From the Relieving Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We are firmly entrenched in Term 3 learning and heading towards the second half of the term. Term 3 is always a crazy time of the year for events, competitions and extra curricular opportunities. Teachers and students are very very busy.

Sydney Opera House Creative Learning Pilot Project

Last week, Mrs Edwards and I were lucky enough to be invited to the Sydney Opera House as part of a pilot project on creative leadership. This project involves looking at an area of focus from our school plan and using a creative framework to achieve an outcome. It was a wonderful day of learning, sitting in an iconic space surrounded by artists, puppeteers and set designers. Our focus for the project will be ‘finding the storyteller in us all’, having our children tell their story to give them a voice, develop community connections and become a valued citizen in society. We will be selecting about 20-30 students to participate. Each week a resident artist will visit the school to support the students and 2-3 trips to the Sydney Opera House will occur over the next 10 weeks. I am incredibly excited by this amazing opportunity!

Evan Boyle

You will remember earlier this term I wrote about the amazing work presented by 4/5C and 5/6D on the Day of the Notables and the tweet we sent to acclaimed Australian author Peter Fitzsimons about the research completed by Evan Boyle. Mr Fitzsimons was so impressed with Evan’s work that he sent him a signed copy of his novel “Gallipoli”. Well done Evan!

School Banking

A reminder that school banking occurs every Friday. We are still looking for a parent helper who can give up an hour each Friday to volunteer.

Important Dates

TERM 3

Week 6
18 August – Pre Kinder “Jump Start”
19 August – 26 Storey Treehouse Excursion – Year 6
School Assembly, Year 2
2.10pm, School Hall

24 August – Book Week - “Books Light Up Our World”
Swim scheme starts

25 August – Pre Kinder “Jump Start”
26 August – Zone Athletics

Week 7
1 September - P&C Meeting
Pre Kinder “Jump Start”
2 September – Grandparents Day
School Assembly, Yr 1
2.10pm, School Hall
3 September – Kindy Orientation
9.15am to 10.15am or 5pm to 6pm
4 September – Parent Forum
(21st Century Learning)
Swim scheme ends
Japanese visiting students
Last week we welcomed 18 students to Casula Public School for a fortnight of English learning, visits to classrooms and assemblies and the opportunity to participate in many ‘Australian’ activities. Thank you again to our families that are hosting a student.

Coffee and Chat with the Principal and Deputy Principals
Last week we invited a family from each class to attend a coffee and chat session to identify what the strengths of the schools are and what we can improve on in the future. The feedback from parents was incredibly positive including:

- teachers knowing my child really well and their interests
- teachers are always available for a chat after school
- kids always seem happy to come to school
- excellent teachers aides and support for student learning
- the look of the school and how welcoming it is when you walk in

Some follow ups include;

- parking and traffic around the school
- ensuring Kinder toilets are only used by Kinders
- more information to go out about the new award system

The Deputy Principals are following up these concerns. The next Coffee and Chat will occur towards the end of term.

Parent Forum
Thank you to the 16 parents that attended the History and Science syllabus parent forum last week. Mr Davis and Mrs Lloyd did an excellent job with their presentation and parents trialled a scientific investigation. Our next parent forum will look at 21st Century Learning in Week 8 of this term.

Teachers have been learning more about the Science syllabus and scientific investigations. We tested what is elasticity.
Contact Numbers
Can I remind all families that if your contact numbers have changed please let the school office know as soon as possible. There is nothing worse than having a sick child at school or chasing a permission note and the numbers given are all disconnected. I would really appreciate your support with this matter.

Cadbury Fundraiser
Thank you to all the great families that have returned chocolate boxes. A reminder that all monies are expected back by THIS FRIDAY! Congratulations to Noah and Sandil who have both won sellers prizes.

Marcelo Montoya
Last week Marcelo visited some of our students playing weekend footy. What a selfless, caring young man he is, giving up his personal time to watch our students play. Thank you Marcelo, we appreciate your commitment to our school. GO THE BULLDOGS!!!

Chook Shed
If you haven’t seen our amazing chook shed near the veggie patch – CHECK IT OUT! Mr Jeff has done a fantastic job. Our chicks will be moving in very soon and eggs should start appearing shortly.

Early leavers
Children can only be collected early from school by parents that are living with the child. Permission must be obtained from the parent before anyone can take the child home. No one may collect a child early from school without the primary carer’s knowledge.

Alana Ellison
This Friday is Mrs Ellison’s last day before she begins maternity leave. We are so happy for Mrs Ellison and her husband and we wish them happiness and health as they look towards the birth of their first child. I will keep you posted! Miss Louchery will be the new teacher on 1E for the rest of the year. Miss Louchery comes with vast experience on Year 1 and has been shadowing Mrs Ellison over the past few weeks.

Cake Stall
This Thursday there is a cake stall fundraiser for Year 6. We encourage all parents to not use nuts of any variety in the cakes. Students with food allergies will have the opportunity to buy before recess to ensure a safe selection is made with a teacher present. Of course, as the parent of a child with a food allergy, you may choose not to allow your child to attend the cake stall.

Electronic Newsletter
As families are now using technology more and more for communication, we will no longer be giving every family a printed copy of the newsletter. The newsletter will be made available each fortnight through the Skoolbag app and the school’s website. This will be more environmentally friendly and will allow you to see all the photos in colour.

The Casula Public School Skoolbag app is available from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store and can be found by searching “Casula”. The app is free to download.

The school’s website is www.casula-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

If you still wish to receive a paper copy of the newsletter please refer to the green note accompanying this newsletter.

Have a great fortnight,

Mrs Diamond

Casula Public School Newsletter
Week 6, Term 3
KM

KM has been learning about Australian currency in mathematics. We decided to make a class shop with objects available in our classroom. Students in KM priced the goods. Each student was given some ‘real’ plastic money and were allowed to shop. It was a busy shopping afternoon and fun was had by all.

Favourite quote of the day was when shopkeeper Gerry in KM said “You don’t have enough money!” to which Isaak replied “Can I use the credit card?” A stern response followed! “No, if you don’t have the money- you can’t buy.”
Crazy Hair and Mufti Day
Plus a ‘Cake Stall’
Thursday 20th August

Cakes on sale from 20c to $2.00.
All funds raised will support the Year 6 Fun Day
**Kindergarten Pyjama Day**

On Tuesday 4\(^{th}\) August, all kindergarten children came to school in their pyjamas. The children were very excited (more than usual) to work, play and have fun in their pyjamas whilst at school. The day was organised to bring fun into the classroom during learning time. Our children are encouraged to read every night and most children do this, just before going to sleep.

**Debating Update**

“The key to success is hard work and determination”. This quote by Evan Carmichael thoroughly characterises the triumphant and victorious success earned and achieved by one of our debating teams.

A couple of weeks ago, four students participated in the last round of the Liverpool District Debating Competition. The team had one hour to prepare and produce three quality speeches persuading the adjudicator to our point of view. The debate topic was – ‘We should always tell the truth’. We were the affirmative team. Elaine Zhang from 5/6D was our first speaker who spoke about how telling the truth is morally correct and how lying causes severe damage. Next Vyom Nanavati also from 5/6D spoke about the health concerns of lying or fibbing and the addiction it becomes. Our third speaker Neha Singh from 6W summarised all the arguments and closed our case. Marina Jovanovic also from 6W was our important team advisor for the day.

We would like to congratulate the whole team and a massive shout out to Mr Davis for assisting us all and Mrs Diamond for her exceptional photography skills. We look forward to more challenging debates.

By Neha Sing
Media Minister
5/6B has been studying imagery in English this term. Here are some personification poems, based on the book "FIRE" by Jackie French.

**FIRE**

Creeping, winding, sneaking  
Eating, swallowing, tasting  
Running, racing, sprinting  
Hunting, fighting, bullying  
Distressing, torturing, tormenting

*By: Adam Osman 5/6B*

**FIRE**

Gulping, feeding, eating  
Feasting, swallowing, choking  
Hunting, trailing, stalking  
Searching, seeking, wandering  
Growing, expanding, increasing

*By: Angelina Palumbo 5/6B*

**FIRE**

Racing, running, sprinting  
Growing, expanding, evolving  
Attacking, hunting, fighting  
Feeding, eating, swallowing  
Conscious, breathing, alive

*By Marwan Alzuhairy 5/6B*
Library Corner

Every year, schools and public libraries across Australia celebrate Book Week in August. This year the theme is Books Light Up Our World. Books truly light up our world in so many different ways. They shed light into dark places by bringing education to those who want it. Books bring the world to life for us, enabling us to travel to distant lands without leaving our homes and even venture into space or fantasy worlds. They empower us, entertain us, educate us and bring us closer to others. Books help us to grow as human beings.

At Casula, we will be celebrating Book Week in Week 7. Throughout this week students will participate in fun activities and enjoy sharing lots of wonderful Australian books created by fabulous Australian authors and illustrators. The following are the books that are shortlisted for 2015.

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**On Wednesday 26th August** we will have a Onezie / Pyjama Day. All teachers and students will simply need to hop out of bed on this day and come to school dressed up in their favourite onezie or pyjama. You can bring along your favourite book and soft toy.

Students will be given an opportunity to participate in the K-2 and 3-6 competition. Details will be provided to the students during library lessons this week. All entries close Friday Week 6.
## PSSA RESULTS

**Term 3 – Round 7**

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Casula Public School Awards

Students collect 10 awards that can be traded in for an “Award of Excellence”

When a student collects 10 Awards of Excellence they are eligible for a gold medallion.
The award system rolls over from year to year.

Awards:

Any combination below will ensure students can receive an Award of Excellence.

- Blue Merit Certificates (awarded when 5 Casula Champion cards are traded)
- White Merit Certificates
- Term Behaviour Award
- Sports Award
- School Spirit Award
- Principals Award

Merit Awards

Term Behaviour Award

School Spirit Award

Principal’s Award

Sports Award

Blue Merit Certificate
CASULA HIGH SCHOOL UPDATE

This week at Casula High we have enjoyed hosting the Principals from our local Primary Schools. This team of Principals along with our own Principal, Mrs Jennifer French, are working on some great upcoming activities. Some of these are:

- Senior executive members from all schools taking part in a leadership workshop by Dr Michelle Mulvihill which will be hosted by Casula High.
- Our science department holding science lessons for our primary schools.
- Casula’s Pacific Islander group visiting our local primary schools to teach students the haka.
- Casula High hosting a year 5 Taste of High School Evening for year 5 students and their parents at the end of term 3.
- All year 5 students being offered the opportunity to attend a free excursion to the Australian Museum on behalf of Casula High.
- Year 12 students hosting a ‘Space’ video conference in term 3.
- Casula High hosting a ‘Leadership’ video conference for all SRC groups.
- For more updates on our exciting achievements why not like us on Facebook? Find us at www.facebook.com/casulahighschool

If you have any queries please contact the school on 9602-4270. Emily Signorini, Transition Co-ordinator
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Week 6, Term 3

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Saturday 22nd August
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- Henna, origami and face painting
- Hornsby Rotary Rock Fair for Lifeline
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- Trash and Treasure

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