

CASINO PUBLIC SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Harmony Day Celebrations

Last week I had a wonderful week visiting students in their classrooms and the playground. When I was in classrooms it was wonderful to hear students engaging in lessons that celebrated diversity and the importance of tolerance and understanding as part of Harmony Week.

At Casino PS Harmony Week culminated with open classrooms and it was fabulous to see so many families visit classroom and participate in activities with their Jarjums. Members of the Student Representative Council did an excellent job greeting our visitors and directing them to classrooms. Our school was a sea of orange and was a magnificent sight!

The displaying of our whole school collaborative artwork that celebrates inclusivity, respect, and belonging was a highlight of the week. All students contributed to the tree by decorating and personalising a hand shape and sharing something about themselves. This is a truly remarkable piece and I would like to thank the Aboriginal Education Team for their organisation of this initiative. I hope all families who were able to attend on Friday were able to find their child's hand and had a chat with them about what they shared and what Harmony Day means to them.

Intensive Swimming

This week sees the start of our Intensive Swimming program. It is important that students learn to swim and be safe in the water as there has been a significant amount of discussion in the media over the last few weeks about the declining number of children confident swimmers. Swimming is a skill for life and it is important that all children are safe in the water. Thanks to families who have ensured that students have everything they need to participate in this very important program. Thanks to our amazing staff who facilitate this program with the support of instructors from the Casino Pool.

P&C AGM

Our P&C AGM will be held this Thursday afternoon in the school staffroom. Please come along and learn about all the great things our P&C do to support students at CPS. It would be lovely to see some new faces!

Behaviour Expectations

Thanks to all students who come to school every day consistently "Doing the 4". Students who follow our behaviour and learning expectations ensure that Casino public School is a safe place to learn, work and play. CPS appreciates the support from parents and families reminding students of our school expectations and working with us to help all students reach their full potential.

Have a fabulous week everyone!



IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 26 March
Regional Swimming
Carnival - Kempsey

Monday 31 March
Week 2 of Intensive
Swimming

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

Monday 7 April
K-2 Attendance
Assembly

Tuesday 8 April
ANZAC Assembly

Jackie Nilon
Principal



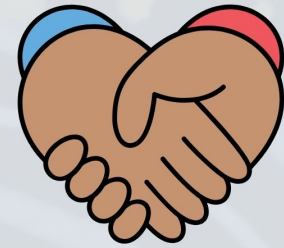
Education

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Focus

Minor Disruptions in Classrooms

We will focus on:

- *respect*
- *being responsible and showing honour*



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Tuesday 1st April & Thursday 3rd April

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

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



Harmony Day 2025

Everyone Belongs at CPS!



Year 6 to Year 7 High School Expression of Interest

Thank you to all those who have completed online, or returned a paper expression of interest form.

Reminder this needs to be done no later than Friday 28 March. If you need any help or require additional information please phone our front office.



SPORT REPORT

PSSA Sport News

Last week a few stage 3 boys tried out for the NR PSSA Rugby League team in Wollongbar. Kylan, Jermaine, Knox, RJ, Axel and Parker were successful in this trial and have moved on to the next round held on Friday in Coffs Harbour.

Well done boys!

Also last week Bella tried out for the NR PSSA Girls Rugby 7's team and was successful in moving onto the next round. Well done Bella.

Good luck to all those students!



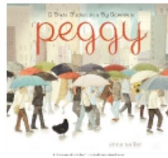
Well Done

What's Happening In our classrooms

Curriculum Bites

Story Time in K-2

Have you asked your little ones what they are learning at school? This term, our K-2 students are exploring a variety of engaging stories and texts. They are developing their early literacy skills in phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension, all while fostering a love for reading through fun and interactive activities



Andrea Whitten & Wendy Heath
Assistant Principal Curriculum Instruction

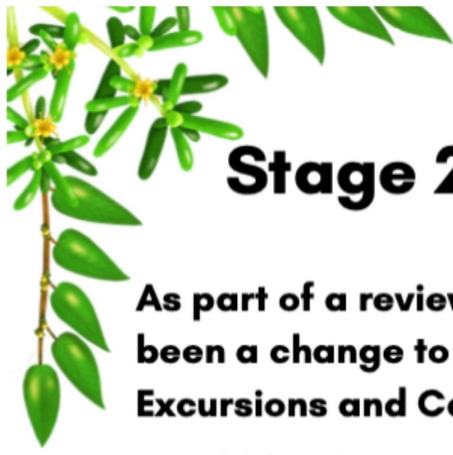
Technology Tips



Typing.com

As a part of our English lessons, all students are accessing typing.com to assist them in developing their typing skills. Students have access to this site if they would like to continue practicing at home. This is a valuable tool to support your child in preparation for 21st Century learning.

The screenshot shows the typing.com website interface. At the top, there are navigation links for 'Instructors', 'Students', and 'What's New', along with a language selector for 'US English', a 'Log In' button, and a 'Sign Up' button. The main heading reads 'Learn to Type Faster and Easier for Free'. Below this, there are three key features listed: 'Aligned to Federal and State Standards', 'Prepares Students for Standardized Testing', and 'Powerful District and Classroom Management'. The central part of the page features two main call-to-action boxes. The first box, titled 'Learn to Type for Free', includes the text 'Join millions of Typing.com users and learn to type at your own pace with gamified lessons and student-led progression.' and a 'Start Typing Today' button. The second box, titled 'For Instructors and Admins', includes the text 'Manage class and student-level settings and meet student needs with timed tests, custom lessons, auto-reporting and more.' and a 'Sign Up Now' button. The background of the page is blue with illustrations of a student typing and an instructor presenting a screen with stars.



Stage 2 and 3 Excursions

As part of a review of all school processes, there has been a change to the structure and timing of School Excursions and Camps for Stage 2 and 3 students.

In 2025, Casino Public School camps for Stage 2 and Stage 3 will be as follows:

Stage 2 :

- Year 3 - Local Day Trip excursion relating to the units of work studied that year.
- Year 4 - Coffs Coast Adventure Centre based in Coffs Harbour in August. - 3 days/2 nights



Stage 3 - This year the excursions will combine Year 5 and 6 students together at the same venue. Each year the excursion will alternate between:

- 2025 - Brisbane 4 days/3 nights
- 2026 - Tyalgum Ridge Retreat 3 days/2 nights

This will take place in November.

More information will be handed out as these excursions get closer. Please contact the school if you have any questions.



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.