



CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 3

TUES 28 OCT

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Grandparents Day

NSW Grandparents Day celebrates the diversity of grandparent relationships across age groups, cultural backgrounds, and geographical locations. Grandparents, grand-friends, kin, and those who take on the role of a grandparent in their family or community are recognised for their contributions. Our Grandparents Day was held last Friday. Thanks to our Grandparents and wider school community who attended to support their kids and our school. Another huge turnout of families with 224 Grandparents coming to visit classrooms and have a picnic lunch. See photos on the next page and on our Facebook page.

Kindy Orientation

Kindergarten Orientation Term 4 has had a busy start, but a highlight of last week was welcoming our 2026 Kindergarten students for their first Kindergarten Orientation session. They looked great in their new shirts and had fun participating in "big school" activities, making new friends and getting to know staff. We are looking forward to seeing them again next Tuesday. We are looking forward to getting to know our new Kindies before they make their full transition to our school next year.

It is not too late to enrol for Kinder 2026!

If you have a child who is school age next year, and you are considering Casino Public School, please pop into the school office and have a chat.

Chilled Outdoor Drinking Fountain

A massive thank you to our hardworking fundraising P&C. Their efforts, and your support has enabled them to purchase a "Chilled Outdoor Drinking Fountain" for our students. It is built from modular stainless steel and includes a built-in filter for improved water quality. It also features both bottle fillers and drinking bubblers.

Student Guide: Australian Under 16 Social Media Minimum Age Law

From 10 December 2025, you must be 16yrs or older to have an account on certain social media platforms in Australia. This includes Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat, Facebook, YouTube X (Twitter) and others. If you are under 16, these platforms are legally required to:

- Find and remove your existing account
- Stop you from creating a new one
- Prevent you from rejoining immediately with a new account.

For the full student guide that will answer your questions please go to

<https://www.safeonsocial.com/product-page/social-media-age-delay-free-school-video-pack>



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 28 October

Kindergarten Orientation
Day 2

Wednesday 29 October

Deadly Futures
Careers Day

Friday 31 October

World Teachers Day

Monday 3 November

Intensive Swimming
Years 3 and 4

Thursday 6 November

Support Unit
High School Transition

Sharon Bain
(Rel) Principal



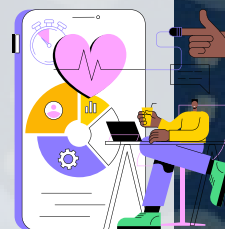
Education

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

This week we will focus on: **Using Classroom Wellbeing Data to Support Learning**

This week, our focus is on how teachers use wellbeing data from the whole class to plan lessons that support everyone's social and emotional needs. By understanding the class's collective wellbeing, teachers can create meaningful lessons that build resilience, promote positive relationships, and foster a supportive learning environment.

When we all work together to care for one another and participate fully, we help create a safe and happy classroom where everyone can thrive.



GRATEFUL FOR GRANDPARENTS!

Last Friday, we were delighted to celebrate Grandparents Day with our school community! It was wonderful to welcome so many grandparents and special friends to share in the day. Students enjoyed showing off their classrooms, participating in fun activities, and sharing a lovely picnic lunch together.

Grandparents play such an important role in the lives of our students, offering guidance, love, and connection across generations. We are so grateful for their presence and support, which help make our school community even stronger.



HPGE : Lights, Camera, Creativity: CPS Students Join FilmBy Workshop!



We are excited to share that 10 talented CPS students have been carefully selected to participate in the FilmBy animation and filmmaking workshop. This exceptional opportunity, supported by the Arts Unit, delivers tailored, in-depth online workshops that develop important skills in camera operation, sound design, storytelling, and animation.

This full-day session, led by expert film educators, is designed to inspire creativity and build advanced technical expertise in filmmaking and digital media. Through this program, our students will be broadening their artistic capabilities and gaining hands-on experience in a dynamic and creative field. We are proud to support our young filmmakers and animators as they pursue their passion and unlock their potential in this innovative creative learning experience. **Stay tuned for exciting updates on their projects and achievements!**

SPORT REPORT

Stronger Together!

Last week, students in stages 2 and 3 had a fantastic time participating in Tug of War, showing great teamwork and determination! In the coming weeks, they will continue to enjoy this fun activity during Weeks 5 and 7.

Our Stage 3 sport rotations will take place in Weeks 2, 3, 4, 8, and 9, and students had the opportunity to choose their preferred sport. Rotations this term include Circus Skills, Lawn Bowls, Basketball, Soccer, and Handball, giving everyone a chance to try something new and develop a range of skills. At the end of our sport rotations the Circus Skills participants will put on a performance for the other members of our stage.

Intensive Swimming Next Week!



Starting next Monday, 3rd November, our Year 3 and Year 4 students will be taking part in an intensive swimming program. This program will develop their water safety skills and confidence in the pool while having lots of fun!

Please ensure your child brings:

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

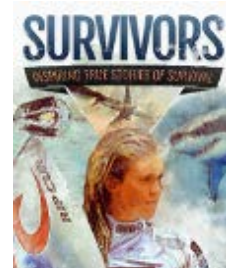
What's Happening in our school

Curriculum Bites

Exploring the Worlds Within Stories

Why not start a conversation with your child about the stories and texts they're exploring this term?

Our Years 3–6 students are engaging with a diverse range of rich and thought-provoking books as they deepen their understanding of textual concepts such as theme, argument and authority. They're analysing how authors shape meaning and influence readers and applying these skills to create their own persuasive texts. Students will also refine their speaking and presentation skills as they prepare for our upcoming Public Speaking Competition. It's inspiring to see their growing confidence as thoughtful readers, writers, and communicators!



High Potential and Gifted Education at CPS

KINDERGARTEN ORIENTATION



Last week, we were thrilled to welcome our newest generation of CPS learners through the gates for their very first taste of big school! The Kindergarten Orientation Program gave students the opportunity to meet their teachers and the new friends who will join them for their first year of learning. They also enjoyed exploring their new classrooms and play spaces, getting a feel for the exciting adventures ahead.

We were delighted to welcome our future students back again today and are already looking forward to next week's final orientation day, where we'll have the opportunity to spend time with our new parents during our Parent Information Session.

Starting Kindergarten is a huge milestone for both children and their families, and we're so proud of how confidently everyone has embraced this special transition.

Look out 2026 our Kindy's are ready to go!!





NEW SOCIAL MEDIA AGE RESTRICTIONS COMING INTO EFFECT 2025!

From 10 December 2025, new national legislation will take effect across Australia to limit access to social media platforms for children under 16. Led by the federal government and supported by the eSafety Commissioner, this initiative aims to protect young Australians during a vital stage of their development reducing exposure to harmful content, cyberbullying, and the addictive design features of many platforms.

Under the new regulations, social media companies must take reasonable steps to stop users under 16 from creating or maintaining accounts on age-restricted platforms. This includes deactivating existing underage accounts and introducing robust age-verification systems that go beyond government ID checks. The responsibility for enforcing these measures will rest squarely with the platforms themselves.

At school, we often see the emotional and social challenges that can arise from online engagement, from friendship conflicts and heightened anxiety to the pressures of unrealistic online comparisons. These new restrictions represent a proactive step toward reducing those risks and promoting the wellbeing of our students.

We encourage all parents and carers to learn more about these upcoming changes and how they may affect your child.



Term 4, 2025

eSafety parents and carers webinars

Join eSafety's free live webinars for parents and carers.

Term 4 topics:

- **Supporting healthy tech use as your child transitions into secondary school (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in upper primary school (ages 11 to 12) and Year 7.
- **Understanding and using parental controls to help protect your child online (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary and secondary school.
- **The changing face of cyberbullying: Protecting your child in 2025 (45 minutes).** Suitable for parents and carers of children in primary and secondary school.



For more information and to register now: [eSafety.gov.au/parents/webinars](https://esafety.gov.au/parents/webinars)