



Castle Hill Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Term 2 Week 5 – May 28, 2025

WHAT'S ON

Friday June 6

Year 1 Field of Mars excursion

Tuesday June 10

Kindergarten Vision Screening

Tuesday June 24

Kindergarten Vision Screening

Friday July 4

Last day of term

Principal's Report

Zone Cross Country

The Zone Cross Country carnival was held on Thursday, 15 May. Congratulations to each of our students chosen to represent our school.

I must acknowledge Jimmy (5K) who finished first, Jackson (5K) who finished second and Anthony (4A) who finished sixth in the 10 years boys' event. Congratulations as well to Xavier (3K) who finished third in the 8/9 years boys' event. Each of the boys will represent the Castle Hill Zone at the Sydney West Championships on Thursday 26 June. A fantastic achievement!

Pedestrian access to the front of the school

External works at the front of the school associated with the building program are now complete. As part of these works, pedestrian access to the QIC carpark and the pre-school next door to the school from our old 'side gate' has been permanently removed.

The only pedestrian access to and from the front of the school is via the fenced pathway leading from the lights at Pennant Street into the school.

Recently, there have been several instances of a morning where parents have walked their children through the pre-school carpark and either across the grass in front of the pre-school, or the road itself, to gain access into the school. This is not safe.

As a school, we make every effort to make our school a safe place for our students to learn. In the interest of your child's safety, I ask for your support in using the correct entrance and exit points to and from school each day.

Open Day / Grandparents Day

A date for your diary ... our Open Day / Grandparents Day will return bigger and better than ever on Wednesday, 6 August, during Public Education Week.

On this day, we will invite parents and grandparents to visit classrooms and enjoy some student performances. The 'Castle Hill Café' will also return this year!

More information regarding exact timings will be provided as the day approaches.

PBL Fortnightly Expectation Focus



RESPECT

Listen and follow instructions.

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.

Congratulations

One of our students recently competed in the ACT Junior Open Badminton tournament held on May 10 in Canberra. Hanshal won two gold medals in U11 Single and U11 Double boys' category.



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 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

Band News

The Hills Band Festival is taking place on Friday, 13 June and Sunday, 15 June. Families are asked to check emails sent from TSA, to confirm their child's attendance at the relevant event. This is a great opportunity for our school bands to perform and showcase strengths to family members and friends.



Hills Band FESTIVAL 2025

6:30 - 8:30PM FRIDAY JUNE 13

The Hills Band Festival is back in 2025, bigger and better than ever! Seven primary school bands will showcase their favorite music while being adjudicated for Gold, Silver, or Bronze awards. This year's venue is 50% larger than previous years, ensuring plenty of space for families, friends, and students to all enjoy the performances together in the auditorium.

Proud Sponsor **teaching services** St John XXIII Catholic College - Stanhope Gardens
www.teachingservices.com.au/hillsbandfestival
Tickets - <https://www.trybooking.com/CZXKY>



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Senior Band	Friday 13 June	6.30pm - 8.30pm
Intermediate Band	Sunday 15 June	2.00pm – 4.00pm

Tickets can be bought via this [link](https://www.trybooking.com/CZXKY).

NSW Public Schools Student Survey

In Term 2, we are offering our students the opportunity to participate in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey gives students the chance to share their thoughts and feelings about life at school, including questions about their engagement, learning experiences and wellbeing at school.

Hearing directly from our students will help us understand what's working well and where improvements can be made to our school. The survey is confidential, takes around 10 to 15 minutes to complete, and will be conducted online during school hours. Our students in Years 3 to Year 6, will complete the survey in Weeks 8 and 9 of this term.

Participation is voluntary. If you prefer your child not to participate, please complete the opt-out consent form, which can be found at the front office, and return it to the school. Further information about the survey is available at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/npss>.

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.



Mrs Alex Kohary and Miss Danielle Machuca
Deputy Principals



NSW Public Schools Student Survey

Information and opt-out form

Dear parents and carers

In Term 2, our school is taking part in the NSW Public Schools Student Survey. The survey is being conducted by the NSW Department of Education (the department) and invites students to provide valuable feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them.

The survey will allow the department to conduct analysis and research into student wellbeing and engagement to drive improvement for all NSW public schools.

What you need to know

- Participating students will be given a unique login to complete the survey online.
- Students will complete the survey at school during school hours. The survey will take approximately 10 to 15 minutes.
- Participating in the survey is voluntary. Opting not to participate will not impact your child's school experience. Your child can choose to stop the survey at any time and they can skip any questions that they prefer not to answer.
- More information about the survey and the research is available at education.nsw.gov.au/npss.

What information is collected and why

The department will collect personal information from your child including, but not limited to, information relating to their gender, cultural background, and their opinions on matters such as their school experience. Information will be held and managed by the NSW Department of Education, 105 Phillip Street, Parramatta NSW 2150. This information is collected to support every student to achieve their educational potential, and for other directly related purposes including but not limited to:

- implementing programs that meet student educational and support needs
- maintaining the good order and management of schools
- assessing and evaluating the effectiveness of programs and their impact on student educational outcomes
- conducting lawful research and compiling statistics relating to the education and wellbeing of students and student performance
- operational and administrative purposes.

How the department may use the information

Survey results may be used locally at schools to help inform planning and decision-making. Your child's school will receive a report once surveys are completed, but school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. At least 5 students need to have answered the question in the same way for that data to be included in the results.

The department's analysis of the data will involve linking students' responses to their student reference number (SRN). Responses may then be linked with other information the department may hold, such as students' scholastic year, gender, Aboriginal status, cultural background, migrant status and whether they are a person with a disability. This will allow the department to group the results for analysis and research purposes.

The department does not intend to give you a copy of your child's responses, or the opportunity to amend them. You may contact the department to request access to the survey responses, and your request will be considered in light of the department's obligations under law.

For more information about how the department will protect your child's information, visit education.nsw.gov.au/npss.

Opting out

If you **do not want your child/children to take part** in the survey, please complete the attached form and return it to your child's school by:

If you do not return the attached form, the school will assume that you consent to your child/children's participation.

Principal

School

School News



Premier's Spelling Bee News

This term, students in Years 3 to 6 will be participating in the Premier's Spelling Bee. This competition requires students to spell words aloud. One student from Stage 2 and one student from Stage 3 will be selected to represent our school at the regional finals during Term 3.

Students will begin practising for the Spelling Bee in their classes during Week 6. Each class will hold their final during Week 7 with further Stage finals held later in the term.

Students can practise for the Premier's Spelling Bee using the provided word lists. Stage 2 students should access the junior word list. Stage 3 students should access the senior word list. Please follow the link below to the word lists. Students must ask their teacher for the school password, as this will not be published online.
<https://artsunit.nsw.edu.au/program/nsw-premiers-spelling-bee#word-lists>

Thank you.

Miss Kean and Mrs Carmichael (Literacy Committee)

Operation Art

Thank you to all our amazing artists who entered Operation Art, 2025 at Castle Hill Public School! Each class nominated 2 artists to enter our Showcase, and we had an outstanding number of artworks displayed this year as you can see below. We are blown away by the talent at our school.



From our entries we are proud to announce our two winners, who will represent our school at the state level of Operation Art.

Congratulations to

Tsima 4P!



Jessie 6R!



Zone Cross Country

Congratulations to all our students who participated in the Zone Cross Country at Masonic Oval on Thursday, 15 May. School spirit was on display as our students cheered one another on!

Congratulations to Xavier N 3K who placed 3rd in 8/9 Years boys' race.

Special congratulations to Jimmy A 5K who placed 1st, Jackson N 5K who placed 2nd and Anthony H 4A who placed 6th in the 10 Years boys' race. As a result, CHPS was the 10 Years boys' race winning team!

All four boys will represent CHPSSA at the Sydney West Cross Country on Thursday, 26 June.



STAGE 3 CAMP BATHURST & HILL END



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Positive Behaviour Learning Awards



YEARS 3 & 4 - THESE AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED TO THE STUDENTS MONDAY WEEK 6 DURING ASSEMBLY AT 2.00PM, PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.

SILVER AWARDS

YEAR 3		YEAR 4	
Hayley	3B	Hana	4A
Claire	3B	Anadi	4C
Elena	3B	Neal	4C
Gael	3B	Austin	4D
Mila	3C	Roger	4D
Ayla	3C	Abbie	4D
Iris	3C	Hamish	4D
Zayan	3C	Reyansh	4D
Manahil	3C	Locke	4D
Daniel	3K	Charlotte	4H
Jasmine	3K	Elliott	4H
Alice	3K	Liam	4P
Josh	3K	Arman	4P
Viola	3K	Alaina	4P
Clinton	3M	Yashraj	4P
Ryan	3M	Bryanna	4P
Myra	3M	Adele	4P
		Seah	4P
		Ana	4Y
		Mehtaab	4Y

GOLD AWARDS

YEAR 3		YEAR 4	
Jayden	3A	Tannishtha	4A
Jemmy	3A	Hailey	4A
Vinayak	3A	Adam	4A
Clara	3A	Ria	4A
Alice	3A	Aadvan	4C
Melody	3B	Ira	4H
Lachlan	3B	Amelie	4P
Evie	3B	Arianna	4P
Navid	3C	Estelle	4P
Lucas	3C	Hayley	4P
James	3C		
Jessie	3K		
Khiana	3K		
William	3M		

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	Eric Mobbs Reserve, Excelsior Ave, Castle Hill
Newcombe Ball	Oakhill Drive Public School, Oakhill Drive

TRAINING



A reminder that all training will be on Friday at 8.30am this week for all winter teams.

Miss Rebecca Lambe
Relieving Assistant Principal | PSSA Coordinator

President Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone is managing to stay dry with the crazy weather we've had. Now that our school build is nearing completion with the builders wrapping up the landscaping, the P&C would like your thoughts on what parents would like to see to enhance the space we've been given as a school. Are you interested in play equipment, sun shades, or other infrastructure improvements? Feel free to email me with your thoughts and ideas at president@chpspandc.org.au.

Our next P&C meeting will be held Wednesday, 11 June 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 Canteen's 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 June 2	Nikoo
Tuesday June 3	Volunteer required
Wednesday June 4	Madhavi, Rathi
Thursday June 5	Emma, Francisca
Friday June 6	Holly, Jenny

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. 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 terms 2 and 3 students are required to wear our full Winter Uniform.

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.



CASTLE HILL
PUBLIC SCHOOL
P&C ASSOCIATION

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



Pabalo's Pick



Chloe - 6R

Pabalo's Pick



BREAKING NEWS

AUSTRALIAN MYSTERY: THE YAHOO

Have you heard the tales of the mysterious creature lurking in the Australian bush? The hairy man, also known as the 'Yahoo', has intrigued many generations of its existence, with a substantial amount of eye witnesses. Many have dismissed it as an illusion, but the cultural narratives made by indigenous Australians prove and the countless evidence prove them wrong. The myth continues, is it real, or is it just a phase?



REAL OR FAKE?

The Yahoo has been sighted in numerous occasions, according to the accounts of many eye witnesses. It has been described as a hairy, brawny creature, lurking in the shadows. It has lengthy, dangling arms, and has a deep, resonant voice, which has been sighted making a unique cry, that sounded much like 'Yahoo'. The mayor of Castle Hill, Dwayne Jackson, after recently sighting this phenomenon reported, "I was resting in my office, peaking down at the vast expanse through my window, until I sighted a bear-like creature, trotting its way down the car, and it looked much like a human." These accounts can not be coincidental, adding credibility to the Yahoo presence.

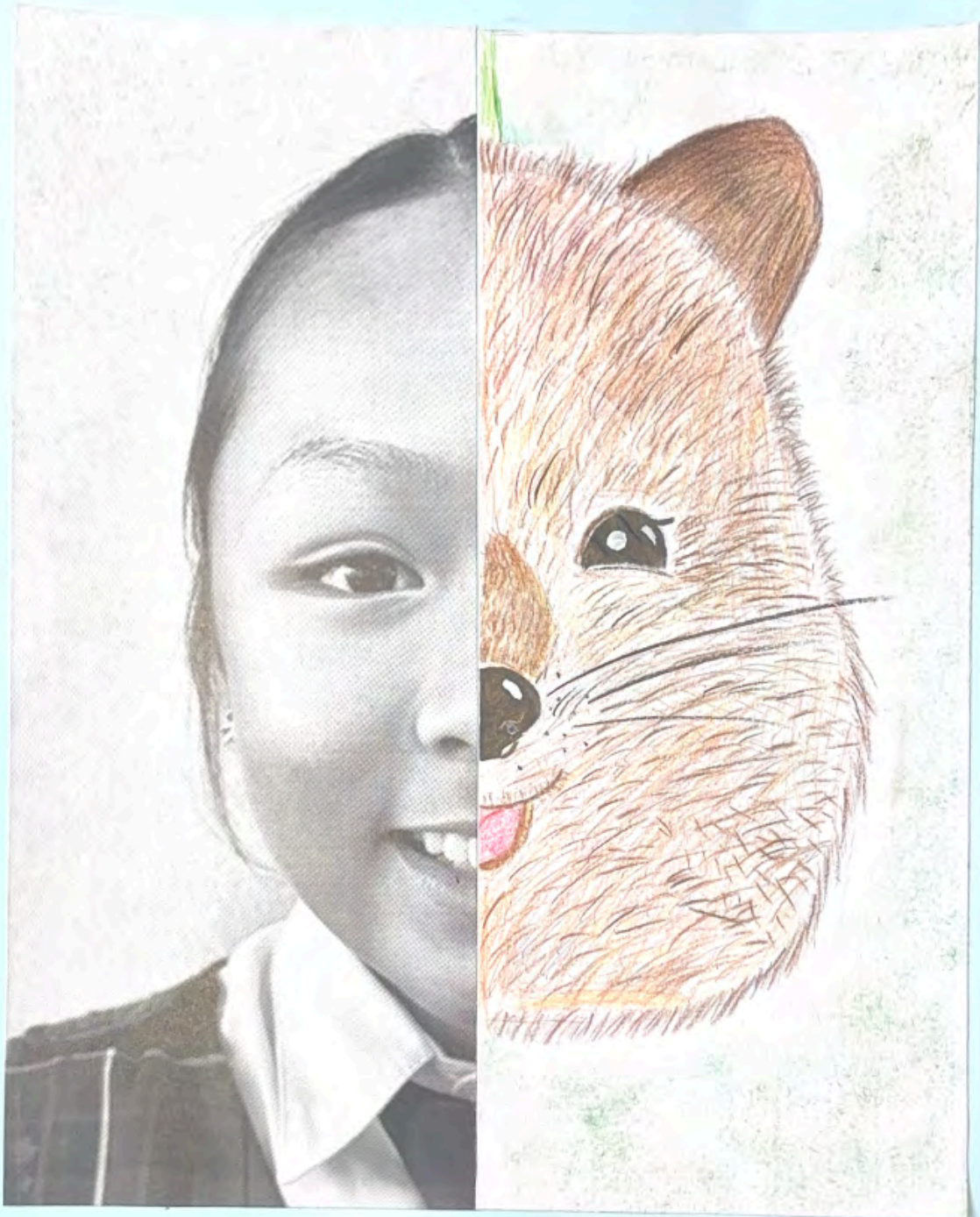


Additionally, there has been various sightings of unique footprints in parts of the district, such as Monya, Parker's Gap, and Safrass. The footprints were studied by scientist, and were described as 'unusual', having the shape of a human foot, but much enlarged. It had also left strips of scrunched up fur, and when tested, it was found to have a hybrid DNA, and was described as 'One of a kind'. So, is the gruesome Yahoo still a creature of unexistence?

This malicious creature has also been spotted disturbing the slumbers of many neighbourhood in the district. Many residents have sighted this man-like silhouette lingering in the darkness, seen crawling around trees and even in peoples' backyards. This terrifying apparition has also eradicated many man-made structures, annihilating many shops and parts of buildings. Dale Hudson, a local Bread shop owner who has been affected by the wrecking, said, "After closing the shop, I was slowly walking away, until I heard a reverberating bonier, and when I turned back, I spotted a bushy-haired beast, swinging its extended arms at the glass, knocking down everything in its path. I thought it was just an illusion, and went back home, but the next morning, the shop was absolutely trashed." The demolitions were described as 'inhuman' so unless we do something about it, will the Yahoo conquer Australia?

Meanwhile the Yahoo's existence remains a mystery, there are numerous accounts that porous its presence. With newspapers and cultural stories, to footprints and damages, all of these are testaments to its true lingering power, lingering in unexpected parts of the globe. So is the Yahoo a legend, or have we misunderstood?

Pabalo's Pick



Giselle - 6D

Pabalo's Pick

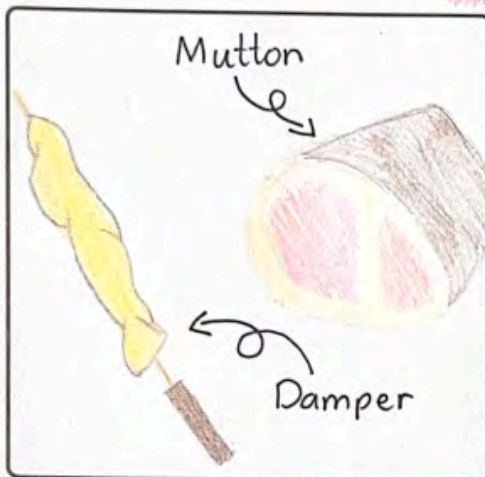


The Daily News

Date: 22nd May 2025

Journalist: Kate Weng

Food



The gold diggers had very restricted and repetitive diets. Their diets consisted of mostly mutton (meat from older sheep) and damper, a type of bread made from flour, water and salt. Clean drinking water was also extremely hard to find. Rivers and lakes were polluted by the miners, so water had to be boiled to be safe to drink.

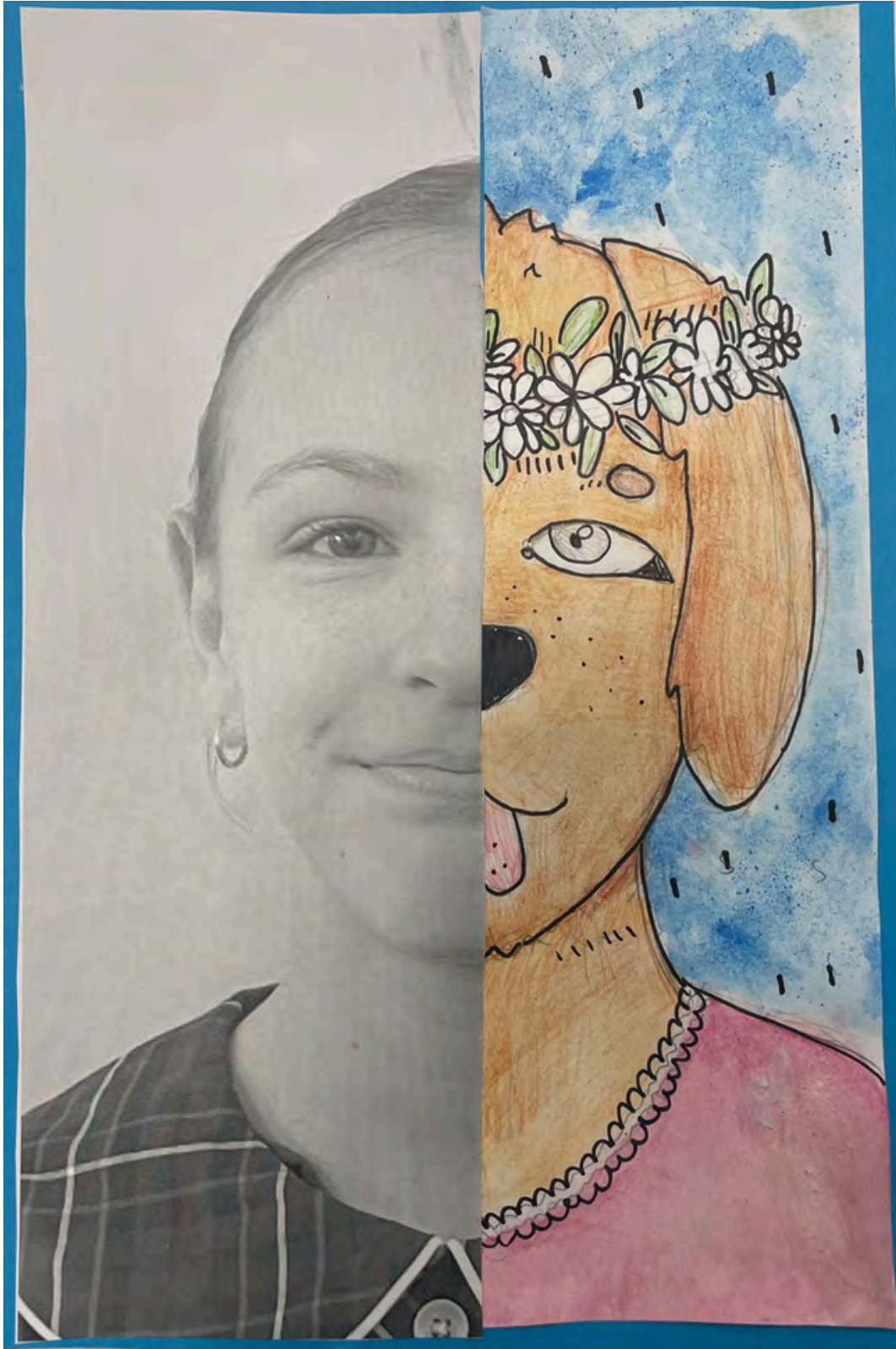
Working Conditions

Miners faced an extremely tough and dangerous life on the goldfields. They experienced lots of physical labour and very unsanitary work conditions. There were also many accidents and diseases there too. With poisonous fumes in the air and the struggle of having barely any shelter, the miners' lives back then were extremely hard and dangerous.



Kate - 6A

Pabalo's Pick



Ava - 6L

Castle Hill Public School

Term 2 - 2025

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