



Castle Hill Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 9 – December 01, 2021

WHAT'S ON

Thursday December 2

K-6 School Photo day

Tuesday December 7

Presentation Assemblies

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) 9.15am

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) 11.15am

Wednesday December 8

Presentation Assemblies

Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) 9.15am

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) 11.15am

Principal's Report

Industrial Action

As you may be aware, the NSW Teacher's Federation have called upon its members to strike on Tuesday 7 December. As I write, we are ascertaining how many staff members will participate in this industrial action.

Further information will be sent tomorrow (Thursday) via Sentral/Skoolbag and the class parent network that will outline the level of supervision that will be provided next Tuesday.

Confirmation of whether our scheduled Presentation Assemblies will proceed as planned (see below) will also be communicated.

Presentation assemblies

Our annual Presentation assemblies will take place on the following days during Week 10:

Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) – Tuesday 7 December at 9.15am.
(TBC via Sentral/Skoolbag)

Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) – Tuesday 7 December at 11.15am.
(TBC via Sentral/Skoolbag)

Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) – Wednesday 8 December at 9.15am.

Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) – Wednesday 8 December at 11.15am.

Owing to the current restrictions, each of our Presentation assemblies will be held without a parent audience in attendance. Each assembly will be recorded, and links made available (via Seesaw) to parents of students who have received an award. Students will also be able to watch the recording of their cohort's assembly.

Level 3 Settings

We continue to remain at Level 3 settings and these settings will be in place for the final three weeks of the year. We are unfortunately unable to allow parents on-site to attend our Presentation assemblies, Year 6 Farewell, Year 6 Graduation assembly or Year 6 Clap out. Each of these activities will occur but will be modified to comply with health guidelines.

Each Presentation assembly will be recorded, and links shared via Seesaw for parents of students receiving an award to view. All students will be able to watch a recording of their assembly in class.

PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



Term 4 Weeks 9 & 10 Aspire.
Accept opportunities and challenges.

The Year 6 Farewell will be held on the evening of Wednesday 15 December. Whilst we are unable to have parents on-site, we will offer parents the opportunity to take photos outside the school gates as students arrive, ensuring that social distancing is maintained.

The Year 6 Graduation assembly will be held on the morning of Thursday 16 December. Our plan is to hold this assembly outdoors so that all Year 6 students can attend at the same time, but we are unable to allow parents on-site to attend. The assembly will be recorded, and links shared with all Year 6 parents. This plan is highly weather dependent and will change if it is raining (or threatening to rain) on the day.

The traditional Year 6 Clap out will occur but in a different format to previous years to ensure that we do not allow different student cohorts to mix. Again, parents are unable to come onsite to view the clap out, but a recording will be made available for Year 6 parents.

Planning for 2022

We are busily planning in preparation for next year. In order to allow us to plan as effectively as possible, we ask families who know that they won't be returning to the school next year, to write to us as soon as possible. Similarly, if you are aware that your child will return to our school after 1 February 2022 due to an extended holiday or other reason, I ask that you write to us to confirm these details as well.

I have included a slip in the newsletter for you to complete and send back to the front office if either of these scenarios apply to you. Thank you for your anticipated co-operation with this matter.

Teachers are currently working on forming 2022 classes. Should you have a specific request with regard to your child's class placement next year, I ask that you put that request in writing to me via email at craig.oliver@det.nsw.edu.au.

Craig Oliver – Principal
[Craig.oliver@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:craig.oliver@det.nsw.edu.au)

News from the Deputies

School Photos

School photos can now take place at our school, based on advice from the NSW Department of Education. Class group photos are not permitted, however, families ordering the group photo will receive a composite photo of the class (made up of all students' individual photos).



School Photo Day – is **TOMORROW** – Thursday 2 December

Order online via www.advancedlife.com.au – using order code **2CB QMG WLH**.

We are aware that our Year 6 students will not receive their photo orders until early in 2022, but we will make arrangements with you for their safe collection in the new year.

Sibling photos will be available before school only, **commencing at 7:45am** (this would be an ideal time if your children attend Funhouse). Families opting for sibling photos must have **prepaid their photo order** by 9.00pm, Tuesday 30 November.

Students wearing face masks will be asked to remove these briefly for their individual photo. All students will be photographed wearing summer uniform – **no sports uniforms** on this day please.

Is your child interested in joining the school band?

The school band is now taking enrolments for 2022 and is open to all students currently in Years 2-5.

No prior experience needed. If your child is currently in Years 3 to 5 and would like to join the band program in 2022, please visit www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI for more information - or see the flyer at the end of this newsletter.

Student Leadership Process – Year 6, 2022

Congratulations to our 'Top 12' boys and girls, whose final leadership positions will be announced at the Stage 3 Presentation Day Assembly, being held next week.

Mihir B 5/6H

Aurora G 5/6H

Jayden B 5R

Maria H N 5D

Jared C 5R

Sabrina I 5B

John C 5E

Ivy L 5/6H

Ethan H 5D

Imogen T 5D

Aidan P 5D

Wanika Z 5M

Platinum Presentation and Lunch

22 of our Stage 3 students enjoyed a special Platinum Lunch, after receiving their Platinum Award today. A special thank you to the parents who assisted serving food and setting up the hall. On Friday, nine of our Stage 2 students will also attend a Platinum Presentation and Lunch. Congratulations to all 31 students who received a Platinum Award this term!



Attendance

All students should be in attendance at school, unless:

- they have a medical certificate which says they can't return to school due to a condition or illness;
- they are currently unwell;
- they have been asked by NSW Health to self-isolate.

Any person with any COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and should not return to school unless:

- they have isolated for 10 days, when no medical certificate is available;
- they have a negative COVID-19 test result and are symptom free;
- In circumstances where children have other medical reasons for recurrent symptoms, a letter from their GP is sufficient to negate the requirement for a negative test.

Please communicate the reason to your child's class teacher either by email or by explaining their absence through Skoolbag or the Sentral for Parents app. If you have not yet been able to connect through the Sentral for Parents app, please email the school for assistance castlehill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Mrs Alex Kohary and Miss Danielle Machuca
Deputy Principals

School News

2022 Twilight 3-6 Swimming Carnival Expression of Interest

The 2022 Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival will be held out of school hours. The carnival will be held at **YMCA Hawkesbury Oasis, South Windsor on Thursday February 10, 2022 from 4.00pm to 8.00pm**. Parents will need to drive their child/children to and from the carnival.

Students who are in Year 2 and are turning 8 next year are allowed to attend the carnival, however, must be able to swim 50m competently.

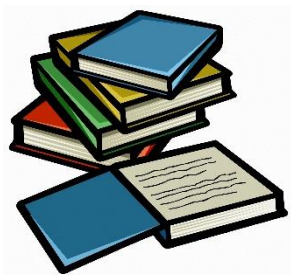
Please follow the link below to complete this form if you wish for your child/children to participate to help gauge numbers for the carnival.

<https://forms.office.com/r/E5andrrkyx>

Permission notes will be sent to families, who complete the online form, later this term.

If you have any questions, please contact Miss Brown at michaela.brown7@det.nsw.edu.au

Swimming Carnival Committee



Library News

Overdue notices were given to students and sent home on November 12. There are still many books that have not been returned, parents can you please assist your children in locating these books and return to the Library as soon as possible. If you cannot locate these books, please pay as per the overdue notice that you would have already received and return the envelope to Mrs Georgiades in the library **as soon as possible**. Thank you for your assistance.

Mrs Georgiades

PSSA and Sport News

If you haven't already done so can you please return all PSSA shirts both Summer and Winter as unfortunately, PSSA won't be running for the remainder of year. All PSSA shirts must be returned to school. Students are to return their shirts to the bucket outside the front office. Please ensure the shirt is in a plastic bag labeled clearly with your child's name, class and PSSA sport.

Thank you

P&C News

Hi Everyone,

Just a quick reminder that we have our final meeting of the year next Wednesday, December 8. This will be an online meeting so would be great to see you there.

When: December 8, 2021 7:00 PM Canberra, Melbourne, Sydney

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://au01web.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5wkduorjgiG9YAF6aoVFq7DPPnTTNt0FD1>



CASTLE HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION

[Welcome! You are invited to join a meeting: CHPS Monthly P&C Meeting.](#)
[After registering, you will receive a confirmation email about joining the meeting.](#)

Join us for the monthly meeting of the CHPS Parents and Citizens Association. Hear about current projects being planned as well as reports from the Principal and Deputies about what is happening at our school. If you have a question, please submit it in the box below.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

We also had our first Traffic working group meeting last night and have a plan of action which will be a collaborative effort between the School, the P&C and parents. An update will be provided at the meeting next week. If you do spot any further issues of concern at either the front or the back of the school, please contact Mr Oliver with these so we can include them in our reports.

Thank you also to all the applicants that applied for our Canteen Manager job. We will now be working our way through these and will be in contact shortly.

Katherine Kirk
Castle Hill Public School P&C President
castlehillpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au

Canteen

ROSTER:

Thursday 2 December Sharyn, Abby Sun

Friday 3 December Tash Hamilton, **VOLUNTEER REQUIRED**

Monday 6 December not required

Tuesday 7 December Ally Ding

Wednesday 8 December Fatima

Thursday 2 December Sharyn, Abby Sun

Friday 3 December Sharyn, **VOLUNTEER REQUIRED**

If you can help on the days with "**VOLUNTEER REQUIRED**" or would like to be added to our roster please telephone the canteen on 9634 4306, email at castlehillpscanteen@gmail.com or send us a quick text message - Nas 0422 338 990.

LUNCH ORDERS ONLY ON FLEXISCHOOLS

We would like to thank the school community for their continued support of our school canteen.

To confirm, only **lunch orders** are able to be ordered online on Flexischools. We do not offer the capability to order from a recess menu. What comes through on a Flexischools order is only prepared in time for lunch breaks.

PLEASE NOTE: Orders are unable to be broken down for recess. Please ensure you send recess and a water bottle to school each day.

CANTEEN VOUCHERS

As the year is coming to an end, we would like to offer the use of our current 2021 Canteen vouchers to be extended for use in 2022.

CANTEEN CLOSING DATES

Last day of Canteen lunch orders will be December 10. Canteen will be closed from December 13.

Please note as we are nearing the end of the year our stock limits will also be reducing due to the end of year closure. We apologise in advance if your child's first choice of lunch order is not available.

Community News

Also, just a reminder, don't forget that enrolments for the school band close soon (Monday December 13). Check out the attached flyer or visit www.teachingservices.com.au/eoi for details.

It's also good to remind your child to tell their friends about the band at school too in case they have forgotten about it. Please also discuss the band with other parents if you can. If you know anyone who would like to join the band, encourage them to contact us here at TSA for enrolment details.

A healthy number of new enrolments ensures the school band will continue to grow and will increase the fun and benefit to your child of learning a musical instrument.

If your child is moving to high school in 2022 we wish them all the best and hope they continue playing their instrument. Please reach out if we can help with this transition in any way.

For all other students, watch your email for a 'Welcome Letter' in mid-January with 2022 details. Our band tutors are all very excited to see you back face-to-face in 2022 (hooray!)



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Non-returning / Late returning 2022

If you know that your child/ren are not returning to Castle Hill Public School next year or will be returning after the commencement of the 2022 school year, please complete the form below and return it to your classroom teacher. If more than one child please return with your oldest child to the office.

The first day of school for students in Years 1 to 6 is Tuesday, February 1.

The first full day of school for 2022 Kindergarten students is Thursday, February 3 – to be confirmed.

Non-returning 2022

Child 1 _____ of class _____
Child 2 _____ of class _____
Child 3 _____ of class _____
Child 4 _____ of class _____

Destination school _____

Late returning 2022*

The following child/ren will be returning to Castle Hill Public School after the commencement of the 2022 school year.

Child 1 _____ of class _____
Child 2 _____ of class _____
Child 3 _____ of class _____
Child 4 _____ of class _____

My child/ren will be starting school on the following date _____

Signed _____ Date _____
Parent/Guardian

* This form should be accompanied by an Application for Exemption from Attendance at School form, which is available on our website.

CASTLE HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL P&C

2022 KINDY WELCOME FLYER DESIGN COMPETITION

**CREATE A WELCOMING AND FUN
DESIGN FOR A FLYER FOR 2022
KINDERGARTEN PARENTS**

Create your design A4 in size.

Email your submission to
castlehillpublicschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au
Entries close on Sunday 12 December 2021

The winning design will be printed on our 2022 flyers and receive a
\$20 voucher to use at the Canteen during 2022.

Designs may be hand made or designed on a computer.

Below is the design used in 2021.



A big welcome to our school today!
May your child thrive as they learn and play.
Enjoy your cookies and sip your tea.
Castle Hill Public School's the place
to be!

Join The Band

Dear Parents,

Enrolments are now open to students who wish to join the school band in 2022. See below for a basic overview of the program.

Band Program Structure

Rehearsal: students work together in a full band setting, generally before or after school (30-60min each week)

Tuition: students work in small groups at school to learn new skills, usually on the same day as rehearsal (30min each week)

Students attend both **rehearsal** and **tuition** (weekly) at school.

Regular **practise** at home (3-4 times a week) is essential.

Band Program Costs

Tuition Fees: small group tuition and band rehearsal costs \$195 (plus a \$10 resource levy) per term. Individual tuition costs extra and is not available at all schools.

Instrument: students require their own instrument. TSA sells quality new instruments or offers 'rent-to-buy' starting at \$43 per month.

Accessories: students are provided with a workbook on enrolment but may require other accessories, generally less than \$50 per year.

For information on how to enrol use the QR code or website below.

You will also find helpful advice on ***how to help your child select an instrument*** as well as more detailed information about the school band program.



www.teachingservices.com.au/EOI



LEARN A Musical Instrument AT SCHOOL

JOIN THE BAND

- Teaching Services Australia can help you achieve your creative potential
 - Take lessons at school individually or as part of a group
 - Affordable, flexible and easy to enrol

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

✉ enrolments@teachingservices.com.au

☎ 9651 7333

www.teachingservices.com.au/eoi

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Term 4 - 2021

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/	Sun
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Oct	1	First day for students						
Oct	2	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Oct	3	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Oct	4	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Nov	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nov	6	8	9	10	11	12 Interrelate Year 4 girls	13	14
Nov	7	15 Kindy Orientation Groups 1 & 2	16 Kindy Orientation Groups 3 & 4	17 Year 4 OC exam	18 Kindy Orientation Groups 5 & 6	19	20	21
Nov	8	22 Kindy Orientation Groups 1 & 2	23 Kindy Orientation Groups 3 & 4	24	25 Kindy Orientation Groups 5 & 6	26	27	28
Nov Dec	9	29 Term 4 Platinum award lunch	30	1	2 School Photo day	3	4	5
		Year 6 High School week						
Dec	10	6 Yr 6 Castle Hill High School orientation	7	8 Presentation assembly Early Stage 1 Stage 1	9 Presentation assembly Stage 3 Stage 2	10 Reports home to parents	11	12
Dec	11	13	14	15 Year 6 Farewell	16 Last day Term 4 for students	17 SDD	18	19