



CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 8

TUES 2 DEC

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Stage 3 Brisbane Excursion

Our Stage 3 Brisbane excursion returned safely last Thursday after a week of wonderful experiences. A huge thank you to all the staff whose dedication and hard work made this trip successful and enjoyable for everyone. We also want to commend our Stage 3 students for their positive behaviour, enthusiasm, and active participation throughout the excursion. Your positive attitude truly made this experience memorable.

Thank you to all families for your support in making this excursion a great success!

Semester Two Student Reports

Semester Two student progress are currently being written by teachers. These reports give you important information about your child's learning and academic progress against outcomes taught at school. In addition to academic progress, the reports include information about your child's learning habits, including their attitude towards learning. Reports will be sent home with your child on Tuesday, 16th December. If you do not receive your child's report on this date, or if you want to talk to a teacher about your child's progress, please contact the school.

Student Contact

To ensure a supportive and positive environment for all students, we kindly ask that families refrain from discussing any school-related issues directly with students. If you have concerns or questions about your child's experience at school, please follow the proper process by contacting the school office. Our staff are here to help and will work with you to address any matters in accordance with our Community Charter. Thank you for your cooperation and support in maintaining a respectful and collaborative school community.

Second Step-Up Day

Tomorrow is our second Step-Up Day. Students will spend time in their "maybe" classes with their "maybe" teachers for 2026. This gives them a chance to practice and get ready for next year. We ask families to please be positive when talking to children about Step-Up Days. Our staff spend a lot of time carefully planning class placements, considering many different factors to make the best decisions for every student. If you have any questions or want to talk about Step-Up Day, please contact the school.

Student Arrival Times

Staff are noticing that an increasing number of students are arriving before 8:40 am, which is when supervision begins. Teachers who arrive at school early do so to prepare for the school day and are not required to be on duty. Students who arrive early must sit quietly on the seats near the office. Please talk with your children about this to keep everyone safe. The safety and wellbeing of our students is our top priority. Rainbow Region Kids offers before and after school care at CPS. This service is available to all families and information is available at the office. Your support with this is appreciated.

Candy Canes

Christmas is a fun time, and we know students enjoy exchanging treats with their friends. However, to keep our school safe and inclusive, please do not send candy canes to school. We encourage families to save these tasty treats for home celebrations. Thank you for your understanding and support!

Have a great week everyone.

Jackie Nilon
Principal



Education



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 2 December
Year 7 Casino High School
Orientation day

Tuesday 2 December
Carols in the Playground

Wednesday 3 December
Step-Up Day

Wednesday 3 December
Djanangmum AECG
Meeting

Thursday 4 December
RVC Casino Christmas
Street Party

Monday 8 December
Academic Assemblies

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

This week we will focus on: **Respect and Celebrating Friends During Assemblies**

This week, we are focusing on showing respect during assemblies and being genuinely happy for our friends when they receive awards. We encourage all students to listen attentively, cheer kindly, and support their classmates' achievements.

Celebrating each other's successes helps build a positive and caring school community where everyone feels valued.



SIGNING IN THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS:



Our Auslan Choir Shines at Lions Carols!

Last weekend, our Auslan Choir performed at the local Lions Christmas Carols, filling the event with festive spirit and joy. Our students did an amazing job signing Christmas songs, helping everyone experience the joy of the season in a new and inclusive way. It was a proud moment for our school and a wonderful way to celebrate the festive season together as a community!

A big thank you to Mrs Essery and Mrs Coughran for all your hard work behind the scenes and providing our students with this opportunity.



CAROLS IN THE PLAYGROUND TONIGHT! 6PM



Just a friendly reminder that our Carols in the Playground event is happening tonight! The students have been practising their songs and are very excited to share their performances with family and friends. We look forward to seeing many members of our extended school community join us to celebrate the festive season together.

SPORT REPORT

Fun and Team Building as the Year Winds Down

As we approach the end of a big and exciting year, our students are enjoying class sport sessions where they get to play team-building games and have fun with their classmates.

It's a great way for everyone to stay active, build friendships, and celebrate the year's achievements together. Keeping active and moving regularly is essential for children's physical health, mental wellbeing, and overall happiness.

We're proud to see our students working as teams, showing good sportsmanship, and most importantly, having a fantastic time!

STAY ACTIVE

What's Happening in our school

Curriculum Bites

Explicit Teaching at Casino Public School

At Casino Public School, our teachers have been working hard to make learning clear, consistent, and engaging for every student. This year, we've focused on using explicit teaching and low variance routines in our classrooms. This means lessons follow a familiar structure so students know what to expect and can focus fully on their learning.



A key part of this approach is checking for understanding. Our teachers use a range of questioning and response techniques to make sure every student is involved, has the chance to practise new skills, and receives feedback straight away. Students are given multiple opportunities to respond and rehearse, helping new learning move into long-term memory.

We're already seeing fantastic growth in both student engagement and learning outcomes and most importantly, our students are feeling confident and successful in their learning.

Important Information for Parents: E-Bike Rules in NSW

E-bikes are becoming popular, but it's important for families to know the safety rules that apply in NSW. Some e-bikes are allowed on public roads and paths as long as they follow certain conditions, including:

- Everyone riding an e-bike must wear a properly fitted, approved helmet.
- The electric motor must stop assisting when the bike reaches 25km/h.
- The motor is meant to help with hills or headwinds not to do all the work.

E-bike riders follow the same rules as regular cyclists, such as:

- Staying to the left and giving way to pedestrians on shared paths.
- Riding at safe speeds and using a bell to warn others.
- Dismounting and walking the bike across pedestrian crossings unless there's a green bike signal.
- Children under 16 (or adults with them) can ride on footpaths unless there are signs saying no.
- Using mobile phones while riding is only allowed if hands-free or secured in a holder. Texting or taking photos while riding is illegal.

There are fines for not following these rules, including penalties for not wearing a helmet, using a phone illegally, or riding dangerously. Staying safe and following these rules helps protect your children and others when riding e-bikes.

Understanding E-Bike Rules in NSW



Some E-bikes are legal to ride in public in NSW if they comply with certain conditions:

** All riders and passengers MUST wear approved helmets, securely fitted and fastened.
The electric motor must cut off when the bicycle reaches 25km/h.
Motors are intended to assist when riding uphill or into headwind, not as the primary source of propulsion.

E-bikes are subject to the same rules as bicycles, and have the same rights and responsibilities as other NSW road users including:

** Keep to the left and give way to pedestrians on shared paths or footpaths.
Ride at a speed which is safe for you and those around you.
Have and use a bell to warn others you are approaching.
Riders are to dismount and walk across pedestrian crossings unless there is a green bicycle light.
Only children under 16 years of age or adults accompanying a child under 16 can ride on a footpath, unless there are signs prohibiting bicycle riding.
Mobile phones must be hands free OR secured in a commercially manufactured phone holder fixed to the bike. It is illegal to text, make video calls, use social media or take photos/videos while riding.

Penalties

• Fines from \$818 for illegal e-bike use.
• Fines for not wearing an approved helmet from \$410.
Riding under the influence of drugs or alcohol can lead to fines or imprisonment.
On the spot fines for holding a mobile phone from \$410.
Penalties apply for negligent or dangerous riding.

Note: If you are involved in an incident that results in injury or damage to a person's property, you may be financially liable.

For further information, please visit.



E-bikes |
Transport
for NSW



A handbook
for bicycle
riders

Stay safe and ride responsibly!



Stage 3 Brisbane Excursion

Brisbane Excursion: An Unforgettable Adventure

Our Year 6 students recently enjoyed a wonderful trip to Brisbane, filled with exciting activities that combined learning and fun. It was a great chance for them to explore new places and experience things beyond the classroom.

The trip started with a visit to the planetarium, where the students discovered the amazing world of stars, planets, and space. They loved the interactive shows that made learning about the universe both interesting and enjoyable.

Next, they visited the koala sanctuary, where they got to see these adorable Australian animals up close. The students learned all about koalas, their lifestyles, and why it's important to protect them.

At Parliament House, the students learned about how our government works and the role it plays in our lives. It was a valuable experience that helped them understand democracy and the importance of being active citizens.

An exciting part of the trip was a hands-on activity called "Searching for Gold at Eureka," where the students learned about Australia's gold rush history and tried their luck at panning for gold. It was a fun and interactive way for them to connect with an important piece of our past.

The visit to the Anzac Memorial was a special moment, where the students reflected on the bravery and sacrifices of Australia's servicemen and women. It was a respectful and meaningful part of their trip.

Overall, the Brisbane excursion was a fantastic experience that combined education with adventure. Our students returned with lots of stories to share and new knowledge that will stay with them for years to come.

Thank you to the teachers and helpers who made this trip safe and enjoyable for everyone!

