

Term 4 Week 11

21st December, 2017

Castlemaine North Primary *Northern Natter*



Diary Dates

Last Day of Term
Staff vs Students
Softball match
Fri 22nd December
2.30pm dismissal

First Day of Term 1,
2018 for Students
Tues 30th January

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you everyone for the unforgettable assembly that was held yesterday to celebrate my retirement. I was overwhelmed by the kindness, respect and generosity shown by everyone. It was a celebration that I will remember with great fondness forever...so many wonderful memories.



Thank you again to Ms Chapman and Mrs Samson for organising the very moving program of events, and to all our amazing staff, every student at Castlemaine North, all parents, carers and friends as well as past colleagues for being there for me. Thank you also for the many beautiful gifts from the school community. I have certainly been spoilt! I have loved working at CNPS as a teacher and Principal over the past 17 years and it has been a privilege to lead such an incredible school community. I have appreciated all your help, support and expertise. Of course I will miss the staff, students and parents hugely but am excited about the next stage of my life.

THANK YOU!!

2017 School Magazine

There are several pre-ordered magazines that are yet to be picked up. Please send along \$12 and make sure that your magazine is collected from Ms Chapman before the end of the school year.

Christmas Carols Afternoon



*What a lovely end of year celebration!
Thank you Joseph for putting together such an enjoyable concert of Christmas songs.*

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Farewell and Good Luck to...

- Sam Kerr “the complete package” – thank you for everything you have given to the CNPS community over the past five years. Your outstanding teaching and wonderful company will be sorely missed! All the best at Barwon Heads PS in 2018.
- Ibu Putri – thank you so much for your most valuable support of our Indonesian language and culture program this year; it has been such a pleasure to have you working with us. Students and staff will miss you so much!
- Hannah, Pablo, Memphis, Mia, Wania and Andreas, who will be attending new schools in 2018. We hope that you all have wonderful learning experiences at your new schools and you will be missed a great deal. Thank you to the families of these students for all their support.
- All our Grade Six students starting secondary school next year. We wish them all a happy and successful transition to their new schools and thank their families for their support of CNPS.
- The families of the following Grade Six children who will no longer have students at CNPS in 2018: Lily, Ava, Astrid, Rosa, Emma, Brianna, Stephanie, Ana and Ally.

Staff Versus Grade Six Students Softball Match

Friday 22nd December
Starting time: 9:30am
Special visitor: 10:45am
All welcome!



Final Assembly and Early Dismissal

The last assembly for 2017 will be at 2.10pm on Friday 22nd December. 97% Attendance Awards will be given out. Students will be dismissed at the earlier time of 2.30pm so please make sure that you have made arrangements to have your children picked up at this earlier time.

2018 School Year

The first day back for students is Tuesday 30th January. The staff will be commencing the day before for a planning day.

Student Representative Council

I would like to acknowledge the work that our SRC members have done in 2017. They have been involved in many worthwhile projects related to school improvement and have represented their fellow students extremely well. A big thank you to Rosa, Astrid, Emma, Lily, Silas, Finn, Miffy, Spencer C, Rose O, Callum, Sophie D and Tully. Special thanks to our school leaders, Rosa and Astrid, who have taken on the leadership challenge so effectively and also to Ms Chapman and Stacey for coordinating the SRC in 2017.

Staffing for 2018

Apologies for the omission of Owen Wood (who will of course be again teaching Reading Recovery) from the 2018 staffing list provided in last week's newsletter. Hannah Vellacott will be teaching Visual Arts at the start of 2018 which will be warmly received by the students.

Asthma Plans and Anaphylactic Plans

These plans need to be updated every twelve months. If your child's plan needs to be updated please do so during the school holidays.

Thank You to.....

- The parents and carers who provided such a delicious morning tea for the Special Assembly and especially to Alix Edquist for coordinating this.
- The parents and carers who helped out with moving furniture and classroom resources this week. This was a massive undertaking.
- All the parents who helped with the ginger-bread making on Monday.
- Lorena Carrington for editing the wonderful Grade Six graduation DVD.
- Rachel Roberts for organising the 2017 calendars.

Special thanks to the following people for their amazing ongoing work supporting students staff and programs at CNPS:

- School Council members for their effective governance of school matters throughout 2017 and also for their support of all staff and school programs. In particular I would like to thank Cheryl Neilson (President), Karen Bodin (Vice President) and Karen Evennett (Secretary) for all the additional responsibilities they have taken on throughout the year.
- Parent's and Carer's Association members for all their work in supporting school programs, such as helping new families settle into the school community, successful fund-raising and providing special activities for the children. They have worked extremely hard to make the Parent's and Carer's the strong and inclusive association that it is. Special thanks to the executive members – Emily Jennings, Alix Edquist, Rachel Roberts and Sarah Gradie for all their extremely effective and valuable work..
- Angela Carland for her incredible work supporting Jen in the Library, especially the annual stocktake and running the Ashton Scholastic book-club program this year.
- Food Garden parents, particularly Nico Pye, for providing such enjoyable and valuable Friday afternoons in the garden for our students throughout 2017. Many thanks also to Catherine Jerome (ex-teacher at CNPS) who has given up many Friday afternoons to work with the students in the garden.
- Emily Jennings, Alix Edquist, Rachel Roberts and Sarah Gradie for running the Uniform Shop second-hand items throughout this term, turning up every Monday to help our school community.
- Kylie Ashby for coordinating the Growing Abundance lunch orders this year.



2017 has been a very rich and rewarding year and I wish you all a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe and relaxing holiday.

Thank you,
Karen Seaton,
Principal



Physical Education News

Swimming – Term 1, 2018

Students who are currently in Grades 3, 4 and 5 will be participating in four sessions of a swim and survive program early next year. We will require parent / carer helpers to assist with supervision whilst walking to and from the venue. Permission notes will be sent home the first week back next year.

Dates: 7, 8, 14, 15 February

Times: Grades will be scheduled between 11:30am-3pm

Venue: Castlemaine Outdoor Pool

Transport: Walking

Carly McGinniskin

We need volunteers over the summer holidays to water all the gardens in the school.

If you will be around, please contact Nico on 0499603786 or nico@nicopye.com .

And of course, we are always looking for more volunteers to work with the students on a Friday afternoon. You don't need any knowledge of gardening just a keenness to get involved. We hope to see you up there in 2018!

CNPS Parents & Carers Assoc.



WELCOME NEW CNPS FAMILIES | MORNING TEA FROM 9:00 am | TUES 30th JAN 2018

To welcome new Prep parents and carers, and other new families to the School, we will be hosting a casual morning tea on the first day of Term 1 2018. This will be held in the courtyard area.

LAST CHANCE TO COLLECT LOST PROPERTY

On the last day of Term 4, all unclaimed uniforms and containers in the lost property area will be collected, washed, and donated to the Uniform Shop or Op Shop.

LET'S BE FRIENDS?

Don't forget to join up to our Facebook page to keep up with P&CA news and events.

<https://www.facebook.com/CastlemainNorthParentsCarersAssociation/>

Thanks everyone, see you in 2018 for more fun!

Kids Summer Sewing Day Camp



Kids SUMMER SEWING day CAMP

With Louise Angwin
at Julie Red Projects' Sewing Salon
The Old Castlemaine Gaol, Bowden Street.

Five days of intensive sewing for youngish people (11-14) who want to wear their own self expression, made by their own hands. Hooray for sewing skills!

Day long sessions (9am – 3pm), structured classes, make cool stuff, learn excellent skills
Beginning of the week focuses on complete beginners, leading to complex projects at the end of the week. \$100/day

Day 1: Monday 15 Jan: **Beginners:** introduction to the sewing machine, sample stitching, ironing 101, pin cushion, soft toy, pencil case with zip.

Day 2: Tuesday 16 Jan: **Beginners:** introduction to the sewing machine, bag, skirt or simple shorts

Day 3: Wednesday 17 Jan: **Beginners Plus+:** Apron/smock with schmancy fancy trim, PJ pants, &/or reversible hat

Day 4: Thursday 18 Jan: **Intermediate:** Shorts or trousers with zip & pockets, high waisted?, flares? Not your thing? Sample different zips and pockets for your next pair....

Day 5: Friday 19 Jan: **Intermediate:** jumpsuit/overalls or dress

For bookings/further info: www.julieredprojects.com

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