



Castle Hill Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 3 – May 14, 2025

WHAT'S ON

Thursday May 15

Year 1 Field of Mars excursion

Monday May 19-21

Year 5 Bathurst Camp

Thursday May 22

School Tour 9.30am-10.30am

Tuesday May 27

Year 6 High School Musical

Principal's Report

Year 6 Camp to Bathurst

As I write, Year 6 students and teachers are on their way back to school after a wonderful camp experience to Bathurst and Hill End.

A massive 'thank you' to Miss Brown, Mrs Darshana, Miss Chandra, Miss Debien, Mr Gortley, Miss Baxter and Mrs Allen for attending. I would also like to acknowledge the enormous amount of work done by Miss Brown in preparation for this trip and in ensuring its success.

Year 5 Camp to Bathurst

Next week is Year 5's turn to venture to Bathurst. **Students are asked to be at school by 7.30am at the latest** next Monday morning.

Kiss and Drop will be available for parents to drop off their child but is not available to park in. Parents are requested to park at Castle Towers if possible and walk across to school. A reminder that the school car park is for staff only from 8.00am onwards each school day.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

School Tours

The first school tour for this term will be held next Thursday, 22 May at 9.30am. Please inform the school office if you will be attending.

PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



ASPIRE

Accept opportunities and challenges.

School Uniform

The transition period for uniform has now concluded and students are expected to wear their full winter uniform. Please note that a school tie is part of the school uniform, and our expectation is that the tie will be worn by all students. Black school shoes are also a uniform requirement. Similarly, it is also an expectation that students will wear the blue school jacket or blue school jumper.

Your co-operation in ensuring that your child wears their full school uniform is greatly appreciated.

Zone Cross Country carnival

We wish everyone representing CHPS the very best for tomorrow's Zone Cross Country carnival!

Kindergarten Enrolment for 2026

Applications to enrol for Kindergarten at Castle Hill Public School in 2026 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 <http://www.castlehill-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/enrolment>

The online enrolment portal also accepts out-of-area applications. Now that our new school buildings are complete, our student enrolment is now considered to be under the 'enrolment cap'.

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. These applications will be prioritised so that all siblings of the same family can be enrolled at Castle Hill Public School.

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 2026 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 2026 Kindergarten Orientation program will be confirmed in due course.

'Pabalo's Pick'

Starting this week, each grade will take a turn in showcasing the excellent work produced by one of our students in each class. Year 5 are the first to share some work with you further in this newsletter. Please make sure you check each week to see who has been 'Pabalo's Pick'!

Congratulations...

The Castle Hill Zone PSSA softball team who competed Friday 9 May at the Sydney West softball gala day, they had a great day, with both wins and losses against other teams from the region. The Castle Hill Zone team came 4th.

Well done to Charlton, Noel and Ellington who were selected to be part of the team.



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

News from the Deputies

School Assemblies

Assemblies occur each Monday at 2.00pm, parents are welcome to attend. Our Assemblies for Term 2 are as follows:

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

Winter Uniform

All students should be wearing winter uniform to school. This includes long-sleeved shirts and the school tie. Please ensure your child is wearing correct school uniform, including navy stockings/white socks or trousers for girls (not black leggings) and grey socks for boys. There are many hats, jumpers and jackets that get misplaced, so please ensure these have your child's name and class on them so items can be returned.

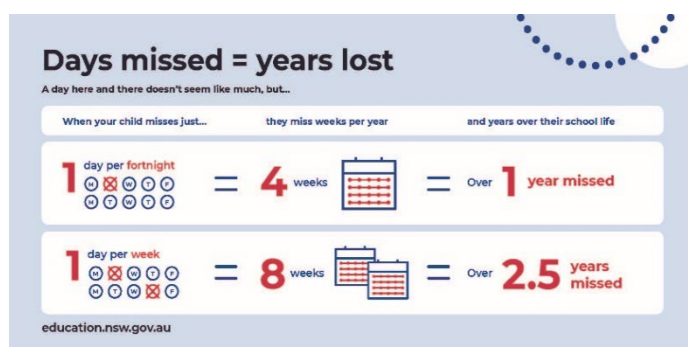


Attendance Matters

We are here to support your child in getting the most out of their learning, which starts with them attending school every day. If your child cannot be at school because they are sick, have a medical appointment, or have another reason, please inform us of their absence.

You can explain your child's absence:

- using the School Bytes app
- by email castlehill-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au
- by phone 9634 3777



Mrs Alex Kohary and Miss Danielle Machuca
Deputy Principals

Positive Behaviour Learning Awards



YEARS 1 & 2 THESE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE STUDENTS MONDAY WEEK 4 DURING ASSEMBLY, AT 2.00PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL, **PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.**

SILVER AWARDS

YEAR 1		YEAR 2	
Sabrina	1A	Raheel	2C
Jack	1A	Jaden	2G
Aayat	1G	Angelo	2G
Emily	1G	Althea	2G
Elisa	1G	Jamie	2G
Harry	1G	Vivaan	2G
Ayla	1J	Ellie	2G
Arthur	1J	Shazana	2M
Duncan	1M	Retaj	2M
Sumiran	1M	Paige	2M
Sophie	1M	Soren	2M
Ted	1T	Shrenik	2T
Mikey	1T	Logan	2T
Zoi	1T	Brayden	2W
Pransa	1T	Own	2W
Agastya	1T	Ceci	2W
		Ellise	2W

GOLD AWARDS

YEAR 1		YEAR 2	
Abigail	1G	Charlotte	2C
		Sri Magizhini	2G
		Nethra	2G
		Zara	2T
		Taswika	2W
		Song	2W

PSSA and Sport News

PSSA

A reminder for students to wear their jersey, bring any required equipment, bring their water bottle and wear a hat. Students will leave the school grounds at 11.00am and will return to school at approximately 1.00pm.



AFL	Caddies Creek Reserve, Beaumont Hills
Netball	Kellyville Netball Courts, 1 Wellgate Ave, Kellyville
Soccer	Eric Mobbs Reserve, Castle Hill
Newcombe Ball	Sherwood Ridge Public School, Kellyville

TRAINING



A reminder that all training will be on Friday at 8.30am this week for all winter teams, except Newcombe Ball as training will be CANCELLED for weeks 3 and 4 only.

Miss Rebecca Lambe
Relieving Assistant Principal | PSSA Coordinator

President Message

Dear Parents and carers,

It has been a big week for the P&C! Our Mother's day stall was successful last week and we hope all of the wonderful mums, grandmas, aunties and other special people enjoyed receiving their gifts that the children had lovingly picked out. We were also very pleased with the turn out for our first Mother's day breakfast event - Muffins with Mum - in the new hall on Friday morning. We hope everyone who attended enjoyed themselves and got a photo with the awesome backdrop.

Huge thank you to Mel T, Nas M, Sara Y, Claire H, Lily M, Kim S, Leanne C and all of our other volunteers who helped make the event happen. I am also indebted as always to Tanya in the canteen whose creativity, efficiency and enthusiasm whenever we hold an event is amazing.

Our next P&C meeting is being held TONIGHT Wednesday, 14 May 2025 at 7.00pm online via Zoom. To register for this meeting, please visit:

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

Regards,

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

Canteen

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.



OLD



NEW



Please ensure that your child has food, **Recess and Lunch**, to eat each day.

Due to a supply issue, we will be phasing out our current brand of Piranha Sea Salt Popcorn and be replacing it with Sunbites Sea Salt Popcorn.

ROSTER:

Monday May 19	Jane
Tuesday May 20	Volunteer Required
Wednesday May 21	Winkie
Thursday May 22	Doreen, Hanna
Friday May 23	Rucha, Urmila, Veena

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 Update

A reminder that during Term 2 & 3 students are required to wear our full Winter Uniform.



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P&C ASSOCIATION

Girls have the option to wear either the Tartan Tunic with White cotton long sleeve blouse, navy tights **OR** navy trousers with long sleeve embroidered blouse.

All students are required to wear the school tie with their winter uniform.

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 during the school Term**. 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, in original packaging and accompanied by the Flexischools receipt.

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

WINTER SCHOOL UNIFORMS



Book Club



Scholastic Book Club – Issue 3 Out Now!

Issue 3 Book Club catalogues were distributed to children last week. Please place your order online only by visiting www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP. Orders will close at the end of day on Sunday May 18 and books will be distributed a few weeks later.

Preview Issue 3 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

The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition 2025



NSW Public Speaking

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MPPS

This term, students in Year 3-6 have the option to participate in the NSW Premier's Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition. The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition is an annual competition. It is open to all students in NSW government primary schools. The competition has two different age divisions – one for Years 3 and 4 students and one for Years 5 and 6 students. The competition encourages students to explore multiculturalism in Australia while they practise their public speaking skills and improve their confidence.

Families of students from Years 3-6 will receive a note via School Bytes about the competition this week. The note contains information relating to rules for the competition and speech topics.

This is an optional task for interested students at Castle Hill Public School.

If you have any further questions, speak with your child's class teacher or contact Mrs Nisha Carmichael via email – nisha.heyworth1@det.nsw.edu.au.

WriteOn 2025 Competition Welcome back to Term 2, we hope you have all had a safe and happy holiday!

During the holiday break, we completed our annual review of our pre-packaged item prices.

Unfortunately, due to rising supplier costs, some items have had a slight price increase.

Please see our updated full menu and over the counter menu price lists below.

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WriteOn is an annual writing competition for all NSW primary students. It is an exciting opportunity for students to focus on writing. Through the competition, students develop skills in writing to express their ideas and may become published authors. Each year, winners are celebrated at an award ceremony and their entries are published in 'The Best of WriteOn' anthology. This year the competition is held in association with the State Library of NSW.



WriteOn
2025

This is an optional task for interested students in Years 1- 6 at Castle Hill Public School. For WriteOn 2025, students should use the stimulus quote below to create an imaginative text. Texts can be up to 500 words. Entries can be handwritten or typed. Entries can be submitted to the WriteOn 2025 box in the school office. Entries must include the student's full name and class. Entries are due by Friday 30 May 2025. Following this, teachers will mark submitted entries using a provided marking rubric. Winners from each stage will have their work submitted to the WriteOn 2025 competition.

The stimulus for WriteOn 2025 is the quote:

"Could they be changing?"



*Could
they be
changing?*

Shortly, families of students from Years 1-6 will receive an additional note via School Bytes about the competition. The note will contain information relating to rules for the competition and success criteria that student's will have their writing marked against.

If you have any further questions, contact Mrs Nisha Carmichael via email – nisha.heyworth1@det.nsw.edu.au.

Mrs Nisha Carmichael and Miss Tahlia Kean

Literacy Committee

ACTIVE KIDS ARE HEALTHY KIDS



JOIN US
FRIDAY 16 MAY 2025



**Until they're ten, children must always hold
an adult's hand when crossing the road**



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11-18 May

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Pabalo's Pick

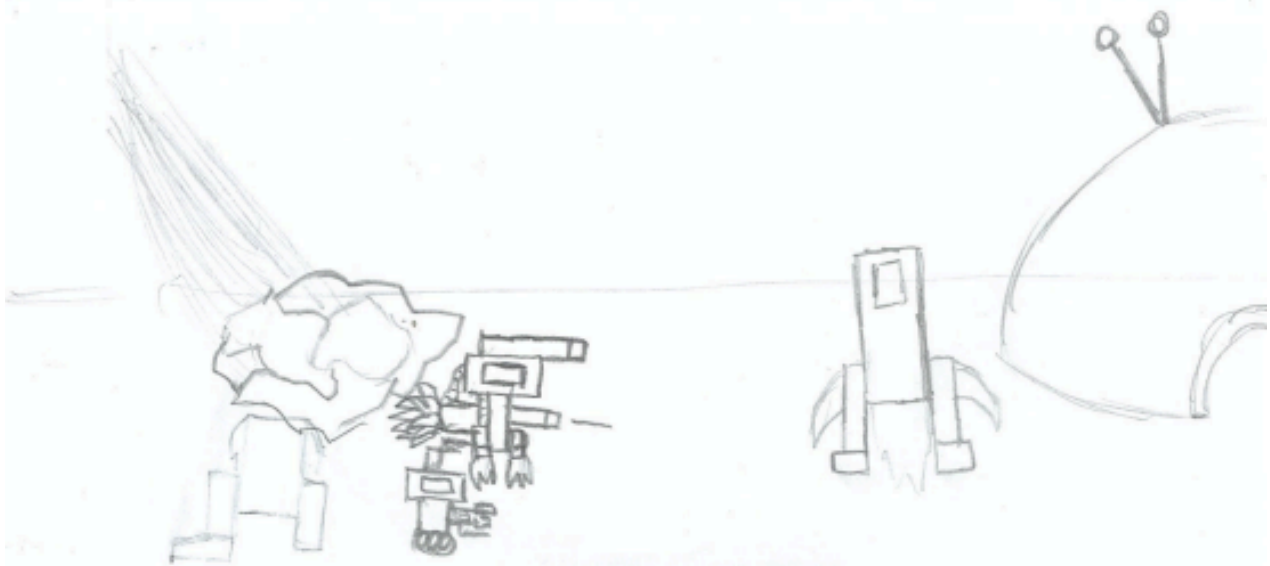


The Invasion

Boom! Bob was stuck inside the corridor, there was no escape. All the while, the defences were eliminated. Bob was doomed. Suddenly, Bam! Something huge had smashed through and into the dark room, Bob ducked quickly under a crate he was shivering with fear knowing something bad was going to happen but... "Hello!" A childish voice called out from the top of the huge item of doom, Bob was confused, *what was going on?* He asked himself. The strange little structure jumped off the big object and began observing the area, Bob had no choice but to... BLAM! Full strength blasted out of the corridor and into the dusty air, Bob had dashed out of the crate and chucked a nearby grenade out of the room and onto the floor outside. The piercing shot burst out of the area and exploded.

"HUFF! HUFF!" Bob had instantly ejected out of the corridor and onto a jet plane? CRASH! CRASH! The action was pumped as the plane randomly started launching missiles rapidly. "Gahh!" Bob yelled as he nearly fell down an altitude of what he saw as very high! Bob climbed into the plane and fell inside, plonk! The strange person he met earlier in the corridor was here too! "Hello, my name is Timmy," he said. "AHH!" Was Bob's only response however, he knew this wasn't time to mess around.

Kablam! The base or Bob's home was completely destroyed, everything was gone. Bob watched in horror as the tanks burst into flames, he was running out of hope! However, "Look!" Timmy watched the evil robots take a shiny gem, "It's a gem!" Bob's eyes widened, "Go for the gem!" Bob commanded. Timmy was confused but he knew what was right, he pressed a button saying warning and in a flash, they were gone...



Chenkai - 5K

Pabalo's Pick



Lara - 5S

Pabalo's Pick



RU6124

Our story starts with a decayed rusty robot lying lifelessly on the moss outgrown floor in a deserted lab, that is dimly lit shining off of the robots torso. You can still smell the distant making of the 5 years of robot's. As a butterfly landed on the robot's head it started booting up and came to life. The robot made its way up to its feet, still weak because of the lack of sunlight.

The robot made its way to the door and attempted to open it not knowing it was locked, that was when the small robot noticed its label carved on its torso her name was RU6124 but short for Rolly. Rolly tumbled her way to the window and used up all her energy to use her launching arm to break the window, she jumped out and the first thing she noticed was the feel of the leaves, the smell and the deep autumn forest. Rolly made her way to a big patch of sun and sat to charge. While sitting quietly in boredom, Rolly noticed these humongous long towering trees over her, she was about to turn to tell someone how cool it is here, she saw no one to chat to.

Rolly saw nobody and loneliness was getting to her, after charging she wanted to find more people like her too. While Rolly was crunching on the leaves waiting for something magical to happen, Rolly heard a train horn ahead, in front of her. That's when she saw the black mysterious smoke up in the air. Her curiosity got the best of her and started following it hoping it would lead her to her kind.

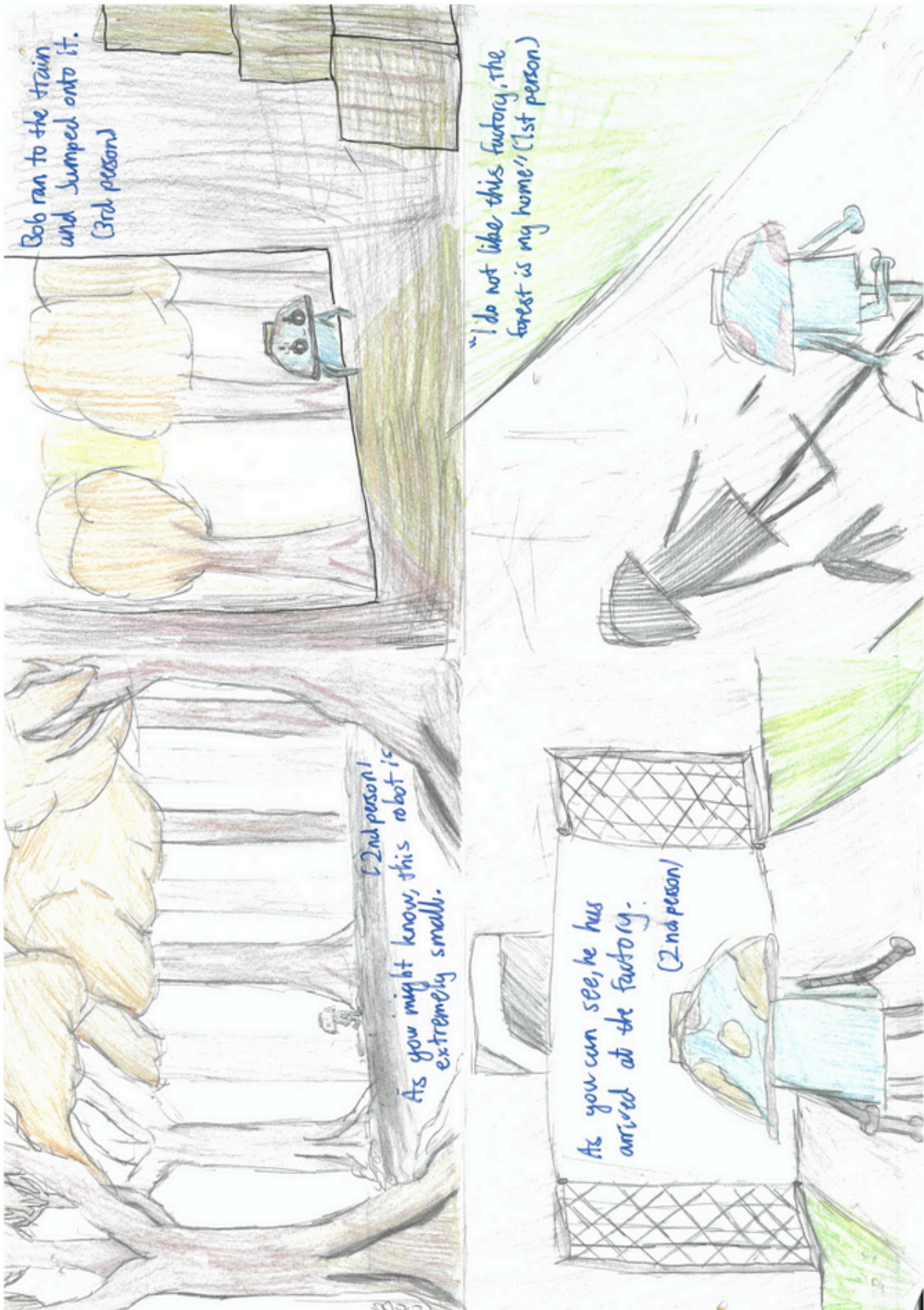
After a few swashes and scratches on Rolly's torso from trees going against her she got to where the train was. It was still there when she noticed the train had the same logo on Rolly's torso. She knew that this train held the answers she always wanted to know. Rolly hopped up in the train very quickly because she had charged earlier, very energised, she went to a calm corner of the train and her eyes fluttered shut for a nap.

As the train came to a sharp stop waking up Rolly, she got to her feet and exited the train barely getting run over by a working machine carrying a box of robots just like her she was curious and followed it to the gate. Rolly avoided security and entered the factory. It was cold and creepy the doors shut closed, Rolly was trapped then these evil robots were let out then captured Rolly with a stern grip in Rolly's arms, legs, and torso. Then the other robots inserted a prototype that shut Rolly down then they brang the rusty robot to somewhere different.

Rolly was inserted into this chute and that's when she woke up, then a glimpse of a memory popped up. She was in the same chute thrown into the "useless robots" box then thrown outside of the factory far away. Then now they want these robots for something evil, she snapped to reality and jumped out to another opening before going to smithers in a fire. Now in this opening robots just like her were going into a fire, but then a worker picked the tiny robot up and threw it into a package of other robots just for the same reason because they didn't get melted in the fire.

Isobel - 5L

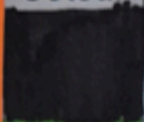


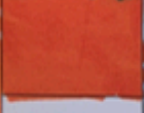
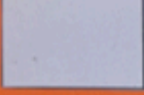
Pabalo's Pick



Jack - 5C

Pabalo's Pick



Colour	=	Fraction	=	Percent	=	Decimal
	=	$\frac{54}{100} \Rightarrow \frac{27}{50}$	=	%54	=	0.54
	=	$\frac{12}{100} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{25}$	=	%12	=	0.12
	=	$\frac{10}{100} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{10}$	=	%10	=	0.1
	=	$\frac{18}{100} \Rightarrow \frac{9}{50}$	=	%18	=	0.18
	=	$\frac{6}{100} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{50}$	=	%6	=	0.06

Daniel - 5F

Castle Hill Public School Term 2 - 2025

Month	Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/	Sun
		28	29	30	1	2	3	4
Apr May	1	Staff development day	Staff development day	Students return Term 2			ELECTION	
		5	6	7	8	9	10	11
May	2					Muffins with Mum breakfast		
		Stage 3 assembly						
		12	13	14	15	16	17	18
May	3		Stage 1 - Year 2 excursion Field of Mars		Stage 1 - Year 1 excursion Field of Mars			
		Stage 2 assembly						
		Year 6 Camp						
		19	20	21	22	23	24	25
May	4							
		Kindy, Yr 1, Yr 2 assembly						
		Year 5 Camp						
		26	27	28	29	30	31	1
May Jun	5		Year 6 Castle Hill High School musical					
		Stage 3 assembly						
		2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Jun	6							
		Stage 2 assembly						
		9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Jun	7	King's Birthday						
		16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Jun	8							
		Kindy, Yr 1, Yr 2 assembly						
		23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Jun	9		Years 3-6 Athletics Carnival			School reports sent home via School Bytes		
		Stage 3 assembly						
		30	1	2	3	4	5	6
Jul	10	Platinum lunch		Kindergarten Calmsley Hill City Farm		Last day of Term 2		
		Parent / Teacher interviews						