



Newsletter

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HAIR RAISING SCIENCE



No, its not a bearded lady, Mr Lee didnt get hair extensions, and Joey Thomas didn't poke his finger in a power-point.

It's Year 7 Science with some hair-raising experiments using a Van Der Graaf Generator.

The generator demonstrates the transfer of charged ions (sometimes referred to as static electricity) and the effect this has on us and other objects.



Year 7 Science Experiments

Soon@CCS

- 11-12/5 Stage 6 Retreat
- 12/5 Primary Assembly
- 18/5 Yr. 7 Info Dinner
- 18/5 Yr. 3/4 Camp Out

Yr 7 Information Night

Dinner

RSVP
Tuesday
16th May

Calendar & Notices



MAY

- 9-11.5.17 NAPLAN Yr 3,5,7,9
- 11.5.17 Stage 6 Retreat
- 12.5.17 Primary Assembly 2:15pm in A5
- 17.5.17 Tumble Monkeys
- 17.5.17 Secondary Assembly 1:20pm in MPC
- 18.5.17 Yr 7 Parent Information Night Dinner 6:30pm
- 18.5.17 Yr 3/4 Sleep Over and Excursion
- 24.5.17 National Simultaneous Storytime 11am
- 26.5.17 Primary Assembly 2:15pm in A5
- 27.5.17 Casino Beef Week Stall
- 30.5.17 PASS Excursion Lawn Bowls

JUNE

- 2.6.17 State Cross Country
- 8.6.17 Secondary Assembly 1:20pm in MPC
- 8.6.17 Kindergarten Information Night Dinner 6:30pm
- 9.6.17 Primary Assembly - 2:15pm in A5
- 12.6.17 Queen's Birthday Holiday (no School)
- 21.6.17 School Athletics Carnival
- 23.6.17 Primary Assembly
- 27.6.17 Staff, Parents & Senior Students Girls Volleyball (Lunchtime)
- 30.6.17 Last day for Term 2 - End of Term Assembly 2-3pm in MPC

For all events please see school webpage calendar:



CANTEEN

12.5.17 Regular Canteen

Helpers: K Boyd, E Lowndes, M MacDonald

Cooking: K Boyd, E Lowndes, M MacDonald

19.5.17 Fruit Salad Friday

No regular lunches.



Head Lice

There have been some recently reported cases of head lice in the Primary School. Please check your children and treat if necessary.

Our policy (see parents handbook page 12) is that children with active head lice should be kept at home while treatments are taking place. This helps to minimise the spread to other students.

Please remind students not to share personal belongings such as hats and keep long hair tied back.



“Step Back in Time”-Dress Up

On **Friday, 26th May**, we invite one and all to come dressed up in the theme Step Back in Time or as a cowboy or cowgirl in celebration of Casino Beef Week! There will be a gold coin donation for the school sponsor child, so please come in costume and give!

Ebony, Nic, Jess and Sarah
School Captains

Principal's Message

School Funding



Whilst not my usual topic, given there has been a new budget out and much talk about school funding I thought you may be interested in the facts. We are very blessed in Australia that independent schools like ours receive government funding. In my view, all tax paying parents should rightly expect that some tax dollars go towards the education of their children. The Principal from PLC Sydney wrote an excellent article to help her parents understand the funding environment. With some small modifications to suit our context here is what she wrote:

“Currently the existence of Independent Schools saves the Government about \$4.3 billion per annum. Another way of understanding this is: If all students in independent schools were to become Government schools the amount that the government would need to raise to fund education would rise by \$4.3 billion each year. For a fuller understanding of how independent schools are funded go to the ISCA website. The link <http://isca.edu.au/about-independent-schools/debunking-common-myths-about-independent-schools/> is informative.

This week the Turnbull Government announced new funding through to 2028. The details are currently sketchy. The following summary might help you understand the headline points.

- The ‘Quality Schools’ reform package provides a record investment of \$242.3 billion in schools recurrent funding over the next 10 years. Commonwealth funding will grow from \$17.5 billion in 2017 to \$30.6 billion in 2027.
- Commonwealth funding will be tied to reforms to support better outcomes for students. These are not specified but will be linked to the Quality Schools, Quality Outcomes document released in May 2016. (We can therefore expect conditions of funding to involve at least a Year 1 phonics test.)
- The Government’s reform agenda will also be informed by a Review to Achieve Educational Excellence in Australian Schools, to be chaired by Mr David Gonski AC. The Review will provide advice on how the extra Commonwealth funding provided in the 2017 Budget should be used to improve student achievement.
- There is a commitment to bring all schools to their ‘proper funding’ entitlement within a decade.
- Schools that are furthest behind their entitlement will receive the fastest increase in funding.
- There will be a 10-year transition period for ‘over-funded’ non-government schools, estimated to be fewer than 25 non-government schools. These schools can expect a reduction in funding of around 2 per cent or less per year until they reach their Commonwealth entitlement.
- The Department’s website notes that ‘Once the transition is complete, all schools will be treated equally’. However, this is likely to refer only to entitlements as defined by the Australian Education Act 2013.
- Under new national partnership agreements to be negotiated in 2018, state and territory governments will be required to maintain real per student funding levels and a condition of funding will be implementation of reforms adopted following the new ‘Gonski Review’.

In summary, the information released to date gives us very little detail about the actual funding that we will receive in the future. A few years ago funding used to increase by about 5-6% per annum. Currently the indexation is about 3%. Turnbull’s announcement does give us some hope that the government will at least maintain this indexation into the future.”

Casino Christian School is currently funded close to our ‘proper funding’. We expect the changes will financially benefit our school with a slight increase in funding. It is important to remember that independent schools like ours actually benefit every child in our country as we reduce the costs of public education.

Peter Spence
Principal

Notices Cont...

Year 3/4 Sleepover and Excursion

The Year 3/4 students are excited about their upcoming Class Sleepover. It will be held on **Thursday 18th and Friday 19th May**, with Mr Peter Robinson and Mrs Miriam Lili supervising.

Parents are most welcome to attend and may like to come for the Thursday afternoon and tea only or participate in the whole event.

Thursday

- A normal day at school, operating on the usual timetable.
- After 3:00pm, children will remain at school and participate in various games and treasure hunts
- The evening meal will be pizza. This will be followed by a game of spotlight and a movie.

Friday

- Breakfast provided
- Travel to Lismore on School bus to Ten-Pin-Bowling Centre for two games
- Lunch at McDonald's Goonellabah
- Afternoon activities at Goonellabah Sports and Aquatics Centre.
- Return to school by 2:30pm for pack-up and normal finish at 3:00pm.

Peter Robinson
Year 3/4 Teacher



Missing

A Year 12 student is missing her pencil case. It contains personal equipment needed for her HSC studies. If you have seen a **light blue, soft pencil case with an owl on the front**, please return it to the office.



CCS Beef Week Stall

This year CCS will be hosting a stall on **Saturday 27th May** as a part of the the Beef Week Festivities. Please come along, visit our stall and tell friends, family and community members to come and check us out too.

There will be some art and technology displays, music performances, information packs, balloons, photos and plenty more.

We look forward to promoting our wonderful school and participating in this important local event.

Carolyn Coulter
Community Relations Officer

Northern Rivers Careers Expo 2017

On Thursday 18th May, Year 10 students will be attending the Careers Expo at Goonellabeh Sport and Aquatic Centre. Students will leave school at 9:05am and return by 12:40pm.

The Expo is designed to give students the opportunity to meet a range of leading local employers and organisations (Universities and TAFE) that offer training and career paths to our region's school leavers and jobseekers.

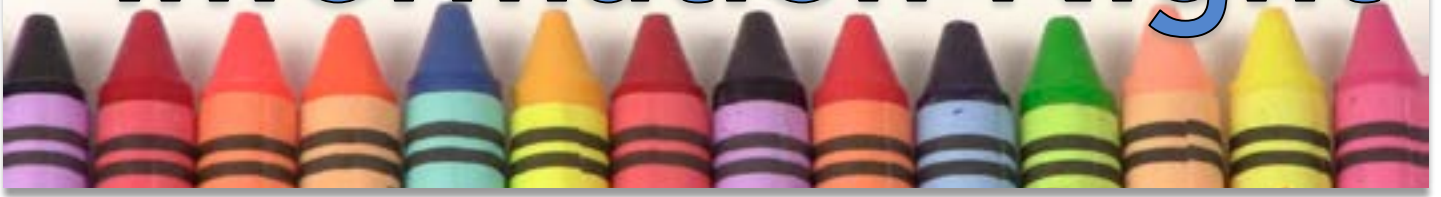
Mr. Col Bryant
Careers Coordinator



Casino Christian School

Kindergarten 2018

Information Night



Dinner

Thursday 8th June 6:30pm

Casino Christian School invites you to attend our Kindergarten Information Night Dinner.

The night is for parents with children enrolled in Kindergarten in 2018 or prospective Kindergarten parents. This is a brilliant opportunity to build connections with staff and other parents, ask questions and receive important information about your child's transition to school. A distinct feature of CCS is our strong sense of community. We value the time spent with parents developing educational partnerships.

RSVP 6th June



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SPORT

ZONE Oztag & Netball (Ballina)

CCS will be sending 6 teams to participate in a round robin Oztag and Netball tournament. Notes were sent out to selected students last week. Students will be leaving from Casino Presbyterian Church at 7.30am on **Tuesday 16th May** and returning to Casino Presbyterian Church by 4.00pm the same day. The tournament will be held at the Ballina Netball Courts & Kingsford-Smith Oval, Owen Street, Ballina.

Make sure to bring:

- Full School Sports uniform (if you don't wear the uniform you will not play)
- Football boots or joggers (able to run and not slip) – Oztag only
- School Football socks – Oztag only
- Sunscreen, sunglasses & a school hat
- Lunch and canteen money
- Water bottle (2 litres)
- NO ELECTRONIC DEVICES (e.g. Mobile phones, IPADs, IPODs, etc).

Note: SCHOOL MOBILE: 0488 032 080.

State Cross Country

A number of our students have been selected to represent Casino Christian School at the CSSA State Cross Country Championships to be held in Sydney at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Saxony Rd Horsley Park on **Friday 2nd June, 2017.**

There are 2 options regarding travel and accommodation for this event.

OPTION 1: As in previous years, Summerland Christian College have organised a coach and accommodation for any students from our North Coast schools who want to attend the State Cross Country and have no other way of attending. See separate information letter and permission note regarding this option. If you choose this option you need to get your permission forms and money in ASAP as there are only 48 places available. All supervising teachers for this trip are from Summerland Christian College. There will be NO teachers from Casino Christian School attending this event.

OPTION 2: Parents and students work out their own travel and accommodation arrangements. A \$12 entry fee for the State Cross Country will need to be paid to the school.

If you decide to send your child to the State Cross Country could you please fill out the attached information slip (and any other relevant forms) and return it to the school office with the money by **Friday 19th May, 2017.** If you have any questions regarding these options, please don't hesitate to contact me at school on 6662 5599.

D. McPherson
Sports Coordinator

Lawn Bowls Excursion (PASS Elective)

On Tuesday 30th May, 2017 the PASS elective group will be travelling to Lismore to experience Lawn Bowls at East Lismore Bowling Club. An experienced Lawn Bowls instructor will teach the students how to play lawn bowls and then they will play a few games. The cost of this excursion is \$10 for lawn bowls and bus travel. Students will also be given the opportunity to buy a snack at Hungry Jacks on the way back to school.

Time: 11.50am -2:50pm

What to bring: Sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, water bottle, lunch, money for Hungry Jacks & asthma puffer.

To participate in this excursion you must complete the permission note and return it TO THE OFFICE with your money (\$10) by Thursday 25th May, 2017.



Library News



National Simultaneous Storytime is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

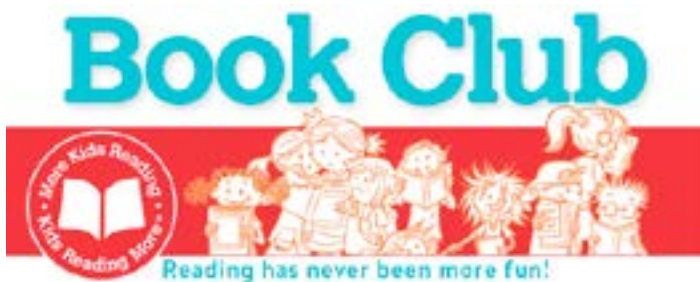
By facilitating National Simultaneous Storytime, we aim to:

- promote the value of reading and literacy;
- promote the value and fun of books;
- promote an Australian writer and publisher;
- promote storytime activities in public libraries and communities around the country;
- provide opportunities to involve parents, grandparents, the media and others to participate in and enjoy the occasion.

NSS receives positive media coverage, generates a great deal of community interest and is held annually as part of Library and Information Week.

In 2016 over 520,000 children at over 3,500 locations across Australia took part in National Simultaneous Storytime.

This year our whole Primary school will be enjoying NSS. More details next week.



Book Club Catalogues have gone out. Orders are due in by **Friday 12th May**

We all know the rhyme:

*Hey diddle diddle
The cat and the fiddle
The cow jumped over the moon.
The little dog laughed to see such fun
And the dish ran away with the spoon.*

What we didn't know about, until now, was the incredible story behind this event! Our brave Cow didn't just simply 'jump the moon'. Oh no! This was an epic tale of training and perseverance ...

This is an absolutely hilarious picture book. The story is inventive, very clever and beautifully told. The illustrations are gorgeous, delightfully conveying the struggles of Cow and the valiant efforts of Cat, Fiddle, Dog, Dish and Spoon to support their friend.

From the early training days (Cow lifting weights, doing push-ups, being pushed up in sit-ups, and chasing a doughnut on a treadmill) right through all EIGHT moon-jump attempts, we are there with Cow, cheering her on. And despite all the obstacles (tripping over Dog, hitting a hot air balloon, totally losing her mojo, jumping the sun — ouch!), her friends never stop believing in her, and Cow keeps persevering.

Yes, these are valuable life lessons for anyone, child or adult, but it's not often that we get to learn them in such a fun format!

