



Castle Hill Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 4 – May 21, 2025

WHAT'S ON

Thursday May 22

School Tour 9.30am-10.30am

Tuesday May 27

Year 6 High School Musical

Friday June 6

Year 1 Field of Mars excursion

Principal's Report

Year 5 Camp to Bathurst

As I write, Year 5 students and teachers are about to make their way back to school after a wonderful camp experience to Bathurst and Hill End.

A massive 'thank you' to Miss Lambe, Miss Brown, Mrs Sluiter, Miss Floyd, Ms Shore, Mrs Walker, Mr Cheeseman and Mr Brien for attending. I would also like to acknowledge the enormous amount of work done by Miss Brown and Miss Lambe in preparation for this trip and in ensuring its success.

At this stage, buses are expected to arrive at 6.00pm. Parents can park in the staff car park if there are designated parking spaces available. Kiss and Drop is reserved for Funhouse and music tutorial pick-ups. If no parking is available, parents will need to park at Castle Towers and walk across to school.

School Tours

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

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.

PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



ASPIRE

Accept opportunities and challenges.

Congratulations...

Representing Sydney West at the NSWPSSA Primary Hockey Championship in Newcastle are Ira (4H), Amalie (4D), Andy (4H), Julian (4A) and Rhain (3B). Well done 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 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)
Tues 1 July	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 the 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.

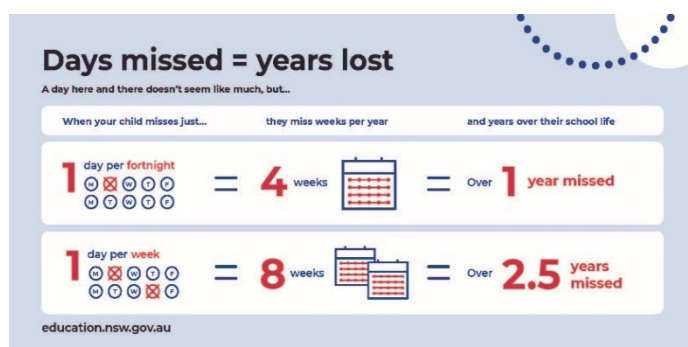


Attendance Matters

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

Year 2 Excursion to Field of Mars

Last week, Year 2 students visited Field of Mars Education Centre for a geography excursion. They participated in a bush walk and learnt about Aboriginal connections to Country. Students learnt about how Country provides various resources including tools, weapons, food, medicines. They learnt about ways we can care for Country.



'My favourite part was rubbing leaves together. We used these to clean our hands.' - Alanna 2T

'We liked pounding leaves to make oil.' - Nethra and Jamie 2G

'We liked bushwalking and rubbing sticks.' - Alina and Nathan 2C

'We walked through a cave! I liked seeing the small insects and we saw a lizard.' - Samuel K 2W

'I liked making soap by folding leaves and adding water.' - Georgie 2M

Pabalo's Pick



All About Antarctica

Logan

Antarctica

ICEBERG

Groulers are very small but can still make a lot of commotion to the passengers on board. Some icebergs are called icebergs.

Weddell Seals

Weddell Seals can hold their breath for 2 hours but they still need air.

Weddell Seals

Weddell Seals live on the ice and they live in Antarctica.

Weddell Seals

Weddell Seals have sharp teeth and they have long whiskers.

Penguins

Appearance

Emperor penguins have a distinctive Emperor. Penguins are slightly larger than King penguins. Emperor penguins are white.

Habitat

They live in Antarctica. The penguins mostly live in water 75%.

Diet

They eat fish. Their favorite type is salmon. They don't just eat fish they eat other stuff.

WEDDELL SEALS

Weddell Seals eat fish and they eat squid.

WINTER

Winter

SUMMER

Summer

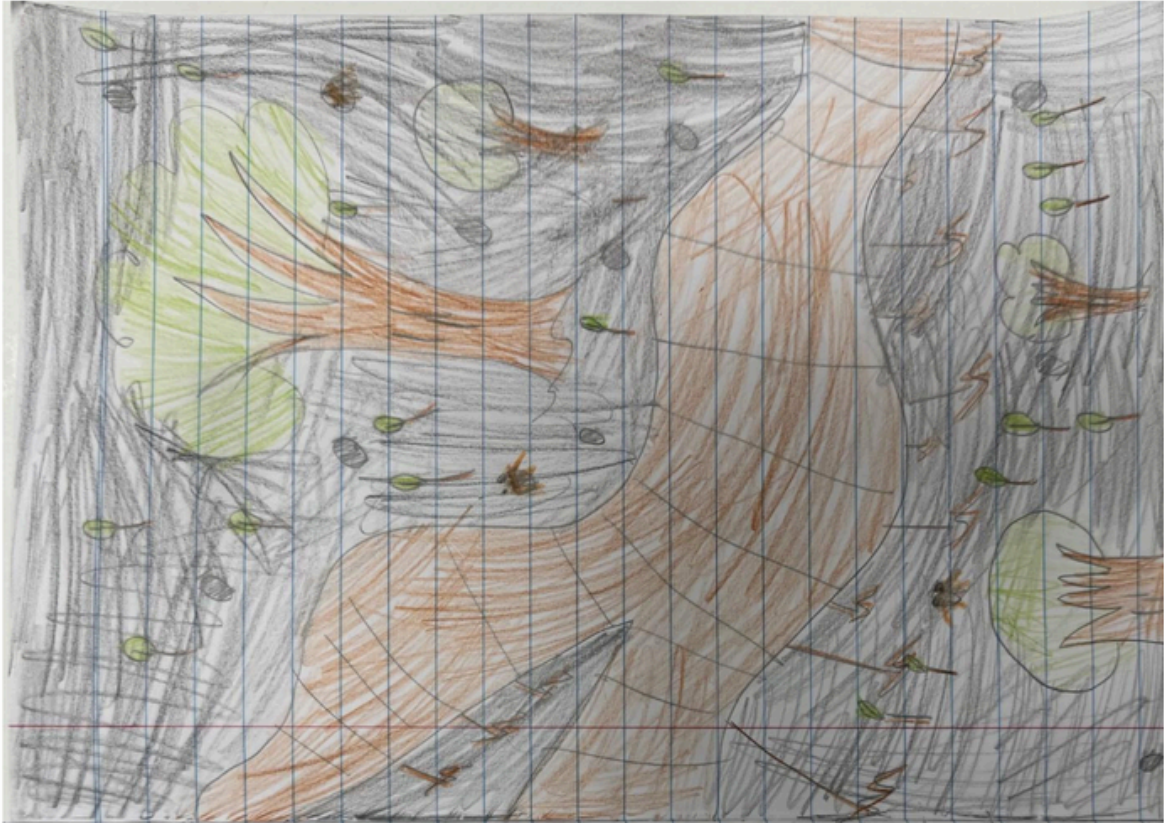
Logan - 2T

Pabalo's Pick



Sudha - 2C

Pabalo's Pick



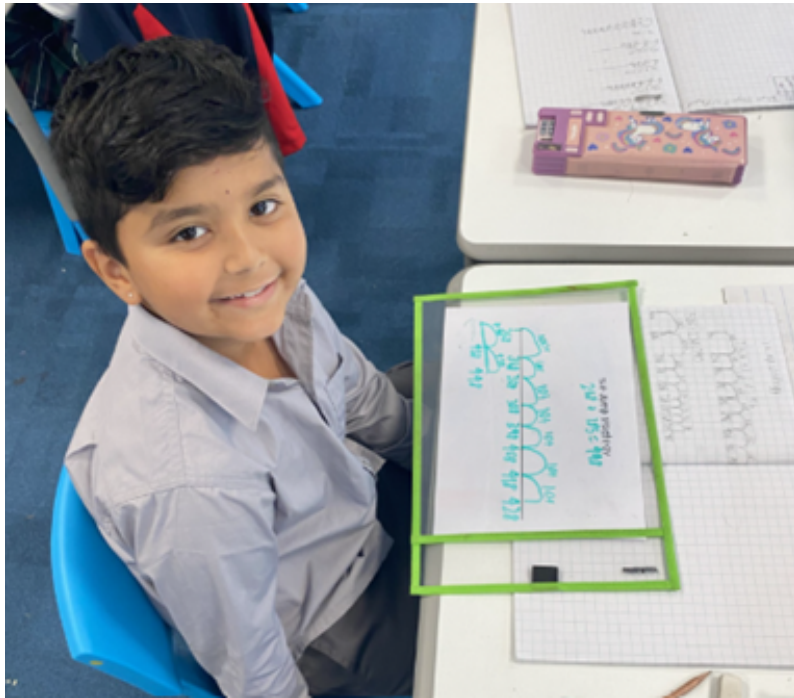
On Tuesday 2W went to Field of Mars in Lorne Cove National Park. Firstly we listened to a dreamtime story about a rainbow serpent. After that we went on a bridge that was very, very, very slippery! We were sliding on the bridge! Secondly we went on a higher bridge that had a lake underneath it and was shaking! After that we did a boomerang throwing activity we had to split up in teams of three. The boomerangs were made of wood. Thirdly we made a musquido spray by getting tea-bush leaves and putting water in a bowl then mashing it with a stick then rubbing the water on your skin. It was very fun. My favorite activity was the boomerang one.

Lloyd - 2W

Pabalo's Pick



2M are learning to apply the jump strategy to add!



Yudeesh, Paige, Soren and Neve
- 2M

Pabalo's Pick



WALT-RECEIVED
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Text

A book review by: Magi

Book title: Koala Ark

What is the book about?
The book is about where ^{where} in a bushy billabong
there was a bushy billabong and a little
koala saved the animals from the
bushfire. After that rain started to come
and all the animals happily played

Who are the main characters?
Koala, Echidna, Galah, and Weaverbird

Where is the story set?
The story's setting is in a ^{quiet} ~~quite~~
billabong.

What did you like about this book?
I like this book because all the
animals were saved from the
bushfire.

Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

Draw your favourite part of the story.

Positive Behaviour Learning Awards



YEARS 5 & 6 – THESE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE STUDENTS MONDAY WEEK 5 DURING ASSEMBLY AT 2.00PM, PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

SILVER AWARDS

YEAR 5		YEAR 6	
Sudiksha	5F	Kate	6A
Emma	5F	Klaudia	6A
Jamal	5K	Angela	6A
Esra	5K	Jash	6D
Vedansh	5L	Ivy	6D
Almendra	5L	Melody	6G
Jamie	5L	Thomas	6G
Hannah	5L	Burhanuddin	6G
Scarlett	5L	Layla	6R
Akshaya	5L		
Myra	5S		
Daina	5S		
Sair	5S		
Emma	5S		

GOLD AWARDS

YEAR 5		YEAR 6	
Domenico	5C	Tejas	6C
Bassim	5F		
Aarya	5F		
Haana	5K		
Arabelle	5L		
Sayu	5S		



Walk Safely To School Day - Friday May 16, 2025

It was so lovely to see so many parents and students brave the cold and wet conditions to walk to school on Friday. Thank you also to the P&C and canteen for purchasing the fruit for the children to eat after walking to school.



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, Millcroft Way, Kellyville
Netball	Kellyville Netball Courts, 1 Wellgate Ave, Kellyville
Soccer	Arnold Avenue Reserve, Arnold Ave, Kellyville
Newcombe Ball	Kellyville 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 week 4.

Miss Rebecca Lambe
Relieving Assistant Principal | PSSA Coordinator

President Message

Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone who attended our P&C meeting last week. It is always good to see new faces have an interest in what we are doing on behalf of the school community.

We had a question come up about the P&C voluntary contribution. The P&C Voluntary Contribution is automatically added to each family's account statement. We suggest an amount of \$150.00 for the first child and \$50.00 for the second child, capped at \$200.00 per family. This contribution is completely voluntary, and you can choose to pay the suggested amount or a smaller amount if you choose. These funds are invested DIRECTLY BACK INTO THE SCHOOL in the form of infrastructure improvements and IT resources. Examples of recent P&C investments include the tiered, outdoor classroom area outside the library, kiss and drop and bus shelters and over \$50,000 contributed to IT resources during the last three years.

Asking for a voluntary contribution helps the P&C to plan and budget for major projects while saving parents time in their busy lives not having to organize major fundraisers like fetes.

Our next P&C meeting will be held Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 7.00pm online via Zoom. To register for this meeting, please visit:

<https://au01web.zoom.us/meeting/register/ZcTvZU1dRKWkB4ArhvoW4A>

If you have questions about the P&C, the voluntary contribution or would like to become a member, please reach out to me at the email below.

Regards,

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

Canteen

Please ensure your child has sufficient food to eat each day, either by packing from home or by ordering food from the canteen through the Flexischools app. Having enough food helps them stay focused, energised and ready to learn throughout the school day.



The Canteens regular menu is available to **order online via Flexischools until 9.00am each day.**

If you miss the 9.00am cut-off or your child forgets their food at home, you can still place an order using our **Late Lunch Service** on Flexischools, **available until 12.00pm.**

The Canteen also offers a selected range of tasty foods available to buy over the counter each day at recess and lunch time. Please try not to send your child with notes larger than \$10.00.

Thank you for your support

ROSTER:

Monday May 26	Claire
Tuesday May 27	Beenish, Chris
Wednesday May 28	Jin, Judy
Thursday May 29	Volunteer Required
Friday May 30	Volunteer Required

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

The canteen is still in need of regular volunteers to fill our monthly roster.



CAN YOU SPARE JUST 1 DAY PER MONTH???

(that works out to just 6 times between here and the end of the year)

We need your help to support our wonderful team of current volunteers and to help keep our prices low remember, Many Hands Make Light Work!!!

We pay in 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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PUBLIC SCHOOL
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



The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition 2025



NSW Public Speaking

The Multicultural Perspectives Public Speaking Competition

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?"



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

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						