMUSEMENTS**

**THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER  
6PM | FREE ENTRY**

**CASINO CBD**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION  
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