



Castle Hill Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 11 – April 10, 2024

WHAT'S ON

Wednesday April 10

P&C meeting via 7.00pm

Friday April 12

Last day Term 1

Monday April 29

Staff development day (no students)

Tuesday April 30

School resumes Term 2

Friday May 10

Walk safely to school

Principal's Report

Class 1J – new teacher

As previously communicated to 1J families, Mrs Avard has been appointed to Castle Hill Public School as a permanent teacher and will take over from Miss Sammut at the start of next term.

From Term 2, 1J will be known as 1A.

Miss Sammut and Mrs Avard have worked together over the last couple of weeks to ensure a successful transition between teachers. A huge 'thank you' to Miss Sammut for working with the 1J class this term and we look forward to having her return to work with us again, later in the year.

Sydney West Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to Alicia (3/4W), Bonnie (4E) and Chanuli (6R) who recently participated at the Sydney West Swimming Carnival.

Alicia finished 8th overall in her 50m freestyle event, Bonnie finished 6th overall in her 50m freestyle event and Chanuli finished 8th overall in her 50m butterfly event.

We are very proud of your outstanding results! Congratulations!

Child Safety Handbook

Together with their partners, NSW Police Legacy has been producing the Child Safety Handbook for over ten years. The Handbook aims to raise awareness about risks to children and steps that can be taken to

PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



RESPECT

Take pride in yourself and your school.

protect and keep them safe.

You are able to access the Child Safety handbook by clicking on the following link:

[DOWNLOADS | Child Safety Hub](#)

School Uniform

Given the changeable nature of the weather at this time of year, for the first two weeks of Term 2, students have the option of wearing either their full summer or winter uniform (not a combination of both). Students will be expected to wear full winter uniform from Week 3 onwards.

Happy Holidays!

Term 1 concludes at 3.00pm this Friday afternoon. Teachers return to school on Monday 29 April for a Staff Development Day. **All students return to school on Tuesday 30 April.** Thank you to everyone for a fantastic term! I hope the next two weeks are an enjoyable period for you and your family.

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

News from the Deputies

Can you help? SRE teachers needed

Our school is in need of more volunteer SRE teachers for some of our Hindu SRE and Islam SRE groups. If you or someone you know may be able to assist, please contact:

Hindu SRE Swami or Jaya sydney@chinmaya.com.au
Islam SRE Ebtesam info@isre.org.au

ANZAC Day Commemoration

Our students will participate in a digital commemoration with their class, tomorrow morning – Thursday 11 April. Year 6 student leaders have contributed to the digital commemoration. In addition to this, two of our Year 6 students have rehearsed and played both The Last Post and The Rouse on trumpet.



Mind Quest

Applications for Mind Quest 2024 are now open. The Mind Quest program is a fast-paced and challenging program designed to enrich and extend high potential and gifted students. Please visit <https://mindquest.net.au/> for more information or email the school to request a brochure be sent home with your child.

Opportunity Class Placement for entry in Year 5, 2025

Applications opened 4 April and will close on 20 May 2024.

What are opportunity classes?

Opportunity classes are one of the ways the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students. The classes help students learn by:

- grouping them with other gifted students
- using specialised teaching methods so students can learn concepts in more detail and more quickly
- supporting their wellbeing needs.

Most students in opportunity classes enjoy learning with peers who have similar abilities and interests. Opportunity classes are not zoned. Students successfully placed attend the opportunity class full time in Years 5 and 6 at the relevant public school. In most cases, students who have accepted a place in an opportunity class will leave their current school to attend the school with the opportunity class.

Should you apply?

If your child learns with greater ease and speed than their classmates, they may benefit from placement in an opportunity class. High potential and gifted children need to be challenged so they remain engaged with their education. Discuss the opportunity with your child and look through the information together.

If you would like to discuss whether you think you should apply, please contact your child's teacher. Please also refer to the fact sheet, later in the newsletter.

Ready to apply?

Apply online at: [Opportunity classes \(Year 5 – 6\)](#)

Mrs Kohary and Miss Dunn will also host an information session via Zoom, on Thursday 2 May at 6:00pm. A Zoom link will be shared with Year 4 families via Sentral. More information for candidates can be found [here](#).

Think outside the box

Miss Machuca is inviting all Stage 3 students to think outside the box and to have a go solving the number problem below.

Rules to solving the problem

1. You can use any order of operation (addition, subtraction, multiplication or division).
2. You can only use each number **once**
3. You need to get as close as possible to the target number. If you are able to arrive at the target number - you are officially a wizard with numbers.

The numbers are:					
5	7	75	25	100	50
Your target number is:					
856					

Collect a template from the box located in the office and be sure to submit it, in the same box by Tuesday – Week 1 next Term!

Mother's Day

The Mother's Day stall will be held in Week 2 of Term 2.

Below is a draft timetable for when the classes will be visiting the stall to buy a gift for our amazing mums. Please also see the request (further in the newsletter) from our P&C president regarding volunteers for parents to assist with the stall.

Time	Monday 6 May	Tuesday 7 May	Wednesday 8 May	Thursday 9 May	Friday 10 May
9:15 – 9:30	4A	4D		5P	
9:30 – 9:45	4C	4S		1J	1G
9:45 – 10:00	4E	1S		5D	1K
10:00 – 10:15	KA	KH	3E	5J	1M
10:15 – 10:30	KB	KM	3NS	3/4W	Catch up
10:30 – 10:45	KC	3A	5F	5O	Catch up
11:15 – 11:30	6A	6L	6C	6R	Catch up
11:30 – 11:45	6B	6D	6M	5G	Catch up
11:45 – 12:00	2S	2H	2P	2C	
12:00 – 12:15	2G	2M	3T	3K	

Mrs Alex Kohary and Miss Danielle Machuca
Deputy Principals

School News



PSSA and Sport News

Friday April 12, 2024

All buses leave school at 11.00am and return by 1.00pm.

Tball & Softball

Fred Caterson, Castle Hill

Touch Football

Bernie Mullane Sports Complex, Kellyville

Cricket

Balmoral Road Reserve, Kellyville

Basketball

The Hills Basketball Stadium, Castle Hill



There will be no training for PSSA this term due to lack of space, sorry for any inconvenience.

3-6 Cross Country

The 3-6 Cross Country will be held on Wednesday 8 May 2024 at Masonic Oval, Baulkham Hills. More information will be available closer to the date.

Unfortunately, there will be **no** K-2 Cross Country this year due to limited playground space. Students in Year 2 who are turning 8 years old this year, are eligible to run in the 3-6 Cross Country. Please note this is **not a fun run**, it is for students who are serious competitors and are likely to qualify for the Zone Cross Country. Students will be expected to run in the **2000 metres** race if they choose to participate.

If your child is in Year 2 and turning 8 this year, please complete the form below if you wish for them to participate in 3-6 Cross Country.

<https://forms.office.com/r/8uNK6snJud>

**Thank you
Cross Country Committee**

The 2024 Australian Early Development Census

Every school counts

The Australian Early Development Census (AEDC) is a national census that builds a picture of how children have developed by the time they start their first year of full-time school.

Every school has a vital role to play in helping our nation collect the information it needs to better understand and respond to the needs of children and their families.

Since 2009, communities, schools and governments across Australia have used AEDC results to help provide services, resources and supports that give our kids the best start in life.

From May 2024, teachers will complete the census for children in their first year of full-time school.

AEDC results for individual children are not reported and individual children cannot be identified.

With the support of parents/carers and schools, we can build a more complete picture of early childhood development in Australia. If parents/carers consent to the collection of their child's information they do not need to do anything. Parents/carers only need to contact the school if they do not consent to the collection of their child's information.

To find out more about the AEDC and how schools, communities and governments are using the data to help children and families, visit www.aedc.gov.au.

If you do not want information collected on your child (Kindergarten only) in the Australian Early Development Census, please notify the school by Friday 12 April via email castlehill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au



President message

Dear Parents and carers,

It is the last week of term 1! Time has flown by, and I hope everyone has something wonderful planned for the school holidays ahead.

Looking ahead to Term 2, our P&C Mother's Day Stall will run in Week 2 from Monday 6 May - Friday 10 May. Students will visit the stall at an assigned time that week with their classes. Please see the flyer and class timetable further down in this newsletter for more details.

We need your help to have the stall run smoothly. If you can lend a hand during that week, please sign up at <https://volunteersignup.org/4H9HQ>

Our final P&C meeting of Term 1 is happening **TONIGHT**, Wednesday 10 April at 7.00pm online via ZOOM. P&C Meetings are a terrific way to find out what is happening at our school with reports given by the principal and deputies. You also have an opportunity to ask questions of the principal directly.

To register for this meeting, please visit:

<https://au01web.zoom.us/join/zoom/register/u5lqce-tqTkiH9Jqj9qtwMtHIGvtyp0Fj11S>

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at the address below.

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

Canteen

END OF TERM 1:

As the canteen is winding down for Term 1 in preparation for stocktake and cleaning you may find some of your favourite items will be marked as 'sold out' on flexischools. Don't worry, everything will be restocked and waiting for you to order in term 2!

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday from all the canteen staff.



TERM 2 - ROSTER



Monday April 29
Tuesday April 30
Wednesday May 1
Thursday May 2
Friday May 3

CLOSED Staff development day
VOLUNTEER REQUIRED
Madhavi, **VOLUNTEER REQUIRED**
Emma, Francisca
Danielle, Jenny

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](#)

Tanya - Canteen Manager
Castle Hill Public School

Uniform Shop

Uniform shop

All students are required to wear their full school uniform. 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.

The uniform shop will be open 8.30am – 10.30am Monday 29 April even though this is a pupil free day. Online appointments are encouraged.

To make an appointment to visit the uniform shop, please visit:

<https://outlook.office365.com/owa/calendar/UniformShop1@chpspandc.org.au/bookings/>

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.

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
www.chpspandc.org.au

Car Games for the Holidays and Road Trips



When the soundtrack starts sounding repetitive and boredom rears its ugly head, a few classic car games can quickly get everyone excited to be on the road again.

I spy with my little eye, something beginning with G. Games! Games to play in the car, to be precise. These simple games will have everyone entertained, whether you're on a school run or halfway through a long haul across the country.

The roadside alphabet

This is a simple game that will have everyone craning their necks to read every single sign, billboard and shopfront you pass. The objective is to make your way through the alphabet, calling out any word you can see outside starting with the letter you're on. To add a competitive element, whoever sees the word scores one point – work your way to a target or just see who has the most by the time you reach Z. You can up the excitement with some simple variations. Perhaps six letter words get double points or the word must be on a street sign.

The busy picnic

This is a fun game designed to push your memory to the limits. The first player starts by saying, "I'm going on a picnic and I've packed some sandwiches." The next person has to add something else to the picnic. They might say, "I'm going on a picnic and I've packed some sandwiches and a thermos." Keep going round and round, adding new items to your busy picnic until someone's memory just can't handle the pressure. You can make it more challenging by demanding that the picnic be packed alphabetically – avocados, boysenberries, cream pies, and so on.

Cows left!

Keep your eyes out for cows. If you see them on the left hand side of the road, shout out "Cows left!" If they're on the right, shout "Cows right!" You get one point for a herd spotted on your side of the car and two for a herd on the other. If your route does not have dairy farms simply change the target animal – the game can be just as much fun with sheep, horses, dogs or ducks.



The synonym spectacular

Think of a popular song, movie or book. Can you replace all the words in the title with synonyms – different words that mean the same thing? It'll stretch your brain to come up with a good one, but it'll be even harder for your travelling companions to guess the original.

Are we there yet? Are we there yet? We've all experienced it. The car's packed with holiday gear and you've only been on the road for 30 minutes when the first signs of boredom set in. Here are more games you can play to pass the time away.

20 Questions

Whoever starts the game thinks of something – an object, person, country, anything. The rest of the passengers ask questions to identify what they are thinking. For example, is it an animal or human? Is it live or inert? The player who is answering the questions can only use one word answers based on the question. The object is to identify the answer within twenty questions. The person who guesses correctly is the next to think of something for passengers to guess.

Spotto

There are many versions of this classic game. Pick an uncommon colour for a car, such as yellow. Everyone has to keep an eye out for yellow vehicles and be the first to call out "spotto" when they spot one. You can have a tiered points system, two points for the first spotto of the game, half a point for a motor bike, one point for cars, two for trucks, buses or even boats if you're travelling near water. The winner can be the first person to a set number of points or the person with the most points in a set time frame.

Spot a bug

Similar to spotto, the aim is to spot as many volkswagen bugs as possible before the other passengers.

Name that tune

Like the classic TV game show, the winner here is the one who figures out the name of the "mystery song" first. For those with singing/whistling/humming talent, this can be as much karaoke as a guessing game. Choose a theme for the game, such as show tunes, movie or TV themes, or Taylor Swift. The winner gets to be the singer for the next round. You can also try guessing the songs on the radio.

Licence plates

There are many ways to play with license plates, depending on the age of the passengers. Young participants can call out letters in alphabetical order; the first one to Z wins. Next, have them look for doubles of letters and/or numbers in the plates. The one who has the most at the end of the day/trip wins.



Count the...

This is an easy game to play, particularly for young kids. All you have to do is count the number of cows, telephone poles, headlights, train cars, blue pickup trucks, whatever you want to count. Shouting out the thing to keep track of is all that is required.

Chopsticks

The **chopsticks game** is a fun hand game that people of all ages can enjoy. Players use their hands to tap each other in a sequence to advance, following the **chopsticks game rules**. The objective of the game is to avoid having your fingers tapped and be the last player with a finger left untouched.

The chopsticks game originated in East Asia and later spread to other parts of the world. Players use just their hands to form patterns and taps, making it very easy to play anywhere. According to surveys, nearly 70% of children and adults have played the chopsticks game at some point in their lives.

To start a game of chopsticks, players pair up and join hands with their partner. Each player counts aloud the beat as everyone alternates tapping a finger for the corresponding count. Once a player has had all five fingers tapped, they are out. The game continues until the last player with an untapped finger wins.

The Categories Game

Start by choosing a category such as famous people, beverage names, animals, etc. Take turns to name something from that category. If you cannot think of something then you are out. To make it more difficult you can add the requirement for the first letter to be in alphabetical order (the thing must begin with a,b,c, etc).

Two Truths and a Lie

Think of two true statements and one lie. Tell them to the group and everyone has to guess which statement is the lie! Take it in turns and enjoy the fun. This is one of the best car games to play with kids as you can come up with some fun and interesting variations.

Name The Animal Game

This super simple game is one of my favorite car games for kids. Begin by naming an animal such as a tiger, raccoon, bear, etc. Then everyone takes turns to name another animal that begins with the last letter of the last animal named. Examples: Gorilla, antelope, elephant, etc.

Twenty Questions

Think of a person, place, or thing. Examples could be "Superman", "The Eiffel Tower", or "Apple Pie". Everyone else on the road trip takes turns asking a question with a yes-or-no answer to try and guess what it is. No one can ask more than 20 questions and the first to guess correctly wins!

Sometimes it's easier to narrow down the options to make it easier. I find famous people to be a good way to play this game!

Guess The Movie Quote

Say a quote from a well-known movie or TV show. The other passengers then need to try and guess what show it's from. This simple but fun road trip game can keep you entertained for hours!

The Grocery Shopping Game

This simple game involves someone thinking of an item you can buy at the grocery store. Each player then takes turns to ask a question followed by taking one guess at what the item is. For example "Is it a type of sauce?" followed by a guess at the item. The game is over when someone guesses correctly! The player that wins gets to pick the next item.

Simple Memory Game

Start with the letter A and name an item beginning with A. The next person must recite the item beginning with A followed by something beginning with B... and so on. Keep going as long as possible until you reach the letter Z or everyone is out due to not remembering correctly!

Example: A is for ants, B is for bread, C is for crabs.. etc. This is one of those simple games to play in the car that can pass some time.

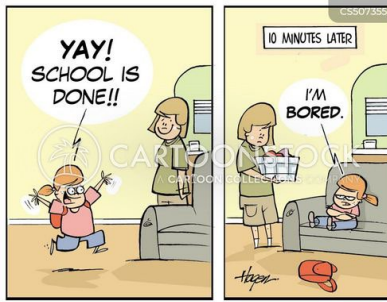
Websites with great ideas

[21 Fun Games to Play in the Car \(parents.com\)](http://21 Fun Games to Play in the Car (parents.com))

Here are some favourites:

Thumb battles, Who's the best singer, Simon Says. Phone booth spotto, Scissors paper rock, Puzzles, I spy your favourite colour..., Find the right colour..., I spy my name., I spy a sentence, Hangman, Alphabet cars, Chinese whispers, Tally marks.. cars, number plates, Small Board games/ mini car games, I spy, telling jokes, saying tongue twisters.





Holiday Activities

Ideas for Parents

Writing Ideas

Procedures-

Write out a recipe for how to make something
cakes, cookies, scones etc

Playdough

Make some Playdough and write out how you made it

Grow a Grassy head

Write out the procedure and watch it grow

Grow some plants/ make a vegie patch.

Plant some seeds keep a journal of how your plants change

Measure Graph and record the growth of your plants

Learn about sustainability

Letters

Write a letter to a grandparent and post it traditionally

Send an email to your grandparents

Persuasion

Write a letter to your parents persuading them why you should have or need

Use Literacy Shed <https://www.literacyshed.com/home.html>

This site has plenty of writing stimulus

Use magazines

Cut out a picture from a magazine and write a description of the picture.

Poetry

Find poems online print out and underline all the rhyming words

Don't show the poem to your child, read it. Ask your child to visualise the poem and draw/paint a picture of the poem.

Poetry Books for Kids

1. On The Night You Were Born.
2. Chicka Chicka Boom Boom.
3. Giraffes Can't Dance.
4. The Llama Who Had No Pajama: 100 Favorite Poems.
5. The Complete Poems of Winnie-The-Pooh.
6. Rainy Day Poems.
7. Where the Sidewalk Ends.
8. The Cat In The Hat.
9. How Do Dinosaurs Say Goodnight?
10. The Giving Tree.

Dress up a sentence.

Write a simple sentence for your child.

They have to add in the adjectives, adverbs, interesting verbs, different beginnings and endings

Make sure your sentence tells who what when where and why

Eg **Simple:** The cat sat on the mat

Improved/ Dressed up sentence: Curled up by the fire, the fluffy white cat dreamily laid on the comfortable lounge as it was too cold to sleep outside.

Spelling

Great Website: <https://www.spellingcity.com>

Use magazines to cut out letters and spell your words with the letters

Reading Ideas

Comprehension: Ask and answer questions about your books.

Literal questions (hear) You can find the answer in the book with the words. Easy comprehension

Inferential Questions (hidden) You have to use your experience and world knowledge to answer the question they are not readily written in the text (reading in between the lines) _ why do you think?

Find verbs, nouns adjectives in your story.

Write a new ending for your book

Retell your story to someone in your family

Write a recount of your story.

Write a book recommendation for your story.

Maths

Good Website

<https://au.ixl.com/maths>

Google addition, subtraction, multiplication Games

Tic Tac Toe- for two players

Like noughts and crosses

Rule up the squares-

Idea is to put in 3 numbers that add up to ten. The other person has to stop that person adding up to ten

Can you think of how you could change the game? Add to 20, or 30?

Both players have a set of numbers 0-9 instead of one set to share.

Playing card games

Website :

<https://www.weareteachers.com/math-card-games>

Turn over three cards- add the numbers find doubles or friends of ten twenty to help speed up computation

Turn over 4 cards same as above

First to 100 turning over cards and adding

Choose a number ie 95 turn over four cards each- find a way to make that number

ie 10, 9,8,7,6

10×9 take away 8 add 7 add 6 =95

Or

Closest to 40

$10 + 9 + 8 + 7 + 6 =$

Dice games

<https://www.k5chalkbox.com/math-games-using-dice.html>

Roll 2,3,4 dice

Find doubles, near doubles, adding subtracting

Use dot dice, mixture of dot and numbers, or multi sided die.

Creative/ Health/ Fitness

Make a healthy meal for your family

Explain the 2/5 Rule to your family

Explain the five food groups

Design a weekly meal plan for your family.

Creative

Paint pictures

Make Rock friends to decorate your garden

Use Clay- modelling/sculpting

Finger Knitting- great for fine motor

Plasticine creatures

Make a game board for a game for your family to play(Rules, etc will need to be thought out)

Fitness

Design an obstacle course for your backyard or inside your house

Practise for cross country

Imaginative

Play shops, dress ups, cubby houses

Local

Library- Look what's on

[Sound Effects Workshop \(School Years 4-6\) Tickets, Fri 19/04/2024 at 12:00 pm | Eventbrite](#)

Powerhouse Museum Castle Hill

<https://busycitykids.com.au/sydney-calendar-events/2024/4/13/powerhouse-castle-hill-autumn-school-holidays#:~:text=The%20Powerhouse%20Autumn%20School%20Holidays%20program%20runs%20from,Coding%20and%20Digital%20Design%2C%20and%20artist-led%20creative%20workshops.>

Happy
Holidays



2024

Mothers' Day Stall

MON, 6 MAY – FRI, 10 MAY



GIFTS RANGE IN PRICE FROM \$1 – \$10.

EACH STUDENT WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE A GIFT WHEN THEY ATTEND THE STALL WITH THEIR CLASS. THE CLASS SCHEDULE FOR VISITING WILL BE PUBLISHED ON SENTRAL.

IT IS HELPFUL TO SEND A CARRY BAG (SUCH AS A LIBRARY BAG) WITH YOUR CHILD WHEN THEY ATTEND.

COINS AND SMALL BILLS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

TO VOLUNTEER, PLEASE VISIT
[HTTPS://VOLUNTEERSIGNUP.ORG/4H9HQ](https://volunteersignup.org/4H9HQ)



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Term 2 - 2024

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/	Sun
Apr May	1	29	30	1	2	3	4	5
		Staff development day	First day of term 2					
May	2	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
				Years 3-6 Cross Country				
May	3	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Stg 1 excursion Gibberagong	Stg 1 excursion Gibberagong		Stg 1 excursion Gibberagong			
		Year 5 Camp						
May	4	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					Zone Cross Country			
		Year 6 Camp						
May Jun	5	27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Jun	6	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Jun	7	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
		King's Birthday						
Jun	8	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Jun	9	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
					Festival of Instrumental Music - Sydney Opera House			
Jul	10	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
						Last day of Term 2		