

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

All of a sudden we are at the half way mark of the term—this term being a week shorter than most. Thank you to those families who have supported the small changes we have made to class structures, students have taken to their new classes very well and some friendship groups have been reunited. Teachers are beginning to have their collaborative meetings with parents to adjust IEPs and the direction of learning programs for this semester. The Department of Education has recently given schools the ability to close their doors for two full days each year in order to run parent meetings. This changes would provide more time for teachers to meet with parents for the purpose of reporting —The proposal has some flexibility, schools may offer half-day sessions or offer a full-day session in one semester and a half-day session in the other. Meetings would be onsite , by phone or zoom. this is a subject we would like your thoughts on and will be discussed at the School Council meeting. I have included a feedback survey link so you can send me your thoughts or questions on this topic. Please provide your feedback by March 4th so we can consider it at our Council meeting, using the following link: [Report/IEP Collaborative Meetings – Fill in form](#)

Next week is the start of our **Term One Fundraiser**—just in time for Easter , it's the **Cadbury Goody & Fun Boxes**. Each box sells for \$60. Individual chocolates in the boxes are, \$1.50 each. The school will make \$20 per box. If you would like to sell a box or two, or three— you will need to purchase each box up front for \$60. You then sell and retain the money. An order form will be sent home soon— last year we raised approx. \$1000.00.

During the past week we have had many students sick with a number of colds. Flu's and viruses. Please be mindful when deciding if your child is ill and don't send them if they are not school ready. Students who have stomach upsets and or diarrhoea in the morning are not ready for school. These two symptoms are the most popular and the most contagious. Thank you in advance for considering the health of all students and staff.

As you may be aware a group of our senior students undertake the ASDAN course—this International program provides activity based curriculum programs designed to develop personal, social and work related skills in learners with diverse needs. On Thursday, we recognised the achievements of these students when they received their latest certifications. See the pictures inside this edition.

We also had a special guest at Thursday's assembly, Mr Sam Lim came along and presented the school with 3 new flags to replace our worn out ones. We are very grateful to Sam for his support of our school and community.

Regards  
*Pauline Winrow*  
Principal



Here is our new logo and a link to the website

<https://castlereaghschool.wa.edu.au/>

Instagram Page



Castlereaghschool 246  
followers!

Updated Bus Contacts

School Bus Services:  
9326 2528

Castlereagh/Willagee  
Michael:0409687663

Castlereagh/Parkwood  
Matt: 0417945698  
Castlereagh/Riverton  
Dave: 0475564203

Castlereagh Absentee

**Administration**

9266 6100 if no answer please  
leave a voicemail

**Email**

[castlereagh@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:castlereagh@education.wa.edu.au)

**Seesaw**

Your child's Learning Area

## Learning Area 5

LA5 students have settled into their new classroom and routine beautifully. This is all thanks to our wonderful staff, whose dedication and patience have been amazing. In Literacy, students have been reading a variety of books about feeling nervous about starting school, losing and finding things, kindness and making good choices, and they are currently exploring stories about needing reassurance. After each book, students create artwork connected to the story, helping them express their understanding in a creative way.

In Health, students have been practicing their personal oral hygiene routines. They follow three simple steps using their own individual visual supports. They are also working on washing their hands before mealtimes and after using the toilet. In HASS, students are learning about special events and important dates in the calendar year. So far, they have been exploring Lunar New Year and had lots of fun participating in a classroom Lion Dance experience.

During Numeracy and Sensory Cooking, students have been making fruit skewers and fruit smoothies. They counted how many pieces of fruit they placed on their skewers and measured how many bananas and strawberries were needed to make the tastiest smoothie. It has been a busy and productive time in LA5, and most importantly, the students have been learning while having lots of fun.



'I want my hat back'  
Suvreen enjoyed exploring the story and engaging with the text.



Suvreen fun creating her own fruit skewers during sensory cooking.



Guerschom practiced brushing teeth on a dental model.



Leon explained Lunar New Year to Guerschom.



Adrien chose his library books independently.



Adrien enjoyed pressing the big button to switch the blender on during cooking.



Luca showed great skill when brushing his teeth.



Luca counted how many grapes he could fit on his fruit skewer.



Zack enjoyed reading the big book in the library.



Zack practiced putting toothpaste on his toothbrush.



Shateaka demonstrated excellent toothbrushing technique.



Shateaka made a delicious banana and strawberry smoothie!



# Car Park

As you will have noticed, things can get very busy in the carpark—especially at drop off. Our Traffic Warden's are doing their best to ensure the smooth flow of the carpark—but we need your assistance to achieve this.

We ask that you listen to the wardens and not argue with them.

Please do not try to get passed school buses—if you pull in behind them you must wait as they do have priority.

Our Zebra Crossings are for student safety—please do not park on them

We also ask you NOT to park behind cars that are in the disabled bays.

Those with wheelchair needs can receive assistance from staff once you have your child secured in their chair and ready to enter the school via the zebra crossings.

Lets all keep the carpark a safe, calm and respectful environment.

Thank you.

## School Council Meeting

**The next Meeting will be held  
Thursday March 6th at 9.15am  
In the school Boardroom**

**Agenda Items include:**

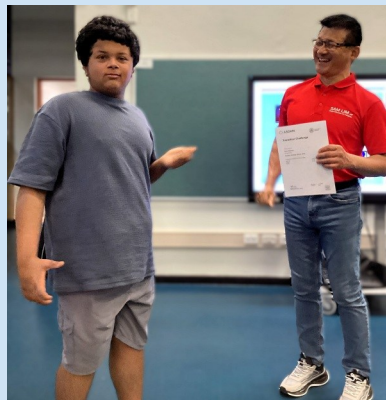
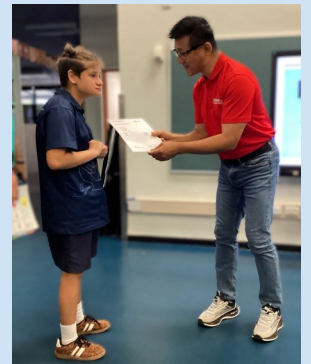
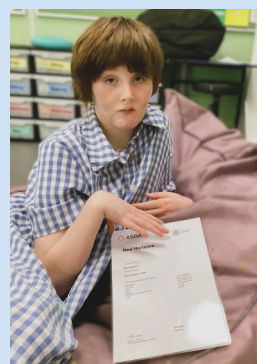
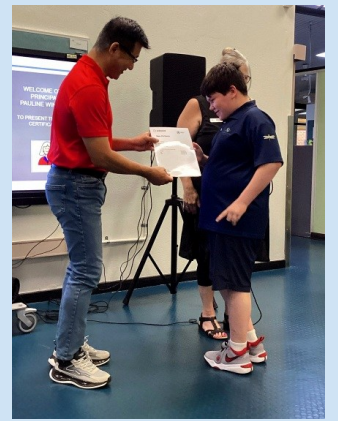
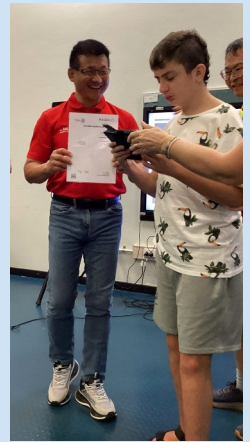
- ◆ Membership
- ◆ Fundraising
- ◆ Report Meetings Proposal
  - ◆ Budgets 2026
- ◆ Playground Equipment
  - ◆ Annual Report 2025
  - ◆ Planning 2026

**If you are interested in being a member of the School Council please email me  
Pauline.Winrow@education.wa.edu.au**

At Castlereagh School, we proudly deliver the ASDAN Preparing for Adulthood Program, which includes New Horizons, Transition Challenge, Transition Challenge Sensory, and Towards Independence. These internationally recognised programs celebrate each student's achievements and support their journey from Year 7 onwards, helping them build essential life and work skills.

At the Assembly we celebrated the certificates that were mailed from the UK from the external moderation held at the end of 2025.

Congratulations to all.



## Fundraising: Term 1

### Cadbury Fundraiser:

**We're selling Goody and Fun Boxes (\$1.50 each Total \$60 box)**

Dear Parents/Carers/Families & Friends,

We're about to kick off a fundraising drive to raise money for our school. It would be great if you could help us with this. The good news is that this fundraiser is super simple... and delicious.

**Every box we sell for \$60.00** - the school will make \$20. So, we're asking everyone to sell at least **one box** for us. Feel free to grab another box if you've got lots of hungry buyers lined up!

**To buy & collect your Goody Box (Twirl/Cherry Ripe/Twirl Crispy/Picnic/Turkish Delight) or Fun Box (Milk Fred-do/Caramello) please:**

**Complete the order form below or phone the school on 9266 6100**

Boxes will be available from the school office, from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March and can be sent home with your child/ren once paid for.

**Payment must be made in advance by cash to Admin or  
Commonwealth Bank**

**BSB # 066 040**

**Acc # 1990 8315**

**Reference: Your name/Fundraiser**

#### Tips for selling your treats

**Each item sells for \$1.50**

Sell to family members, colleagues, friends or neighbours

We don't recommend that children sell the products – if they are involved, please ensure an adult is always with them

#### Other useful information

If you're finding it hard to sell your box of treats, let me know – other people may be able to help.

Or

If you want additional boxes, please let Admin know.

We're confident that this fundraising drive will help us raise additional funds towards resources & equipment.

Thanks for your support.

*Pauline Winrow*

Principal

Castlereagh school

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**THANK YOU**

**Castlereagh School:**

**Fun Box Order Form**

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Please find enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Or Payment has been made online Yes No

FOR: **1 2 3 4 5** (Circle Number of boxes)

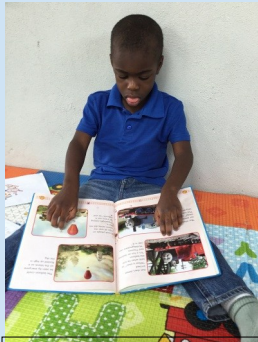
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## Learning Area 1

LA1 have had fun this term developing fundamental movement skills in our school Gym, with Ms Yvette and Ms Courtney.



Ayaan stretching and rolling with the tunnel.



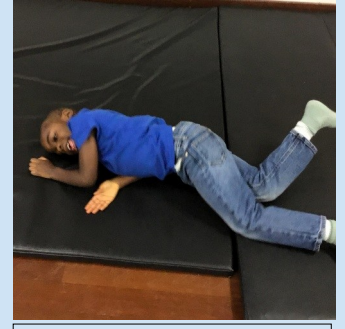
Rafael reading in our outdoor calm corner.



Makyis climbing in our school gym.



Adeline moving different textured balls.



Rafael rolling on the mats.

During H.A.S.S and The Arts with Ms Liz, LA1 have celebrated significant events. We made lanterns and dumplings for Chinese New Year. We played musical instruments and danced together with the red dragon costume. Our favourite part was eating the dumplings together!



Judah and Ms Liz dancing with the dragon for Chinese New Year.



Ayaan making dumpling.

We are learning about Rakali the water rat and healthy rivers. We have read *Rakali and the River Challenge*, written by York District High School. During Visual Art, we made water rat pictures using stencils and leaves. This week we will continue our story and celebrate Clean up Australia Day, picking up all the rubbish we find.



Jia An with Esther, writing using stencils.



Adeline creating her artwork with leaves.



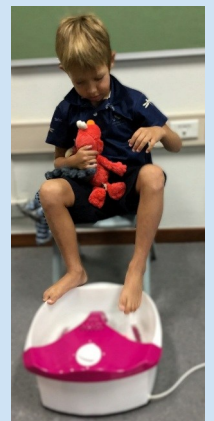
Judah adding text colour to his artwork.

For Health we are learning about personal hygiene and keeping our hands, bodies and clothes clean. We have had so much fun using the foot spas, doing our class laundry and cleaning the dolls and our own faces. Next, we are practicing teeth brushing!

During Digital Technologies we have been following a three-step process to write our names in colour pen using *Canva*. Our other activities include using the robots and setting up a shop in our home corner.



Jian An getting 'Dash' the robot to dance and play music.



Makyis using the foot spa.

## YouthCARE Chaplain - Community Support

This term is flying by!

For those who are not aware, there is an incredible and FREE program called Heroes Academy Mega Play Date that happens in Myaree two times per year. It is a program designed especially for primary school children with disabilities and their siblings. My own daughter has attended many times now and it is exceptional!

The next Mega Play Date is happening on Saturday 14th March and I encourage you to check it out:

[Heroes Academy Mega Play Dates - Primary school aged children](#)

With the rising cost of living, many of our families have benefited from a fruit & veg bag from OzHarvest. If you would like support in this way, please contact me – all requests are confidential.

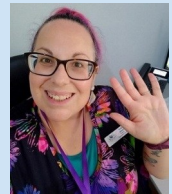
I know not everyone can attend our in-person Parent Cuppa Catch-ups, but I'm always happy to connect. I'm at school on Mondays and Fridays all day and Thursday mornings.

You're very welcome to contact me on 0428 307 886 if you'd like a chat or if I can support you in any way.

Warmly,

Trudy James - YouthCARE Chaplain – Community Support

Family FB group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/castlereaghfamilyandfriends>



## Community Nurses Update

### Staying healthy

Upper respiratory tract infections or colds can be everywhere. Here are some points which may help children from catching them:

- **Hand Hygiene** - even when our hands look clean, they can still be carrying lots of germs! Good hand hygiene is the best way to stop germs and infections spreading from person to person. Conduct hand hygiene after coughs and sneezes, before eating, after going to the toilet and if hands are visibly dirty.
- **Use tissues** once and then throw them in the bin.
- **Keep children away from smoke** – it irritates their eyes and nasal passages, making it more likely that they will catch a cold.

**Keep your child home from school to rest if he/she has a cold/cough/fever.**

Taneesha Lyons

**Child and Adolescent Community Health Nurse**

## What's on in the Community



### All Abilities Expo 2026 – Explore, Connect & Discover Opportunities!

The Melville Cockburn Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) invites students, families, and staff to All Abilities Expo 2026, a free, family-friendly event celebrating inclusion, support, and connection for people of every ability.

Sunday, 8 March 2026

10:00am – 2:00pm

Murdoch University Boola Katitjin Building

**Address:** Murdoch University, South Street, Murdoch WA 6150

**Parking:** Car Parks 7 & 8 near the Boola Katitjin Building

What's happening:

- Meet local service providers, community organisations, and support networks
  - Ask questions, share experiences, and discover services that can help every day
  - Explore employment, skill-building programs, and pathways into meaningful work
  - Enjoy live music and family-friendly entertainment
  - Children's activities, including face painting and sensory spaces
- Delicious food from local trucks: STREET FOOD + Lab, Mysta Barista & BAOLICIOUS

The Expo will be officially opened by Hannah Beasley MLA, Minister for Disability, and is proudly supported by local businesses committed to inclusion and accessibility.

Registration is free: <https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/1326166011239?aff=oddtcreator>

# 2026

## What's On



### South East Metro Parenting Support Service

Programs for Parents and Carers of children 0-18 years living in the South-East Metro area

#### Term 1 Parenting Program

**Programs available this term include:**

- Circle of Security Parenting
- Tuning in to Kids
- All About Sleep
- Positive Discipline in Everyday Parenting
- Little Sprouts (for parents of young children)
- Let's Talk Teens
- Power of Play

The full program details are available in the attached document or can be downloaded from our website here:

[Communicare Term One Parenting Program 2026 \(PDF\)](#)

 **COMMUNICARE**  
CREATING FUTURES

DESIGNED AND ILLUSTRATED BY ARTIST BENNELL COLLARD

# Willetton Laughter Club

**Mondays 9.30am - 11.15am**

Laughter Yoga is a mild aerobic exercise which combines joyful movement with laughter, hand clapping chants and deep breathing from yoga. Join us to reduce stress, relax, boost mood & energy, have fun and meet new people.

**Where:**

Rostrata Family & Neighbourhood Centre, Prendwick Way, Willetton

**Time:**

9.30am-10.30am Laughter Yoga  
10.30am-11.15am Morning Tea

**Cost:**

\$5 entry for class & morning tea  
Accompanying Carers admitted free

**Contact:**

Janet - 0450 351 473  
[admin@laughwa.org.au](mailto:admin@laughwa.org.au)



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## Term 1 Planner 2026: Castlereagh School

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Week 1</b> Feb	2 Kindy 1	3 Kindy 1	4 Kindy 1	5 Kindy 2	6 Kindy 2
	Students Return Parent Cuppa 9.00				
<b>Week2</b>	9 Kindy 1	10 Kindy 1	11 Kindy 2	12 Kindy 2	13 Kindy 2
	Parent Cuppa 9.00 Oz Harvest				Newsletter
<b>Week3</b>	16 Kindy 1	17 Kindy 1	18 Kindy 1	19 Kindy 2	20 Kindy 2
	Parent Cuppa 9.00 Oz Harvest				
<b>Week 4</b>	23 Kindy 1	24 Kindy 1	25 Kindy 2	26 Kindy 2	27 Kindy 2
	Parent Cuppa 9.00 Oz Harvest			Admin Assembly & Parent M/tea	Newsletter
<b>Week 5</b> March Collaborative IEP Mtgs Week	2 <b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY LABOUR DAY</b>	3 Kindy 1	4 Kindy 1	5 Kindy 2	6 Kindy 2
		RAP Mtg 3-4pm		School Council 9.15am Sensorium Rhyme Time KP	
<b>Week 6</b> Conductive Education Week	9 Kindy 1	10 Kindy 1	11 Kindy 2	12 Kindy 2	13 Kindy 2
	Parent Cuppa 9am Oz Harvest- <b>Fundraiser Chocolate box sales</b>	Collaborative IEP Mtgs Week	Gecko Sports p-8	LA 10 CE Assembly & Parent M/tea  Sensorium Rhyme Time KP	Newsletter
<b>Week7</b> Wetlands Week of Wonderful Work	16 Kindy 1	17 Kindy 1	18 Kindy 1	19 Kindy 2	20 Kindy 2
	Parent Cuppa 9.00 Oz Harvest Delivery		Gecko Sports p-8	Sensorium Rhyme Time K-PP	
<b>No Therapist This Week</b>					
<b>Week 8</b> March	23 Kindy 1	24 Kindy 1	25 Kindy 2	26 Kindy 2	27 Kindy 2
	Parent Cuppa 9.00 Oz Harvest  Harmony Day Free Dress		Gecko Sports p-8	<b>Water Fun Day</b>  Sensorium Rhyme Time K-PP	Newsletter  <b>Term 1 Fund-raiser ends TBC</b>
<b>Wk9</b> April	30 Kindy 1	31 Kindy 1	1 Kindy 1	2 Kindy 2	3 Good Friday
	Parent Cuppa 9.00 Oz Harvest Delivery		Gecko Sports p-8	Assembly Easter Parade Parent M/tea Grad Shirts presentation Rhyme Time KP	School Holidays start

**Term 2 Starts Tuesday April 21st 2026**



## WE ARE HELPING OUR ENVIRONMENT WITH CONTAINERS FOR CHANGE

With your help, we can give millions of 10c containers another life!

You can get involved with Containers for Change at home by:

Saving your 10c containers and them to a Containers for Change refund point. Quoting Castlereagh membership number.

Physically donating your 10c containers to our school (we can provide a bag) or automatically donating your refund when you make a return by using our school member number. (see below). **Member Number: C10588582**

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

MEMBER NUMBER

Castlereagh School

C10588582



Keep your member number handy - share it with your supporters to raise funds and to track your fundraising efforts.

## Term One Important Dates

### Term 1, 2026

<b>Safer Internet Day</b> Tuesday 10 February	<b>International Day of Women and Girls in Science</b> Wednesday 11 February	<b>Valentine's Day</b> Saturday 14 February
<b>Lunar New Year</b> Tuesday 17 February	<b>International Mother Language Day</b> Saturday 21 February	<b>Schools Clean Up Day</b> Friday 27 February
<b>Labour Day</b> Monday 2 March	<b>World Hearing Day</b> Tuesday 3 March	<b>International Women's Day</b> Sunday 8 March
<b>NAPLAN testing</b> Wednesday 11 March to Monday 23 March	<b>Neurodiversity Celebration Week</b> Monday 16 March to Friday 20 March	<b>Harmony Week</b> Monday 16 March to Sunday 22 March
<b>National Close the Gap Day</b> Thursday 19 March	<b>National Ride2School Day</b> Friday 20 March	<b>International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</b> Saturday 21 March
<b>Purple Day (Epilepsy Awareness)</b> Thursday 26 March	<b>World Autism Awareness Day</b> Thursday 2 April	<b>Last day of Term 1</b> Thursday 2 April

### EVENTS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2026

- Monday March 2nd:** Labour Day Public Holiday
- Tuesday March 3-13th:** IEP Collaborations Fundraiser starts
- Thursday March 5th:** School Council Meeting 9.15
- Thursdays from March 5th:** Sensorium Rhyme Time for K/pp—5 wks
- March 9-13:** Conductive Education Week
- Monday March 9th:** Term 1 Fundraiser starts
- Wednesday March 11th:** Gecko Soccer starts x 4 weeks
- Monday March 16th:** Wetlands Week—No Therapists
- Monday March 23rd:** Harmony Day—Cultural Dress Up or wear Orange
- Thursday March 26th:** Water Fun Day—onsite activities
- Thursday April 2nd:** Easter Parade & Assembly Graduation Shirt presented Parent Morning Tea Last Day of Term
- Friday April 3rd:** Good Friday -Holidays start

### Eat a RAINBOW of vegetables everyday!

Different coloured vegetables provide different nutrients for growing bodies. Supplying kids with lots of different coloured veges and fruits each day is the best kick-start we can give them for health, growth, and concentration in the classroom.

<b>RED</b> Cherry tomato, radish, red capsicum, red apple, cherries, strawberries	<b>ORANGE &amp; YELLOW</b> Corn, yellow capsicum, apricots, mandarin, carrots, rockmelon	<b>WHITE &amp; BROWN</b> Cauliflower, nashi pears, mushrooms, white nectarine, banana
<b>GREEN</b> Sugar snap peas, green apple, pear, cucumber, broccoli, grapes, frozen peas	<b>PURPLE</b> Purple grapes, purple carrots, blueberries, plums, blackberries	<b>Cancer Council WA</b>

Learn more at [crunchandsip.com.au](http://crunchandsip.com.au)



What an action packed term!

Don't Forget- Your chance to catch up with other parents & families.

Every Monday 9am—Cuppa & Chat in the House