From the Relieving Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents and Caregivers

We are off and racing in what has been a very busy but great start to 2016. The fortnightly school newsletter is available on the Skool Bag app and website. Paper copies will be sent home to those families that have requested one.

Safety First

It is so important to us at Casula that we keep our students safe, happy and learning at all times. Safety is paramount at our school. Last week we participated in an evacuation drill. The drill enables teachers and students to understand where their evacuation points are on site and the need to move quickly and calmly to these spots. If we are ever required to evacuate off site, we walk to Lurnea High School about 1km from the school.

We ask that parents pick their children up on time and if parking is a problem, please use the Kiss and Ride space in Holland Crescent as you can pull in, pick up and drive off. If your child is not there, you do a lap around the block and come back. In the past week we have seen students wandering along Reserve Rd waiting for parents at 3.15pm. If you are running late please contact the school and your child can wait in the air conditioned office. It is unsafe for them to be walking the streets waiting for someone to pick them up.

You may have read recently that there have been stranger danger alerts in the Lurnea, Sadleir and Liverpool areas. Cars are stopping and trying to entice young children into their cars. NSW Police recommend parents tell their children to:

- Avoid walking on their own
- Walk near busier roads and streets
- Make sure your parents or another adult knows where you are at all times
- Always walk straight home
- Know where safe places are – shops, service stations, library, school etc.
- Don’t talk to people you don’t know and NEVER get into a car with someone you don’t know.

Local police have also been driving up and down De Meyrick Avenue and charging drivers who are parked illegally. Please be aware of this. I often see drivers doing three point turns over double yellow lines, over the pedestrian crossing and other unsafe manoeuvres. Our kids are important PLEASE keep them safe.

Many parents ask me why the gate closest to the office is locked each afternoon. The reason for this is to encourage all pedestrians to use the crossing instead of walking across the road with their child.

Important Dates

Term 1 Week 6
Monday 29 February
National Young Leaders Conference

Wednesday 2 March
Zone Swimming (Mac Fields Leisure Centre)
Stage 3 Assembly 2.10pm Hall

Friday 4 March
PSSA Summer
BaSS Skipping Yrs 3-6

Term 1 Week 7
Tuesday 8 March
P&C AGM 9.15am

Wednesday 9 March
Stage 2 Assembly 2.10pm Hall

Thursday 10 March
Selective High School Placement Testing

Friday 11 March
PSSA Summer
BaSS Skipping Yrs 3-6

Term 1 Week 8
Tuesday 15 March
SSW Swimming (Campbelltown)

Wednesday 16 March
Year 2 Assembly 2.10pm Hall

Thursday 17 March
P&C Mufti Day bring an egg
Selective High Tests
Thirty of our Year 6 students will be sitting the Selective High Tests on March 10th from 9am – 1.30pm at Hurlstone Agriculture High School, Roy Watts Rd GLENFIELD. I want to wish all students the very best of luck.

P&C AGM
The Annual General Meeting of Casula’s P&C will be held at 9.15am on Tuesday 8th March in the Community Room. All parents are welcome to attend.

Zone Swimming
This 20 Wednesday I am very excited to be attending the Zone Swimming Carnival at Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre. We have 20 students representing our school. Good luck to all competitors.

Professional Learning for Staff
Occasionally staff are required to attend professional learning workshops. This is vitally important in keeping teachers abreast of the latest teaching practices. We do send many of our staff to workshops as we feel it is important in improving student outcomes. Teachers will be away from school on these particular days. The class will either have a casual teacher who will continue the programs or occasionally the class will be split and provided with grade appropriate work. Please be understanding as we at Casula are building the best, most qualified educators for your children.

Sydney Opera House Project
Last year we participated in an amazing storytelling project with the Sydney Opera House. We have been approached by the Casula Powerhouse to display the work done last year and the current work being completed by Year 3 with their teachers and resident artist Howard Mathew. This is such a fantastic opportunity for our school and I am honoured to announce that our school will display work in the children’s gallery at the Casula Powerhouse for the Way Out West Festival held in July. This festival welcomes over 10 000 members of the public through its doors over a two week period.

Environmental Awareness
At Casula we are constantly teaching students the importance of looking after the school environment, recycling and reusing. We have been recognised for our work in this area and as a result Mr Ian Kiernan AO, who in 1990 introduced the Clean Up Australia campaign, is visiting Casula Public School this Friday at 11am. He is going to address the students and discuss the need to work in communities to clean up and fix our Earth. After the address Ian, teachers and students will spend time cleaning up the school for Clean Up Australia Day.

Meet the Parent Conversations
There was excellent attendance at the Meet the Parent Conversations held last week. It was a valuable opportunity for teachers to learn more about your child/ren. If you didn’t attend please see your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

BYOD Parent Forums
Mr Field will be hosting two parent forums tomorrow to outline the Bring Your Own Device program at Casula. Parents of students in Years 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to attend the sessions at 9am or 4pm.

Have a great fortnight,

Mrs Diamond

Casula Cheeky Chooks Free Range Eggs
Free range eggs from our school chickens are available for sale from the office for $6 a dozen. Please contact the office to put your name on the list if you are interested in buying some eggs.
**SRC Assembly**

Our Student Representative Council (SRC) induction assembly took place on Thursday 25th February. Students from Years 2-6 were previously elected by their peers to represent their class in the SRC. Students were elected because they are good role models who are willing to be a leader in their school community. At the assembly, students proudly received their badges from their parents. A morning tea for SRC representatives and parents followed.

This year will see changes to the role of the SRC at Casula PS. The representatives will be developing and refining their leadership skills at SRC meetings. They will also be running meetings with their class each term in which all students will have the opportunity to voice their opinions, share ideas and raise any issues that need to be addressed by the Parliament. The assembly was a great start to an exciting journey ahead for our SRC representatives for 2016!

### 2016 SRC List

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Thirty-two Casula students participated at the swimming trials on Tuesday 16th February at the Whitlam Centre. Well done to Bunker who won overall with 53 points, followed by Meehan (47 points), Adams (34 points) and Throsby (21 points). Special thanks to Mrs Angilletta, Mrs Alavanja and Mrs Diamond for their assistance on the day. Students will receive their ribbons at upcoming stage assemblies. Good luck to our team of twenty competitors who will represent our school at the Liverpool Zone carnival on Wednesday 2nd March at Macquarie Fields Leisure Centre.

Thank you
Mr D. King and Miss N. Maine (Sport Coordinators)

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Thursday 3rd of March

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Gold coin donation!

Wear your favourite team colours.

Have fun all day!

Year Six Fundraiser
Guided Reading in 2L!

2L have had a great start to the year in our new class. Guided reading is one of our favourite activities because we can choose which centres to work at while Miss Davie reads with different groups of students. The centres are really fun and engaging. Miss Davie changes the activities each week and we love finding out what our new activities are each Monday morning. Here some examples of our activities below:

Tanisha is at the Editing Centre. She has to read the letter and edit the mistakes by using the school editing code.

Abdul-Razaq and Jibreel are learning how to use the dictionary to find the meaning of new words.

Aliyah is reading to her buddy, Rihanna. Afterwards they ask each other questions about the story.

Joshua and Yehya are at the Great Barrier Reef Research Centre. They are reading about seahorses and recording new facts learnt.

These boys are working at the Spelling Centre. They are practising identifying missing vowel in words.
WELCOME TO 5A.

It has been an amazing opportunity to see students step back into classrooms and begin a new year. Year 5 have stepped back into classrooms full of passion and desire to engage in authentic learning experiences in 2016. I have the privilege this year to be a part of an amazing cohort of students who challenge and inspire my teaching practices on a daily basis.

My name is Mrs Milica Alavanja and I am 5A’s teacher for 2016. I strongly believe the fundamental goal of teaching is learning. Our students are our future and I endeavor throughout this year to engage and inspire students through endless opportunities of learning. I aim to create an atmosphere that encourages curiosity and sheer determination for each of my students. Our classroom is a room where students are provided with the opportunity to feel important, respected, cared for and believed in. It is evident that every teacher has the capability to create a positive impact on a student’s life.

Our learning experiences are based on real-world situations to provide students the opportunity to become 21st century learners. We provide the foundational skills to create active citizens. This term in 5A we are powering through our learning content, ensuring to meet our set learning goals with complete success.

Curriculum Overview:

- English: Narrative/Storytelling
- Guided Reading: Monitoring & Summarising (Super 6 Strategies)
- Spelling Program
- Mathematics: Fractions & Decimals
- H.S.I.E.: Cultural Study Japan
- P.D.H.P.E.: Sun Safety
- Creative Arts: Dance

The curriculum content is addressed thoroughly to provide students with the opportunity to build upon their skills in a constructive manner. Year 5 this year are working towards completing their NAPLAN assessment in term 2. I strive to provide my students with the relevant resources, knowledge and time to prepare them for this chapter.

I strive to build a 21st century learning classroom. In this practice students are immersed in the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program. Students are able to bring their own device to support their learning – please ensure your child has their contact returned to support this program.

To all my wonderful parents my door is open all year for a chat, please feel free to visit!

Mrs Alavanja

“I am a teacher who makes it possible for her students to reach their full potential, ask questions, learn from their mistakes, give and receive feedback, create and try their best.”

Easter Show Excursion

Stage 3 will be immersing themselves on the 24th March to the Royal Sydney Easter Show. Please make your payments to the front office by the 3rd March, 2016. It will be a fantastic, authentic, hands-on learning experience for our students at Casula.
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