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October 2025

Important Dates for your Diary

Term 4

Fri 31st Oct	Chess Comp Finals
Tue 4th Nov	Stg 2 HP & GE at Sydney Zoo
	WSW Football Program Yrs 5-6
Wed 5th Nov	Kindy Orientation 9.15-10.45am
Thu 6th Nov	P&C Meeting
	Mini Fete (students only-in school)
Mon 10th Nov	Stg 3 HP & GE at Centre of Excellence
Tue 11th Nov	WSW Football Program Yrs 5-6
	Remembrance Day
Wed 12th Nov	Kindy Orientation Day 9.15-10.45am
	Kindy Parent Information Day 10am
	Uniform Shop 10.30
Tue 18th Nov	Stg 2 HP & GE at Centre of Excellence
	WSW Football Program Yrs 5-6
Wed 19th Nov	Kindy Orientation 9.15-10.45am
Thu 20th Nov	Cake Day- (Banksia providing)

Permission Notes and Payments Due

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
Year 6 Mini Fete	\$10	Thu 30th Oct
Voluntary Contribution	\$45	
Learning Resource Fee	\$75	

Please note these amounts can be paid off in instalments.

	Merit Awards 	Congratulations 50 DOJOs 		Ribbons 	Cockatoos 
Lilly Pilly					
Waratah	Angel B Louis R Maxx T	Angel B Mackenzie P Scarlett W Hannah H Louis R Harrison B Ivy G Thomas M Maxx T	Byron B Roman V Charlie R Alby H Raymond V	Angel B Alby H Charlie R	BC: Alby H BC: Charlie R
Grevillea		Lucas A Milla C Marlee C Lincoln A Kiralee C	Harrison J Faith B Chayse T Aeries T	Kiralee C	BC: Lucas A
Bottlebrush		Finn H Bentley P Charlotte W Serena V Kai L Layton K Joseph F Lillian C	Phoebe M Jeremy V Harrison P Leah M Stella K-C Zahra J Lexi D Ryan B		
Banksia	Sophia J Keira A Dominic V				
Wattle	Faith G Chris G Chelsea W				

From the Principal's Desk!

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone had a restful break and is ready for a busy and rewarding end to the year.

To start the term, our Stage 3 students embarked on the biannual Canberra excursion, joined by peers from Maraylya, North Kurrajong, and Bilpin Public Schools. This trip is a highlight in our school calendar, offering students a fantastic opportunity to extend their learning beyond the classroom. Over several days, students immersed themselves in Australia's political, cultural, and scientific heritage through visits to significant sites. At Parliament House, both the old and new buildings, they gained firsthand insight into our democratic system and the importance of governance. The visit to the Australian Institute of Sport gave them an up-close look at elite athletic training and sports science. At the Film and Sound Archives, students explored Australia's rich media history, while the Australian Art Gallery exposed them to a diverse range of Australian and Indigenous artworks, fostering cultural appreciation. Questacon, the National Science and Technology Centre, provided interactive exhibits that challenged and inspired their curiosity in science and technology. At the Regatta Centre, students learned about how Canberra was chosen and developed into the city it now is. Finally, the Electoral Office visit gave a practical understanding of preferential voting—how votes are counted and how this system shapes election outcomes. Throughout the trip, our students showed enthusiasm, respect, and excellent behaviour, making the experience truly rewarding for all involved. I want to sincerely thank Stage 3 students and staff for their preparation and representation of our school with pride.

Students from our school have recently undertaken an education tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as a part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding to our school under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Last week, we celebrated one of the most cherished events at Castlereagh Public—Grandparents Day. This annual celebration brings our extended school community together, reinforcing the important role grandparents play in our students' lives. I extend my deepest gratitude to Mrs Rozzoli, who meticulously organised this special day, coordinating performances and classroom visits that highlighted the breadth of learning taking place. Our staff and students delivered engaging performances showcasing their talents through music, drama, and dance, much to the delight of the proud grandparents. Visiting classrooms allowed grandparents to see firsthand the creative work, projects, and progress their grandchildren are making. Thank you to our P&C association for running the BBQ, creating a wonderful social atmosphere, and to Ken and Laurie whose help with cooking added a warm, familiar touch—it's always wonderful to have Ken back with us!

Congratulations to Mikayla Pace, who recently represented Castlereagh Public at the NSW PSSA Under 11 Girls State High Jump competition held at Homebush. Mikayla displayed incredible skill and determination, clearing an impressive height of 130cm. Finishing 18th in her category against some of the finest young athletes across the state is an outstanding achievement and one that fills us all with pride. It was a privilege to watch her perform live via the online feed, and I know her hard work and commitment to training paid off.

I also want to acknowledge all our students who participated in the recent Hawkesbury Public Speaking semi-finals. Public speaking is an essential skill that builds confidence, critical thinking, and communication abilities. The challenge of preparing a speech is significant, but the additional task of delivering an impromptu topic in front of a live audience can be daunting. Every student who took part demonstrated courage, poise, and articulate expression. Special congratulations to Archie, who has made it through to the final to be held at Freemans Reach. We wish you the best—your school community is behind you and confident you will shine.

Yesterday, I accompanied our Stage 3 students to Sydney Water in Parramatta for an interactive learning day as part of the Human Population and Global Environment (HP&GE) program through the Centre of Excellence. This visit was designed to deepen students' understanding of environmental science, sustainability, and community responsibility. Activities included crafting traditional paperbark canoes, which offered a hands-on connection to Indigenous culture and how natural resources have been sustainably used. Students engaged with presentations and demonstrations explaining the complex process of water purification, understanding how safe drinking water is managed and the science behind it. They also discussed practical ways we can all contribute to healthier waterways through everyday actions such as reducing pollution and conserving water. The experience gave students a richer appreciation of environmental stewardship and the challenges involved in managing water resources.

Term 4 is shaping up to be full of exciting opportunities and positive achievements. Thank you to all students, families, and staff for your commitment and support—together, we continue to make Castlereagh Public a vibrant and engaging learning community.

Kindest Regards

Christine Wren

Principal

Monthly Wrap Up

Congratulations to Keira and Mikayla for their fantastic efforts at the Sydney West Athletics Carnival. Keira placed in the top 8 in her event, a great achievement at this level. Mikayla jumped a personal best of 1.35m in high jump, earning 3rd place and securing a spot at the State Athletics Carnival next term. Well done to both athletes. We are so proud of your hard work and determination!



Science Day

Science day was a massive success, and all the students loved the activities.



Stage 3 Canberra Camp

Great morning learning about democracy in Canberra this morning with our Stage 3 students first up was the Museum of Modern Democracy (Old Parliament House) then a tour of the Australian Art Gallery.



Monthly Wrap Up

Grandparents Day

We celebrated Grandparent Day last week; a wonderful time was had by all.



Stage 3 CoE Excursion

What a fantastic day at Sydney Water in Parramatta. Students had a ball with Sydney Zoo, building a bark canoe, relays, chatter boxes and building our own environment. Thank you Centre of excellence Richmond for another brilliant experience!!



P&C Address

PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

CASTLEREAGH PUBLIC SCHOOL



castlereaghpublishschoolpandc@gmail.com

Term 4 is in full swing!

What an amazing start we've had — our **Grandparents Day** was a huge success! Despite the toasty weather, the smiles were brighter than ever. A massive thank you to everyone who helped and supported our **BBQ** — it's always our biggest of the year, and we couldn't have done it without you! 🍷 ❤️

One last fundraiser for 2025 — and it's a dough-lightful one!

Our **Cookie Dough Fundraiser** kicks off this week! Get ready to roll into some sweet fun — simply create your profile, share it with friends and family, and start raising those delicious dollars! There are so many irresistible flavours to choose from... even your furry friends can get in on the action!

AGM – Save the Date!

Our **Annual General Meeting** will be held on **Wednesday, December 4th**. All positions for **2026** are open — this is your chance to get involved and help shape another amazing year ahead!

Positions available:

- ★ President
- ★ 2 x Vice Presidents
- ★ Treasurer
- ★ Secretary

Come along, get involved, and be part of something special! 💙

Uniform Shop Update**

We have a new email address for the uniform shop:

castlereaghpublishschooluniform@gmail.com

If you've sent any emails to our old address recently, please resend them to the new one.

P&C Update

The P&C has a new email address as well:

castlereaghpublishschoolpandc@gmail.com

Direct Deposit, Cash and Cheques are accepted.

Please include your child's name when direct depositing money into the P&C account.

The email address to order uniforms is:

castlereaghpublishschooluniform@gmail.com

Sentral Parent Payments

It is now possible to make payments to the school for the amounts owing for the students, via the Sentral Parent Portal. To make a payment, simply log in to Sentral for Parents Portal App and follow the prompts. For any enquires regarding the Sentral payment process please contact the School Administration Office 47761197 or see Mrs Lamey.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO PAY P&C PAYMENTS IN TO THE P&C ACCOUNT (i.e. UNIFORM & FUNDRAISING).

Attendance

Regular school attendance is essential for every child's learning, wellbeing, and social development. Being at school on time, by 9am, sets students up for a positive and productive day, helping them settle into routines, build strong relationships, and engage fully on in their learning. Missing even a day here and there can add up quickly and make it harder for students to stay on track.

If your child is absent, please notify the school as soon as possible using Parent Portal on the Sentral app. It's a quick and easy way to let us know and helps us keep accurate records.



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Kindergarten 2026



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Courtesy and Citizenship

SAVE THE DATE—Kindergarten 2026 Transition Days

When

Wednesday 5th November 2025
Wednesday 12th November 2025
Wednesday 19th November 2025
Wednesday 26th November 2025
Wednesday 3rd December 2025

Time

9:15am to 10:45am each week

Where

In the Kindergarten classroom at
Castlereagh Public School.

Why

Our transition program allows students to get to know the teachers, make new friends and familiarise themselves with the classroom and school routines.

"A positive start to school leads to a child's sense of belonging and engagement and greater ongoing connection with school and helps foster a child's enthusiasm for lifelong learning."

Who

Children who have enrolled to start in Kindergarten at Castlereagh Public school in 2026.

What to bring to the Transition Days

1. Hat
2. Drink Bottle
3. Your Smile



First Day of Kindy 2026

Monday 2nd February 2026 (Staggered start times 9:00-11am)

Little Steps to BIG School

Castlereagh Public School



TERM 3

2025

Playgroup

What: A play based playgroup

When: Thursdays during the school assembly

Time: 2:25-2:55pm

Who: Child aged 3-5 years old

Where: Castlereagh Public School in the Kindergarten Classroom

Why: Make connections, develop a familiarity and enhance social and emotional skills.



Enrol Now Kindergarten 2026



Castlereagh Public School



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Scan the code to start your application today!

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ROAD SAFETY INFORMATION

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR CHILDREN'S SAFETY WHEN THEY ARE TRAVELLING TO AND FROM SCHOOL.

Drive and park safely near schools

The beginning and end of the school day are busy times for pedestrians and drivers outside schools.

You can help keep children safe by remembering the following:

- drop off and pick up children on the school side of the road
- never call out to children from across the road – it is very dangerous
- always take extra care when driving in 40km school zones
- follow all parking signs – these help keep children as safe as possible
- park responsibly even if this means you have to walk further to the school gate
- never double park – it is illegal and puts children at risk
- never do a U-turn or three-point turn outside the school as it puts children at risk of harm
- model safe and considerate pedestrian and driver behaviours to your children.

When travelling in a car ensure your children:

- use a booster seat if they are aged between 4 and 7 years old – it's the law
- are correctly buckled up in their seatbelts
- always get in and out of the car through the 'safety door' – the rear door on the footpath side of the car
- are never left alone in the car.



Up to 6 months

Approved rear-facing child car seat



6 months to 4 years

Approved rear- or forward-facing child car seat



4+ years

Approved forward-facing child car seat or booster seat



145cm or taller

Suggested minimum height to use adult lap-sash seatbelt

For further support

Go to the department's Road Safety Education program at education.nsw.gov.au/road-safety-education or visit education.nsw.gov.au and search for road safety education.

School Lunches

School lunches are available to order online, for Mondays only. Please go to: www.myschoollunchbox.com.au and follow instructions on how to order.

My School LunchBox

What is My school lunchbox ?
My School Lunch Box's aim is to provide nutritious and tasty lunches to the children of our community, through our delicious home style cooking.

How does it work?
Parents can order their child's lunch order until 8am on the day of delivery the orders are then freshly made, packaged and delivered to each school.

What does My School Lunchbox provide?
My School lunchbox has a variety of hot and cold food items, with something perfect for every child including vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options.

REGISTER HERE : 

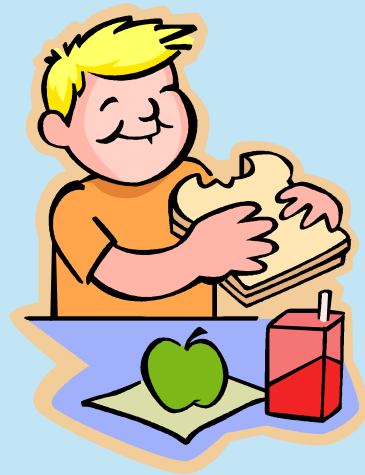
By scanning the QR code then going
To the  in the right hand corner

Or visit our website at: <https://myschoollunchbox.com.au>

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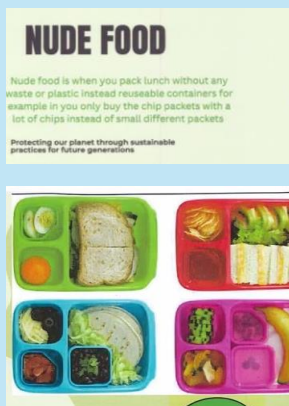
Crunch & Sip

Castlereagh Public School is a certified 'Crunch and Sip' school. All classes have a 'Crunch and Sip' break during the day where children are encouraged to eat fruit and sip water. A tally of the fruit eaten is kept as it is one of the activities the children can complete to obtain their Healthy Lifestyle Challenge, Healthy Badge.



Waste Free Wednesdays

Every Wednesday is a waste free day at CPS. This means whatever food and drink wrappings/scraps that the children have that day must be taken home with their lunches, a class tally is kept of the number of children having 'nude foods'! These are foods that have no wrapping but come in a reusable container. Thank you for your continued support for these two programs.



Ice Blocks

Ice blocks are sold Monday, Wednesday, and Fridays at lunchtime.
Our prices are as follows:

- Zooper Doopers 50 cents
- Icy Twists (lemonade ice block) \$1.50
- Cyclones \$2.50
- Paddle Pops Choc/Rainbow \$2
- Callippo \$2.50



Prices have been updated for 2025.

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Positive Behaviour for Learning Values

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School Pledge

If I wish to be a worthy member of my school and
community,
I must at all times watch:
My words,
My actions
My thoughts,
My companions and my habits.

Citizenship Affirmation Statement

From this time forward,
I pledge my loyalty to Australia and its people,
Whose democratic beliefs I share,
Whose rights and liberties I respect and
Whose laws I will uphold and obey.

Courtesy and Good Citizenship

