



Castle Hill Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 10 – April 04, 2025

WHAT'S ON

Monday April 7

Platinum lunch

ANZAC Day Service

3-6 Service at 9:30am

K-2 Service at 11:30am

Wednesday April 9

P&C Meeting 7.00pm (via Zoom)

Friday April 11

Last Day Term 1

Principal's Report

Cross Country carnival

Our school carnival was held yesterday, and it was a fantastic day! It was wonderful to see so many students competing so enthusiastically and to hear the constant cheering from our house areas. It was the loudest carnival that I can remember!

Thank you to Miss Brown and her organising committee for their work in delivering such a wonderful carnival and to our parent volunteers who assisted us throughout the day. Once again, a special shout out to Erica Miller and Stan Klecha for their assistance in transporting the marquees to and from the carnival.

ANZAC Day assemblies

Our school will be commemorating Anzac Day by holding a special service on Monday April 7. Two services will be held at the following times:

Years 3-6 commencing at 9.30am

Years K-2 commencing at 11.30am

Parents are welcome to attend and are asked to scan the QR code to RSVP their attendance. This is so that we can ensure we have sufficient seating for the day.

PSSA Winter Trials

Our PSSA Winter trials will commence tomorrow (Thursday) and Friday this week and conclude next week. Students in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to trial for selection in one of the following sports:

PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



ASPIRE

Be a team player.

Years 3-6 Boys Newcombe Ball
Years 3-6 Girls Newcombe Ball
Junior and Senior Girls Soccer
Junior and Senior Boys Soccer
Mixed gender Junior and Senior AFL
Mixed gender Junior and Senior Netball

We expect that we will have many students trialling for selection over the next couple of days. As is always the case when trials of this nature are held, there is likely to be disappointment for some students if they are not selected.

Anzac Day Service



Our teachers volunteer to take on coaching roles. They do their best to select their sides and to give each child the opportunity to demonstrate their skills. I ask for your co-operation to respect the decisions made by our teachers once our Winter PSSA teams have been finalised.

PSSA Summer shirts

This week is the final week for PSSA Summer competition until it resumes in Term 4. Students are required to ensure that they return their PSSA shirt (washed) to their PSSA Summer coach before Term 1 finishes next Friday.

Sydney West Swimming Championships

Congratulations to Alicia (4P) and Abi (6R) who competed at the Sydney West Championships last week. Alicia finished 8th overall in her freestyle event while Abi finished 15th overall in her breaststroke event. Both of you should be very proud of your achievement!

School Uniform

A reminder that students will remain in their summer uniforms next week. The first two weeks of next term is a uniform transition period. Students will be able to choose whether they wear summer or winter uniform for the first two weeks of Term 2.

P&C meeting

A reminder that our P&C meeting next Wednesday night (9 April) will be a Zoom meeting as will all future meetings this year. Please see the P&C report for full details. We encourage you to be part of these meeting and welcome your attendance.



Congratulations to...

Alexandra (5S) who was recently selected in the Castle Hill PSSA basketball team. The team participated at the Sydney West Primary Basketball Championships on 11 March in Penrith, finishing second overall on the day.

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

News from the Deputies

School Assemblies

The Term 1 Platinum Presentation and Lunch will be held on Monday April 7. Families are reminded to complete the RSVP on their invitation as soon as possible.

Assemblies occur each Monday at 2:00pm. Our Assemblies for Term 2 are as follows:

Mon 5 May	Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)
Mon 12 May	Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)
Mon 19 May	Early Stage 1 (Kindy) and Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)
Mon 26 May	Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)
Mon 2 June	Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4)
Mon 9 June	Public Holiday – King’s Birthday
Mon 16 June	Early Stage 1 (Kindy) and Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2)
Mon 23 June	Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6)
Mon 30 June	Term 2 Platinum Assembly

Easter Service

Students from our Baha’i, Catholic and Combined Christian SRE groups will take part in an Easter Service in the school hall [next Wednesday April 9, 9:30-10:00am](#). Parents are welcome to attend if they wish.

Senior Band Workshop

Students from Castle Hill High School have participated in a combined workshop today with our Senior Band students. Stage 3 students were then invited to a concert performed by the combined bands. We look forward to sharing photos of this event in next week’s newsletter.

Baha’i SRE

A reminder to families that 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](#).

Mrs Alex Kohary and Miss Danielle Machuca
Deputy Principals

Positive Behaviour Learning Awards



YEARS 3-6 PLATINUM ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD DURING WEEK 11 TERM 1, 2025

PLATINUM AWARDS

YEAR 3		YEAR 4		YEAR 5		YEAR 6	
Ryan	3A	Aasiyah	4A	Daniel	5F	Sharanya	6A
Cecilia	3C	Julian	4A	Jamila	5F	Nawal	6R
Iris	3C	Hilary	4C	Valerie	5F		
Alex	3C	Reyansh	4D	Ashleigh	5S		
Clinton	3M	Amalie	4D				

School News

3-6 Cross Country

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the carnival yesterday. House spirit was high as students cheered one another on!

The top 6 students from each age group will attend the Zone Cross Country Carnival on **Thursday 15 May 2025** at Masonic Oval, Baulkham Hills. Please note that this is the day after Year 6 camp. Successful students will be notified via School Bytes in the next week.

Ribbons will be presented at the Stage 3 Assembly on Monday 5 May (Week 2) and the Stage 2 Assembly on Monday 12 May (Week 3).

Event	Boys			Girls		
12/13 Years	1.	Atharva	6D	1.	Charlotte	6R
	2.	Dante	6R	2.	Minseo	6G
	3.	Daniel	5/6B	3.	Klaudia	6A
11 Years	1.	Jason	5/6B	1.	Anneke	5C
	2.	William	5F	2.	Jasmine	5/6B
	3.	Thomas	6G	3.	Yoona	6D
10 Years	1.	Jimmy	5K	1.	Sadie	4H
	2.	Jackson	5K	2.	Ciara	4H
	3.	Anthoni	5F	3.	Arabelle	5L
8/9 Years	1.	Xavier	3K	1.	Adele	4P
	2.	Bill	3K	2.	Zalanda	3C
	3.	Daniel	3K	3.	Seah	4P

3-6 CROSS COUNTRY 2025



PSSA and Sport News

PSSA

This is the last round for Summer PSSA and Training.

Students will play at the following locations on Friday April 4 (Week 10):



Cricket	Samantha Riley Drive Reserve, Kellyville
Softball/T-ball	Castle Glen, Reserve, Castle Hill
Touch Football	Bernie Mullane Reserve, Kellyville

TRAINING



Touch Football (girls)	Friday 8.00am
Touch Football (boys)	Friday 8.30am
Cricket	Friday 8.30am

Winter PSSA sign-ups are currently taking place, with trials being held across Weeks 10 and 11.

Winter sports on offer include netball, AFL, soccer and Newcombe ball.

Winter PSSA trials will commence on the following days this week:

Thursday April 3: Netball, AFL, Newcombe Ball and Jnr Boys' Soccer

Friday April 4: All boys' Soccer and AFL

Further trials will be held during **Week 11**, this will be communicated through the Schoolbytes app. Please note that due to weather conditions and unforeseen circumstances, trial times may be moved.

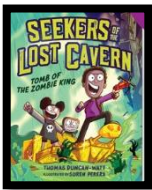
Young Leaders Day Report by Iverson and Rose

The school leadership team which includes school captains, vice captains, prefects and house captains attended the Young Leaders Day conference on Tuesday 25 March 2025.

This was a fun day as we had an opportunity to speak with leaders from other schools as well as share with them some of our experiences.



We heard from some inspiring people including Thomas Duncan-Watt a writer who told us about his journey. Thomas grew up liking Star Trek and the books he writes are sci-fi books. His message to us all was that we should all 'get back up' even if we don't succeed.



We also learnt a dance with a group called 'Dance Curriculum'. They taught us a dance one step at a time and the whole auditorium, performed it together.

We also heard from a young Australian Actress: Catherine Laga'aia. She performed in the Moana live performance and was also very inspiring. She told us about her life and explained that she experienced many rejections but finally was able to secure the role performing Moana.



One of our house captains, Kobi, was able to ask a guest speaker a question. Anthony 'Harries' Carroll, from Bondi Rescue chose Kobi to answer a question. Anthony Carroll was very funny and brought his son (also a leader at another school) on stage to show us how to perform CPR.

It was a very exciting day, and it was a chance to get us out of our comfort zone.

Rating: 9/10

Bus Safety and Travel reminders

Please see the following links for bus safety and travel for your children.

A message from Transport NSW

Using your school Opal card

The School Opal card gives eligible students free or discounted travel between home and school using metro, train, bus, ferry and light rail services you nominate in your application.

School travel passes are not transferable. Each school travel pass is issued to a specific student and is printed with the eligible student's name. [Fines may apply for misuse.](#)

Student must comply with the [Student Codes of Conduct](#).

It is essential for all school students to travel with a valid school travel pass. If you are using a school Opal card, **you must tap on and tap off every time when using public transport to travel to and from school.** This allows us to better understand customer travel patterns and adjust the services provided if necessary.

There are several bus services provided to Castle Hill Public School for our students to travel safely to and from school.

To travel by bus, students are required to have a bus pass. This is in the form of an Opal card. Some students will receive a bus pass, (see below for further information) for other students, parents are required to provide and pay for this bus pass.

The expectation is that students 'tap on' and 'tap off' the bus to and from school. This allows the bus company to determine the number of children who are accessing this service. If students do not have their Opal card for any reason, the bus company will still allow your child on the bus. It is, however, a parent's responsibility to ensure if their children catch the bus, that they have a valid Opal card with sufficient funds to tap on and off.

Currently, the 3628 bus of an afternoon is full once it leaves the school grounds. Over time, we have requested an additional service to reduce crowding. However, to assess the need for an additional service, the bus company will refer to the number of students who have 'tapped on', not the number of students on the bus. Each day, several students access this service without an Opal card which makes it impossible for us to demonstrate the need for an additional service.

We ask for your co-operation in ensuring your child brings their Opal card to school each day if they are catching the bus.

To obtain a bus pass: -

<https://transportnsw.info/tickets-opal/ticket-eligibility-concessions/school-student-travel>

Things to know before applying for a bus pass:

Applications for 2026 open at the start of Term 4 this year.

You can apply for free school travel for different modes of transport including train, bus, ferry and light rail using the online form.

You only need to apply:

- if applying for a school travel pass for the first time.
- if requesting an extra pass due to parents living separately.

The student must:

- be a resident of NSW, or an overseas student eligible for free government education.
- be aged 4 years 6 months or older. Pre-school children are not eligible.
- live a minimum distance from your school. The minimum distance varies according to the year or grade the student is enrolled in that calendar year.

Who can get a school travel pass?

Kindergarten to Year 2 (infants)

- There is no minimum walking distance for these students.

Year 3 to Year 6

- The straight-line distance from the student's home address to school is more than 1.6km.
- The walking distance from home to school is 2.3km or further.

For more information

<https://transportnsw.info/contact-us>

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/teaching-and-learning/curriculum/road-safety-education/teaching-and-learning/road-safety-resources0/key-road-safety-messages-k-6>

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/safe-travel/safe-bus-travel-to-and-from-school>

BUS EXPECTATIONS

RESPECT

- Quietly sit in two lines in the holding and bus bay areas
- Use manners and respectful language while travelling on the bus
- Use inside voices when travelling on the bus



RESPONSIBLE

- Walk to the back of the line when your bus number is called
- Have your opal card ready to tap on and off
- Remain seated whilst travelling on the bus



ASPIRE

- Walk sensibly to the bus when your number is called
- Contribute to an enjoyable bus trip for everyone



President Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe it is week 10 already and Term 1 is almost over. We had a great time at the cross-country carnival yesterday cheering for all the students who participated. It is a challenging race for many children who don't run every day (including my kids!) and I heartily congratulate each child who gave it a go and crossed the finish line. The marquees that were purchased by the P&C for the school were proudly on display shading the first aid area and the finish line recording area.

I had the chance to volunteer along with other parents and carers at the Scholastic Book fair last week. The Book Fair is a great way of supporting the school with additional library resources as every book sold earns a commission for free books for our school. With the number of orders that are coming in, the library will be able to benefit greatly from the commissions it will earn. Thank you to everyone who has ordered books for your generosity!

Our annual Mother's Day Stall will be held in the week prior to Mother's Day again this year from Monday, 5 May - Friday, 9 May. We need volunteer parents to help with setup on the Friday before and running the stall each day. Each class has an opportunity to visit the stall and purchase gifts for their loved ones. Stall volunteers will get to interact with the children and help them choose their gifts.

If you would like to volunteer, please visit: <https://volunteersignup.org/RAY3Q>

Our next P&C meeting will be held next Wednesday, 9 April 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
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<http://www.chpspandc.org.au>

CHPS BOOK FAIR NEWS

Thank you everyone for supporting our Book Fair, through visiting or buying books. Thank you for returning forms promptly.

A huge thank you to our many Parent Helpers who sorted books for distribution.

Book Fair sales are currently over \$12,000. The school receives Scholastic rewards or credit, for our 2025 library budget.

Thank you for supporting Book Fair, so the library can support our readers with updated books.

Books are being distributed as they become available. Some items are on back order.

Any online payments & forms received AFTER 2 April, 10am, may receive an online refund, pending stock availability. Any queries, email librarychps@gmail.com

Thank you

Ms Wei 2.4.2025



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.



Please ensure that your child has food **Recess and 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 April 7	Marwa, Nikoo
Tuesday April 8	Cecile, Chris
Wednesday April 9	Deborah, Kari
Thursday April 10	Nidhi, volunteer required
Friday April 11	Kasey, Louise, Rebecca

Our monthly roster has some spaces to fill.

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
- [Online Canteen Volunteer Form](#)

Tanya
Canteen Manager
Castle Hill Public School

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop Open Hours

A reminder that next week is our last week of Term 1.
The uniform shop will be open Monday April 7 & Thursday April 10,
8.30-10.30am.



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The uniform shop is not open during the school holidays.

We will reopen for Term 2 on Monday April 28, 8.30-10.30am, appointments are recommended.
Any Flexischools orders placed for collection on Monday April 28 can be collected at the uniform shop before
10.30am, or at the front office after 10.30am.

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

Amanda Turner
Uniform Shop Manager
Castle Hill Public School P&C Association
www.chpspandc.org.au

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Term 1 - 2025

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