



NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 1 – October 16, 2024

WHAT'S ON

Thursday October 17

Kindergarten Grufallo Excursion

Monday October 21

Rouse Hill Estate Excursion
1A, 2H, 2G & 2M

Thursday October 24

Rouse Hill Estate Excursion
1K, 2C, 2P & 2S

Friday October 25

Rouse Hill Estate Excursion
1G, 1M & 1S

Principal's Report

Welcome Back!

Welcome back to Term 4! I trust that you and your family are well, that the holidays were enjoyable and that you are looking forward to another busy term. I would like to offer a special welcome to our new students and families. We hope that you enjoy your time here at Castle Hill Public School.

School Build Update

Building works continued over the holiday break with the temporary fit out of B block now complete. The administration team, myself, both Deputy Principals and our school counsellors are now located on the ground floor in B Block for (we expect) the remainder of this year. Students requiring late notes, early leaver slips or attendance at sick bay will need to make their way to B Block.

For those unfamiliar with the location of B block, it is the building to your left as you walk in via the front gates of the school.

Organisational changes

Yellow playground is once again available for students during the day. While students should not arrive at school prior to 8.30am, any students that do arrive early are once again able to wait in this playground for duty teachers to arrive.

NSWPSSA Athletics Carnival

All the best to Jackson (4E) who will represent Sydney West at the NSWPSSA Athletics Carnival next week at Sydney Olympic Park.



PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



RESPONSIBLE

Take ownership for your actions.

Uniform Transition

The transition period for school uniform has now finished. All students should wear summer uniform to school.

Kindergarten Orientation

We look forward to hosting our first parent session next Wednesday evening (23 October) at 6.15pm for parents of Kindergarten 2025 students. 'Teams' meeting details have been sent to all parents of Kindergarten 2025 students and we hope that you are able to join us.

Congratulations Ishaan (6A) who won a runner up medal in Boys Jnr Tennis competition finals conducted by Hills District Tennis Association, well done Ishaan!

Craig Oliver-Principal

Craig.oliver@det.nsw.edu.au

News from the Deputies

2025 Student Leadership Process

The process to select our student leadership team for 2025 will commence this term. A copy of the 2025 timeline has been placed in all classrooms and is available in this week's newsletter. Any parents or students who have any questions are asked to direct them to Miss Machuca.

Partners in Learning (Tell Them From Me) – Parent Survey

The Partners in Learning parent survey is part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys on student engagement and wellbeing. The parent survey helps to clarify and strengthen the important relationship between parent and school. Participation in the parent survey is optional.

What does it ask?

The parent survey asks parents/carers a range of questions related to the following drivers of student outcomes:

- parents feel welcome
- parents are informed
- parents support learning at home
- parents' participation at school
- school supports positive behaviour
- safety
- inclusion
- school supports learning.

How do parents access the survey?

- Parents will be provided with a unique URL to log into the survey. This will be sent through SchoolBytes.
- The survey can be completed on a computer, tablet or mobile device and is available in 23 community languages.

Term 3 Platinum Presentation and Lunch

35 students received their Platinum Award at the end of Term 3. Photos below are of Year 4 recipients.



**Mrs Alex Kohary and Miss Danielle Machuca
Deputy Principals**



YEAR 5 TIMELINE FOR 2025 STUDENT LEADERS

Week 2 - Wednesday 23 October and Thursday 24 October

Students complete the expression of interest, during lunchtime on Wednesday (boys) and Thursday (girls).

Week 3 – Wednesday 30 October

Students prepare a short (one sentence) statement in Room 12, 11:50am-12:50pm (Wednesday). They then present this statement to all Year 5 students, Year 6 student leaders and Year 5 teachers (Rooms 13/14) on Wednesday 30 October (afternoon session). Students bring a pen/pencil as voting will take place.

Week 3 – Friday 1 November

Ballots are counted and the 'Top 12' boys and girls are identified. Candidates are informed at 9:00am on Friday 1 November. Year 5 students are informed of the outcome at lunchtime. Students will be issued with the poster guidelines (for the display cabinet).

Week 4 - Monday 4 November

Nominees are introduced to Years 2-5 students via PowerPoint. Each Year 2-5 class is issued with 'Top 12' poster to display in their class. Student posters are displayed in display cabinets.

Week 4 – Wednesday 6 November

All candidates plan and compose their speech from 11:20am-12:20pm, in Room 12 (5D). They will present their speech to the Year 5 students in Rooms 13/14 1:30-3:00pm. A video recording of each speech will be made. Year 5 students will vote after each set of candidates.

Week 5 – from Monday 11 November

Years 2 to 4 students will view the recordings of the speeches and will vote in their classes. Votes must be returned by Wednesday 13 November.

Week 5 - Thursday 14 November

The 'Top 6' girl and boy candidates are informed of their selection at recess.

Week 7 - (week beginning) Monday 25 November

'Top 6' boys and 'Top 6' girls are introduced to Years 2-5 classes, via a PowerPoint. Class teachers are to share this with their class that week.

Week 9 - Monday 9 December

Stage 3 Presentation Assembly - 2025 student leaders are announced. Leaders are also introduced to students at subsequent stage presentation assemblies.

Positive Behaviour Learning Awards



YEARS 3 & 4 THESE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE STUDENTS DURING WEEK 2 IN THE CLASSROOM
SILVER AWARDS

YEAR 3		YEAR 4	
Myra	3A	Emma	4A
Sophie	3A	Alven	4A
Tsimafei	3A	Saifuddin	4A
Liam	3A	Lana	4A
Anaika	3A	Moksha	4A
Ella	3A	Esra	4C
Elisa	3K	Adrina	4C
Aiden	3K	Ethan	4C
Navas	3K	Aliya	4C
Amelie	3K	Beau	4C
Chloe	3NS	Sair	4C
Peka	3NS	Alanna	4D
Devansh	3NS	Akshaya	4D
Alex	3T	Xavier	4E
Enas	3T	Melody	4E
		Chenkai	4E
		William	4E
		Aiden	4S
		Elias	4S
		Ethan	4S
		Sophie	4S

GOLD AWARDS

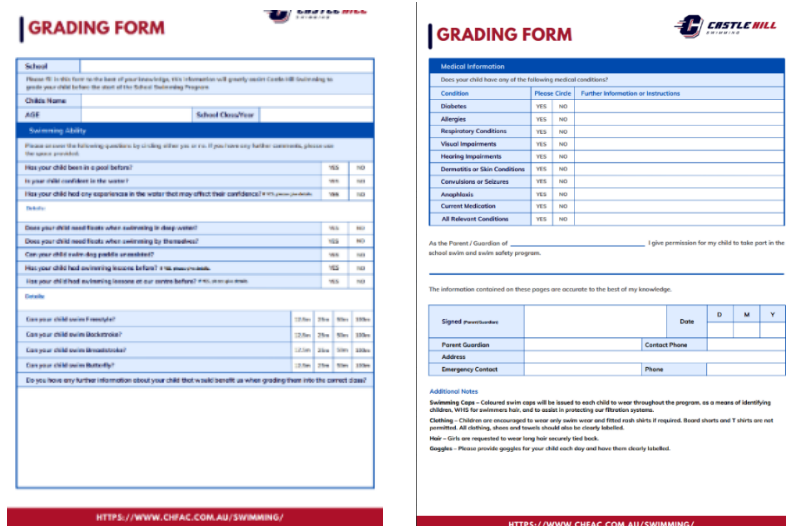
YEAR 3		YEAR 4	
Brooklyn	3A	Sudiksha	4A
Michelle	3A	Amelia	4D
Nitika	3E	Celia	4E
Pranav	3K		
Seah	3K		
Hilary	3NS		

School Swimming and Water Safety Program

Applications for Year 2 students to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program closed on School Bytes on Friday 27 September. Students with permission will participate in the program from Monday 28 October to Friday 8 November 2024 at Castle Hill Fitness and Aquatic Centre - 77 Castle St, Castle Hill. Each daily lesson is 40 minutes and will occur during school hours. Instruction will take place in the indoor pool. Students attending must be able to dry themselves, dress in school uniform and pack their bags. Payments are now due. We kindly request parents to finalise payments prior to the commencement of the program otherwise your child may not be eligible to participate.

All participating students have now received a printed out grading form, and an information note about the program. The grading form is doubled-sided (2 pages). A completed grading form is a requirement for your child to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program. **Grading forms must be completed and returned to your child's classroom teacher by Friday 18 October 2024.**

Sample pictures of the grading form:



Nisha Carmichael
(Year 2 Assistant Principal)

Stage 1 History Excursion to Rouse Hill Estate

A reminder to families that the Stage 1 History Excursions to Rouse Hill Estate will take place in Week 2 of this term. Year 1 and 2 classes will attend the excursion on the following days:

- 1A, 2H, 2G and 2M classes will attend on Monday, 21 October (Week 2 Term 4)
- 1K, 2C, 2P and 2S classes will attend on Thursday, 24 October (Week 2 Term 4)
- 1G, 1M and 1S classes will attend on Friday, 25 October (Week 2 Term 4)
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Students must **be at school by 8.45am** on the day of their excursion. They are required to wear full **sports uniform, sturdy sport shoes and the school hat**. Students should bring fruit break, morning tea, lunch (no glass containers), water bottle, sunblock and a raincoat in their school bag or similar backpack.

Permission and information notes regarding the excursion were sent to Stage 1 families via School Bytes last term. We are looking forward to our excursions!

Mrs Sluiter and Mrs Carmichael
(Stage 1 Assistant Principals)

PSSA and Sport News

Friday October 18, 2024



Touch Football	Bernie Mullane Reserve, Kellyville
Softball/T ball	Castle Glen Reserve, Castle Hill
Cricket	Charles McLaughlin Reserve, Baulkham Hills
Basketball	Hills Basketball Stadium, Castle Hill

P&C News

President message

Welcome back to Term 4! I hope everyone had happy, safe, and fun school holidays.

Calling all artists! Now that we have a great name for our new canteen (Pabalo's Pantry), we will need to have a sign to go with it. We will be running an art competition for students interested in having a go at designing a sign that will hang out front. The winning design will again be chosen by the school community and the winning artist awarded \$20.00 in canteen vouchers. More details will be provided in next week's newsletter.

Our next P&C meeting will be held Wednesday, 13 November 2024 online via Zoom. To register for this meeting, please visit:

https://au01web.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5UldOiqqzwtHdVae8fFrV_hDtE5j8bpT4sD#/registration

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to become a financial member of the P&C, please feel free to contact me at the address below.

Erica Miller CHPS P&C President
president@chpspandc.org.au
<http://www.chpspandc.org.au>

Canteen

Recently, a few of our dedicated volunteers have had to leave the team due to work and study commitments, which has left some gaps in our month roster.

Do you have a free day in your calendar just one day each month?

Many hands make light work

Adding more volunteers to our wonderful team eases the burden on those who already contribute so much.

We pay coffee (or tea), laughs and a free lunch for yourself, also anything you purchase for your children on the day you volunteer you will receive a 50% discount off the total cost.

If you would like to be added to our roster, even for just one day a month, or have any other questions at all about the canteen and the services we offer please reach out to us using one of the methods below.

- 0428 401 821 Telephone or text message
- canteen@chpspandc.org.au
- [Online Canteen Volunteer Form](#)

FORKS & SPOONS

Parents are reminded when packing their child, a lunch from home which requires a spoon or fork to eat with to please pack one. The canteen is happy to supply a spoon or fork at the cost of 20c.



Many hands make light work!



**Tanya - Canteen Manager
Castle Hill Public School**

Uniform Shop

Uniform shop

Welcome to Term 4!

This week I will receive stock orders for the boys socks that have been unavailable. As soon as the stock arrives, Flexischools will be updated so they can be ordered.

Uniform Purchases

If you need to purchase uniforms and accessories, the uniform shop is open Monday and Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:30am or you may purchase online through Flexischools and delivery will be made to your child's class.

Appointments are encouraged.

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

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.

Uniform donations in good condition are always welcome.

You can drop these into the uniform shop on Monday or Thursday mornings or any time during the day to the front office.

If you have any uniform questions, please contact our Uniform shop manager, Amanda at uniformshop@chpspandc.org.au

Amanda Turner
Uniform Shop Manager
Castle Hill Public School P&C Association



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School Tours

School tours operate on Thursdays, twice a term. Our next school tour is:

Thursday 7 November 9:30-10:30am
(Please call to register for tour)



Parent Info Sessions

Wednesday 23 October 6:15pm
and

Wednesday 6 November 6:15pm
(Both sessions will be held over Teams)



Orientation Sessions

Held over the following weeks:

Session 1

week commencing **Monday 28 October**

Session 2

week commencing **Monday 4 November**

Session 3

week commencing **Monday 11 November**



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Term 4 - 2024

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/	Sun	
		14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Oct	1	First day for students			Kindergarten The Grufallo				
		21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
Oct	2	Stage 1 Rouse Hill Estate excursion		Kindergarten 2025 Parent information night - via ZOOM	Stage 1 Rouse Hill Estate excursion	Stage 1 Rouse Hill Estate excursion			
		28	29	30	31	1	2	3	
Oct	3		Kindy Orientation		Kindy Orientation	Kindy Orientation			
		Year 2 Swim Program							
		4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
Oct	4		Kindy Orientation	Kindergarten 2025 Parent information night - via ZOOM	Kindy Orientation	Kindy Orientation			
		Year 2 Swim Program							
		11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
Nov	5		Year 6 Surf Education excursion						
			Kindy Orientation		Kindy Orientation	Kindy Orientation			
		18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
Nov	6								
		25	26	27	28	29	30	1	
Nov	7								
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Nov Dec	8		Year 6 to 7 Orientation Day						
		Year 6 High School Week							
		9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Dec	9	Presentation Day	Presentation Day		Gala Day				
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Dec	10		Year 6 Formal Castle Hill RSL	Last day of term Year 6 Graduation and Clap Out	SDD	SDD			