



Newsletter

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CURRUMBIN	24/11
BOUNCE	24/11
SEA KAYAKING	28/11
TUMBLE MONKEYS	29/11

Formal Farewell



Our 2017 Graduating Class Celebrated their Farewell Formal earlier this month. HSC results are released on Thursday 14th December, with ATARs being released 7am, Friday 15th December. Please join us as we continue to pray for them as they make decisions for their future.

Calendar & Notices



NOVEMBER

- 24.11.17 Year 1/2 Excursion to Currumbin Wildlife Sanctuary
- 24.11.17 Year 5/6 Excursion to Trampoline Park/Palm Beach
- 28.11.17 PASS Sea Kayaking Excursion 9am- 3pm
- 29.11.17 Tumble Monkeys

DECEMBER

- 1.12.17 Zone 5-a-side Soccer Tournament SCU Football Centre East Lismore
- 5.12.17 Primary Celebration Concert 6:30pm
- 6.12.17 Tumble Monkeys - End of Year Party
- 7.12.17 Secondary Celebration Concert 6:30pm
- 8.12.17 Last Day for Term 4 Staff/Parent vs Students Cricket Match
Free Sausage Sizzle for students and families!

2018 Term Dates

- Term 1: Tues 30 Jan - Fri 13 April**
- Term 2: Tues 1 May - Fri 6 July**
- Term 3: Tues 24 July - Fri 28 Sept**
- Term 4: Tues 16 Oct - Fri 7 Dec**

For all events please see school webpage calendar:
<http://ccs.nsw.edu.au/events/>



CANTEEN

24.11.17 - Regular Canteen
Helpers: K Boyd, K Farrugia
Cooking: K Boyd, K Farrugia

1.11.17 - Fruit Salad Friday
Helpers - Volunteers please

8.11.17 - End of Year Sausage Sizzle
- Volunteers Welcome

Uniform Shop Opening Hours

Monday 8am-11am
Wednesday 1pm-4pm

The Uniform Shop will open in the School Holidays on Jan 23 and 24 between 9am-4pm.

Book Club



support has enabled us to receive free books to add to our Library.

Library Books: As we come to the end of the school year can parents please make sure all Library books have been returned to school.

Book Club orders are due this Friday 24th November to avoid disappointment. Please return your order and money to the school office or alternatively order online using LOOP.

Issue 8 is the last for the year. Thank you to everyone who has supported Book Club and our Book Fairs this year. Your



Principal's Message

Celebration

Over the last few years, Casino Christian School has been working through our position on how we celebrate student gifts and achievements and give encouragement to students. This position has been evolving over time. Towards the end of Term 3 and the beginning of Term 4, I met with various members of our community, including a parent focus group, a staff focus group, the school board and conversed with other principals to enquire about their beliefs regarding how we celebrate and give encouragement. It is no surprise that there are a wide variety of opinions on how this should best be done.

An aspect of this encouragement is motivation. There is a concept that in our celebration of gifts and achievements we can demotivate students. This concept comes from both an educational and Christian perspective, however, there is room for debate.

Academically, a part of the problem is that the literature often does not distinguish between recognising students (saying well done) and bribing students (if you do x then I will give you y). A meta-analysis of research (looking at lots of different research papers) suggests that verbal recognition is beneficial to students (particularly older children) and even tangible rewards are not detrimental to students if they are unexpected.

From a Christian perspective, we know that every good gift is given to us by God. Therefore, there is no room for boasting about ourselves. However, I would like to suggest that God is concerned with how we use our gifts and abilities and that there is room for recognising those who have used their gifts and abilities well (Matthew 25:14-30, 1 Corinthians 16:15-18, Philippians 4:8-9, 1 Timothy 5:17-18)

In a school setting, recognition can give encouragement to students that they are on the right path and to keep pursuing that line of action, it can model to other students, attitudes which are worth-while emulating and it communicates to the school community what we value.

In 2018, we will continue to work on our position of how we celebrate student gifts and achievements and give encouragement to students. In 2017, in a small way, we will be recognising some gifts, abilities and achievements at our High School Celebration Evening on Thursday 7th December. Please understand that the major component of the evening will continue to be the enjoyment of the sorts of performances and displays by students that we experienced at last year's celebration evening. We value the members of our school community and would love to hear feedback from the evening to help inform the position that the school ultimately adopts. I recognise that there will be a wide variety of opinions on this topic, but diversity is one of God's great gifts to us!

Graeme Jolliffe
Principal



Teacher Aide Positions Available at CCS 2018

Casino Christian School is seeking to employ suitable candidates to a variety of positions on the Learning Support Team. Experience and appropriate qualifications are preferable but not essential.

MAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- Learning Support for K – 12 students
- Assisting teachers in the classroom
- Implementing programs to improve student educational outcomes

REQUIRED

- An active, evangelical Christian faith
- An ability to work well in a team
- Strong interpersonal and communications skills
- An ability to be adaptable and flexible
- Proficiency in the use of office systems, software or technical equipment as relevant to the position

The successful applicants for these positions will be self-motivated, well organised and willing to enthusiastically support the school's Christian mission and be involved in the wider life of the School. Applications can be made by completing the Non-Teacher's Application Form found at ccs.nsw.edu.au/contact/employment/

Applications close Friday, 2nd December 2017

Community Innovations for 2018

We love our school community and the sense of belonging and support we can share with each other. Looking forward to 2018, we want to build on this in a number of practical ways.

Throughout the year many parents and friends of the school volunteer in all sorts of ways. Help with catering, canteen, reading, sports days, morning teas and school functions have been among the many ways people have contributed to the school community and school life.

The Community Relations Officer is aiming to formalise certain aspects of this community volunteering with a **Community Relations Help Team**. This team would come together once a Term to plan support for events within the school and look for ways to grow the school community. Team members then assist with certain events or functions.

Being a part of the **Help Team** does not mean you must be at every school event or function. It does mean we have a team of people who can share the load and maximise the opportunities we have to grow community spirit.

The aims of the group are:

1. To provide more ways and opportunities for the school community to come together
2. Give an avenue for parents and friends to be involved in school life
3. To develop our school's capacity to be involved in broader community events
4. To fund raise when appropriate for school projects

If you are interested in being a part of the group or would like further information, please contact the Community Relations Officer directly.

Also note that all parents and friends are welcome to volunteer at the school even if you are not a member of the **CRHT**. Numbers are not limited, so please consider if this is a way that you can use your gifts and talents to support and grow our wonderful school community.

Carolyn Coulter

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Literacy and Learning Support for 2018

In 2018 we will be expanding the **MultiLit** program to incorporate the **MacqLit** reading support program. This is for students from Year 3 - 10 who may benefit from extra reading support. This program runs in small groups, for one-hour weekly sessions.

The program teaches students how to read and spell using appropriate strategies. The school decides how long students need to be in the program, but usually students stay in the program for two terms.

How can parents support reading and literacy?

We are seeking parent volunteers to assist in reading tutor sessions. There is a training component we would like parents or volunteers to undertake which focuses on how to read with children. The DVD training would be beneficial for any parent wanting to get the most out of reading with their children. It is likely we will hold a training evening to view the DVD at school early next year. If you are interested in the program, volunteering or in a training session focused on reading with your children, please contact Mrs Carly van Beers. Please note all school volunteers working with students, need a current Working With Children Number. cvanbeers@ccs.nsw.edu.au



Celebrate

**Praise the Lord
for His Goodness.
Rejoice and
Celebrate 2017!**

**Student Performances and
Celebration Concert**

Students will be seated with their classes and be dressed in full school uniform.

Where: CCS MPC

Primary Celebration

Tuesday, 5th Dec 6:30pm

Secondary Celebration

Thursday 7th Dec 6:30pm

Thinking Beyond Ourselves

Leadership Potential

A report from senior student D'Arcy Smith

On Wednesday, the Year 12 Student Leaders went to Southern Cross University, Lismore for the GRIP Leadership Conference. It was an all day event and we were joined by other Leadership groups from different schools from around the area. While we were there, we participated in interactive group activities and were able to choose between topics that we thought would personally enhance our knowledge and skills as Student Leaders in our school.



One focus of the day was to help us, both personally and as a group, to realise the potential we have in changing our school for the better and the positive influence we can have on other students. Throughout the sessions, leaders were coached in how to increase their personal capacity and how to use their gifts and abilities for the good of the school. Overall we had a productive day, in which the skills we learnt will hopefully be seen in our future leadership decisions.

International Focus

The CWA Country of Study for 2017 was Nepal. Casino branch held a very successful luncheon on the 27th July with Nepalese food and two very interesting guest speakers.

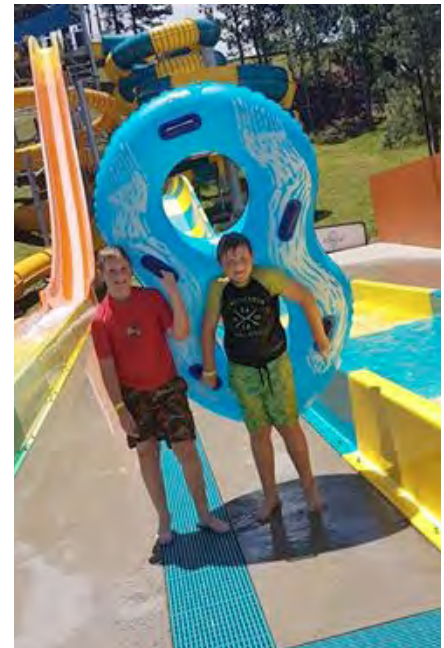
Local Primary schools were invited to participate in competitions researching information on Nepal. Entries were judged at branch level with winners forwarded to Far North Coast Group for judging. Congratulations to Noah Lowndes (Year 6) from Casino Christian School for first place for his Power Point presentation on Nepal.

Country of Study for 2018 is Poland. Schools will again be invited to participate and planning is underway for a Celebration of Poland in July next year.



Noah Lowndes, Mr Graeme Jolliffe, Jane Harrison, 2017 Casino CWA International Officer.

Yr 3/4 Big Banana Fun



Games and Pizza



Games, friends, pizza... what more could a teenager want! Over the last two Wednesday evenings our high school students made the most of the opportunity to socialise and enjoy themselves outside of school hours. Year 7-10 students stayed on at school for special activities and dinner. Students had a blast and were thankful to the Staff who helped make the event possible.