From the Relieving Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

The first three weeks of school have been exceptionally busy as we finalised enrolments and classes across the school. Currently we have 839 enrolments and 33 classes. This is now finalised and student classes will remain as is.

Our staff list for 2016 includes:

**Kindergarten Team**
- KD – Mrs Denner (Assistant Principal/Leader)
- KC – Mrs Christoforidis
- KM – Mrs Moussa
- KB – Mr Kent
- KG – Miss Gorgioska
- KE – Mrs Edwards

**Year 1 and Year 2 Team**
- 1MC – Miss Morello and Miss Campbell
- IL – Miss Louchery
- IM – Miss Michael
- 1Z – Miss Zammit
- 1N – Miss Nguyen
- 2W – Miss Wilson
- 2MI – Mrs Ilovski and Mrs Mahler
- 2L – Miss Davie
- 2D – Mrs Mann
- 2BD – Mrs Doherty (4 days) and Mrs Jolly (1 day)

This team of teachers is led by Mrs Finlayson (Assistant Principal) and Miss Davie.

**Year 3 Team**
- 3C – Mr Cooper
- 3M – Miss Mellefont
- 3G – Miss Gilligan (Leader)
- 3T – Miss Newton
- 3/4D – Miss Cefai

**Year 4 Team**
- 4J – Mrs Goetz
- 4G – Miss Campbell
- 4K – Mr King
- 4C – Miss Carey

This team of teachers is led by Ms Goulder (Relieving Deputy Principal).

**Year 5 Team**
- 4/5B – Miss Brendish (Assistant Principal/Leader)
- 5K – Mrs Krautz
- 5A – Mrs Alavanja
- 5N – Miss Maine
Year 6 Team
5/6D – Mr Davis (Opportunity Class)
6R – Miss Ruda
6V – Mr Vanderwey
6W – Mrs Weston
This team of teachers is led by Mrs Diamond and Miss Ruda.

Deputy Principals
Mr Field
Ms Goulder (Relieving)

Principal
Mrs Diamond (Relieving)

Teacher Mentor – Mrs Byrnes (1 day each week)

Support Team Specialists
Learning and Support Staff – Mrs Blake and Mrs Jolly
English as an Additional Language or Dialect – Mrs Angilletta, Mrs Shirley, Mrs Jolly, Mrs Schwenke and Ms Smith
Library – Mrs Pucovski and Mrs Hajjar
RFF – Mrs Pacialeo, Mrs McNaught, Mrs McAlister, Mrs Tregear
Arabic Community Language – Mrs Zaarour
This team of teachers is led by Mr Field (Deputy Principal).

School Learning and Support Officers – Ms Black, Mrs Ricchiuti, Mrs Habbous, Miss Gajic, Mr Montoya, Mr Miller

School Counsellor – Mrs Simpson (Tuesday, Wednesday and half day Friday)

School Office Staff
Administration Manager – Mrs Graham
Administration Officers – Mrs McCulloch, Mrs Hamilton, Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Huffadine, Mrs Proia
General Assistant – Mr Jeff
School Cleaning Staff – Mr Victor, Mrs Natasha, Mr Alex, Mrs Mare

As you can see there are many staff employed at Casula Public School, working together to create a fantastic learning environment that is safe and happy for ALL students.

Comments from the Community
This year I will be placing a comment box at the office counter for parents to leave positive comments about staff working at the school. It is important that all staff receive positive feedback for their hard work and commitment. This note will then be passed onto the staff member. Please don’t leave negative comments but instead come and talk to me, the Deputies or the teacher if you have concerns. The teacher should be the first person you speak to regarding any concerns or questions. They are not available during class time to chat with you but please feel free to contact the school office to make an appointment on 9602 3170.

Furniture
We have some excess furniture that we are trying to get rid of. Every Friday afternoon over the next few weeks we will be leaving furniture in the CENTRAL area near the Kindy classes. Please feel free to take. It is completely FREE!

P&C
I am really thrilled that we have so many parents joining our school P&C. In the past 12 months our numbers have grown to close to 30 members. On March 8th we have our Annual General Meeting followed by a normal meeting. Any member of the community is welcome to come along and join and hear up to date information about our great school and fundraising opportunities. The meeting will begin at 9.15am in the community room. Please come along and get involved in your child’s school.

Our P&C hold a number of fundraising events throughout the school year. The first one will be this Thursday at lunchtime. GELATO ice creams will be available for $2 in chocolate and bubblegum flavours. Thank you to our hard working members for organising a great event.
Swimming Trials
Our annual swimming trials for swimmers only will be held tomorrow at the Whitlam Centre. We share the carnival with Liverpool West PS, Lurnea PS and Prestons PS. Thank you to Mr King for his great organisation. I look forward to popping in tomorrow to see the students race.

Parent Forum
A reminder that this Friday Mr Davis will be running a session for parents on Selective High Testing in the school library from 9.15am. This session should conclude by 11am. All parents, no matter what grade their child is in, are welcome to attend.

PaTCH (Parents as Teachers/Classroom Helpers) Training
Last week Ms Goulder and Mrs Denner ran an information session for parents. There was excellent interest with over 20 parents attending. The training will occur shortly. If you didn’t attend the session it is not too late, see Ms Goulder in the office if you are interested.

Also, thank you to the parents assisting with the covering of books. Please come along and help out!

Voluntary Contributions
Last week a note went home explaining voluntary contributions. This is a very small amount of money that assists in maintaining air conditioners, interactive whiteboards and buying resources for students. Thank you to the many parents who have paid so far, it really helps us!

$40 for each child
$75 for families of two or more students

At the end of the term we will be drawing one family name out who have paid their voluntary contributions and the winner will receive a cheque for $100 to spend at the uniform shop.

Drop off and Pick up Times
Please remember that students should not be at school before 8.30am each morning as there is no supervision available to students. In the afternoon students must be picked up at 3pm. If you have difficulty parking your car can I encourage you to use the drop off zone on Holland Crescent where you can drive in, pick up your child and drive off. This is the easiest place to pick up your children. It is also very safe with a teacher on Holland Crescent duty each afternoon. I have had many conversations in the past week with parents reminding them of the pick up time. Please help us out, call the school if you will be late but otherwise please be on time.

PSSA
PSSA summer sport begins this Friday. Please ensure you have made your payment to the school office and returned permission notes. Your child MUST wear a hat to sport each week. Each child must also attend weekly training sessions with their coach.

Have a great fortnight,

Mrs Diamond

Scripture
Scripture classes will commence tomorrow. We use the enrolment forms to place students into their scripture classes. If these are incorrect please write a note to your child’s class teacher and we will make the necessary changes.

We are looking into ethic classes and will let you know more when we have more information.

Ms Karen Goulder
Relieving Deputy Principal
Library Corner

Welcome back everyone!!!

All classes have begun their visits to the library and it is so exciting to see we have a lot of very keen and enthusiastic readers at our school. It is important that all students in Kindergarten, Year 1 through to Year 4 bring a library bag to each lesson. Students in Year 5 and 6 are allowed to borrow books without a library bag. Please make sure your children take good care of the books while at home and keep them in a safe place. Also make sure books are kept away from food, and hands are clean. A fee will apply to any damaged books.

This year our school is again participating in the Premiers Reading Challenge. Students will be encouraged to borrow books with a green, orange or red spot from designated areas in the library. A record of the books read by each student will be kept in the library which will be entered onto the PRC site at a later date. Teachers will also have PRC books available in the classroom for the students to read.

In addition to library class visits students can borrow before school on Monday through to Thursday between 8:35 – 8:50. This is a great opportunity for parents to come along and borrow some books with your child or just come up and read a book together before the school day begins.

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 would still like a paper copy of the newsletter, please contact the office and a paper copy will be given to your child each fortnight.
2016 is going to be a huge year for 3C at Casula Public School. We are going to commit to the idea of mastering our learning. We are going to expand our classroom beyond our four walls and engage with real life learning. We have some exciting projects ahead of us in term 1 as we uncover the individual storyteller in us all. Here is a small peak into the amazing work being done at Casula Public School so far. 3C are working alongside our resident artist Howard as they begin to map their individual family trees. They are also working on a homemade slime recipe for science.
Hi! My name is Mrs Vicky Weston and I am the proud teacher of a wonderful Year 6 class this year, 6W! I am very excited to be working with keen and happy students who are eager to learn. Please read their stories.

6W is learning about growth mindset, something I have never learnt before, which is really interesting. It’s all about being positive and not limiting your abilities. You can make your brain stronger and bigger just by being positive about learning, which I found really amazing. I have also learnt about Highest Common Factor, rounding numbers to ten million and new vocabulary. I look forward to having a year full of learning and fun. by Leila Chami

I can’t believe I learnt a number of things in 1 week. I learnt about: growth mindset; fixed mindset; inferential questions and literal questions; and the list goes on and on. I would like to say everything but I don’t want to bore you so let me talk about inferential and literal questions. Inferential questions are questions where you have to infer, for example, Where did Ahn Do get the boat from? You have to infer because it didn’t say in the book. Literal questions can be answered directly from the text. I love year six and I will always remember it. Sirjan Sidhu

Hi! My name is Ruby. I am a part of the class 6W and I am a new student here at Casula Public School. So far I have learnt so much in just 9 days! Mrs Weston is my teacher. She is so kind and amazing to be in a class with. I am very lucky to have a teacher like her.

In 6W I have learnt new maths strategies, growth and fixed mindsets, how to work in a team and more! In mathematics 6W have learnt place value and greatest common factors. I struggled but I’m still getting there!

In growth and fixed mindsets I had no clue what they were. But now I know exactly what they are! Don’t have a fixed mindset students! On the first or second day at Casula I was so nervous of meeting people but I have made awesome friends. We had to work in a group of 3 to make a tower. Two of my friends and I worked together. I learnt that it’s all about teamwork in 6W and don’t stress over anything you can’t do!
...Platinum Mixed Martial Arts located in Casula teaches their students self defence promoting an 'Anti-Bullying' message. Students aged 6 years and up. Learn mixed martial arts and traditional karate. Great rates come and try it out Tuesday's and Thursday's.

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