



Castle Hill Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 10 – December 13, 2023

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday December 13

Last P&C Meeting for 2023
7.00pm (Via Zoom)

Thursday December 14

Year 6 Farewell Dinner

Friday December 15

Year 6 Graduation Assembly
Students last day of Term 4

Thursday February 1, 2024

First day Term 1 for Years 1-6

Principal's Report

Year 6 Farewell

The Year 6 Farewell will be held tomorrow evening at Castle Hill RSL. A special thank you 'in advance' to Mrs Tulloch and the Year 6 team, along with our parent committee, for their time and effort in preparing for this special occasion. Special thanks to Mrs Giess who also made a huge contribution prior to commencing her maternity leave. We hope everyone has a fantastic evening!

Year 6 Graduation Assembly and 'Clapout'

This Friday morning, we will farewell our Year 6 students by holding our annual Graduation Assembly at Castle Hill RSL, commencing at 10.00am. We request that parents transport their child to the venue and plan to arrive well before 10.00am so that students can be seated.

This Friday afternoon, Year 6 students will proceed through the traditional 'clapout' which is scheduled to take place around 2.30pm. Parents are welcome to attend and are advised to stand either in the middle of the back playground or towards the back gate, adjacent to Gilham Street.

Gala Day

Thank you to everyone involved in a very successful Gala Day last Thursday. Despite the space restrictions, our annual event was able to proceed with a lot of re-organisation and flexibility from many of our teachers. It was lovely to see many parents and community members in attendance as well.

PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



Aspire

Accept opportunities and challenges.

Castle Hill Public School has a long and proud history of supporting Stewart House with all proceeds raised from Gala Day donated to assist in supporting approximately 1600 public school students to attend Stewart House for a 12 day stay at no cost to their parents/carers. You can learn more about the amazing work that the staff at Stewart House do at [Welcome to Stewart House - Stewart House Children's Charity](#)

Semester 2 Reports

Semester 2 reports were uploaded to the Sentral app on Monday. There have been issues with uploading the reports to Sentral and your child's report most likely does not have their teacher's signature on the final page of the report. To address this before the end of the school year, your child will receive a hard copy of their report tomorrow.

Farewell.....to all our Year 6 students and our families who are leaving Castle Hill Public School at the end of this week. We wish you the very best for the years ahead.

Happy Holidays!

On behalf of the staff of Castle Hill Public School, I wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas with your families.

We look forward to seeing you again next year.

Please note that students in Years 1-6, 2024 will re-commence on Thursday 1 February. Teachers will be involved in two Staff Development Days on Tuesday 30 January and Wednesday 31 January. Upon arrival on Thursday 1 February, students are asked to play in their 2023 before-school playground and line up in their 2023 class lines at 9.00am.

Students will stay in their 2023 classes for the first few days of Term 1.

2024 classes will not be formed on the first day of school next year. Please ensure that you have access to the Sentral Parent app to ensure you are updated with any new information.

Our new Kindergarten students should have received a letter containing details on how to book their child's Best Start appointment time. The Best Start assessments will be held over three days: Thursday 1 February, Friday 2 February and Monday 5 February. Kindergarten students will attend for a half-hour period on one of those days and do not need to wear school uniform. Kindergarten classes will commence on Tuesday 6 February.

Enrolling at Castle Hill Public School?

If you are reading this newsletter with the intention of enrolling your child at Castle Hill Public School in 2024, please complete an application to enrol form at: <https://castlehill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

Craig Oliver – Principal
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News from the Deputies

2024 Student Leaders

Congratulations to our 2024 student leadership team, who were announced last Tuesday at the 4-6 Presentation Day Assembly.



Band Performances

Last Wednesday after school, our school's Intermediate and Senior Bands performed for their families in the musical garden, as a conclusion to the 2023 band program.

Intermediate Band



Senior Band





3-6 Assembly Reward

Congratulations to 4C (winner) and 4G (runner-up) in the Stage 2 Assembly Reward points – collated over Terms 1-3. Congratulations also to 5G (winner) and 5B, 5P and 6S (joint runners-up) in the Stage 3 Assembly Reward points tally. Tomorrow, students in each of these classes are invited to wear Christmas-themed mufti to school and each student will also receive an ice block to enjoy at lunchtime.

Happy Holidays!



Wishing all our students and their families a safe and enjoyable break over the school holidays. Farewell to our outgoing Year 6 students and families, and to others relocating.

Mrs Alex Kohary and Miss Danielle Machuca
Deputy Principals

School News

2024 Twilight Swimming Carnival

Next year's Swimming Carnival will be held as a twilight event for 3-6 students on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. The carnival will be held at Riverstone Swimming Centre, Riverstone.

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. All swimmers must be able to swim 50m **competently and competitively**.

Please click the link below to complete the form if you wish your child/children to participate. More information will come next year.

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

Miss Brown and Miss Edwards

P&C News

Dear Parents and carers,

Here we are in the final week of the 2023 school year. On behalf of the P&C, I would like to sincerely thank all the teachers, the school executive and admin team for their hard work through the year. As we settle into a new normal for the time being with the build, we appreciate that your focus was and is always on the safety and wellbeing of the children.

Thank you to all of our amazing volunteers that braved the heat last Thursday to help us on Gala day. The canteen churned out close to 800 sausages in under two hours! We really cannot run our events without your help and are very grateful to you all for continuing to give generously of your time and skills.

If you haven't already, I would encourage families again to take a stroll on the back oval and by the front office to admire the murals that have been painted around the school. This has been a huge effort from teachers and students and the results are amazing. The murals would make excellent backgrounds for end of year photo opportunities.

Finally, our last P&C meeting of 2023 will be held **TONIGHT** Wednesday, 13 December at 7.00pm via Zoom. We hope you can join us. To register, please visit:

<https://au01web.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5MlceGvqDIjGtX6-4U8DxggznK7SU2aFAin>

Whether you have big travel plans or are planning some rest and relaxation closer to home, I wish all of you a safe and joyous holiday season. I look forward to seeing you in 2024.

Erica Miller
CHPS P&C President

<http://www.chpspandc.org.au>

Canteen

On behalf of all the canteen staff I would like to thank the whole school community, the teaching staff, executives and administration team for all of their support over the last year and wish you all a safe and happy holiday. A special shout out to our wonderful team of volunteers, without you we could not stay open 5 days a week, keeping our prices affordable to be able to service the whole community, you are amazing!

A VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION POEM

*The key to our success
rests in people like you
who embody the spirit of greatness
by saying, "Yes I can, and you can too"*

Many Thanks
Tanya
Canteen Manager
Castle Hill Public School

Uniform Shop

To make an appointment to visit the uniform shop, please visit <https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/UniformShop1@chpspandc.org.au/bookings/>

The uniform shop will have its **last day of operation for 2023 on Thursday, December 14**. The shop will **reopen again on Monday, January 29, 2024 from 8.30am-10.30am**

All students are required to wear their full summer uniform for the remainder of Term 4. If you need to purchase summer uniforms, the uniform shop is open Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30am-10:30am or you may purchase online through Flexischools and **delivery will be made to your child's class**.

Exchange is always available if you've ordered the wrong size provided the item hasn't been worn and is accompanied by the Flexischools receipt and original packaging.

Please note if you do not see the SHOP button in your Flexischools app, that is an individual app issue. You will have to contact Flexischools directly and they will resolve it for you. The Flexischools parent helpline is 1300 361 769.

If you have any uniform questions, please contact us at uniformshop@chpspandc.org.au.

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