

Dear Parents, Carers and Families

With only three weeks left of school for this term—there seems to be so many things happening on site. The **Gecko Sports Crew** have begun their weekly visits, students are enjoying learning the fine art of soccer, it appears we have a few players in our midst and we are keen to take a team to the ESSN Soccer Carnival later in the year—stay tuned for that one!

Sensorium Theatre have started their weekly sessions with kindy, pre-primary and year one students. The **Sensory Rhyme time** programme focuses on the following rhymes; Twinkle Twinkle, Here is the Sea, Pease Porridge, It's Raining it's Pouring and Ride a Big Horse—all great stories for action, adventure and interaction.

The Sensorium Theatre are also working on a **new story** for a new show and a number of our staff have been invited to participate in **development workshops** with the Company. Sharing our expertise with them in ways they can include more AAC and communication opportunities within their interactive performances. This is a great example of the benefits of our partnership.

Speaking of **Partnerships** I have had some interesting discussions with outside agencies around work experience opportunities for our senior students. We would like to **trial a work programme**—a bit of a taster programme with both onsite and offsite opportunities to suit the needs of our students and school. I will keep you informed as this progresses. Also a reminder that in **term two** we will run the **Senior School Parent's Bus Tour** to visit a range of potential employment providers, disability Service Organisations and a chance for a nice lunch break. Keep your eye out for the draft term 2 calendar—with all the dates.

Thank you to everyone who has completed our online survey regarding **Reporting Meetings**—as requested we extended the **closure date to March 16th**—so please share your thoughts with us: [Report/IEP Collaborative Meetings – Fill in form](#)

Our **School Council** is keen to use their money to help **improve playground areas**, so are busily organising fundraising events—Chocolates sales are underway and attention is now focussing on gathering donations for the **Mothers' Day Raffle**.

As Mothers' Day is early next term we need to start collecting items. If you would like to donate please bring/send your items to the Admin office by **May 6th** (*No alcohol please*). Raffle tickets will go out in week one and close week 3. If you would like to make suggestions about the playground please complete our Playground Survey at: [Castlereagh School Grounds Survey – Fill in form](#)

Thank you for your support.

Regards

Pauline Winrow

Principal



Learning Area 3/4

LA 3/4 have made a wonderful start to the year. Our returning students have warmly welcomed new classmates, including friends from other Learning Areas and students who are new to Castlereagh School. We especially welcome Ridu and Sahib to our school community.

In literacy, we have been learning about different celebrations in our class, including Lunar New Year and Ramadan. Students have completed reading and writing activities to help them understand these celebrations more deeply. We have also begun exploring the idea of friendship—what makes a good friend and the different ways we spend time with friends. We will continue learning about friendships in the coming weeks. In Drama, students are creating props and backdrops for the story of “The Three Little Pigs.” They are learning to: Act as a character using body movements, facial expressions and gestures; use their voice, AAC device or switches to say their character’s lines; take turns; and to use props to show actions or feelings.

Our cooking lessons continue to be a highlight. So far, we have made dumplings, pizza, brownies and cakes. These lessons give students the chance to look at, touch, smell and taste different foods while naturally building numeracy and literacy skills. They practice counting, measuring, reading and following recipe steps. Cooking also helps strengthen fine motor skills through cutting, mixing, rolling, spreading and wrapping. An impressive start to the year.



Group Cooking, LA 3/4 make sushi.



Sahib grates some cheese to sprinkle on top of her pizza.



Hudson concentrates hard as he uses his fingers to paint the First Little Pig .



Hanging out in the tent with our friends can be relaxing.



Ridu counts animals during movement break.



Azahra and Ken work together to fill a watering can with water.



Andrew directs Ahila's hand to paint the Third Little Pig.



Azahra keeps her fingers out of the way as she uses a knife to cut toppings for her pizza



Ashveer concentrates, with his fingers out of the way as he chops capsicum



Suho enjoys the pizza he made. One of the best things about cooking, is getting to eat it.



Ken contributes to a group art project, adding his feet and hand prints.



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.

School Council Meeting—Overview

Key items discussed at our recent Council meeting included our fundraising event—**The Cadbury Chocolate Boxes**. We hope to raise around **\$3000**, which will be put towards **playground improvements**. We would like your feedback on our playgrounds too, please follow the link to our suggestions survey. The Survey will be **open until the 27th of March**—please take 5 minutes and share your ideas with us.

Discussion was also held on the idea of **school photos**—it was everyone's view that reintroducing photos would be a great idea. The reason they were stopped was because very few were purchased and it was difficult to find a good photographer. This year the **School will undertake the task in house**. The **Council will also support some of the production costs**.

Reporting to Parents meetings were raised, discussion points included; teacher workload , number of weeks to run all meetings, parent availability, pupil free day, after hours options, meetings could be longer, ability to meet with more than one teacher, Phone and Zoom options. Only a few responses to the **survey** had been received at the time of our meeting—so the closure date has been **extended to March 16th**.

Link: [Report/IEP Collaborative Meetings – Fill in form](#)

City of Canning Events

Friday Night Eats

Friday 27 March 2026, 5.30pm – 8.30pm

Prendwick Park, Prendwick Way, Willetton

Friday Night Eats is the smaller version of its big brother, Mid Week Eats. It brings food trucks, entertainment and activities for the community.



Global Streets Festival

Saturday 18 April 2026, 4pm – 8pm

Hillview Hub, Bentley

A festival of Canning's rich cultural diversity where food, people and customs are celebrated by the community, for the community.

Big thanks to [Lotterywest](#) for supporting Global Streets Festival.



ANZAC Day March and Service

Saturday 25 April 2026, 7.45am – 10am

Civic Amphitheatre and Gardens, Cannington

Run in partnership with the Canning Sub-Branch of the Returned and Services League, the City will run an ANZAC Day march and services to commemorate our brave soldiers and their families. Featuring musical performances, hymns, a Wreath Laying Ceremony, followed by refreshments.



LeisurePlex Kids Sport

We've got a range of kids programs that will get their hearts pumping. Classes are for kids aged 4 to 13 years, except for Kindy Gym, which is offered for 4 years and under. Click on the link:

[School Holidays Program](#)

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 3rd 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



Castlereagh School:

Fun Box Order Form

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

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

Name: _____ Contact Number _____ Student _____ LA _____

Learning Area 13

LA13 Legends!

The first five weeks in LA13 have been busy, with many changes. Our wonderful students showed resilience, which is why they are legends!

LA13 have enjoyed reading *I'm Australia Too*, which helped us realise how welcoming Australia is. After reading, we identified different parts of Australia and the places and characters in the story originally came from on our world map. Most students rated it 4 stars, with many saying it was a fun read.

We have started cooking for staff on Tuesdays; this term, we are making fried rice. It is wonderful to see LA13 working together to create this delicious food item, and feedback from staff has been very positive so far!

This micro-enterprise activity reinforces all our numeracy skills. First, we must identify the ingredients and required amounts. Then, we collect and count orders for each Tuesday. After service is completed, we improve money skills by ensuring we have the correct amount of money for the portions sold.

We are also starting Containers for Change, sorting in our shed at the back of the Variety House. This is a wonderful initiative for our school community to get involved with. If you would like to support us, please let us know, and we can leave you a recycling bag at the front office for you to collect and fill. This reinforces the importance of recycling and is a great sorting activity.

What a great start to 2026, LA13.



Flynn communicates using his device.



We enjoy counting the money from canteen orders.



Gilbert loves helping to cut veggies.



Hayesha cooking veggies for the fried rice.



Valentino counting the orders.

YouthCARE Chaplain - Community Support

A quick reminder that as Community Support Chaplain, my role is to support the community around our students - our families and staff. As mum to my autistic, semi-verbal 11-year-old daughter, Eliana, this role is very close to my heart.

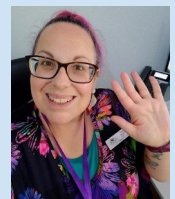
Ways I support our community include Parent Cuppa Chats (Monday mornings during term), our Castlereagh Families Facebook group, a parents-only Messenger chat for informal connection, and coordinating OzHarvest weekly fruit and vegetable deliveries for classrooms and families.

If an OzHarvest fruit and veg bag would help your family, please feel free to contact me - all requests are confidential.

I'm at school Mondays and Fridays all day, and Thursday mornings. You're always welcome to call or text me on 0428 307 886 if you'd like to connect.

Families FB Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/castlereaghfamiliesgroup>

Families Messenger Chat: <https://m.me/jAbYl40ovh1f-x4uK/>



Warmly, Trudy



Community Nurses Update

Staying healthy: Immunisation Yr 7 & 10

The school-based immunisation team will be at Castlereagh on Thursday 2nd April.

For Year 7 and 10 Students only.

These students are eligible to receive their vaccination/s free at school on this day only.

Consent forms have been sent home to all Year 7 and 10 students.

If you would like your child immunised at school :

- please complete the consent form and return it to school by April 2nd
- or provide consent online through the QR code on the consent form

If you require a new consent form or have any questions don't hesitate to let us know.

Many thanks,

Nurses Taneesha, Pauline, Casey, Johna and Kate.

What's on in the Community



The Play Centre at Cannington Leisureplex is a fun, safe, and colourful space for kids aged 0–8.

With two slides, a mini flying fox, a ball pit, and a special area just for tiny tots, there's plenty to explore and enjoy. Parents can join the fun or relax in the comfy viewing area with a full view of the play zones. Food and drinks aren't allowed in the play area, but you can enjoy snacks and drinks in the parent zone or at nearby Epica Café.

Don't forget your socks – everyone in the play area must wear them. Parents and carers must supervise their children at all times. Come along and let the kids play, explore, and make memories.

Are you looking for Kids Party Venue????

Try **Cannington Leisureplex**

Play Centre Exclusive Hire - \$280

Children 8 & under

Pool Party - \$100

Children 6 years and over

Splash Jungle - \$100

Seasonal 6yrs & up



Information: **Children's parties**

Bookings Forms:

<https://cdn.canning.wa.gov.au/media/2dbbhdnd/application-cannington-party-bookings.pdf>

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

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

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

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

COMMUNICARE
CREATING FUTURES

RECALAPKAPV TOVAKWVNY 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



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Term 1 Planner 2026: Castlereagh School

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 1 Feb	2 Kindy 1	3 Kindy 1	4 Kindy 1	5 Kindy 2	6 Kindy 2
	Students Return Parent Cuppa 9.00				
Week2	9 Kindy 1	10 Kindy 1	11 Kindy 2	12 Kindy 2	13 Kindy 2
	Parent Cuppa 9.00 Oz Harvest				Newsletter
Week3	16 Kindy 1	17 Kindy 1	18 Kindy 1	19 Kindy 2	20 Kindy 2
	Parent Cuppa 9.00 Oz Harvest				
Week 4	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
Week 5 March Collaborative IEP Mtgs Week	2 PUBLIC HOLIDAY LABOUR DAY	3 Kindy 1	4 Kindy 1	5 Kindy 2	6 Kindy 2
		RAP Mtg 3-4pm		School Council 9.15am Sensorium Rhyme Time KP	
Week 6 Conductive Education Week	9 Kindy 1	10 Kindy 1	11 Kindy 2	12 Kindy 2	13 Kindy 2
	Parent Cuppa 9am Oz Harvest- Fundraiser Chocolate box sales	Collaborative IEP Mtgs Week	Gecko Sports p-8	LA 10 CE Assembly & Parent M/tea Sensorium Rhyme Time KP	Newsletter
Week7 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	
No Therapist This Week					
Week 8 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	Water Fun Day Sensorium Rhyme Time K-PP	Newsletter Term 1 Fund-raiser ends TBC
Wk9 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 Cuppa 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 Castlereaigh 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

Castlereaigh 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



Safer Internet Day
Tuesday 10 February



International Day of Women and Girls in Science
Wednesday 11 February



Valentine's Day
Saturday 14 February



Lunar New Year
Tuesday 17 February



International Mother Language Day
Saturday 21 February



Schools Clean Up Day
Friday 27 February



Labour Day
Monday 2 March



World Hearing Day
Tuesday 3 March



International Women's Day
Sunday 8 March



NAPLAN testing
Wednesday 11 March to Monday 23 March



Neurodiversity Celebration Week
Monday 16 March to Friday 20 March



Harmony Week
Monday 16 March to Sunday 22 March



National Close the Gap Day
Thursday 19 March



National Ride2School Day
Friday 20 March



International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
Saturday 21 March



Purple Day (Epilepsy Awareness)
Thursday 26 March



World Autism Awareness Day
Thursday 2 April



Last day of Term 1
Thursday 2 April

Term Two Fundraising Mothers' Day Raffle Call for Raffle donations



Please send any raffle items to
Admin by May 6th.
No Alcohol please
Raffle drawn March 7th

EVENTS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2026

- 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: Gecko Soccer starts x 4 weeks**
- Monday March 16th: Wetlands Week—No Therapists on site all week**
- 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**

What an action packed term!

Don't Forget- Your chance to catch up with other parents & families at the Cuppa & Chat, in the House Every Monday 9am & after each assembly