



# NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 4 – November 6, 2024

## WHAT'S ON

**Monday October 28-Friday November 8**  
Year 2 Swim Program

**Wednesday November 6**  
Kindergarten 2025 Parent Information evening 6.15pm via Zoom

**Tuesday November 12**  
Year 6 Surf Education excursion

## Principal's Report

### Kindergarten Orientation

Our 2025 Kindergarten students are enjoying their second orientation session over the course of this week. We look forward to hosting our second (and final) parent information session tonight. The session will commence at 6.15pm. 'Teams' meeting details have been sent to all parents of Kindergarten 2025 students.

### State Athletics Championships

Congratulations to Jackson (4E) for his efforts at the recent State Athletics Championships. Jackson finished 25th overall in his 800m event after the heat stage. An amazing effort!

### Year 6 Gala Day

This year's Gala Day will be held on Thursday 12 December. As we have limited playground space currently, there will be two Gala Day sessions during the day, one for K-2 students and one for Years 3-5 students.

Gala Day involves Year 6 students organising and running various stalls with students having the opportunity to purchase food items and participate in the many fun activities that will incur a small cost.

All monies raised on Gala Day go towards supporting Stewart House. Our school has a long and proud history of donating towards Stewart

House and you can read about the amazing work that is done there by following the link: [Welcome to Stewart House Children's Charity, Curl Curl, Sydney](#)

There will be plenty of information to share in the following weeks so please ensure that you keep an eye out for future newsletters or messages via SchoolBytes.

### Planning for 2025

We are busily planning in preparation for next year. To allow us to plan as effectively as possible, we ask families who know that they won't be returning to Castle Hill Public School next year, to notify us via the link below. Similarly, if you are aware that your child will return to our school after Thursday 6 February 2025 due to an extended holiday or other reason, I ask that you also notify us via the link below:

### [2025 Non returning / Late returning students](#)

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

Should you have a specific request about 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](mailto:craig.oliver@det.nsw.edu.au).

## PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



ASPIRE  
Be a team player.

### **Congratulations to...**

Esha (5J) who recently participated at the 2024 NSW Junior State Gymnastics Championships at Rooty Hill. Esha has recently been invited to participate at today's Sydney West Gymnastics competition. Well done Esha!



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

## **News from the Deputies**

### **2025 Student Leadership Process**

Our candidates for student leadership were announced last Friday. The votes amongst both groups were very close and, as a result, we have a 'Top 13 boys' and 'Top 16 girls'. The students have prepared posters which are on display in the walkway between the Library and the Music room. A copy of our candidates is also available in the newsletter.

This morning, our prospective candidates prepared their speeches and then delivered their speeches during the day. All speeches have been recorded and will be made available to our school electorate which is comprised of our Year 2-5 students and teachers. We wish our candidates the very best of luck.

Any parents or students who have any questions are asked to direct them to Miss Machuca.

### **Changes to the application process for 2026 - Opportunity Class (OC) and Selective High School**

Some information regarding the changes to the application process was emailed to Year 3 and Year 5 families today. Parents wishing for their child to sit either exam, are asked to read the information carefully and to pose any questions to Miss Machuca.

Parents can also find some key dates below:

### **Key dates – applying for entry in 2026**

- 7 November 2024 to 21 February 2025 – parents and carers apply for selective high school or opportunity class entry in 2026.
- 2-4 May 2025 – students sit the selective high school or opportunity class placement test for entry in 2026.
- 19 May 2025 – make up test date (approved illness/misadventure requests)
- Term 3, 2025 – placement outcomes and offers released to parents and carers
- Term 1, 2026 – students who gain entry begin attending their opportunity class or selective high school

## Selective High School and Opportunity Class Webinar – Tonight

A webinar co-hosted by the P&C Federation NSW and Department of Education is being held tonight from 7:00-8:00pm. Register [here](#) for tonight's webinar.



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

Thank you to those parents who have already participated in The Partners in Learning parent survey for 2024. This 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 and closes this Friday – 8 November.

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 has been sent through SchoolBytes to all families and is also available below, by clicking the link
- The survey can be completed on a computer, tablet or mobile device and is available in 23 community languages.

Access the survey [here](#).

## 2024 Maths Games Results

Congratulations to the students from our Stage 2 Maths Games groups. The following students will be presented with a 'Maths Star' patch in class next week. All students who participated will also receive a certificate.

Year 3		Year 4	
Top scorers	Overall improvement	Top scorers	Overall improvement
Hailey T. Anthony H.	Austin X. Casper K. Ria R.	Joshua N. Roy L.	Winnie X. Ethan M. Jiyun C.

## Join the Band in 2025



Tomorrow, members of our school's Senior Band will visit Year 2 classes to perform and demonstrate various instruments. Further information will then be provided to Year 2 students about the 2025 band program as well as in subsequent newsletters. Students in Years 4-6 in 2025 can also join the band program, if they wish to do so.



## 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.

### Our school gates

Please be advised that our school gates are now being locked at 9.00am and then unlocked at 2:50pm to ensure the safety of our students.

Mrs Alex Kohary and Miss Danielle Machuca  
Deputy Principals

## Positive Behaviour Learning Awards



**YEARS 3 & 4 THESE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE STUDENTS DURING WEEK 5 IN THE CLASSROOM**  
**SILVER AWARDS**

YEAR 3		YEAR 4	
Locke	3A	Ashleigh	4A
Jaiman	3A	Nathaniel	4A
Anaika	3A	Alexandra	4A
Aasiyah	3K	Shanaya	4A
Mariam	3K	Manely	4C
Chris	3K	Eloise	4C
Sophia	3K	Sair	4C
Reyansh	3NS	Amaira	4D
Aiyana	3T	Jayden	4D
Diya	3T	Valerie	4E
Akain	3T	Aden	4S
Ana	3T	Daniel	4S
Aavyan	3T	Elvin	3/4W
Maggie	3T	Reyansh	3/4W

### GOLD AWARDS

YEAR 3		YEAR 4	
Sophie	3A	Emma	4A
Ella	3A	Max	4D
		William	4E
		Xavier	4E
		Elias	4S
		Aiden	4S
		Asher	3/4W

## PSSA and Sport News

Friday November 8, 2024



Touch Football

Bernie Mullane Reserve, Kellyville

Softball/T ball

Fred Caterson Reserve, Castle Hill

Cricket

Charles McLaughlin Reserve, Baulkham Hills

Basketball

Jasper Road Public School, Castle Hill

## P&C News

### President message

Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that we are currently running the art competition for students interested in designing a sign for our new canteen. The winning design will again be chosen by the school community, and the winning artist awarded \$20.00 in canteen vouchers. The deadline for entries is Wednesday 27 November. Please see the flyer further down in this newsletter for more information.

The Annual Gala Day will be held again this year in week 9. The P&C will run a BBQ for students, staff and parents that day. We will need help setting up, cooking, packing and clean up. If you are available to help, please sign up at: <https://volunteersignup.org/CFMMQ>

Our next P&C meeting will be held next Wednesday, 13 November 2024 at 7.00pm online via Zoom. P&C meetings are a great way to find out what is happening at our school and parents can ask question of the principal directly. To register for this meeting, please visit:

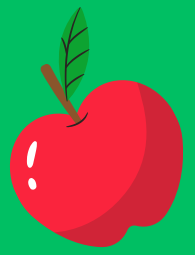
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If you have any questions or concerns, or would like to become a financial member of the P&C, please feel free to contact me at the address below.

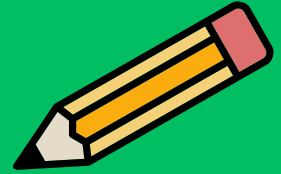
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<http://www.chpspandc.org.au>



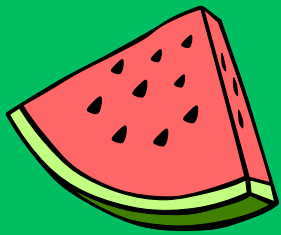
Castle Hill Public School  
P&C Association



# CANTEEN SIGN DRAWING COMPETITION



Pabalo's Pantry needs a sign!  
Help us design it!



**Win \$20 worth of  
canteen vouchers**

## **Competition Rules:**

- Artwork must use an A4 piece of paper- only 1 page per entry-  
Use pencils/pens/textas/paint/watercolour
- Drawing must incorporate the school PBL colours as well as the  
new canteen name “Pabalo’s Pantry”
- Participating students must be enrolled at CHPS
- Only one entry per student is accepted.
- All entries close Wednesday, 27 Nov 2024
- Original artwork must be left in the box in the school office.  
Please ensure the artist’s full name and class are on the back.
- The winning entry will be voted by the school student body and  
is subject to the approval of the school executive and P&C.



# Canteen

## ROSTER:



Monday November 11	Melissa
Tuesday November 12	Chris, Mana
Wednesday November 13	Elnaz, Princess
Thursday November 14	Beenish, Winkie
Friday November 15	Mani, Miae

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](mailto: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.



### SRC Mufti Day

Wednesday November 13, SRC are having a mufti day. Please bring a gold coin donation as all proceeds will go to RSPCA. Donuts are available to order on Flexischools <https://flexischools.com.au/> for \$2.00 each. They will be delivered at **RECESS**. Cut off for orders will be November 11 at 3.00pm.

Please remember to wear closed in shoes, thank you.

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

# Uniform Shop

## 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](mailto:uniformshop@chpspandc.org.au)

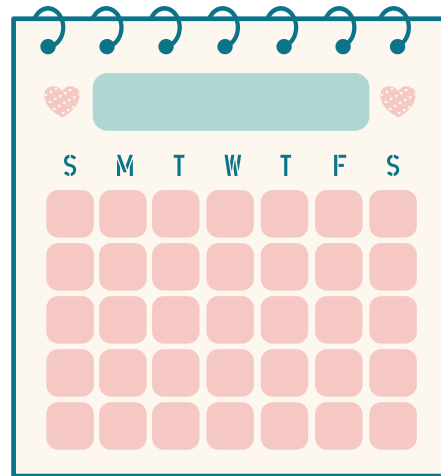
**Amanda Turner  
Uniform Shop Manager  
Castle Hill Public School P&C Association**



Get ready for....

# The SRC Mufti Day!

**ON WEDNESDAY  
WEEK 5 the 13th  
of November.**



**It's a gold coin  
donation  
supporting the  
RSPCA.**

**You MUST wear  
enclosed shoes -  
runners.**



**Donuts available to order on Flexischools for  
\$2 each. They will be delivered for RECESS!!  
Cut off for orders is 11/11/24 at 3pm.**

# CASTLE HILL PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Kindy 2025

## ENROL NOW



### 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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# MINI CLINIC IS BACK

CRESTWOOD OVAL

WEDNESDAY 27 NOV 2024  
3.45PM TO 5PM

WEDNESDAY 29 JAN 2025  
5PM TO 6PM



**FREE**  
FOR BOYS &  
GIRLS AGED 4-8



**FOLLOW THE LINK  
OR QR CODE TO  
REGISTER**

**CLUB - TEAM - PLAYER**

# Castle Hill Public School

## 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			



SHERWOOD RIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL

# 20TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION FETE

SATURDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2024 - 3:00PM TILL 8:00PM

## *Silent Auction- great prizes*

**2nd hand books,  
Silent Disco, Cakes  
and Cans, Lucky Dip,  
Coloured Hair and  
Nails,  
DUNK TANK**

## *Food Trucks*

*Gozleme, Nachos, Wafflepopz,  
Coffee Truck, Dumplings*

## *Over 30 Community Stalls*

*Craft, Jewellery, Treats, Fidgets,  
Candles, Slime and much more!  
Great gifts for friends and family!*

## RIDES

*Giant Slide  
Storm Ride  
Cup and saucer  
Pirate ship  
Turbo flyers  
Mini golf  
Soccer shoot out*

*Chocolate wheel*

*Photo displays*

**LIONS CLUB  
SAUSAGE SIZZLE**

## **Performances!**

*3:30pm-DanceonQ*

*4:00pm-BBMA Karate Demo*

*4:15pm-SRPS Choirs*

*Sherwood Bear visit*

*4:30pm-Kellyville High School Bands*

*5:00pm-Aerial Fitness Demo*

*5:15pm-SRPS Dance Groups*

*5:30pm-SRPS Bands*

*6:15pm-SRPS Student Song*

*Sherwood Bear visit*

*Mr Mac's Hair Attack*

*6:45pm-Musical Entertainment*

## ARCADE GAMES

*Laughing clowns  
Lucky ducks  
Snow cones  
Fairy floss*



**Everyone is invited**