



CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 1 WEEK 8 TUES 18 MARCH

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Extreme Weather Event- TC Alfred

I would like to thank our school community for their understanding and patience during the Tropical Cyclone Alfred. It was a challenging time for us all and it was lovely to return to school and see students safe and happy to be back. I would also like to thank school staff who continued to work from home preparing lessons and completing other administrative tasks - whilst ensuring their own homes were secured. Thanks also to our communication team who kept open and timely communication to ensure everyone had accurate information as quickly as possible. This was another wonderful example of our school community working together during an emergency to ensure we all came out the other side and could get back into our learning and school activities quickly when it became safe to do so. Thank you!

NAPLAN

Our Year 3 and 5 students are currently participating in NAPLAN. I would like to thank our students for following instructions, being respectful and doing their best in these assessments. A huge thank you to our amazing staff who ensured our tech was up to date and that everything was in order after TC Alfred and making sure NAPLAN could go ahead following a week of significant disruption. NAPLAN results will be made available to teachers later in the year and will be used to guide future learning. Families will also receive a copy of individual students results.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Our last formal parent / teacher interviews were held the Tuesday afternoon prior to CPS becoming non-operational. Thanks to all families who have already spoken with their child's 2025 teacher. All families are strongly encouraged to speak with teachers. If you did not have an interview, it's not too late - teachers can be contacted directly through the Sentral Parent Portal to arrange a time to chat. Alternatively, you can contact the school office and they will pass the message on.

Harmony Week

This week is Harmony Week and Casino Public School will be celebrating inclusivity, respect, and belonging with a whole-school collaborative artwork - our very own Hand Tree! All students will contribute to our tree which will be displayed in the school as a visual representation of our diverse and inclusive community. Families are invited into classrooms on Friday to share in their children's learning activities and celebrate community. Classrooms will be open to welcome visitors from 10am to 10.45am.

I look forward catching up with those who can make it.

Jackie Nilon
Principal



Education

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 20 March
National Close the
Gap Day

Friday 17 March
Harmony Day - Open
Classrooms

Monday 24 March
Intensive Swimming
Begins

Wednesday 26 March
Regional Swimming
Carnival - Kempsey

**Tuesday 1 April &
Thursday 3 April**
School Photos

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

Safety in and out of school

We will focus on:

- Safety when transitioning
- Safety when leaving the school grounds



HARMONY DAY Families Invited!

Harmony Day is a special occasion where we celebrate diversity, inclusivity, and the message that:

Everybody Belongs!

We invite parents and carers to join us in the classroom to explore and participate in a Harmony Day activity alongside our students. **When:** Friday 21 March **Time:** 10:00 - 10:45am



Book Club SCHOLASTIC

Reminder that book club orders are due back to school next Thursday 27 March.



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday 1st April & Thursday 3rd April

Keep an eye out for the school photo order forms coming home with your child in the next week.

Packs will range in price from \$38 - \$58 for individuals and \$22 - \$27 for sibling packs.



SPORT REPORT

K-2 Sport

Fundamental Movement Skills

During Term 1 K-2 are learning and practising a variety of Fundamental Movement Skills. Students will be taught specific components of each skill and have time to practise and gain proficiency, rotating around 12 different stations. These skills are pivotal to playing a range of sporting activities throughout their lives. Kindergarten will be focussing on Static Balance, Vertical Jump, Sprint run and Catch.

Year 1 will revise the above activities while learning components of Overarm Throw, Hop, Side Gallop and Skip.

Year 2 will revise Year 1 FMS while being introduced to Leap, Kick, Two Handed Strike and Dodge.



What's Happening *In our classrooms*

Curriculum Bites

Best Start Kindergarten Assessment

We are pleased to announce that the Best Start information and feedback data will be sent home with your Kindergarten child this week. This information offers valuable insights into your child's early learning journey.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to arrange a time to speak with your child's teachers to discuss your feedback or inquiries. Thank you for your ongoing support!



Andrea Whitten & Wendy Heath
Assistant Principal Curriculum Instruction

Exploring High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) and the Four Domains of Potential!

We are excited to share about High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE) at our school!

HPGE is all about giving students who show high potential and exceptional abilities the special support they need to really thrive.

To help us nurture these talents, we're using the Four Domains of Potential framework, which highlights four key areas:

- 1 Intellectual Domain:** This is where we focus on critical thinking, creativity, and problem-solving. We encourage students to dig deep and explore big ideas!
- 2 Creative Domain:** In this domain, we celebrate artistic expression and innovation. We want our students to think outside the box and dive into creative projects that inspire them.
- 3 Social Domain:** Here, we emphasise building strong relationships and teamwork. We help students develop their communication skills and connect meaningfully with their peers.
- 4 Physical Domain:** This area is all about promoting physical skills and well-being. We support our students in sports and activities that boost their physical abilities and encourage a healthy lifestyle.

By focusing on these four domains, we aim to create a supportive environment where every student with high potential and exceptional abilities can shine. We can't wait to see how these ideas come to life in our classrooms!

**What is
HPGE?**

Dear Parents,

We are excited to announce that we have partnered with cyber safety educators, Safe On Social, to offer our parental community complimentary access for the next 12 months to their 'Parent Live Library'

This online library is a constantly updated, real, raw, no-nonsense resource designed to help you keep your family safe in today's online worlds. You get access to:

- ✓ Practical Tools & Step-by-Step Guides to help you:
Block inappropriate content effortlessly. Manage screen time like a pro. Decode advanced topics like deepfakes, the fediverse and sextortion.
- ✓ Real, Raw Videos by our founder Kirra Pendergast just like you were live at one of her parent talks but with more content that you could ever consume in one session.
- ✓ Cheat Sheets Straight-to-the-point walk throughs for major platforms like Snapchat. Deep dives into lesser-known apps like CapCut and Telegram. No fluff – just the actionable tips and insights you need..

Together we aim to empower our community on critical online safety topics and hope providing free access to this unique program will provide your family with important information.

How To Access For The First Time:

Simply click the link below, go to the checkout cart, enter our unique school code (the cost will default to \$0.00) and you'll be sent all the details on how to log in and immediately begin to use the resources.

- Program URL: <https://www.safeonsocial.com/product-page/parent-essentials-cheat-sheet-library>
- Discount code: KPCASINOPARENT100
- (*please enter this code at the time of creating your profile and the cost will default to \$0.00)

If you have any questions about logging in or accessing the online program please reach out to the Safe On Social team at: Jaclyn@safeonsocial.com

Kind regards,
Casino Public School



Intensive Swimming

Weeks 9 & 10

Thank you to those who have returned the child's note and money to the office.

Reminder to those who are yet to pay. Please return note and money to school as soon as possible.