



Castle Hill Public School

# NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 8 – March 19, 2025

## WHAT'S ON

**Wednesday March 12 to 21**

NAPLAN Years 3 and 5

**Friday March 21**

Harmony Day

**Thursday March 27**

Castle Hill Zone Swimming Carnival

## PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



### RESPONSIBLE

Take ownership for your actions.

## Principal's Report

### Harmony Week

Thank you to our EALD team (Mrs Kohary, Miss Speth, Mrs Jones, Mrs Pearce, Miss Li, Mrs Sohani) for organising the Harmony Week activities that are taking place this week.

Thank you as well to Tanya Strachan and our canteen volunteers for supporting the week.



A reminder that students are invited to dress in clothing that represents their cultural background on Friday for our Harmony Week parades that we are delighted to be able to hold once again. Please see the Deputy Principal report and the flyer further in this newsletter for more information.

Thank you to everyone who nominated for a position to serve on the P&C executive. Your interest and commitment is greatly appreciated. I look forward to continuing the close working relationship between the school and our P&C over the year ahead!

### P&C Office Bearers for 2025

Congratulations to the elected office bearers:

President: Erica Miller

Vice Presidents: Beenish Memon and Rajesh Valluri

Secretary: Nas Moradi

Treasurer: Sara Yusuf

Non Office Bearing Executive members: Melinda T, Craig Henderson, Nicole Corben, Kimberley Kiaei and Melissa Denham.

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

# News from the Deputies

## School Assemblies

Assemblies occur each Monday at 2.00pm. Upcoming assemblies for the remainder of this term are:

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

Cut-off for Term 1 Platinum Presentation and Lunch will be this Friday March 21.

## Harmony Week

We are looking forward to celebrating Harmony Day this Friday March 21. Parents and community members are invited to attend one or both of our Harmony Day parades on our Blue Playground. Students may come to school dressed in cultural clothing, colours representing their cultural background (no football jerseys) or orange – the colour of Harmony Week. Safe (enclosed) shoes for school should also be worn. Please refer to the flyer later in the newsletter for further information.

## Baha'i SRE

A reminder to families who may not be aware, that our school offers Baha'i SRE, in addition to SEE (Special Education in Ethics) and non scripture (alternative meaningful activities). Other SRE options are listed on our [school website](#).

## NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

NAPLAN moved to Term 1 last year and this year it is taking place from Wednesday March 12 to Monday March 24.

NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling.

In preparation for NAPLAN 2025, our school undertook activities to help students become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked.

A reminder that students will need their own pair of headphones for each test. The headphones must be over the head and compatible with iPads (no bluetooth or wireless).

Students and parents can access the public demonstration site here:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>

This can be used by students to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher. Information about NAPLAN in other languages can be found here:

<https://www.nap.edu.au/naplan/for-parents-carers#translations>

## Class Parents

Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to be a class parent. An email was sent to all class parents today with details of the zoom to take place this Friday at 7.00pm.

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 3 & 4 THESE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE STUDENTS MONDAY WEEK 9 DURING ASSEMBLY AT 2.00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL. **PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

## SILVER AWARDS

YEAR 3		YEAR 4	
Ella	3A	Zoe	4A
Roy	3A	Adam	4A
Ellisha	3A	Faris	4A
Melody	3B	Michelle	4C
Wonjin	3B	Abdul	4C
Gael	3B	Shubhan	4C
Mila	3C	Arva	4C
Zalanda	3C	Vivian	4C
Warren	3C	Louis	4C
Neil	3C	Chloe	4D
Zara	3C	Hamish	4D
Zoe	3C	Alina	4H
Claudia	3K	Ali	4H
Zoe	3K	Jayden	4H
Brent	3K	Ira	4H
Chloe	3K	Alicia	4P
Rose	3M	Akain	4P
Sara	3M	Madison	4Y
Kaavya	3M	Imogen	4Y
		Mehtaab	4Y

## GOLD AWARDS

YEAR 3		YEAR 4	
Nathan	3A	Celine	4A
Meerab	3A	Aulina	4D
Aiden	3A	Chyka	4D
Aarna	3B	Diya	4H
Evita	3B	Austin	4P
Marko	3B	Francesca	4P
Olivia	3C	Aiyana	4P
Anasta	3K	Connor	4P
Ryan	3M	Caylah	4Y
Harry	3M	Zidan	4Y
Seraphina	3M		

# School News

## 3-6 Cross Country

The 3-6 Cross Country will be held on Tuesday 1 April 2025 at Masonic Oval, Baulkham Hills.

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 linked below if you wish for them to participate in 3-6 Cross Country.

<https://forms.office.com/r/0MCWGR1sJ7>

Year 2 Expression of Interest - 3-6  
Cross Country Carnival 2025



3-6 Cross Country Parent Helpers  
2025



## Parent Helpers

We would love as many parent helpers as possible to help with organisation on the day. If you are willing to help, please fill in the following form. Confirmation will be sent home closer to the carnival.

<https://forms.office.com/r/LUJR2b4wvg>

**Thank you**  
**Cross Country Committee**



# **3-6 CROSS COUNTRY** **CARNIVAL**

**Tuesday April 1, 2025, at Masonic Oval, Baulkham Hills**

## **ORDER OF EVENTS**

**9:00am** – Students arrive at school for rolls to be marked

**9:15am** – Buses depart CHPS

**9.45am (approx.)** – Welcome and instructions

2000 metres for those born in 2017, 2016, 2015 \*Girls and boys will run in separate events.  
3000 metres for those born in 2014, 2013, 2012

**\*All timings are approximate**

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### **Session 1**

Walking the Course:

1. 11, 12, 13 years boys and girls
2. 8, 9, 10 years boys and girls

Events:

1. Boys Open 3000m
2. Girls Open 3000m
3. Boys 11 years 3000m
4. Girls 11 years 3000m

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### **Session 2**

Events:

1. Boys 10 years 2000m
2. Girls 10 years 2000m
3. Boys 8 and 9 years 2000m
4. Girls 8 and 9 years 2000m

Clean up and Return:

5. Clean up
6. Return to school on buses approx. 1:30pm

## PSSA and Sport News

### PSSA

PSSA games and training will resume in Week 9 Friday March 28. A reminder that training times for each sport are as follows:



### TRAINING



Softball/T-Ball

Touch Football (girls)

Touch Football (boys)

Cricket

Wednesday 8.15am

Friday 8.00am

Friday 8.30am

Friday 8.30am

Winter PSSA sign-ups will occur over the next week in your child's classroom, with trials happening later this term. Winter sports on offer include netball, AFL, soccer and Newcombe ball.

## President Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our P&C AGM last week. It was fantastic to see so many new faces. The new executive elected for 2025 is:

Erica Miller – President

Rajesh Valluri – Vice President

Beenish Memon – Vice President

Sara Yusuf – Treasurer

Nas Moradi – Secretary

I am humbled to have been elected to a third term as president of the P&C and I look forward to continuing to work with the school as a representative for parent voices. Please feel free to reach out to me directly at the email address below and I will do my best to answer any questions you have.

I would also like to thank Nas for the yummy grazing platter she provided as well as our canteen manager Tanya taking the time to make proper coffees for everyone. And finally, I would like to give a big thank you to our outgoing treasurer Kimberley for her time and expertise over the last three years. The P&C is better for having had your guidance and I have appreciated your support.

We are in the midst of Harmony Week and the canteen has been busily preparing orange treats for over-the-counter service. There are cupcakes, biscuits and jellies among other treats, with prices ranging from \$0.50-\$2.50. There is also a special Harmony week menu on Flexischools for lunch orders. I am looking forward to seeing all the kids in either cultural dress or flourishes of orange during the parade on Friday.

Our next P&C meeting will be held Wednesday April 9, 2025, at 7.00pm online via Zoom. P&C meetings are a great way to learn about what is happening at our school with the principal and deputies each giving reports. You may also ask questions of the Principal directly. You will also learn about the projects that the P&C is working on.

To register for this meeting, please visit:

<https://au01web.zoom.us/meeting/register/phEjxSANSrmCOdHdQeerCw>

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>



# Canteen

## 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 **Recess & Lunch** 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 24	Claire
Tuesday March 25	Beenish, Chris
Wednesday March 26	Jin, Judy
Thursday March 27	Doreen, Hanna
Friday March 28	Rucha, Urmila, Veena

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**



# HARMONY WEEK SPECIALS

## 17-21 MARCH 2025



BUTTER CHICKEN (halal)



HONEY SOY CHICKEN (halal)



BEEF RAVIOLI



SAUSAGE ROLL (halal)



ORANGE FROZEN FRUIT CUPS

\$1.00



GLEE TROPICAL DRINK

\$2.50

### Flexischool Specials

Pikelets

Orange Slices

Cup Cakes

Cookies

Jelly

Twisties

# Uniform Shop

## Uniform Purchases

### Price Update

Due to rising costs from our suppliers, we have had to adjust the prices on some of our items.

The price increases are effective as of Monday March 17, 2025.  
Please see the updated price list below.

### Stock Update

Both size 12 jumpers and jackets are currently out of stock. Jackets should be back in stock next week and the jumpers in 2 weeks.

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)



**Amanda Turner**  
Uniform Shop Manager  
Castle Hill Public School P&C Association  
[www.chpspandc.org.au](http://www.chpspandc.org.au)

## Book Club



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

Issue 2 Book Club catalogues were distributed to children last 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.

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

A graphic with a space theme. Two astronauts are floating in space against a black background with stars and planets. The text "Every Book Club LOOP order earns a" is in large yellow font. Below it is a green and orange banner that says "\$5 PROMO CODE" in white, with "Included with order confirmation" in white text on an orange background. At the bottom, the text "to spend on our next Issue." is in large yellow font. 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 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!*



**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**

# Castle Hill Public School

## Term 1 - 2025

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/ 1	Sun 2
Jan	1	27	28	29	30	31 SDD	1	2
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
Mar	8	17	18	19 Naplan	20 Naplan	21 Naplan	22	23
Mar	9	24 Naplan	25 Naplan	26 Naplan	27 Naplan	28 Naplan	29	30
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