



Castle Hill Public School

# NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 7 – March 12, 2025

## WHAT'S ON

### Wednesday March 12

P&C Meeting & AGM in hall 7.00pm

### Wednesday March 12 to 21

Naplan Years 3 & 5

### Friday March 21

Harmony Day

## PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



### RESPONSIBLE

Take ownership for your actions.

## Principal's Report

### NAPLAN 2025

NAPLAN testing for our Year 3 and Year 5 students commenced today with all Year 3 and Year 5 classes attempting their writing task.

In addition to the writing task, students will complete a reading, conventions of language and numeracy assessment on various days and times prior to next Friday. Students absent from school on their testing day will be able to attempt their relevant assessment on a 'catch up' day.

### Year 5 and Year 6 Camps to Bathurst

A reminder that permission notes and the initial \$125.00 payment are due to be returned to school via SchoolBytes by this Friday. If payment of this amount is proving difficult by the end of this week, please ensure that you have at least signed the permission note and returned it.

**We will be confirming student numbers with the excursion providers early next week based on the number of students who have permission to attend.**

### Zone Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to each of our students who represented Castle Hill Public School at the Zone carnival, held on Monday.

The following students have been chosen to represent the Castle Hill

Zone at the Sydney West Championships on Thursday 27 March:

Abi E 6R - Senior Breaststroke

Alicia W 4P - 9 yrs Freestyle

Congratulations on your wonderful performances!

### Build Upgrade

Another milestone of our building upgrade is complete with our new staff room and meeting rooms on the first floor of B Block available for staff use as of next Monday!

### P&C AGM

The P&C AGM will be held tonight as a face-to-face meeting in the school hall, commencing at 7.00pm. If you are considering nominating for a position on our P&C executive team for 2025, you are very welcome to attend.

The monthly P&C meeting will follow the AGM.

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

## News from the Deputies

### School Assemblies

Our first assembly in our new hall was held for K-2 students on Monday. Students were very excited to see our PBL wheel back in action and to find out which class was chosen by Pabalo and the mystery teacher. Well done to 2G students who were 'Pabalo's Pick' this week.



Assemblies occur each Monday at 2:00pm. Parents are welcome to attend. Upcoming assemblies for the remainder of this term are:

Monday 17 March	Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)
Monday 24 March	Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)
Monday 31 March	Early Stage 1 (Kindy) and Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)

### Harmony Week

We are looking forward to celebrating Harmony Day next Friday March 21. Parents and community members are invited to attend one or both of our Harmony Day parades on our Blue Playground. Please refer to the flyer later in the newsletter for further information.

### Band News

With assistance from our school's P&C, percussion students now have access to learning how to play Timpani. Last week, some of our Stage 3 percussion students enjoyed their first Timpani 'masterclass'. This week, percussion students in Stage 2 will have the same opportunity.



## NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students completed their first NAPLAN assessment today – Writing.

Below is a summary of our testing timetable:

Week 7

Wednesday 12 March	Thursday 13 March	Friday 14 March
Year 3 and Year 5 Writing Assessment	Year 3 and 5 Reading Assessment	Year 3 and 5 Reading Assessment

Week 8

Monday 17 March	Tuesday 18 March	Wednesday 19 March	Thursday 20 March	Friday 21 March
Year 3 and 5 Conventions of Language	Year 3 and 5 Conventions of Language	Year 3 and 5 Numeracy	Year 3 and 5 Numeracy	Year 3 and 5 Numeracy

A reminder that all students must have their own pair of headphones for each test.

## Transition to High School Forms

Year 6 families were sent a notification through Schoolbytes yesterday regarding the completion of the transition to high school forms. This form must be completed online by 28 March.

Parents are asked to contact Miss Machuca with any questions.

## Class Parents

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to be a class parent. We are still seeking volunteers for the following classes:

Kindergarten – KB and KH

Year 1 – 1A and 1G

Year 2 – 2T

Year 3 – 3B

Year 4 – 4H and 4C

Year 5 – 5L, 5F and 5S

Year 6 – 6A

If you are interested in taking on this role, please contact Miss Machuca via email at:

[Danielle.Machuca@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Danielle.Machuca@det.nsw.edu.au)

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

# Positive Behaviour Learning Awards



YEARS 5 & 6 THESE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE STUDENTS MONDAY WEEK 8 DURING ASSEMBLY AT 2.00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL. **PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

## SILVER AWARDS

YEAR 5		YEAR 6	
Moksha	5/6B	Alia	6A
Ailey	5/6B	Imogen	6A
Haeun	5C	Samuel	6C
Aarna	5C	Vanshikha	6C
Bonnie	5C	Amelia	6D
Ayran	5C	Dhruv	6D
Lucas	5C	Heidi	6G
Kabir	5F	Cayden	6G
Zoe	5F	Chloe	6G
Bassim	5F	Sofiia	6L
Rania	5F	Irena	6R
Jackson	5K	Dante	6R
Yadhavan	5K		
Harita	5K		
Esme	5K		
Haana	5K		
Saksham	5L		
Arabelle	5L		
Christian	5L		

## GOLD AWARDS

YEAR 5		YEAR 6	
Valerie	5F	Sharanya	6A
Jamila	5F	Annie	6C
Amaira	5L	Svara	6L
Jayden	5S		
Ashleigh	5S		

## PSSA and Sport News

### PSSA

Due to NAPLAN, there will be no PSSA games or training in Week 7 and 8. Training will resume Week 9, with games returning on Friday March 28.



## P&C News

### President Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

The P&C is busily preparing for our Annual General meeting which will be held **TONIGHT**, Wednesday March 12 at 7.00pm **IN PERSON**, in the new school hall. Come and join us for some refreshments and conversation as well as a couple of P&C meetings! Our AGM is directly followed by our general meeting for March where we will catch up on all our current projects. If you are planning to attend, please RSVP using the link below. Your RSVP helps us to plan for catering purposes and seating.

To RSVP for the AGM, please visit: <https://events.humanitix.com/castle-hill-public-school-p-and-c-association-2025-annual-general-meeting-s86h5uj9>

At the AGM, we will elect our executive representatives for the year, which include our five office bearing positions- President, Vice Presidents x2, Treasurer, and Secretary as well as five non-office bearing executives. Any person who is currently a financial member of the P&C is welcome to stand for a position. More information on the positions can be found at <https://chpspandc.org.au/membership/>.

If you have any questions or concerns or are interested in becoming a financial member of the P&C, please feel free to reach out to me at the email below.

Erica Miller CHPS P&C President  
[president@chpspandc.org.au](mailto:president@chpspandc.org.au)  
<http://www.chpspandc.org.au>

## Forgotten Lunch at Home or Missed The 9.00am Flexischools Cut Off ???

### School Lunches

Please ensure that you pack lunch for your child each day. Our full menu is available for online ordering via Flexischools until 9.00am every day.

If you miss the 9.00am cut off or leave your lunch at home, you can still place an order until 12.00pm using the Late Lunch Service on Flexischools - [www.flexischools.com](http://www.flexischools.com).



Please ensure that your child has food to eat each day.

### Counter Service

Parents are reminded to give their children no more than a \$10.00 note for over-the-counter purchases during recess and lunch services. The Canteen does not carry sufficient change for \$20.00 notes or higher.

### ROSTER:

Monday March 17	Anita, Jane
Tuesday March 18	Gurpreet, Rebecca
Wednesday March 19	Winkie
Thursday March 20	Anand <b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>
Friday March 21	Lily <b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>

Our monthly roster has some spaces to fill, especially on **Thursdays and Fridays** even more importantly this year as we have returned to counter service and pikelet making.

If you would like to join our wonderful team of current volunteers it would be greatly appreciated.

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.

Volunteering in the canteen is a fantastic way to get to know other parents and school staff as well as ensure the P&C can keep prices affordable for everyday ordering. A regular commitment of as little as one day a month is all it takes, or you can opt to be a part of our last-minute contact list.

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](tel:0428401821) Text message
- [canteen@chpspandc.org.au](mailto:canteen@chpspandc.org.au)
- [Online Canteen Volunteer Form](#)

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





# St Patricks Day

**Recess and Lunch Time  
Counter Service Only  
50c - \$1.50 pack a little extra  
change**

**Monday 17th March**



## Uniform Shop

### Uniform Purchases

Online purchase is encouraged through the Flexischools app and delivery will be made to your child's class.

If you need to purchase uniforms and accessories in person, the uniform shop is open Monday and Thursday mornings from 8.30-10.30am. 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, tags are attached, and accompanied by the Flexischools receipt in original packaging.

### Uniform donations

Uniform donations in good condition are gratefully welcome. They can be dropped 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)



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## Book Club



### Scholastic Book Club – Issue 2 Out Now!

Issue 2 Book Club catalogues are being distributed to children this week. Please place your order online only by visiting [www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP](http://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP). Orders will close at the end of day on Thursday 27 March 2025 and should be distributed prior to the end of term.

Preview Issue 2 here: <https://scholastic.com.au/book-club/book-club-parents/issue-preview/>

For every Book Club order placed, Scholastic gives back 15% of the order spend to the school, which is used to buy essential books and learning resources for the school library.

Books ordered from Issue 1 will be delivered to children this week.

Sarah Newlove  
Book Club Volunteer  
[sarah.p.newlove@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.p.newlove@gmail.com)

A graphic with a black background featuring colorful planets and stars. Two cartoon astronauts are floating: one in an orange suit on the left and one in a blue suit on the right holding a rainbow flag. The text 'Every Book Club LOOP order earns a' is in large yellow letters. Below this is a large green circle with a white '\$5' and a green banner with the text 'PROMO CODE' in white. Underneath the banner, it says 'Included with order confirmation' in white. At the bottom, the text 'to spend on our next Issue.' is in large yellow letters. At the very bottom, in small white text, it says 'Conditions apply. LOOP orders only. Redeemable once per Issue when you spend \$19.50.'





**Harmony Week  
treats at  
the canteen**

**Friday 21 March**  
wear cultural dress or  
orange clothing

**Harmony Day Parades**  
**Friday 21 March**  
11:30am Kindy, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6  
12:30pm Year 1, Year 2 and Year 5

# HARMONY WEEK

**MONDAY 17 MARCH TO FRIDAY 21 MARCH**

**Harmony Day  
Storytime**  
**Friday 21 March**  
in the hall at lunchtime



(before school)  
**Monday 17 March to Thursday 20 March**

# HARMONY WEEK STALL

MONDAY 17 MARCH TO THURSDAY 20 MARCH



Before school Monday 17 March to Thursday 20 March  
Blue Playground - under the COLA

		
Orange 'sweat' headband <b>\$3.00</b>	Orange sunglasses <b>\$4.00</b>	Harmony Week wristbands <b>\$1.00</b>
		
Orange 'sweat' wristbands (set of 2) <b>\$3.00</b>		Orange handmade hair bow on a clip <b>\$4.00</b>

Items purchased can be worn to school on Friday 21 March, not before. Visit the Harmony Week Stall under the COLA before school - *while stocks last!*

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## Term 1 - 2025

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/	Sun
		27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Jan	1					SDD		
Jan Feb	2	3  SDD	4  SDD	5  SDD	6  First day of school all grades	7	8	9
Feb	3	10  OC and Selective HS information night	11	12  Years 3-6 Twilight Swimming Carnival  P&C via ZOOM	13	14	15	16
Feb	4	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Feb	5	24	25  Meet the teacher Years 1-4	26	27  Meet the teacher Kindy, Years 5-6	28  PSSA commences	1	2
Feb Mar	6	3	4  Meet the teacher 1J only	5	6	7	8	9
Mar	7	10	11	12  P&C meeting including AGM in school hall from 7.00pm	13	14	15	16
				Naplan	Naplan	Naplan		
Mar	8	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		Naplan	Naplan	Naplan	Naplan	Naplan		
Mar	9	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
		Naplan						
Mar Apr	10	31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Apr	11	7  ANZAC Service	8	9	10	11  Last day of term	12	13