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September 2025

Important Dates for your Diary

Term 3

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| Thu 25 th Sept | SRC Fundraiser
Science Day Activities & Dress up |
| Fri 26 th Sept | Last day of Term |

Term 4

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| Mon 13 th Oct | Staff Development Day |
| Tue 14 th Oct | Students return
Stg 3 Western Syd Wanders Football Program
Stage 3 Canberra Camp |
| Wed- Fri 15 th - 17 th Oct | LOUD Shirt Day! Fundraiser |
| Fri- 17 th Oct | Stage 2 HP & GE Centre of Excellence |
| Tue 21 st Oct | Grandparents & Friends Day & Open Day |
| Wed 22 nd Oct | Public Speaking Finals Londonderry PS (select students) |
| Thu 23 rd Oct | |

Permission Notes and Payments Due

	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>DUE DATE</u>
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		Avah G Montana W Travis A Axel C Mason D Xander T Myah C Ava K x 2 Dylan J Levi C x 2 Mohammed H x 2 Juniper H Huxley R	Montana W	
Waratah	Mackenzie P Charlie R Thomas M Roman V Carter P Harrison B Oliver B Ashton R Hannah H Byron B Scarlett w Nash A-G	Angel B x 3 Louis R x 2 Lincoln V x 2 Harrison B x 2 Mackenzie P x 3 Oliver B Scarlett W x 3 Ashton R Hannah H x 2 Roman V Ivy G Thomas M x 2 Dominic C Alby H x 2 Charlie R Raymond V x 2 Nash A-G Maxx T Kaeleigh S Byron B Roman V	Scarlett W Nash A-G Charlie R Ivy G Thomas M Dominic C Ashton R Mackenzie P Louis R Harrison B Lincoln V	B: Scarlett B: Ivy B: Ashton B: Mackenzie B: Louis
Grevi Ilea	Claire B Aeries T Lacie W	Jack C Arizona W Evelyn V Kash B Adriana R	Aeries T Jack C Raymond V Faith B	
Bottlebrush	Finnley H Patrick G Lillian C x 2 Layton K Serena V Theo K	Lillian C x 2 Charlotte W Addy A Serena V Phoebe M x 2 Jeremy V Zahra J x 2 Hudson S Lexi D x 2 Eloise M Finn H Leah M Bentley P Kai L Henry G Stella K-C Layton K Theo K Harper H Patrick G Joseph F	Lillian C Theo K Layton K Jeremy V Phoebe M Serena V Charlotte W Stella K-C Addy A Lexi D Zahra J Eloise M	S: Lillian C S: Eloise M 
Banksia	Mason G Sophia J Kristian G Keira A Isaac N Stephanie M Mikayla P Rylee H Charlee E-D Dominic V Aroha T	Rylee H Spencer S Mason G Kristian G Amelia H		
Wattle	Adrian V Indie H	Chase M Harlow R Jack B Faith G	Chelsea F Levi A Jack B Chris G Vincent C Indie H Faith G Chase M Boston S Chelsea W Adrian V Morgan F Maddison K	S: Chris G S: Indie H

From the Principal's Desk!

As Term 4 draws to a close, I wanted to take a moment to share how much I've enjoyed my time as relieving principal while Ms Wren has been off jet-setting around Europe. It's been a privilege to step into this role and support our wonderful students, staff, and families in a new way. Though I must admit, I'm also looking forward to returning to my little learners in kindergarten soon!

Thank you to Mrs Watts for stepping so capably into the Assistant Principal role during this time, and to Mrs Webb for taking such great care of kindergarten in my absence. I'd also like to sincerely thank our families for your ongoing support, particularly in helping us maintain our school operating hours of 8:30am- 3:00pm. Your cooperation makes a big difference to the flow of the school day and supports a strong start for all our students.

Uniforms are important for students' safety and help foster a sense of belonging and pride in our school community. As we move into the warmer summer months, we remind families that students are welcome to wear the summer uniform. This includes royal blue shorts, skirts, or skorts paired with royal blue polo shirts, girls checked dress or shorts. Please note that tights and bike shorts are not part of our school uniform.



Below, you'll find a snapshot of all the amazing things we've been up to recently at Castlereagh Public School, as well as a look at the exciting events coming up next term.

We wish all our families a happy and safe Spring holiday! A reminder that students return to school on **Tuesday, 14th October**, ready for another great term of learning and fun.

Kindest Regards,
Mrs Jenelle Catalogna
Relieving Principal

Monthly Wrap Up



Longneck Lagoon Excursion

Some of our Stage 1 students had a great day at Longneck Lagoon, exploring science and nature. They took part in fun, hands-on activities and learned about animals, plants, and how the environment works. It was a wonderful day of discovery and learning outdoors.

Zone Athletics Carnival

A big congratulations to all the students who proudly represented our small schools at the Zone Athletics Carnival last week. You showed great sportsmanship, determination, and school spirit. We are so proud of you all! A special shoutout to the following students for their outstanding achievements:

Mikayla – 1st place in 100m, High Jump, Long Jump and 3rd place Age Champion

Keria – 2nd in Long Jump and 4th in Shot Put

Liana – 3rd in Shot Put

Maddy – 4th in Discus

11 Years Girls Relay Team – 4th place finish!

CONGRATULATIONS to Mikayla and Keira who have made it through to the Sydney West Athletics Carnival which will be held on Thursday 25th September.



Centre of Excellence- Agriculture Excursion

Our HP&GE Students recently took part in a Centre of Excellence – Agriculture Excursion at the Hawkesbury Showgrounds. They spent the day working with industry professionals and learning about all aspects of agriculture, from modern farming techniques to animal care. It was a hands-on and inspiring experience that gave students a deeper understanding of careers in the agricultural industry.



Monthly Wrap Up



Father's Day BBQ

Thank you to all our wonderful fathers, grandparents, uncles and friends for joining us at our Father's Day BBQ! We had a fantastic turnout and enjoyed a fun-filled morning of bacon and egg rolls, paper plane competitions, and mini golf. There were smiles all around, and it was great to see our community come together to celebrate. And a special shoutout to our amazing staff who came in early to help host the event. We couldn't have done it without you. We hope all our dads had a fantastic Father's Day.

Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Public Speaking competition. Your hard work, confidence, and speaking skills were truly impressive! A special shoutout to our finalists who spoke so well at last Wednesday's school finals. We look forward to seeing the winners from each grade share their speeches at our Open Day. Also, we're especially excited to congratulate our top two speakers from Stage 2 and Stage 3, who will be representing our school at the inter-school finals at Londonderry next term.



Congratulations to our winners: Montana, Louis, Evelyn, Lacie, Charlotte W, Archie and Chelsea W.

PSSA Chess Competition

On Monday, our Chess Club students travelled to Hobartville Public School to compete in the PSSA Chess Competition. All of our players represented the school with pride, playing with focus, determination, and showing excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to challenge themselves, learn from others, and enjoy the spirit of friendly competition. Well done to everyone involved. Congratulation to Mason who made it through to the finals next term.



What is coming up?



Stage 3 Western Sydney Wanderers Soccer Program

Next term, our Stage 3 students will have the exciting opportunity to take part in an 8-week soccer program run by the Western Sydney Wanderers. This program will help students develop their soccer skills, teamwork, and fitness in a fun and supportive environment. We're thrilled to be partnering with a professional club to provide this engaging experience for our students!

Stage 3 Canberra Camp

Our Year 5 and 6 students are heading off on an exciting adventure to Canberra in Week 1 of next term! From Wednesday to Friday, 17th–19th October, they'll be accompanied by Ms Wren and Miss Barglik as they explore our nation's capital. We wish them all the very best and hope they have a fantastic time learning about Australia's rich history, government, and the workings of our federal Parliament. It's sure to be a memorable and educational experience!



LOUD Shirt Fundraiser 17th October

Castlereagh Public School is proud to be taking part in this important fundraiser to support children with hearing loss. On 17th October wear your loudest, brightest shirt and students can bring a gold coin donation to help raise funds for life-changing services like speech therapy, audiology, early intervention, and family support. Alternatively, you can donate directly below at their website. <https://www.loudshirtday.org/fundraisers/CastlereaghPS> or SCAN the code



Grandparents, Family and Friends Open Day

On Wednesday 22nd October 2025 we will be celebrating our Grandparents Day, Family and Friends Open Day. On this day, grandparents, parents, aunties, uncles and family friends are welcome to join the students and staff at Castlereagh Public School for a whole school assembly, classroom visits and a sausage sizzle hosted by the P&C.

Date	Wednesday 22nd October 2025
11:45 – 12.40pm	K-6 assembly (which will include the winners of the Public Speaking competition presenting their winning reads and speeches)
12.40pm- 1:00pm	Open classrooms
1:00pm – 1:50pm	Visitors and students enjoy the sausage sizzle. Pre-order through the P&C.

In the spotlight



Banksia have been reading the novel *Holes* by Louis Sachar. They've enjoyed learning about the characters, the storyline, and the important messages in the book. It's been great to see their excitement as they explore this interesting and exciting novel.

Our Friday Lunch STEM Club, run by Mrs Watts, has been lots of fun this term! Students are really enjoying working with LEGO robotics and learning how to code. Each week, they build and program their own robots, solving problems and learning new skills as they go. It's great to see their creativity and confidence growing each week.



Our Kindergarten students have been busy little bees, buzzing with creativity to create a fantastic spring-themed backdrop for their classroom. Filled with colorful flowers, cheerful bunnies and buzzing bees, the display has truly brought the season to life indoors.

Waratah have been busy creating fantastic portraits for Father's Day. The students put lots of thought and care into their artwork, using bright colours and creative details to make each portrait special. Their finished pieces are full of personality and love, and we're sure all the dads and father figures will treasure them!



P&C Address

PARENTS AND CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION

CASTLEREAGH PUBLIC SCHOOL



castlereaghpublishschoolpandc@gmail.com

✨ As we step into our final term of the year, I want to send a huge thank you to everyone for your incredible support so far!

🧀 Our **Cheese Toastie Day** was a sizzling success – it was so fun to see everyone enjoying something a little different for lunch.

💙 Our **Father's Day Stall** remains a highlight on the calendar. Watching the kids carefully select gifts (and explain *why* they chose them) is always heartwarming. We hope all the special men in their lives enjoyed their thoughtful surprises!

With a few more exciting events planned for Term 4 and we can't wait to wrap up the year with a bang 🎆

📅 **Don't forget! Our next P&C meeting is on Thursday, November 6th at 6pm in the school office.** Come along and be part of the fun as we celebrate the year and look ahead to 2026

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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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.



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Year 1 Phonics Screening Check

Information for parents and carers



What is phonics?

Phonics is the relationship between letters and sounds and is vital in learning to read. Some children struggle with learning to read, so it is important that these children are identified quickly. This way, teachers can plan for any specific support they may need.

What is the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check?

The Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is a short state-wide assessment that tells teachers how your child is progressing in phonics. This screening check observes how your child can read English words with different letter combinations. Your child will sit with a teacher and will be asked to read 40 words aloud. These words include 20 real words and 20 nonsense words. The purpose of the nonsense words is to see if the student can use their knowledge of blending to read a word rather than their memory of having seen that word before. The test normally takes 5-7 minutes. If your child is struggling the teacher will stop the check. The check is carefully designed not to be stressful for your child.

The main purpose of the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check is to provide your child's teacher with information which will allow them to plan for your child's learning. Each child is individually assessed by a teacher and all Year 1 students will be assessed.

Why is phonics important?

Phonic knowledge and skills are essential for learning to read and write in English. To be successful, students need to learn the sounds represented by individual letters or different letter combinations, and the skill of blending these sounds together to read words. Beginning readers need to learn how to blend sounds together in words quickly and fluently, so as not to disrupt the flow of reading and their comprehension of the text.

Please contact the school if you have any questions regarding the Year 1 Phonics Screening Check.

Telephone interpreter service

If you need interpreter assistance to contact the school, please call 131 450, tell the operator what language you need and ask them to phone the school. The operator will get an interpreter on the line to assist you with your conversation. You will not be charged for this service.

Road Safety



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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 : 

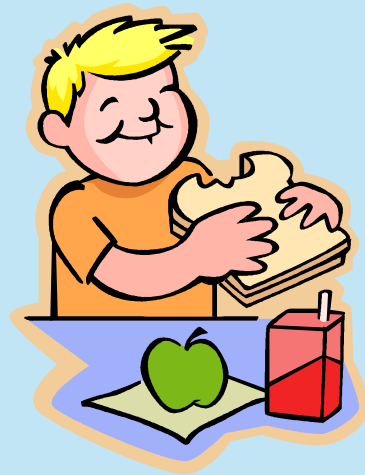
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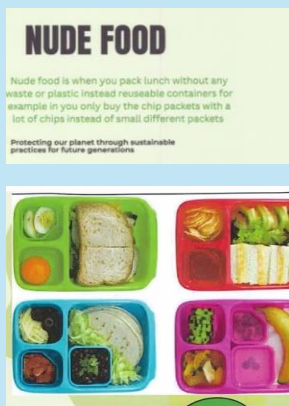
Crunch & Sip

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



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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

