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Castlereagh School Newsletter
Connecting home to school
Term 3 25 September 2026

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Dear Parents, Carers and Families

Last edition we celebrated '*celebrations*' and this fortnight it appears we continue to do the same!

Our football teams played a few smashing games in the Star Kick Carnival held at Bill Graydon Reserve in Como. Bringing home another lovely trophy. Next term we will send our soccer team to the ESSN Soccer Carnival, participate in the Gecko Sports T-Ball program and the six week - onsite Special Olympics – stay tuned for all the details….

Our WA Ballet program ended on Thursday – it has been ten weeks of pirouettes and laughter – students have loved the program, and we have really enjoyed forging a new partnership with the WA Ballet Company. We are looking forward to the dance group going to see Nutcracker at His Majesty's Theatre in November. A big thank you to the Company for providing Chance to Dance T-shirts for all participants.

Yesterday two great things happened – firstly, we were informed that we were successful in our application to participate in Mission Sprouts. Australian astronaut and 2026 Australian of the Year **Katherine Bennell-Pegg** is giving students across Australia the opportunity to conduct a real space science experiment from their own classroom. Students will get hands-on access to seeds that have actually travelled to the International Space Station, □ comparing these space-flown seeds with Earth-based controls and investigating the differences for themselves. This is a collaboration between Swinburne University of Technology, the Australian Space Agency, the National Australia Day Council, Plants for Space ARC Centre of Excellence. We are all very excited to be a part of this national program.

Secondly, we had a visit from the Canning Vale fire Station. Station Master Joel Manning and his crew brought their big red fire truck, and students spent time climbing in and on, and looking at all the lockers full of equipment. There was so much excitement from the students, they could hardly contain themselves.

So, this brings us to the end of term three – I hope you have a lovely holiday break, spend some time relaxing – I have included a draft planner of term 4 in this edition so you can see when all the fun is taking place here – *Loud Shirt Day, Crazy Hair Day, Outdoor Classroom Day and of course year 6 & 12 graduations* are all on the calendar for next term.

Regards

Pauline Winrow

Principal



Late exciting news!!!!!!!!

Congratulations to our wonderful chaplain, Trudy James who, last night won A Governor's Chaplaincy Award in the category of Chaplaincy Partnerships.

We are very proud of the work Trudy does on our community's behalf.





REMINDER: WA Student Assistant Payment claims must be received by Friday 25 September 2026.

Eligible students must be enrolled in Kindergarten to Year 12 at a Western Australian public school, non-government school or registered for home schooling and have a valid WA student number (WASN). Read more about eligibility and claiming.

Get ready to access the WA Student Assistance Payment by setting up your ServiceWA app and loging in with your Digital ID (myID) on ServiceWA. More information about the app and step-by-step instructional videos are available on wa.gov.au/servicewaapp or call ServiceWA Customer Care on 13 33 WA or email support@digital.wa.gov.au

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Here is our new logo and a link to the website

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

https://www.facebook.com/groups/castlereaghfamiliesgroup

Updated Bus Contacts

School Bus Services:
9326 2528

Castlereagh/Willagee
Michael:0409687663

Castlereagh/Parkwood
Kieran: 0417945698

Castlereagh/Riverton
Dave: 0475564203

Castlereagh Absentee

Administration

9266 6100 if no answer please leave a voicemail

Email

castlereagh@education.wa.edu.au

Seesaw

Your child's Learning Area

Learning Area 6

The students in LA 6 have had a busy term learning about our Community.

Literacy: During shared reading we have learnt how to use a Core Board made specifically for books we focused on each week as we learnt about the different parts of our community. This term we have also been focusing on using our voices and AAC's to extend on our answers to questions.

Drama: The students have been exploring with using different ways of creating and using puppets during this term. We made wooden spoon and sock puppets and used them to ask and answer questions. We have also enjoyed dressing up.

Cooking: Each week we follow a recipe to create our yummy cooking. All of our recipes use items donated by Oz Harvest and are adapted to cater for allergies in our classroom. The students have enjoyed both savoury and sweet creations such as Sloppy Joes, stir fry veggies, cupcakes, and stewed apples.



Joshua interacting with puppets.



Lucie making her puppet talk.



Evan creating his spoon puppet.



Joshua using the Core Board to answer a question.



Lucie reading a story.



Siddharth using the Core Board to answer a question.



Siddharth adding ingredients to the bowl.



Adam dressed up as a police officer.



Evan stirring the mixture.



Adam using the Core Board.

Scitech Excursion

Some of our Year 9 and Year 10 students enjoyed an engaging and hands-on learning experience during their visit to Scitech on 9 September. Leaving school at 9:20am, students travelled to the centre ready for a morning of discovery, returning at 12:30pm with plenty to share.

A highlight of the excursion was the live science show *Spring Loaded*, which explored how heat and cold affect the behaviour of springs. Students were able to see scientific concepts come to life through demonstrations that linked directly to their classroom learning.

Once we arrived, students enjoyed morning tea at Scitech before heading out to explore the interactive exhibits. The hands-on displays encouraged curiosity, problem-solving, and teamwork as students experimented, tested ideas, and engaged with a wide range of STEM challenges.

A special thank you goes to our dedicated Education Assistants, whose support and organisation made this excursion possible. Their commitment ensured all students could participate fully and confidently throughout the day. Alison Moran Teacher.













Community Events



Canning Arts Group

ArtsFun! School Holidays Program - BOOK NOW

Canning Arts Group is excited to share its Artsfun Program for the Sept/Oct school holi-days – 29 September to 9 October 2026. We have a wide variety of fun activities available for ages 7+.

Parents can book by going to our website at:

https://www.canningartswa.org.au/school-holidays





ADVOCACY KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITY wa



Date: Tuesday, 20 October 2026 **Time:** 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Place: City West Lotteries House2 Delhi Street, West Perth

Cost: $20 Members | $40 Non-members

The family of a person with developmental disability often worry about the future, especially for when parents are no longer here. DDWA's **What If I Die Tomorrow?** workshop will help parents, carers and guardians of people with disabilities plan for the future.

This workshop will cover a range of topics, including:
Wills and estate planning
Special disability trusts
Keeping records: personal, health, medical, financial records, property and service providers' details
Guardianship and administration
Relationships and support networks
Emergency care plans

This workshop is designed for parents, carers, families and guardians of people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

Have a question or need help registering?
Call Leticia Grant or Teresa Pracilio on (08) 9420 7203 or email ddwa@ddwa.org.au

Click here to register for What If I Die Tomorrow?

Learning Area 13

As Term 3 ends, LA13 has once again had a busy, energetic, and rewarding term. Our students have embraced every opportunity with enthusiasm, teamwork, and growing independence.

Canteen continued to be a weekly favourite, with students preparing Chicken Stir Fry for staff across the school. This dish has been a hit, and it has been wonderful to see LA13 students working together, listening carefully to instructions, and following visual prompts to create a delicious meal.
Canteen also provides meaningful opportunities for students to practise Everyday Numeracy Skills — reading recipes, measuring ingredients, portioning meals, and handling money. Their confidence in these real‑life tasks continues to grow each week.
This term, LA13 enjoyed two exciting incursions:

- Kickability Students had a fantastic time developing their footy skills with the Kickability team. There were plenty of smiles, teamwork moments, and lots of fun.
- WA Ballet – "Chance to Dance" Other students participated in a special session with WA Ballet, practising *plié*, *tendu*, and *arabesque*. It was a wonderful opportunity to explore movement, rhythm, and expression.

One of the highlights of the term was our Book Week Assembly. LA13 students proudly dressed up as their favourite book characters, bringing colour and creativity to the stage. The LA13 staff also joined in the fun, dressing up as **"**Keeping Up with the Dachshunds"**,** which caused a few giggles — and a little confusion — among the students!

Throughout Term 3, LA13 students have continued to build confidence in their communication, independence, and resilience. Their progress has been inspiring, and we are incredibly proud of the effort and positivity they bring to every day.



Hayesha using a mandolin.



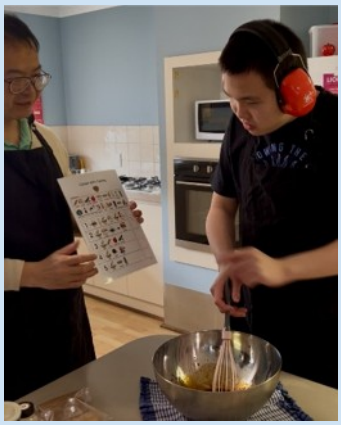
Keano delivering an order to Ms Pauline



Jye doing a phile



Book Week in LA13



Hayesha using a mandolin.



Raiden enjoying the parachute



Flynn practicing his throwing skills



Hayesha at Kikability

The Perth Royal Show provides multiple disability□friendly services, including Chill Out Zones, Quiet Hour, sensory maps, accessible facilities, and free or subsidised tickets through the Lotterywest Inclusive Access Program. These supports include low sensory spaces, reduced□noise periods, wheelchair friendly amenities, and thousands of complimentary tickets distributed via community organisations.

In 2025, the program moved to an Expression of Interest (EOI) process to ensure tickets reach the people who need them most, while supporting fair access across a wide range of communities.
For any enquiries, please contact inclusiveaccessprogram@raswa.org.au

Key Accessibility Features

 Chill Out Zones

- Located near Gate 10 and Gate 1.
- Open 10am–3pm daily.
- Provide low-sensory environments with quiet activities.
- Staffed by APM Communities and Wanslea.

Designed for people with sensory sensitivities, autism, or those needing a break.

 Quiet Hour

- Typically offered on a selected morning (e.g., 10am–12pm).
- Ride noises, music, and lights are reduced or switched off.

Public announcements are limited.

 Sensory Maps

- Show areas marked for high sensory input (noise, lights, smells).

Helps families plan routes and avoid overwhelming zones.

 Free or Subsidised Tickets

- Through the Lotterywest Inclusive Access Program.
- Thousands of tickets distributed to disability support organisations, carers, and families.

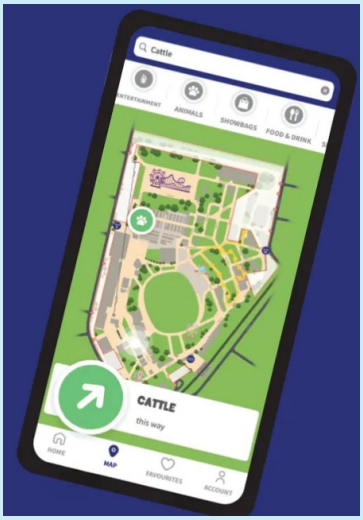
Expression of Interest (EOI) process open annually.

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A personal Guide in your pocket

Download the official Perth Royal Show App and make the most of every moment. Find yourway around, check what's on next, save your favourites and get real time updates.

Interactive maps to find food, exhibits and more
Save your favourites and build a personalized itinerary
ZGet live updates on show times, weather alerts etc.



Star Kick Carnival

On Friday 11th September students from Castlereagh's Primary School attended the 2026 Star Kick Carnival at Bill Graydon Reserve in Como. It was sunny and bright, the perfect day for a carnival.

Some students were veterans who competed last year when we won the 2025 Carnival Shield, while other students were attending for the first time. Everyone dressed in blue to represent our Castlereagh and was great excitement and singing on the bus ride over. We competed in 3 football games against other Ed Support Schools and Centres from around Perth. It was great to see everyone and meet peers from other schools.

Castlereagh students were able to use skills they learnt in our recent Kickability Incursion such as kicking and handballing. I was impressed at how much our students had developed since last year as they moved as a team across the oval and tracked the ball.

We passed the Carnival Shield onto Malibu Ed Support School who won this year's award for Sportsmanship, Teamwork, Generosity and Respect at the finishing ceremony. Congratulations Malibu!













Sensory Communication Boards

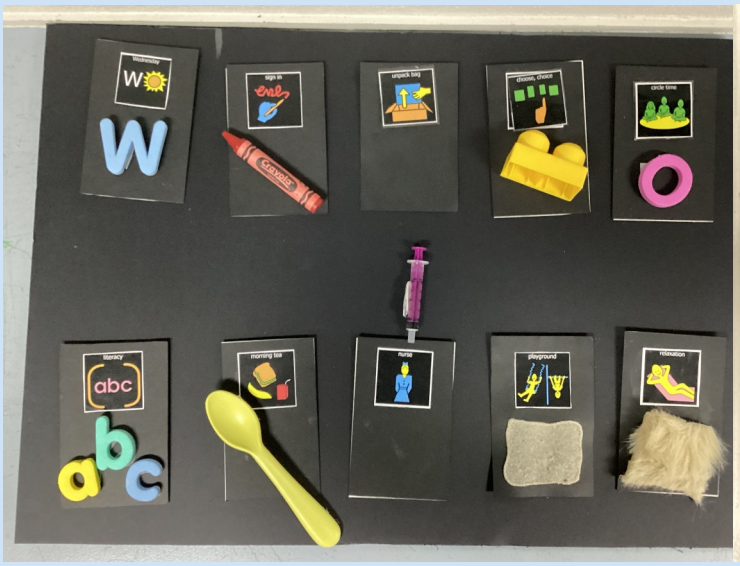
Our Communication Team have been busy brainstorming and experimenting with making Tactile Sensory Communication Boards to use within the classrooms with some of our students. (timetables, choice boards etc.)

We are asking any families who may have any of the items listed below at home to send/bring them in to donate to this project.

Here are the tactile materials we are looking for:

- Small pencils or thick crayons
- Wooden or fabric circles, e.g. curtain rod rings
- Small toy fruit and vegetables (plastic, felt or soft)
- Plastic cutlery
- Small toy vehicles or spinning wheels
- Fur-like or other soft textures (to represent relaxation)
- Small paintbrushes
- Small books, e.g. Coles or McDonald's Happy Meal books
- Small magnifying glasses or items that could represent science
- Small bells or shakers
- Small handheld balls
- Small dolls or models of the human body
- Old keyboards
- Old jigsaws
- Miniature items

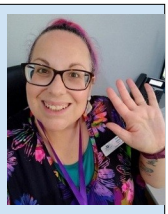
Examples of Tactile Visual timetables, Choice boards etc.





YouthCARE Chaplain - Community Support





We made it to the end of Term 3!

What an action-packed term it has been — and it certainly seems to have flown by!

I feel very privileged to serve the Castlereagh School community in my role as Chaplain. It is such a joy to be part of our school community and to see the wonderful things our students achieve each week.

This week's school assembly presentation by LA3/4 was fabulous! It was wonderful to see our students sharing their creativity, confidence and sense of fun. Moments like these are always incredibly special.

It has also been a pleasure having some volunteers from LA3/4 assist me with the weekly OzHarvest classroom deliveries of fruit, vegetables and healthy snacks. They have been so helpful, and seeing the pride they take in contributing to and helping our school community has been a real joy.

As we head into the school holidays, I hope you all have a restful and restorative break, filled with plenty of special moments and happy memories.

I look forward to seeing everyone next term!

As always, you are very welcome to call or text me on **0428 307 886** if you would like to have a chat, connect or simply say hello.

Trudy xx



ILOTAN SERVICES

Promoting Ability & Connection

ILOTAN SERVICES

Tuesday & Friday Programs – Planning for 2026 and onwards

Engage Thrive Belong

Learn Create Connect

Are you considering what group programs your child can join when school finishes?

What does ILOTAN offer?

ILOTAN provides a **Centre-based** supportive environment where participants can **continue seeing familiar peers, maintain structure and routine, and enjoy purposeful time together after finishing school.**

The programs provide opportunities for **ongoing learning, shared experiences, participation and connection.**



Current Places Available

TUESDAYS

2 places available

Currently running

FRIDAYS

4 places available

Commencing November 2026

Learn
Explore new topics and build knowledge about the world.

Create
Take part in hands-on activities, cooking, craft and more.

Connect
Build friendships, be part of a group and feel included.

Interested in a Place?

If you would like your child to attend ILOTAN, please contact us to request an **ILOTAN Registration Form and Service Agreement.**

To help us determine group numbers and finalise our programs, we ask that completed registration forms and service agreements be returned by:

REGISTER BY THURSDAY 1 OCTOBER 2026

Our program will run on more days in future.

NDIS PARTICIPANTS WELCOME

For further information or to request a registration form:

0450 287 323
ilotanservices@gmail.com
ilotanservices.wixsite.com/home

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:

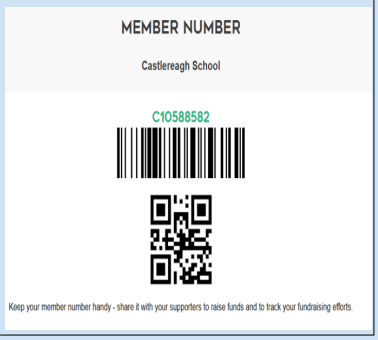
Saving your 10c containers and them to a Containers for Change refund point. Quoting Castlereagh membership number.

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).

FREE RECYCLING BAGS: *If families would like a recycling bag to support this initiative at home, please let us know and we will happily send one to you via your child's classroom. Send a Seesaw message to your teacher to order a bag.*

THANKS VERY MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

Member Number: C10588582



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Fundraising Term 4

Loud Shirt Day
Crazy Hair Day
Christmas Raffle

City of Cockburn

Please click on the below links for coming up Events and Workshops

Events and Workshops - City of Cockburn

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



Term Four Important Dates

EVENTS & PUBLIC HOLIDAYS 2026

Term 4

Students Return: Tuesday 13 October

Friday 16 Oct: Loud Shirt Day

Tuesday 20 Oct: Constable Care Incursion

Wednesday's from 21 Oct to 18th Nov: Gecko Sports Incursion (T-ball)

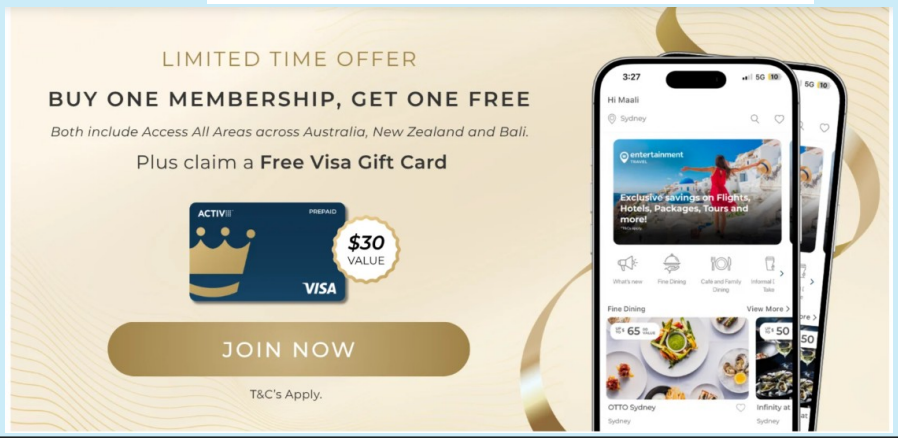
Friday 23 October: ESSN Carnival

Assembly: LA13 / 7 @9.15am(parent am tea)

Friday 30 October: Outdoor Classroom Day

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entertainment



Please scan the QR Code

Thank you for your support!

Term 4 Draft Parent Planner

(Weekly)	**MONDAY** *Trudy Chaplain* *Jess Schl Psychologist* *Chaplain Parent Cuppa 9am* *& Oz Harvest Delivery weekly*	**TUESDAY**	**WEDNESDAY** *Trudy Chaplain (am)*	**THURSDAY** *Trudy Chaplain*	**FRIDAY**
Week 1 Oct	12 **School Development Day** **Student Free**	13 Kindy 1 Students return	14 Kindy 1	15 Kindy 2	16 Kindy 2 ***Loud Shirt Day gold coin donation***
Week 2 Oct	19 Kindy 1 OzHarvest WA Delivery Cuppa & Chat 8.30-10am with Trudy	20 Kindy 1 **Constable Care Incursion**	21 Kindy 2 ***T-ball Incursion Gecko Sports*** ***Yrs 1-8***	22 Kindy 2	23 Kindy 2 ***ESSN Soccer Carnival*** **Newsletter** **Special Olympics snrs**
Week 3 Oct	26 Kindy 1 OzHarvest WA Delivery Cuppa & Chat 8.30-10am with Trudy	27 Kindy 1	28 Kindy 1 ***T-ball Incursion Gecko Sports*** ***Yrs 1-8***	29 Kindy 2	30 Kindy 2 **World Teachers' Day** **Special Olympics snrs**
Week 4 Nov	2 Kindy 1 OzHarvest WA Delivery Cuppa & Chat 8.30-10am with Trudy	3 Kindy 1	4 Kindy 2 ***T-ball Incursion Gecko Sports Yrs 1-8***	5 Kindy 2 **LA 13/7 Assembly 9.15** **& Parent M/tea** **Outdoor Classroom Day**	6 Kindy 2 **Newsletter** Malibu School Market Day **Special Olympics snrs**
Week 5 Nov	9 Kindy 1 OzHarvest WA Delivery Cuppa & Chat 8.30-10am with Trudy	10 Kindy 1	11 Kindy 1 ***T-ball Incursion Gecko Sports*** ***Yrs 1-8***	12 Kindy 2 DDWA Parent Workshop 9.30	13 Kindy 2 Kindness Day **Special Olympics snrs**
Week 6 Nov	16 Kindy 1 OzHarvest WA Delivery Cuppa & Chat 8.30-10am with Trudy	17 Kindy 1	18 Kindy 2 ***T-ball Incursion Gecko Sports*** ***Yrs 1-8***	19 Kindy 2 **LA 1 Assembly 9.15** **& Parent M/tea**	20 Kindy 2 **Newsletter** **Christmas Raffle tickets home** **Special Olympics Snrs** **World Children's Day** **Crazy Hair Day** **Gold Coin Donation**
Week 7 Nov **NO THERAPY WEEK**	23 Kindy 1 OzHarvest WA Delivery Cuppa & Chat 8.30-10am with Trudy	24 Kindy 1	25 Kindy 1 **WA Ballet Excursion** – Snrs His Majesty's Theatre	26 Kindy 2 School Council 9.15am	27 Kindy 2 **Special Olympics snrs**
Week 8 Nov/Dec	30 Kindy 1 OzHarvest WA Delivery Cuppa & Chat 8.30-10am with Trudy **Reports home**	1 Kindy 1 **Public School Review**	2 Kindy 2 **Leavers Graduation & Morning Tea**	3 Kindy 2 **End Of Year Fun Day** ***International Day People with Disabilities***	4 Kindy 2 **Newsletter** **Reporting to Parents Meeting RSVP due today.**
Week 9 Dec	7 Kindy 1 OzHarvest WA Delivery Cuppa & Chat 8.30-10am with Trudy	8 Kindy 1 **Leavers Lunch & Disco**	9 Kindy 1 **Reporting 2 Parents Day** **Student Free Day**	10 Kindy 2 **Primary Graduation & Whole School Awards** Christmas Raffle Draw	11 Kindy 2
Week 10 Dec	14 Kindy 1 OzHarvest WA Delivery Cuppa & Chat 8.30-10am	15 Kindy 1 **Bus Drivers Thank you morning tea**	16 Kindy 2	17 Kindy 2 **Newsletter**	18 Kindy 2 **School Holidays Start** **Student Free Day**