



CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome back

It has been a positive and settled start for our students at CPS in 2026. Watching our students return after a lengthy summer holiday, seeing their friends and excited for another year of learning has been wonderful. I can't wait to see all students grow and learn this year.

A big welcome to our newest learners – our Kindergarten students. What an adventure they are embarking on this year! Oh the places they'll go!!

Staffing

The end of 2025 saw many staffing changes at CPS. In 2026, Sandy Graham will be relieving Assistant Principal Stage 2 and Stacey Stewart will be relieving Assistant Principal Curriculum and Instruction. We welcome Sharon Temple to our Stage 3 teaching team, Hannah Lawson to our Stage 2 teaching team, Amber Wheatley and Matilda Varco to our RFF team and Megan Bell to our preschool team. Finally, we welcome and congratulate Kiel Drew on his appointment as SLSO in our support unit. As relieving Principal I am excited and proud to be given the opportunity to lead our wonderful school community and look forward to working with you all.

Bell times for 2026

This year we have introduced a change to our bell times to enhance teaching and learning. Please take note of the following changes. School start and end times have NOT been changed.

Morning Session 9:10am-11:10am

Lunch 11:10am-11:55am

Middle Session 12:00pm-2:00pm

Recess 2:00pm – 2:20pm

Afternoon Session 2:25pm-3:10pm

Uniform at CPS

We take pride in our uniform at CPS. Please ensure your child comes to school each day in the correct school uniform, including a hat. Should you require new uniforms they can be purchased from the front office. We also have a pool of good quality, second hand uniforms that can be accessed by families.

Notes

Today our students will be bringing home a selection of notes that provide permission for your child to engage in activities to support their learning and the opportunity to update our records. Please ensure these notes are signed and returned to your child's teacher ASAP.

School photo notes will also be sent home today. School photos will be held on the 17th and 19th of February. Envelopes and payment are to be returned to your child's teacher ON THE DAY on the photos.

Have a great week everyone!

Andrea Whitten
Relieving Principal



Education



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Friday 6 February

Stage 2 and 3 Colour
House Captain Meetings

Friday 13 February

CPS 3-6 Swimming
Carnival

Tuesday 17 and

Thursday 19 February

School Photos

Wednesday 25 February

Open Classrooms

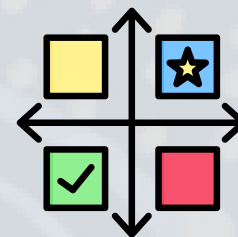
Thursday 26 February

Northern Rivers PSSA
Zone Swimming Carnival

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

This week we will focus on: **Classroom Matrix**

This week in our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) lesson, students are exploring the Classroom Matrix to understand and demonstrate expected behaviours across different settings. This engaging activity is helping to reinforce positive actions and create a supportive learning environment where everyone can thrive.



OFFICE NEWS

We are extremely lucky to have such efficient and welcoming office staff at CPS. Office hours at CPS are 8:30-3:30 with a 3:00pm cut off for all payments. Please ensure you take the office hours into account when planning to make payments, purchase uniforms or contact our school.

Communication with the school

Absences can be communicated by replying to the text message send after 9:30am, parent portal, written note to the teacher or by phoning the office. Parents or carers of children of compulsory school age are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day because “every day counts”.

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

The Sentral Parent Portal is a simple, one stop app that allows school families to communicate with and access information about school events and activities. Instructions about how to access the Sentral Parent Portal are included here and available on our school website. All families are strongly encouraged to access this communication tool. If you don't already have the app or require support with this, please contact the school.

Sentral

For student attendance matters, events calendar and important school updates.

Log-in to the [Sentral portal open in new](#) or:

- Download [Sentral on Google Play open in new](#)
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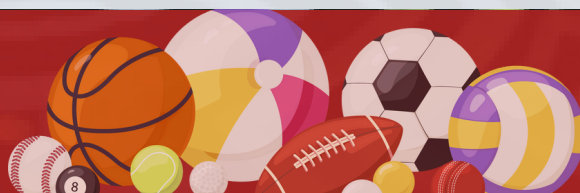


School Bytes

For making payments and viewing financial records.

Log-in to the [School Bytes portal open in new](#) or:

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SPORT REPORT

CPS Swimming Carnival



Our school swimming carnival is on next Friday 13th February. All students in year 3-6 will participate in the carnival. Notes will be sent home with students to provide permission for students to attend as well as identify their swimming ability. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible.

Students can either bring their own lunch, order through the school canteen (which will be delivered to the pool) or purchase from the pool kiosk.

The carnival program will be available in next weeks newsletter.

After reviewing our swimming data from 2025, we have identified several students who show great potential to excel in the sport. These students have been recommended for further support through the High Performance and Gifted Education (HPGE) program. We will be sending home notes to these students and are excited to support their journey in the world of swimming.

What's Happening in our school

Curriculum Bites

Back at School **AND BURSTING TO LEARN!**

Welcome back to school! It's wonderful to see our classrooms buzzing with excitement as students come together, eager to dive into literacy and numeracy.

This term, we're excited to introduce new and interesting lessons based on updated learning plans for these areas:

- Creative Arts
- Personal Development, Health and Physical Education
- Science and Technology
- Human Society and Its Environment



Our teachers have been working hard behind the scenes to prepare lessons that will build strong reading skills, improve writing, and deepen mathematical understanding.

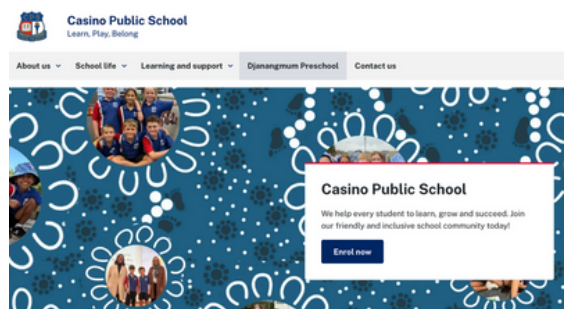
Here's to a fantastic start and a term full of growth, learning, and discovery for everyone!

Our Website Just Got a Glow-Up!

DESIGNED WITH OUR COMMUNITY IN MIND

We wrapped up 2025 with the launch of our brand-new, user-friendly school website!

With our families and wider community at the heart of the update, it's designed to be easier to navigate, more appealing to explore, and simpler to find what you need. We're only just getting started, so watch this space as we continue to grow, update and add even more great content.



[CLICK HERE TO JUMP ONLINE AND CHECK IT OUT TODAY!](#)

SCHOOL **SAVE THE DATE**

PHOTOS 2026 **Tuesday 17 and Thursday 19 February 2026**



We are Hiring!



Education

Relieving General Assistant Casino Public School

Expression of Interest (EOI)

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are invited for the position of Relieving GA at Casino Public School. The position is available for term 1, 2026, with the possibility of an extension.

Casino Public School works closely with schools in Casino and the surrounding areas, including Casino West Public School and Casino High School. As a school community, we embrace developing relationships and connections within and across our schools and community. We engage with the Djanangmum AECG and other local community organisations to grow relationships within the community to improve outcomes for our students.

Our school culture is one of high expectations for achievement, a shared sense of responsibility for student engagement, learning development and success. Positive, respectful relationships underpinning productive learning environments are supporting students in developing their identities as learn. Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) supports the school's learning culture and whole school processes. It enhances staff capacity to reflect on practice and promotes a consistent approach across the school. Students are acknowledged for their positive contributions to the school and learning

About the Role:

The General Assistant performs a range of tasks relating to the routine maintenance and upkeep at Casino Public School.

This may include:

- Unpacking, storing, and distributing supplies. Assist with school stock-take as required.
- Identifying and reporting maintenance/safety issues to the role supervisor; undertaking minor maintenance of buildings and equipment not covered by contracts or requiring a qualified tradesperson.
- Maintaining and caring for school grounds, including mowing school lawns; marking of school playing fields; preparation of grounds for planting trees and shrubs and watering; pruning shrubs, trimming hedges, light lopping and trimming of trees. Safety and proficiently operate mowers, tools and equipment; store and maintain mowers, tools and equipment in accordance with WHS standards.
- Other related duties of the role, within the skills and competencies of the General Assistant, as directed by the principal.
- Navigation of the online training platform to complete Departmental Mandatory Professional Learning requirements.

It is a requirement of the Department of Education that you have a Working with Children Check in place.

Applications should be emailed to andrea.whitten1@det.nsw.edu.au by 3 PM on Wednesday, 4 February 2026. In addition, a one-page introductory letter should also be attached (including 2 referees, one being your current supervisor/line manager).