



# CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

**TERM 4 WEEK 10 TUES 17 DECEMBER**

## **A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL**

As we complete the last week of term 4 for students, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed to the positive experiences for students this year. I continue to be amazed by the variety of opportunities we offer our students and how they are willing to give things a go even though they are anxious- often surprising themselves. We have a great culture of support and encouragement where we give students the opportunity to grow and learn in a safe environment, where risk taking to learn is encouraged and celebrated.

I would like to thank our wonderful staff who continue to work together to ensure the school environment runs smoothly and cater for the needs of every student. I would like to wish Mr Michael Bentley, Mr Anthony Wells, Miss Alicia Roache and Mr Jason Convery all the very best as they move on to other opportunities in 2025. Ms Michaela Bowman and Mrs Emma Troy will be on maternity leave in 2025 and we wish them lots of love and fun as they welcome their new additions. Ms Maree Davy will be joining our team and Mrs Wendy Heath, Mrs Kelly Lollback and Ms Sandy Graham will be returning to CPS in 2025. Further information about class allocations and structure will be communicated when we return to school. Thanks to our amazing school community- again the P&C, AECG and parent body have supported the school to enhance learning opportunities for students and staff and this is very much appreciated.

Huge congratulations to our students this year. They continue to be the reason we are here and it has been such a joy to see them grow and learn. To our Year 6 cohort who will be moving to high school next year I wish you all the very best and encourage you to take every opportunity that high school offers and use the skills you have learnt at CPS as you move into the secondary phase of your education.

The last day of school for students is this Wednesday 18th December and students are expected to attend each day they are able. Staff will be participating in professional learning on Thursday 19th and 20th December before they start their Christmas break.

Staff start the 2025 school year on Friday 31st January and participate in 4 days of professional learning. The first day back for all students K-6 is Thursday 6th February. Staff have already started planning for another fantastic year in 2025. I would like to wish you all a safe, restful and relaxing break spent with family and friends.

Have a great end of term and a wonderful Christmas!

**Jackie Nilon**  
Principal



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## **IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES**

### **LAST DAY 2024**

**Wednesday 18  
December**

**STUDENTS LAST DAY  
OF TERM 4**

### **FIRST DAY 2025**

**Thursday 6 February**

**All Students  
K-6 first day back  
Term 1 2025**

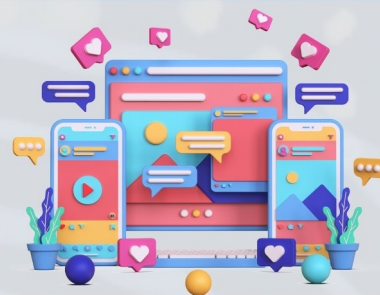


# Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

## 'Doing the 4' by being safe

### We will learn to:

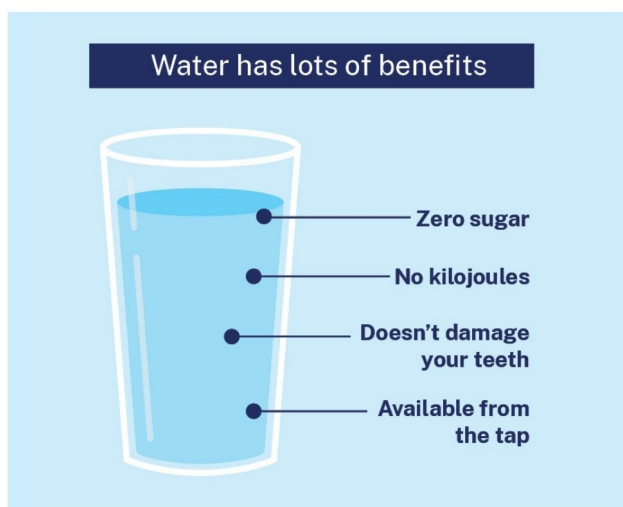
- Do the four' correctly in all settings.
- Focus upon being safe on the social media and balance on life and screen time
- Focus on being a good digital citizen and protecting personal data



## Stay Safe on Socials



Coming home with the reports today, is a **'Stay Safe on Socials in the holidays'** poster for families to put on their fridge as a reminder for students to be safe online during the holidays.



Healthy Eating  
Active Living



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## SPORT REPORT

### Final Whistle: "A Year in Review"

Last Monday we proudly recognised our sports champions, runners-up and state representatives who showcased exceptional talent and determination on the big stage. Their hard work and achievements have brought immense pride to our school community. Congratulations to each of these remarkable athletes for their dedication and success—you have truly inspired us all!

As the year draws to a close, it's been nothing short of spectacular for our students, who showcased outstanding talent at both state and zone levels, making us proud. The energy and spirit were on full display during our swimming and athletics carnivals, where records were broken, and personal bests achieved. Adding to the excitement, the Colour Fun Run was a vibrant highlight, uniting our school community in a celebration of fun, fitness, and teamwork. From the thrill of competition to the joy of participation, this year has been a shining example of dedication, determination, and school pride.





# What's Happening *In our classrooms*

## Game Time!

### Curriculum Bites

As we creep closer to the holidays we wanted to give you some fun activities to help keep your kids engaged and learning in the holidays. Whether you be on a car trip, at beach or enjoying some down time at home, we've got you covered.

## Create a Robot

### Step 1

Get your child to draw various shapes onto cardboard or thick paper. The shapes will make up the different parts of their robot's body.

Examples include:

- triangles for the nose
- quadrilaterals for the eyes and legs
- pentagon for the arms
- hexagons for the feet
- octagons for the body, and
- circles for the cheeks..

### Step 2

Help your child cut out their shapes.

### Step 3

Now, use the shapes to start to form their robot.

### Step 4

Finally, encourage your child to decorate their robot to make it their own, and give it a name. They might even want to write a story about their amazing robot.

**Andrea Whitten & Sarah Smith**

*Assistant Principal Curriculum Instruction*



### Personalised Learning Pathways

### Aboriginal Education

Thank you to our families who worked together with their jarjums and teachers to develop the Personalised Learning Pathways this year. We are looking forward to continuing these valuable plans into 2025.



**Wendy King**

*Aboriginal Education*

