



CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

TERM 2 WEEK 9

TUES 24 JUNE

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Djanagmum Preschool 30th Birthday Celebration

A wonderful afternoon was spent celebrating 30 years of quality early learning opportunities provided by the Djanagmum Preschool to jarjums in Casino. Thanks to everyone that attended and made the afternoon so special. The event incorporated the launch of "Djanagmum Balun" – a beautiful picture book that was written and illustrated by the Jarjums and Educators at the preschool. Families who received a copy were very excited and the feedback was all positive!

A huge thank you to our dedicated preschool staff, Ms Rolfe, Mrs Oke, Auntie Belinda and Ms Leadley for their organisation of such a wonderful celebration. Thanks to all CPS staff who attended and supported with afternoon tea and activities and our Aboriginal Dance Groups who performed for the crowd. Our P&C provided the sausages, fruit platters and amazing cake that was enjoyed by those in attendance.

Prompt Return of Notes

I would like to remind all families of the importance of returning all notes and payments to the school office by the due date. Whilst I understand that there are times when it gets busy in families and notes get overlooked but the number of notes not being returned in the requested timeframe. This is creating additional work for office staff and teachers when they are required to follow-up. At CPS we do our best to ensure that notes are sent home in a timely manner so that activities run smoothly. Please support us by returning notes and payments promptly to ensure your child does not miss out on an activity. If you are experiencing difficulty with payments or returning notes please contact the office and we can have a chat about ways we may be able to support.

School Uniforms

Thanks to all families who are supporting students to come to school in uniform. Following my reminder in last week's newsletter and strategies put in place by teachers at school there has been significant improvement in the number of students proudly wearing their school uniforms. Go CPS!

Last Week of Term

Next Friday 4th July is the last day of Term 2 for students and staff. The expectation is that all students will attend up to and including the 4th July. Week 10 is a big week at CPS with our NAIDOC celebrations and our Aboriginal Dance Groups performing at a number of events. We are excited to celebrate connection and culture with you all!

Have a fabulous week and remember to "Do the Four" in all settings!



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Monday 30 June

St Michael's Aged Care
Visit

Tuesday 01 July

Aboriginal Dance Group
Visit to Collins Creek

Wednesday 02 July

Attendance Assemblies

Wednesday 02 July

Rewards Day

Thursday 03 July

CPS NAIDOC Day
Celebrations

Friday 04 July

LAST DAY OF TERM 2

Jackie Nilon
Principal

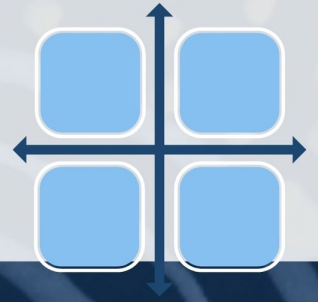


Education

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

This week we will focus on:

This week students will be learning about their own Class matrix micro focus. Teachers will be looking at their own class Life Skills Go data from weekly student check-ins and focus the lessons on the area of need.



Spelling Stars Buzz with Brilliance



We are excited to announce the results of our recent Casino Public School Spelling Bee which showcased the exceptional talents of our Stage 2 & 3 students. Each class selected two representatives who demonstrated impressive spelling skills and courage in front of their peers. The competition provided an excellent platform for students to highlight their strengths in the Intellectual Domain of High Potential & Gifted Education (HPGE).

Honourable mention goes to our runners up, Logan Jarman from Stage 2 & Missy Bowman- Hansen from Stage 3, and congratulations to the winners Reid Darragh from Stage 2 & Lillie Noll from Stage 3. The winners will now advance to the Regional Finals of the NSW Premier's Spelling Bee next term, and we wish them all the very best!



Survival Shelters

Stage 2 students have been investigating what humans need to survive. ***Did you know that in extreme environments, we can only survive for around three hours without shelter?***

3G put their knowledge to the test by designing, building, and evaluating their own mini-shelters, using only natural materials they found in the school environment (plus a few paddle pop sticks and scissors to cut Lomandra string!).

The results were creative, thoughtful, and tested how well these shelters could protect from wind, rain, and sun, just like in a real survival situation!



SPORT REPORT

NR PSSA Touch Football Trials

Last Wednesday, CPS boys Knox, Billy, and Bryson participated in the NR PSSA touch football trials in Goonellabah, showcasing their skills and teamwork.

Their sportsmanship was commendable encouraging teammates and respected opponents, embodying the values we cherish in our school community.



Congratulations to Bryson for being named a member of the team and Knox making it into possible/ probables. Well done boys!

A Close Game Against Wyrallah Road!



This week, our CPS team faced off against Wyrallah Road PS in an exciting PSSA Knockout competition held at Colley Park. Despite a valiant effort and a spirited performance from our players, the game concluded with a final score of 18-12 in favour of Wyrallah Road.

Our team showcased great teamwork and determination throughout the game, demonstrating their commitment to the sport and representing our school with pride. While we didn't secure the win this time, we are incredibly proud of their hard work and sportsmanship.



What's Happening *In our classrooms*

Curriculum Bites

Academic Reports Update

We have updated our school academic reports to align with the Department of Education's new format.

School reports will be arriving home next week, and you may notice a new look and update to our previous format.

These changes are designed to give parents and carers clearer, more concise information about their child's progress. A new Plain English achievement scale will also make it easier to understand how your child is going. These changes also help our teachers spend more time on providing meaningful feedback.

We encourage you to take the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher during the parent-teacher interviews, which will be held early next term.

Further details regarding the schedule will be provided soon.



Andrea Whitten & Wendy Heath

Assistant Principal Curriculum Instruction

Celebrating 30 years at Djanangmum Preschool:

Honouring community, culture and intergenerational connections

Last Wednesday, 18th June 2025, our Djanangmum Preschool community gathered to celebrate 30 years of nurturing and educating our youngest learners. We were so proud to celebrate with past and present, students, staff, families, local dignitaries, and Elders.

It was a beautiful evening of connection and storytelling, filled with face painting, dancing, collaborative artwork, exploring current projects yarning around the fire and of course a beautiful cake cutting by Amiya and her Parents Eddie and Mille, who have all attended Djanangmum Preschool.

A special thankyou to our Casino Public School Aboriginal Dance groups for their performances and members of our wider community, Uncle Brendan, Uncle Charlie, and Alfie, who gave their time cooking the barbeque and tending to the fire.

Our celebration, doubled as a book launch for our book, "Djanangmum Balun". A story that shares the integrational connection our mob hold with the river (balun) from past to future generations.

What better way to celebrate NAIDOC 2025, than to celebrate our past, and share the story of the "Djanangmum Balun", leaving our legacy for future generations.

If your child attended Djanangmum Preschool from 2023-2025, they are likely to have played a part in our book project. Families can collect a copy, free of charge, from Djanangmum Preschool.





REMINDER

Year 4 Coffs Coast Adventure Excursion

Thank you to those who are up to date with their payments for the excursion just a reminder to anyone who hasn't yet paid.

Final Payment Due: Wednesday 23 July

When: Week 4 Monday 11th - Wednesday 13th August



Book Club orders are due back to school by this Friday 27th June

All parents, carers and families are invited to attend our

NAIDOC

Celebrations at Casino Public School

WEEK 10 THURSDAY
3RD JULY, 2025

9.30 **Whole School Assembly** (in top playground)

Welcome to Country

Guest Speaker - Jappira Torrens

Deadly Dancers

Auslan Choir

Deadly Friend and Deadly Sport Awards

11.00 **Whole school and community playground BBQ**

12.00 - 3.10 **Stage group activities**



**THE NEXT GENERATION:
STRENGTH, VISION & LEGACY**

6-13 JULY 2025

Students wear



flag colours



Otitis Media Awareness

Day

July 7th

FREE

Ear health checks for
children

No appointment necessary

Free services on the day include:

- Information on Otitis Media (middle ear infections).
- Ear health checks for children.
- Information and resource pack.



Casino Plaza 10am-2pm

This event is initiated by the NSW Department of Education in conjunction with NSW Community Health and Bulgarr Ngaru Aboriginal Medical Service- Casino.