

CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 4 WEEK 4 TUES 5 NOVEMBER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Welcome to week 4!

The Department of Education are implementing changes to the application and placement process for both selective high schools (SHS) and opportunity classes (OC) to deliver benefits for schools, students, parents and carers. Tests will mostly be hosted in external centres, reducing the burden on schools, and conducted on computers delivering a more engaging experience for students. They are also introducing a longer application period for parents and carers to apply. This means that the application period for both OC and SHS is now the same and will run from 7 November 2024 to 21 February 2025. Due to the longer application period, late applications won't be accepted.

With the new application period, parents and carers can now apply for OC placement when their child is at the end of Year 3 or at the start of Year 4, and for SHS placement at the end of Year 5 or at the start of Year 6.

The 2025 test dates are from 2 to 4 May 2025. Students will need to attend one test date only. Read more about the changes to the application process for 2026 entry on the Department of Education's website.

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Intensive Swimming

A reminder that our Intensive Swimming Program continues for Years 3 to 6 this week. A huge thank you to all families that have ensured that their children have come to school with the equipment they need to participate and encouraged them to engage actively with the program. Swimming is a skill that saves lives and during the pandemic many students were unable to access lessons. It is fabulous to have our pool back open and work with them to provide this opportunity for our children.

Enrolments

Casino Public School is currently taking enrolments in all years P-6 for the 2025 school year. Please ensure that you are encouraging families who are considering CPS as an educational option for their children to come and have a chat about the wonderful opportunities we have to offer at CPS.

Have a great week everyone and remember to "Do the Four" in all settings.

Sharon Bain
Relieving Principal



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Water Safety Program Stage 2 and 3

Everyday of week 4

11 – 13 November

Bundjalung Language
and Culture Camp

Monday 11 November

Remembrance Day

Wednesday 13 November

MUFTI Day – Hawaiian

Thursday 14 November

Year 6 Support Unit
High School Transition



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

'Doing the 4' - Being safe in all settings.

We will learn to:

- Do the four' correctly in all settings.
- For infants, being safe in the playground by keeping hands and feet to ourselves, seeking help when needed, discussing strategies and playing for fun.
- For Primary, being safe travelling to the pool, at the pool and in learning situations.



A Trip Down Memory Lane

Last Monday, 28th October, we received a special visit from a former student – Trevor Thompson who attended Casino Public School in the 1960s. Trevor grew up in Casino and went on to Casino High School after his time with us. He has not been home for many years, but as he was passing through town, popped in to see his old school.



Whilst there have been many changes at CPS, Trevor could navigate his way to his old classrooms, reminisce about friendships under the camphor laurel tree in the Central Playground and appreciate how strange it was to be in the old hall that is now our Administration/Staff area.

Trevor is currently the CEO of the Brain Foundation/Migraine & Headache Australia and has had a very successful working life. Sorry that we couldn't identify your "girl in the red dress" Trevor, but we hope you enjoyed your morning reminiscing about your time at Casino Public School just as much as we were delighted to have a former student return "home".

The Haunted Chambers!

Last week our Stage 1 students were invited by Achieve Australia to have a look at their 'Haunted Chambers' Halloween display.



The students had a spooktacular time!



SPORT REPORT

Stage 1 Sport

Stage 1 have been enjoying their sport time, participating in modified games.

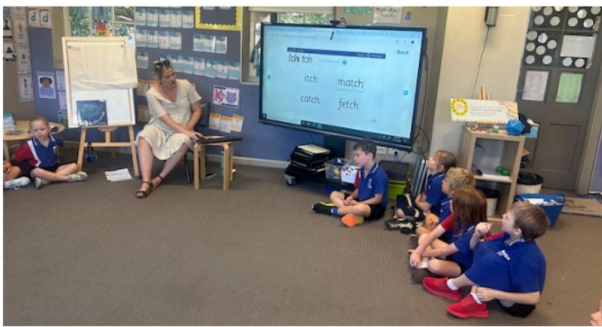
The games focus on the fundamental skills within netball, oztag and basketball.



What's Happening *In our classrooms*



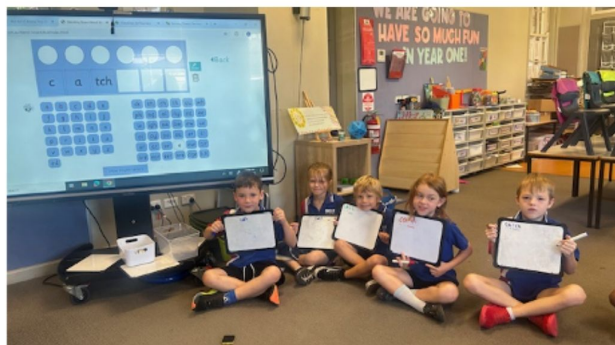
Curriculum Bites



Strong phonic knowledge is a key component in becoming a successful reader and writer. This term year 1 have been implementing Phonics Groups.

In these groups teachers target explicit teaching so that the students can build on their knowledge of sounds (phonemes) and letters (graphemes) to help them become more fluent and successful readers.

We are so proud of the growth and engagement of our year 1 students!



Andrea Whitten & Sarah Smith
Assistant Principal Curriculum Instruction



Aboriginal Education

Deadly Futures Day

Our stage 2 and 3 students had so much fun last Wednesday at our Deadly Futures Day! Our presenters from the community shared their stories from their school days at Casino Public School and their career paths to their current occupation.

The workshops finished with a horse, pony and dog exhibition from Sam Handford Entertainment. All presenters were impressed with our students' responses and how respectful they were throughout the morning. They are all keen to come along again next year!



Wendy King
Aboriginal Education

Year 6 Brisbane Excursion Reminder!

When: Week 7

Depart: Monday 25th November

Arrive Home: Friday 29th November

Final Payment Due:

Friday 15th November





SUMMER LUAU

CPS MUFTI DAY

**Wk 5 Term 4
WEDNESDAY
13TH NOV**

**Come dressed in your favourite
Hawaiian, tropical, summer clothes!**

**GOLD COIN DONATION
Raising money for Cancer Council**

