

Message from the Principal

*Psalm 127:3 "Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
the fruit of the womb a reward."*



Home and School Together

Any parent who has been at the school, even for a short time, would know that part of the aim of the school is to see parents, church and school working together to educate children from a Christian perspective. What does this mean for parents and the school to work together?

As a school we acknowledge that parents are the primary teachers of their children. "You shall teach them (God's commands) diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." (Deuteronomy 6:7) Whether we do this intentionally or unintentionally our children are learning from us all the time.

As parents we may not have the time or knowledge to teach our children all they need to know academically so we enrol them in a school. When enrolling our children in a school we are exercising our responsibilities as parents to teach our children. We enrol them in a school where teachers have studied and trained (and continue to do so) in the best methods to instruct children in the myriad of subjects required. In a good school, parents work with the teachers to provide quality education.

Exercising our responsibility will mean getting involved in the school wherever we possibly can. This could mean regularly speaking with teachers as to the academic progress of our child, carefully reading reports, attending parent information sessions, coming to assemblies, listening to our children as they speak about school and many other things. It is acknowledged that every family's circumstances are different and sometimes we are not able to be as involved as we would like. Just asking your children about school and showing an interest is very beneficial.

Clear communication is a key aspect to home and school together. Reading all communications, School Newsletters, class notes, SMSs etc is really important. Responding to RSVP invitations is of great significance to schools. This enables us to book resources and plan appropriately for excursions and events. Keeping class teachers informed as to significant events at home or school for your child increases the teacher's ability to sensitively and appropriately meet your child's needs.

Children feel anonymous when there is little or no communication between home and school. A child who is well known by the school, because of good communication, is going to achieve far better outcomes over their schooling.

CCS is committed to home and school working together. There is a saying or sentiment that goes something like, "It takes a community to raise a child." CCS has a great school community. Our school is always richer and better off for the parent involvement. All our children benefit every time a parent brings a birthday cake, something to share for news, helps with reading, comes to school events etc. Let's continue to build a supportive school community rather than becoming "islands" as we seek to provide high quality Christian education.

Peter Spence
Principal



Newsletter

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*Grow in Grace
and Knowledge*

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WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

Recycled Paper

Many primary art activities require scraps of various types of paper which some families may have lying around at home. These may include metallic, tissue, crepe, cellophane, scrapbooking paper, thin cardboard, wrapping or used magazines. If you are able to donate even small quantities of any of these it would be much appreciated.

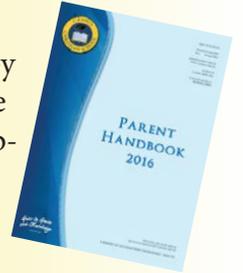
Donated paper can be brought into the front office at school.

Mrs S Pugh

2017 Parent Handbook

This week, this year's Parent Handbook was sent out. This handbook is designed to give any parent of Casino Christian School the basics about who we are and how we work. It is not comprehensive, but outlines the key policies to which we are committed.

Each family will receive a hardcopy of the handbook and it will also be available online on our school web page - under the parent tab.



Canteen

Regular canteen this Friday 10th February

This week: 10.2.17

Helpers - Karen Boyd, E Lowndes, D Southam

Cooking - Karen Boyd, E Lowndes

Next week: 17.2.17

Helpers - K Boyd, K Farrugia, J Smith

Cooking - K Boyd, K Farrugia, J Smith

Are you interested in helping with canteen, either cooking/helping or both? Please contact *Karen Boyd* 6662 7731.

****PRICE LIST TO BE SENT HOME WITH THE PARENT HANDBOOK****

Price list is also on our school web page - under the parent tab or <http://ccs.nsw.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2012/11/Price-List2.pdf>

Assemblies

Primary Assemblies for this year will be on Fridays of odd weeks starting from **Week 3, 17 February at 2:10pm** for Kindergarten to Year 6. These assemblies are to encourage our students to share classroom learning experiences, participate in singing and worship, and often include guest speakers.

Parents are most welcome to attend.

Secondary Assemblies will be held at various times during the school term. Please watch the **Important Dates - What's Happening at CCS** - for times.

How to Place a Lunch Order

Each child must have their own lunch order written out on a brown paper bag with the child's name and class on it. Parents purchase brown paper bags from the supermarket. Please write these out at home ready to hand in at the canteen window first thing Friday morning, so children will not be late for class.

Correct money is helpful, but change will be given to students where needed.

For any purchases at recess, can your child please be given that money separately, as they simply line up for this.

Student ID Cards

All students, K-12 were issued with new student ID cards this week. These are to be used when signing in late or signing out early, on our new electronic system.

It is recommended that younger students to keep these cards in a safe pocket within their school bags.

For any further information please contact the office.



WHOLE SCHOOL NEWS

NSW Schools Vaccinations 2017

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2017 the following vaccines will be offered to Year 7 students:

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough)) as a single dose
- varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months

Parent Information Kits that include an Information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be sent home to parents / guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents / guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Please note that students who commence HPV vaccination in school clinics in Year 7 but do not complete the course during the school year may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8. Parents will be notified by letter from The Public Health Unit if this applies to their child.

Students who have any HPV doses at their GP will be advised to complete the course with their GP.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

Vaccinations at CCS are scheduled for:

8th March
31st May
18th October

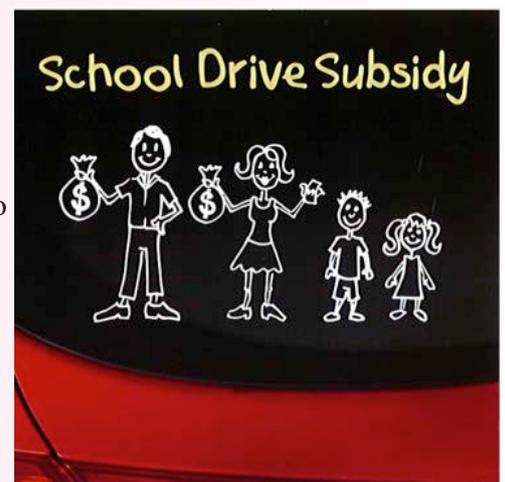
Travel Information

If you live a long way from public transport and need to drive a student to a public transport pick up point or to school, you may be able to get financial assistance.

The **School Drive Subsidy** (previously known as Private Vehicle Conveyancing) provides eligible parents and guardians twice-yearly payments to help cover some of the expenses of getting children to school.

To find out if you're eligible, and to apply online, visit:

transport.nsw.gov.au/schooldrive or call 131 500 or ask at the office.



CCS SPORT

What a fantastic day with excellent participation!

It was a tight finish in the end, with some really close relays. **Nine** new school records were set throughout the day, some had been standing for longer than 10 years!

Here are the results:

1st Liddell 366 points
2nd Elliot 341 points
3rd Taylor 282 points

A big thank you to all the helpers who took on a variety of different official roles. We could not have run the carnival without you.

regards
David McPherson
(Sports Coordinator)



UP-COMING EVENTS

Rock-it & Beach Games Excursion (PASS Elective)

Tuesday 28th February, 2017

On Tuesday 28th November, 2017 the **PASS elective class** will be travelling to Evans Head. An important component of this subject is promoting learning through movement by experiencing physical activities that are not usually done in school sport or PE. The aim of this activity is to participate in the 'Rock-it' activity and play beach games as part of the "Lifestyle, Leisure & Recreation" unit.

Participating students will come to school as usual and will travel to and from school by bus.

What to bring: Wear school sports uniform (& school shoes), Asthma medication, Sunscreen, sensible swimmers, Board shorts, Rash shirt, towel, deodorant, lunch and large water bottle.

Students must complete the permission, risk & medical notes and return it **TO THE OFFICE** with your money (\$32) by **Thursday 23rd February, 2017 (no exceptions)**.

Primary Swimming Program

Casino Christian School swimming program is only for the Primary School (Year 1 to Year 6) 1pm - 2.30pm

On Mondays at Casino Memorial Pool -
(20 Feb, 27 Feb, 6 Mar, 13 Mar, 20 Mar, 27 Mar & 3 April)

A note has been sent home with students with all the details.

* All students will return to school to catch normal buses home.

*Wear **sports uniform on Mondays** and bring swimmers. Students are to get changed at the pool for swimming. Prior to students returning to school they are to change back into their sports uniform.

*For sun protection it is preferable students wear **sun shirts and girls need to have one piece swimmers. (no bikinis)**

*Students are graded into small groups and ability levels.

*Swim coaches and teachers provide swimming lessons.

MUSIC MATTERS AT CCS

Why have music lessons at CCS?

1. All our teachers are highly qualified with years of teaching and performance experience.
2. Lessons at school provide convenience to parents and help to minimise the after school running around.
3. Music tutors use a rotating timetable, so that while the lesson day stays the same each week, the out-of-class time rotates to minimise any disruptions to class.
4. Our teachers charge comparatively low fees, and offer very competitive rates.

Our tutors offer music lessons for instruments including: piano, guitar, singing, brass, flute, drums, and bass.

Please contact the office for additional information.

Mrs. Cynthia Denton

Cynthia Denton is a professional singer-songwriter and has been part of the music tutors at CCS since 2016.

She has released 3 CD's and has performed internationally. Cynthia has been a worship leader for the past 27 years.



Teaching **guitar, ukulele and vocals** Cynthia's lessons are AMEB standard in a fun, respectful and encouraging environment.

Parents are always more than welcome to join in lessons as well.



Library News

Book Club



Book Club News:

Scholastic Book Club Issue 1 catalogues went home last week. **Orders are due by 10.02.2017** and payment (cash or cheque only) to be handed into the School Office on or before the due date to avoid disappointment.

Parents wishing to pay by credit card need to go to Scholastic's website scholastic.com.au/LOOP and order through their LOOP platform. Effective from January 1 Scholastic's phone service will have been switched off and is no longer available. Please see the flyer attached to last week's newsletter for further information.

Primary Library Days

Library Days for Primary classes are as follows:

- Kindy - Tuesday
- Year 1/2 - Thursday
- Year 3/4 - Wednesday
- Year 5/6 - Wednesday

Please bring library bags to return and borrow books.



Important Dates - What's on at CCS

FEBRUARY 2017

- 12.2.17 Staff Commissioning Service at Casino Presbyterian Church - 9.30am
- 13.2.17 Secondary Assembly P5 - 1:20pm
- 15.2.17 Tumble Monkeys - Balance and Bounce
- 17.2.17 Primary Assembly 2.15pm in A5
- 20.2.17 Primary Swimming Program - Yr 1 to Yr 6
- 21.2.17 Zone Swimming - selected students
- 27.2.17 Primary Swimming Program - Yr 1 to Yr 6
- 28.2.17 PASS excursion - Rock-it & Beach Games

MARCH 2017

- 2.3.17 Zone Touch Football
- 3.3.17 Primary Assembly 2:15pm in A5
- 6.3.17 Primary State Swimming - Blacktown
- 6.3.17 Primary Swimming Program - Yr 1 to Yr 6
- 8.3.17 Yr 7 Vaccinations
- 8.3.17 Linguistics Olympiad
- 9.3.17 Secondary Assembly P5 - 1:20pm
- 13.3.17 Primary Swimming Program - Yr 1 to Yr 6
- 20.3.17 Primary Swimming Program - Yr 1 to Yr 6
- 20.3.17 Secondary State Swimming - Homebush
- 24.3.17 Primary Assembly 2.15pm in A5
- 27.3.17 Primary Swimming Program - Yr 1 to Yr 6
- 28.3.17 Secondary Assembly P5 - 1:20pm
- 31.3.17 State Touch Football

APRIL 2017

- 3.4.17 Primary Swimming Program - Yr 1 to Yr 6
- 7.4.17 Last Day of Term 1 - Assembly 1:45pm

For your information

Head lice

There have been several reported occurrences of head lice among some primary students this term.

Parents are advised to check their children regularly and if necessary follow recommended treatments.

Please encourage students to bring and wear *their own hat and not to share or borrow hats.*

Hair should be kept neat and pulled back for girls, and short for boys.

Zone Swimming

A **note and permission slip** has been sent out to selected students regarding zone swimming. Please note:

Some students were **not** selected for zone for the following reasons:

- Their stroking techniques in breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly were not correct.
- Their time was too slow for zone level.
- There were two heats so students may think they came 1st or 2nd in a race but when the times were entered into the computer, the fastest two times were selected.
- Certain events may not be a part of the Zone Swimming Carnival Program.

