



NEWSLETTER

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Term 4 Week 9 – December 11, 2024

WHAT'S ON

Thursday December 12

Gala Day

Tuesday December 17

Year 6 formal at Castle Hill RSL

Wednesday December 18

Year 6 Graduation Assembly

Year 6 Clap out

Last day of term for students

Thursday February 6

First day of term for Years K-6

Principal's Report

Presentation Assemblies

Our Presentation assemblies were held on Monday and yesterday at Castle Hill High School. We greatly appreciate the support provided to us by the staff at Castle Hill High in allowing us access to their assembly hall. A special thank you to Mrs Kohary and Miss Machuca who organised the three assemblies.

As is tradition at Castle Hill Public School, a variety of perpetual awards were presented at the Stage 3 assembly on Monday.

Congratulations to the following students who received perpetual awards:

Principal's Award: **Aida 6M**

School Dux: **Benjamin 6R**

Jackie Watts Award: **Sachin 6R**

Hills Shire Council Citizenship Award: **Ryan 6C**

School Service Award: **Kate 6A and Aaron 6R**

Lions Club Citizenship and Community Award: **Nipeksha 6R**

Zonta Award for Mathematics Improvement: **Prerna 6B**

Mark Hodges Encouragement Award: **Zhanna 6R**

Tancred Award for Excellence in Sports: **Sunny 6L**

Cairns Award for the Performing Arts: **Rita 6M**

Premier's Sporting Challenge Award: **Juno 6A**

Perpetual award recipients are permitted to keep the perpetual trophy for a few days, and we ask that it be returned to the front office by next Tuesday please.

PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



ASPIRE

Accept opportunities and challenges.

In addition, the 2024 student leadership team was announced. The prefects, vice-captains and captains for 2024 are as follows:

Prefects

Ailey 5O	Daniel 5P
Sarah 5J	Sully 5G
Rachel 5F	Aaron 5J
Hannah 5F	Samuel 5G

Vice Captains

Shanaya 5O	Daniel 5O
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School Captains

Rose 5O	Iverson 5O
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Congratulations to these students on their outstanding achievement!

Student Reports

Student reports will be sent home via School Bytes this Friday. Please note that these reports will be sent **gradually** during the day and not all at once.

Gala Day

Gala Day will be held **TOMORROW**, 12 December and will be held in two sessions, owing to playground space restrictions, as follows:

10.00am – 11.30am: Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students

12.30pm – 2.00pm: Year 3, 4 and 5 students.

Again, I would like to emphasise that Gala Day will be a cash free event. Please note that tokens are available for pre-purchase online in \$5.00 increments via **School Bytes for the rest of today**.

Students are invited to wear MUFTI clothing tomorrow.

Organisation for 2025

Our planning for next year is well advanced. Thank you to everyone who has responded to our requests throughout the term and informed us if your child will be leaving our school at the end of this year or will be returning at some point after the first day of school. It makes a huge difference!

We would like parents to be aware that 2025 classes will not be formed on the first day of school next year. All students (K-6) will return to school on Thursday 6 February and remain in their 2024 class for at least the first couple of days until we are confident of our total enrolment numbers. This is due to the uncertainty as to how many new enrolments we will welcome to Castle Hill PS over the Christmas vacation.

Students starting in Kindergarten next year will receive further information before the end of next week. Over the holiday break and once the new building is handed over to us, we will make decisions regarding where students will line up on 9.00am of the first morning back at school. Regardless of the location, Year 1-6 students will line up in their 2024 classes. Please ensure that you have access to the **School Bytes app** to ensure you are updated with this information.

Year 6 Graduation Assembly and 'Clapout'

Next Wednesday morning, 18 December, we will farewell our Year 6 students in style by holding our annual Graduation Assembly at Castle Hill High School hall. We ask that parents and students arrive at 9.30am for a 10.00am start. We aim to finish the graduation assembly by 11.00am and again, request that parents are able to transport students back to school. Kiss and Drop will be available for students to exit vehicles.

On the same day, Year 6 students will proceed through the traditional 'clapout' which is scheduled to take place around 2.30pm. Parents are also welcome to attend but are asked to congregate either in the middle of the back playground or closer to the back gate, where all Year 6 students will complete the clapout.

There is no parking for parents in the school car park. Please park at Towers and walk across or park on Gilham Street.

Congratulations



Ava (50) and Juno (6A), who played a key role in the Hills Junior Baseball Association team that won the inaugural 2024 Girls Gaynor Cup! The team went undefeated all season and triumphed in the final against a strong Cronulla side to bring home the trophy.

This marks an exciting moment in the Sydney Cup, with the addition of the Girls Gaynor Cup division showcasing incredible talent and inspiring young athletes. Well done, Ava and Juno we are so proud of your achievement!



Craig Oliver-Principal
Craig.oliver@det.nsw.edu.au

News from the Deputies

Platinum Lunch and Presentation – Term 4

Our Term 4 Platinum Presentation and Lunches were held last week. We recognised students from Years 2, 5 and 6 on Thursday. Photos of these students appear below. Congratulations to all our Platinum Award recipients for Term 4, 2024!



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

A reminder to all families in Year 3 and Year 5, that the application for Opportunity Class and Selective High School are open. Information was emailed to families in November. Parents wishing for their child to sit either exam, are asked to read the information contained in the email carefully and to pose any questions to Miss Machuca.

A reminder that a parent information session will be held on February 10, 2025, to discuss the assessments and to answer any questions. A time will be communicated before the end of the term.

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

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. A reminder that if your child is late to school, they must report to the office for a late note.

Similarly, if you need to collect your child from sick bay or for an appointment, you will need to access the school via the front gate of the school.

Mrs Alex Kohary and Miss Danielle Machuca
Deputy Principals

P&C News

President message

The P&C is busily preparing for our Annual Gala Day BBQ being held Tomorrow Thursday, 12 December. A BBQ will be available to staff and parents on the day. Please order your child's sausages and drinks through Flexischools as they will be delivered to classes like regular lunch orders. If parents order for themselves through Flexischools, please be aware that all sausages under a child's name will be delivered to their class. We will have limited quantities available on the day for parents and other family members to purchase from us directly with either cash or Eftpos. We will be set up outside Funhouse for sales.

We are still in need of volunteers for the Gala Day BBQ to help with setting up, cooking, packing and clean up. If you are available to help, please sign up at: <https://volunteersignup.org/CFMMQ>

Our last P&C meeting for 2024 will be held **TONIGHT** Wednesday, 11 December 2024 at 7.00pm online via Zoom. To register for this meeting, please visit:

<https://au01web.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5Yld-yuqDgrEtfx2rLcHJ6MuR9ARPC41pYK>

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@chpsandc.org.au
<http://www.chpsandc.org.au>

Canteen

Gala Day – Thursday December 12, 2024

The canteen will be closed for normal recess and lunch orders on Thursday December 12 because of Gala Day.

If you have not already ordered a Gala Day sausage sizzle, please make sure you bring food and drinks from home.

End of Year Lunch Orders

As the year comes to an end you may find some of your favourite items are temporarily "Sold Out" as we are reducing our stocks for our big move and the holiday period.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

ROSTER:

Monday December 16	Jane
Tuesday December 17	Francisca, Richa
Wednesday December 18	Volunteer Required



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@chpsandc.org.au
- [Online Canteen Volunteer Form](#)

Tanya - Canteen Manager
Castle Hill Public School

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop open hours for the start of Term 1 2025

The uniform shop will be open after the school holidays - Monday 3 February 2025 8.30-11.30am.

If you need to exchange or purchase uniforms, we strongly encourage you to do that on Monday February 3, 2025.

We will be open on Thursday 6 February 2025 8.00-10.30am, however this will be an extremely busy day, usually with a very large queue and long wait times. Appointments are encouraged.

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



Gala Day

Thursday 12 December

K-2 session from 10am-11.30am

3-5 session from 12.30pm-2pm

Organised by Year 6



From bracelets to
sponge throwing to
arcade games!

Multi Day
for students



It's only 1-2 tokens per game

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	MUFTi Day					
			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 Stage 2 Science incursion						
		Year 6 High School Week							
		9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Dec	9	Presentation Day 9.30-10.20 Yrs 3-4 11.15-12.30 Yrs 5-6 Assemblies at Castle Hill High School	Presentation Day 9.30-10.30 Yrs K-2		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			