



CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 7 TUES 25 NOV

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Stage 3 Brisbane Excursion

Yesterday morning at 6 am, our Stage 3 students boarded the buses for their Brisbane excursion. While many feel both excited and a little anxious, it is truly an amazing opportunity filled with unforgettable experiences and memories in the making.

I would like to thank families for supporting their children to attend, understanding that this can be an anxious time for parents as well. Your trust in your children and our staff is greatly appreciated. Our dedicated staff, who leave their own families and friends behind, value this opportunity to provide such enriching experiences for our students.

Although everyone will be tired upon their return, the experience is unquestionably worth it. Please take the opportunity to show your appreciation to all staff involved by saying "thank you" for making this memorable excursion possible.

PLP Celebration

It was wonderful to see so many families attend our PLP Celebration last Tuesday, where we came together to honour the outstanding achievements of our Aboriginal students in reaching their Personalised Learning Plan (PLP) goals. Those in attendance enjoyed a sandwich, cake, and yarning with community members and staff.

A huge thank you to the Aboriginal Education Team, led by Mr. Richardson, Mrs. Tull, and Ms. Castella, for organising this event. We also extend our gratitude to the families who were able to join us.

We look forward to continuing our strong partnership with families to ensure all students at Casino Public School reach their full potential.

Congratulations to Our Talented Students and Staff!

A huge congratulations to our incredibly talented students and staff who created a remarkable film for FilmbY Northern Rivers on the theme "Change." The 24 films created by students from public schools across the Northern Rivers region premiered last Tuesday night at The Whitebrook Theatre, SCU Lismore. It was a proud moment to see our school represented in such an outstanding event and to witness the high quality film we produced. Thank you to the students, their families, and staff who attended the screening at SCU, cheering on our students as they walked the red carpet and watched their creation come to life on the big screen!

A special thank you to Mrs. McKenna, whose dedication and countless hours helping students edit their video ensured it was ready for submission. Her ongoing support before and during the event was invaluable.



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

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

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

Tuesday 2 December
Year 7 Casino High School
Orientation day

Tuesday 2 December
Carols in the Playground

Thursday 4 December
RVC Casino Christmas
Street Party

Monday 8 December
Academic Assemblies

Jackie Nilon
Principal



Education

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

This week we will focus on: **Understanding Our Class Dynamics with a PBL Approach**

This week, our students are focusing on their own class dynamics by identifying “problem spots” through the Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) framework. By exploring how their behaviours impact the classroom environment, students are encouraged to work together to find positive solutions and create a supportive, respectful space for everyone.

This focus helps build a stronger, more connected class community where everyone can thrive.



YEAR 6 SHIRT ORDERS FOR 2026



Our Year 6 shirts for 2026 are now available to order! Students and families can place their orders through the online shop, which will remain open until Friday, 5th December.

This will be the only ordering window, so please make sure to get your order in on time. We’re excited to see our 2026 leaders wearing their shirts with pride!

CASINO TENNIS CLUB

JUNIOR SOCIAL TENNIS AND PICKLEBALL

\$10 PER WEEK FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE

FRIDAY NIGHTS 5PM - 6:30PM

ORGANISED SOCIAL MATCH PLAY | AGES 6 - 16
FREE PIZZA | PRIZES EVERY WEEK AND MAJOR PRIZE AT END OF TERM
SOCIAL COURT AVAILABLE FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

TERM 4 DATES 21/11/25 - 12/12/25

CONTACT TRENT FOR MORE DETAILS 0499 743 095

SPORT REPORT

Intensive Swimming and Water Safety Program Wrap-Up

Over the past two weeks, students in years 2-6 participated in Intensive Swimming at Casino Pool. Years 2, 3, 4 and Support Unit students completed the yellow program. Their 10 sessions concentrated on being safe in the water and stroke development. Years 5 and 6 participated in the 5 session safety program. This program solely focuses on survival strokes, water safety and rescues.

The results were amazing and all students should feel proud of their progress.

Year Groups	Freestyle Distance Day 1 of program	Freestyle Distance Last Day of Program	Longest distance swum (any stroke)
Year 2	* 83% less than 10m * 1% 25m+	* 39% less than 10m * 35% 25m+	* 39% less than 10m * 24% 50m+
Year 3	* 61% less than 10m * 13% 25m+	* 14% less than 10m * 76% 25m+	* <1% less than 10m * 25% 50m+
Year 4	* 56% less than 10m * 19% 25m+	* <1% less than 10m * 82% 25m+	* <1% less than 10m * 30% 50m+
Support Unit Years 2-6	* 68% less than 10m * 1% 25m+	* 45% less than 10m * 32% 25m+	* 45% less than 10m * 22% 50m+
Year 5 Water Safety	* 25% less than 10m * 40% 25m+	NA	* 11% less than 10m * 67% 50m+
Year 6 Water Safety	* 29% less than 10m * 46% 25m+	NA	* <1% less than 10m * 66% 50m+

Keep up the great swimming over the summer break and stay safe in the water!



What's Happening in our school

Curriculum Bites

Public Speaking Competition

Our annual Public Speaking Competition has been a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their confidence and communication skills. Students in K-2 have been engaging in fun and supportive public speaking activities within their classrooms, building a strong foundation. Meanwhile, students in Years 3-6 have been working hard to create and deliver speeches to their classes, with finalists presenting to their stages last Thursday.

Public speaking skills are an essential part of literacy learning because they help students organise their thoughts, use vocabulary effectively, and communicate clearly and confidently. These skills not only improve speaking and listening abilities but also enhance writing and reading comprehension.

Congratulations to everyone who participated at the class level, and a big shoutout to those students who made it to the finals: **Stage 2:** Paxton, Reid, Landon, Maddison, Fletcher, Tayelah, Arya, Oliver, Arlyn and Jariah Blair.

Stage 3: Braelin, Braxton, Ainsley, Skye, Skylah, Elsie, Christine, Sophia, Abygale and Lilly.

Our winners, Stage 2: 1st Tayleah 2nd Ayra and Stage 3: 1st Braelin 2nd Skylah, were outstanding in their presentations and should be highly commended for their effort, poise, and skill. **Well done to all!**



Attendance Matters

Let's Finish the Year Strong!

As we head towards the end of another big year at Casino Public School, there are still so many exciting events, learning opportunities, and memorable experiences ahead for our students.

Regular attendance is key to making the most of these moments. When students attend school consistently, they stay connected with their classmates, keep up with important lessons, and build the skills they need to succeed.

Every day counts in achieving personal goals and enjoying all the fun activities planned. Let's work together to ensure our students finish the year strong and ready for what's next!

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

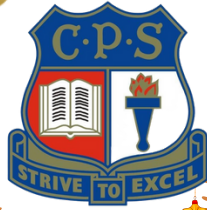
which adds up to over

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





Sausage
sizzle

Lucky
Dips

Come and celebrate Christmas with us!

CAROLS in the PLAYGROUND

Bring a chair or a picnic rug and
sing along with the students!

DEC | 2 | TUES

STARTING AT 6:00PM

Cold
drinks

Snow
Cones