



Castle Hill Public School

# NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 9 – June 26, 2024

## WHAT'S ON

### Thursday June 27

Stg 2 Excursion - Pocket City Farm  
4C, 4E & 4S

### Friday July 5

Last day Term 2

### Monday July 22

Staff Development Day

### Tuesday July 23

First day Term 3 for students

## Principal's Report

### Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking

Congratulations to Shanaya (5O) and Sully (5G) who both recently participated in the Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking competition held at John Purchase Public School. Both students spoke beautifully with Sully selected as the local final champion!



## PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



ASPIRE  
Be reflective and resilient.

### School Build Project Update

There is an update on the progress of our school building project further in this newsletter. Since this update was released, the concrete slab for our new hall has been poured and structural work on the COLA structure has commenced. Very exciting!

Over the holiday period, work will commence on the refurbishment of the downstairs Block B classrooms which will ultimately house three support classes for students with disability. These classrooms are currently Kindergarten classrooms.

At the start of Term 3, we expect that our five Kindergarten classes will move to Block F (the building with the blue shade sail in front of it). Currently, this area is part of the work zone and significant alterations will be made between now and the start of Term 3 to ensure that our Kindergarten students will have a safe environment to learn and play. For the first day of Term 3, we ask all Kindergarten students to play and line up before school in the musical garden playground as they have done so far this year.

## **Sentral to School Bytes transition**

Throughout this year, we are gradually making the transition from Sentral to School Bytes. This will impact you over coming days in the following ways:

### ***Semester 1 reports will be accessible via School Bytes.***

We have previously published our semester reports on the Sentral Parent app but this will no longer occur. This means that from the end of this year, you will lose access to Sentral school reports online.

We recommend that you access and save your child's reports before Sentral is turned off.

To save reports:

- open the Sentral Parent app
- click on your child's image/name
- select Student Details
- select Academic Reports, open this by clicking the arrow
- open a PDF and save the file to your device
- save a PDF of each semester report
- for multiple children, repeat this process for each child.

### ***Attendance***

We are now using School Bytes ONLY to mark student attendance. Please use the School Bytes app to notify the school of any absence for your child. Thank you to the many parents who have notified us during this week.

### **Parent/Teacher interviews (all classes except 3E and 5D) and including EALD and learning support**

Parents are still able to book an interview time via their School Bytes portal. Interview bookings will close this Friday 28 June at 5.00pm. Interviews will be held next week (commencing Monday 1 July).

Information will be sent to you via your School Bytes portal. In addition, students who attend EALD withdrawal support classes and/ or learning support classes have received a note showing you which teacher to select if you would like to make an appointment time with an EALD or learning support teacher. We strongly encourage parents to do this if your child participates in these support programs.

Semester 1 reports will be issued this Friday via your School Bytes portal. We have redesigned our school report over the semester, in line with the introduction of the new mandatory English and Mathematics syllabi and trust that you will have a greater understanding of your child's progress through both the new report and your parent/teacher interview(s).

**Please note that while interview bookings are spaced 15 minutes apart, the actual interview time is 10 minutes.** Please be mindful of this when speaking with teachers as we do not wish to keep other parents waiting beyond their own appointment times.

*Parents who book a morning interview time are asked not to park in the school car park. Car park spaces after 8.00am are reserved for teacher use. Of an afternoon, parents are able to park in the staff carpark if there is a vacant parking spot. Please do not park on the road against the fence line.*

### **Open Day/Grandparents Day**

Save the date! Our annual Open Day/Grandparents Day will be held on the morning of Friday 9 August. Further details will be available early next term.

### **Congratulations to:**

Juno (6A) and Ellington (5P), who have both been selected to participate at the Sydney West PSSA Softball Championships on 4 July. We hope to see you both do very well!

Also, to Dhyana (5D) who won silver medal for Kata in the 34th JKF Gojukai Australian National Championships 2024 (girls 10yrs division) Well done Dhyana!

### Kindergarten Enrolment for 2025

Applications to enrol for Kindergarten at Castle Hill Public School in 2025 are now open. If you, or someone that you know, is looking to enrol a child into Kindergarten next year, enrolment forms can be lodged online by following a link on our school website at:

<https://castlehill-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment.html>

The online enrolment portal also accepts out-of-area applications. However, given that our student enrolment is significantly over our 'enrolment cap', applications will only be considered where exceptional circumstances apply.

In circumstances within a family where older children are currently enrolled here at Castle Hill Public School but your residential address is now outside our catchment area, an out-of-area application will be required. Out-of-area applications will be considered, and decisions made by the end of Term 3.

Please note that as part of the application process, proof of residential address is required. In cases where a lease agreement that expires before February 2025 is offered as proof of address, we will ask for details of a new lease agreement to be provided before enrolment will be confirmed.

Dates for our 2025 Kindergarten Orientation program will be confirmed in due course.

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

## News from the Deputies

### Platinum Lunch and Presentation

The Term 2 Platinum Lunch and Presentation will be held on Monday 1 July. We are looking forward to acknowledging the efforts of the 22 students who will be receiving their Platinum Award!

### School Photo Days

AdvancedLife will be coming to our school next term on Tuesday 6 August and Thursday 8 August. An anticipated schedule will be shared with families before the end of term. Further information about ordering will be sent to families through SchoolBytes.



**advancedlife**  
school photography & print specialists

## Attendance Matters

As we head into the end of Term 2, it remains important that your child attends school every single day. Being at school is the best place for students to learn as well as to keep social connections and build life-long skills.

We understand that families are eager to see and reconnect with loved ones and take a well-deserved break, but please remember that planned travel should only be taken during scheduled school holidays. Students should be at school every day during school terms, including until the end of term, unless they are sick or are absent for a justified reason.



Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can negatively impact your child's learning and wellbeing. When your child misses one day per fortnight, that's 4 weeks of missed learning in one year. Over an entire school journey this adds up to 1 year of lost learning.

We want to do everything we can to help all students be at school every single day, because every day counts. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact your child's teacher or Mrs Kohary.

## Nationally Consistent Collection of Data

The Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on school students with disability is an annual collection that counts the number of school students with disability and the level of reasonable educational adjustments they are provided with. The national data collection will count students who have been identified as receiving an adjustment to address a disability under the Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA). The DDA can be accessed from the ComLaw website at [www.comlaw.gov.au](http://www.comlaw.gov.au)

Our school will collate this data early this term. Please take the time to read further information about this data collection on the following page. If you have any questions regarding this data collection, please see Miss Machuca.

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

# Positive Behaviour Learning Awards



Years 3-6 Platinum Assembly will be held on Monday 1 July 2024

## PLATINUM AWARDS

YEAR 3		YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6	
Pranshul	3E	Eloise	4C	Liam	5F	Daniyal	6C
Maria	3NS	Emma	4C	Shayan	5J	Emily	6C
Mason	3NS	Vishnu	4C				
Anadi	3NS	Tabitha	4D				
Maggie	3T	Kelvin	4D				
Haim	3T	Selina	4D				
Ana	3T	Hannah	4E				
Cieara	3T	Jackson	4E				
Shirley	3/4W	Ramy	4S				
		William	3/4W				



Congratulations to Zoi (KA) and Anya (6M) who's caught you been great ticket was called out and they both spun the prize wheel and won a photo in Mr Olivers chair, well done Zoi and Anya.

## School News

### NSW Multicultural Perspectives Speaking Competition News

Last Thursday, 4 of our students represented our school at the NSW Multicultural Perspectives Speaking Competition local final at John Purchase Public School. Zoe and Akshaya represented Stage 2. Sully and Shanaya represented Stage 3. The local final comprised of two parts. Firstly, students delivered their planned speeches about multiculturalism in Australia to an audience. Following this, students were given a topic and they presented an impromptu speech about this given topic to the audience.

Congratulations and well done to our students for their outstanding efforts and for representing our school in this wonderful initiative. A special congratulations to Sully who won the Stage 3 competition! This is truly an amazing achievement.

Here are some comments from our finalists about their experiences on the day:

*Firstly, we did our prepared speeches. Then, we did our impromptu speeches. Our impromptu speech topic was, 'How Weird!'. – Zoe*

*I liked the impromptu speech part. It was very new to me. I have always wanted to try this out. – Akshaya*

*My favourite part was when I finished my prepared speech and heard the round of applause from the audience. – Sully*

*I enjoyed meeting new people and hearing their speeches. – Shanaya*

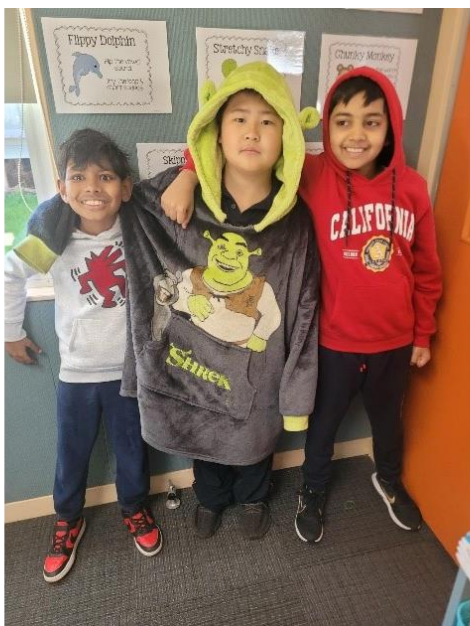


**Mrs Carmichal and Miss Kean (Literacy Committee)**

## SRC News

Last Wednesday Castle Hill Public School celebrated Pyjama Day. It was the perfect weather to roll out of bed and stay rugged up in Pyjamas. The SRC collected their class donations, and we were able to raise a total of \$1577.00.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Cancer Council by wearing Pyjamas and donating!



The SRC Team.

## 3-6 Athletics Carnival

This year, we are trialling something new for our 3-6 Athletics Carnival.

Students will be invited to attend the carnival based on their results from previous years. More information will be provided early next term.

If your child participates in Little Athletics and you believe that they should be included in the carnival, please email the school at [castlehill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:castlehill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)

Year 2 students who are turning 8 years old this year and compete in Little Athletics, are welcome. Please email the school your child's name, class and events.

Miss Brown

## PSSA and Sport News

Friday June 28, 2024 All buses leave school at 11.00am and return by 1.00pm.



AFL

Caddies Creek Reserve, Beaumont Hills

Netball

Kellyville Netball Courts, Kellyville

Soccer

Eric Mobbs Reserve, Castle Hill

Newcombe Ball

Samuel Gilbert Public School, Castle Hill

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

## President message

Dear Parents and carers,

It is week 9 and we are fast approaching the winter school holidays. I hope everyone was able to book your parent teacher interviews successfully for next week. I would like to wish all the kids who are participating in the Opera House recorder and string concert tomorrow evening the best of luck for a great performance!

The exciting news is the landscaping project outside the library will commence during the winter school holidays. We are transforming the disused sloping ground into a tiered outdoor learning space with sandstone blocks and AstroTurf creating a much-needed outdoor classroom area for the children. This is your voluntary P&C parent contributions at work, and I appreciate all our parents who are able to contribute.

Our next P&C meeting is happening Wednesday 14 August at 7.00pm online via ZOOM. P&C Meetings are a great 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. There is no meeting in July because of the school holidays. To register for this meeting, please visit:

[https://au01web.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5Mtd-qtrD4uG9LGAJoI0sCqFZ3Y3o2\\_O2gG](https://au01web.zoom.us/meeting/register/u5Mtd-qtrD4uG9LGAJoI0sCqFZ3Y3o2_O2gG)

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

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



# Canteen

## ROSTER:



Monday July 1  
Tuesday July 2  
Wednesday July 3  
Thursday July 4  
Friday July 5

Lily  
**Volunteer Required**  
Fatima, Madhavi  
Francisca, **Volunteer Required**  
Lily, Jenny



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](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.

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

# Uniform Shop

## Uniform shop

All students are required to wear their full winter uniform.

If you need to purchase winter 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.

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.

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**  
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## Project update | June 2024



### Investing in our schools

As part of the NSW Government's plan to rebuild public education, the 2024-25 Budget is delivering record education funding, including \$8.9 billion for new and upgraded schools. This targeted investment will ensure growing communities get access to a world class public education.

### Project overview

The upgrade of Castle Hill Public School will include new fit-for-purpose classrooms and upgraded core facilities to support the growing population of North West Sydney.

The project will deliver a new three-storey building with permanent classrooms, a new hall and canteen, covered outdoor learning area (COLA), and student amenities.

The upgrade will also provide facilities for specialist support classes, and refurbished administration and staff areas.

### Progress summary

The main upgrade works for the project started in late 2023 and are being undertaken in several stages to minimise disruption to the school and local community.

Work is progressing on the upgrade. Concrete pours for the new classroom building (building I) have been completed, marking the successful completion of the structural phase for building I.

Work is continuing to install pipes and cables for the new hall and canteen building (building H). Earthworks and soil excavation is taking place to prepare the foundations for the new building H.

### Next steps

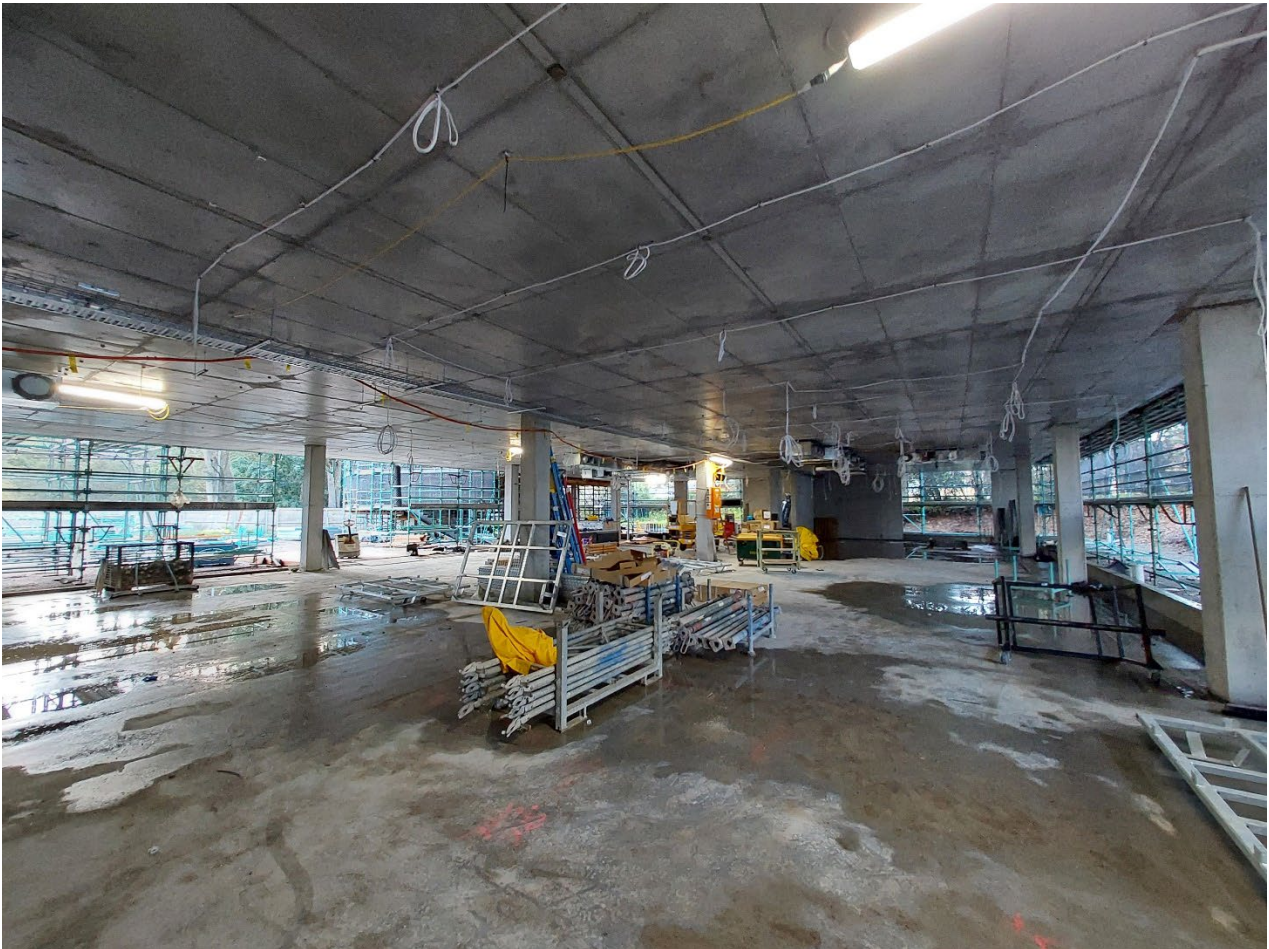
Upcoming works include pouring the ground floor concrete slabs for the new hall and canteen building (building H) and completion of roofing works for the new classroom building I.



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## Progress photo

Progress photo of electrical services being installed in Building I



## For more information

Stay informed about the project by visiting the dedicated project webpage:  
[edu.nsw.link/CastleHillPS](https://edu.nsw.link/CastleHillPS)



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## Term 2 - 2024

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/	Sun
Apr May	1	29 Staff development day	30 First day of term 2	1	2	3	4	5
May	2	6	7	8 Cross Country cancelled	9	10	11	12
May	3	13 Stg 1 excursion Gibberagong	14 Stg 1 excursion Gibberagong	15	16 Stg 1 excursion Gibberagong  Years 3-6 Cross Country	17	18	19
May	4	20	21	22	23 Zone Cross Country	24	25	26
May Jun	5	27	28 Year 6 Castle Hill High School - Musical	29	30	31	1	2
Jun	6	3	4 Senior Band Workshop	5 Intermediate Band Workshop	6	7	8	9
Jun	7	10 King's Birthday	11	12 Stg 2 excursion 3A 3K 3T	13 Stg 2 excursion 4A 4D	14	15	16
Jun	8	17	18	19 PJ Day	20	21	22	23
Jun	9	24 Sentral attendance switched off  Use <b>SCHOOL BYTES</b> app to provide absence notifications	25	26 Stg 2 excursion 3E 3NS 3/4W	27 Stg 2 excursion 4C 4E 4S  Festival of Instrumental Music - Sydney Opera House	28  Reports home to parents	29	30
Jul	10	1 Platinum lunch	2	3	4	5 Last day of Term 2	6	7
Parent / Teacher interviews								

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## Term 3 - 2024

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/	Sun	
		22	23	24	25	26	27	28	
Jul	1	Staff development day	First day of Term 3						
Ju Augl	2	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	
Aug	3	5	School photos	7	School photos Kindy assembly	School Open Day in the morning	10	11	
Aug	4	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	
				P&C Meeting					
Aug	5	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	
		BOOK WEEK							
Aug Sep	6	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	
				Hills Performing Arts Festival					
Sep	7	2	Kindy Calmsley Farm	4	5	6	7	8	
Sep	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
Sep	9	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
Sep	10	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
		Platinum Lunch				Last day of Term 3			