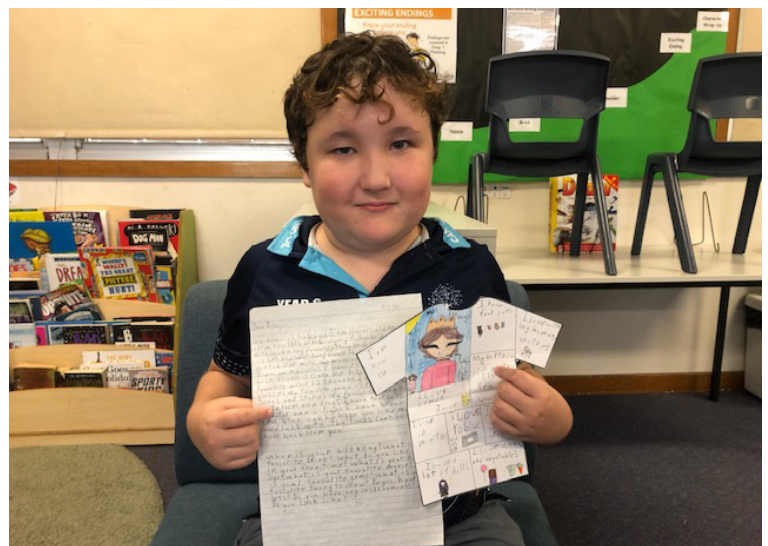
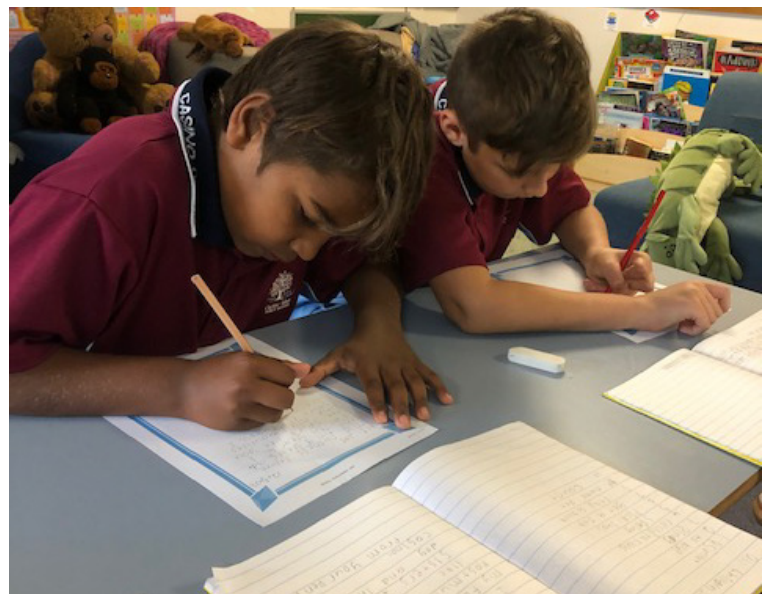
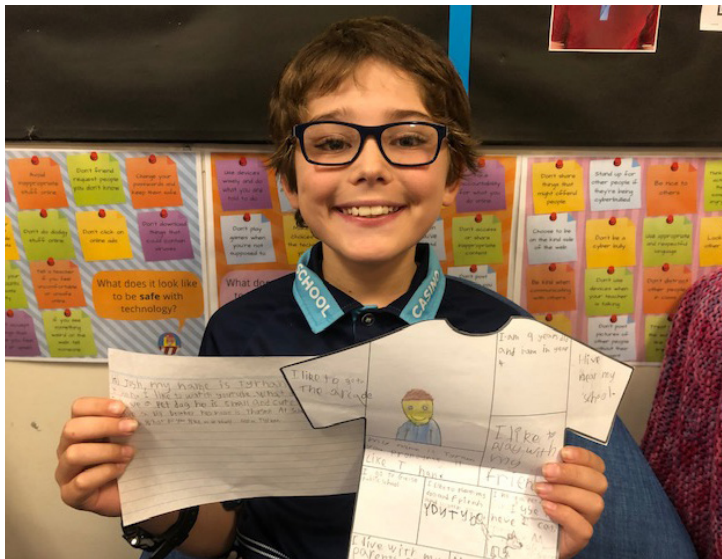




## Pen Pal Partners in K/6H

K-6H is participating in a pen pal program with another autism support class in Sydney. We were all very excited to receive our first letters and surprised by how many things we had in common. The students were very eager to respond straight away and put great effort and commitment into drafting and publishing their letters.



### Events calendar

**Monday 23 May**

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**Tuesday 24 May**

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**Wednesday 25 May**

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**Thursday 26 May**

National Sorry Day

Infants Assembly 9.45am

Sorry Day Assembly 12.15pm

School Performance Tours presents 'Brilliant at Being Resilient'

**Friday 27 May**

Beef Week celebrations

NR Zone PSSA Cross Country Casino

## **Dear parents, carers and community members,**

Welcome to week 5 and Casino Beef Week!

Stage 3 students very much enjoyed attending the GRIP Leadership Conference at Southern Cross University last week. Staff reported that students were a credit to our school with their respectful and responsible conduct. Staff were very proud of them all, well done Stage 3! Mr Campbell purchased some exciting resources for the school that will further develop the capabilities of our Stage 3 students.

Our SRC are showing their leadership skills by undertaking many valuable tasks and being positive role models around the school. Congratulations to Sunni and Jasmine who held a crocheting class at lunchtime which was well attended by students. We look forward to your creations.

Stage 2 and 3 conducted their first assembly for the term and it was a pleasure to see so much respect for students whose positive achievements were acknowledged on the day. Our cross country champions received their medallions at the assembly and qualifying students will go on to the Zone Cross Country in Casino on Friday.

Unfortunately, due to staff absences, we will NOT be able to enter our float into the Beef Week parade on Saturday. This is very disappointing as we had our decorations and truck organised. Many of our staff are unwell or have children who are unwell and will not be able to attend. We are assessing what our Beef Week celebrations on Friday will look like. We are working with the Health and Safety Directorate to finalise plans as soon as possible.

Thank you to Mrs Wilder and our P&C for decorating our Beef Week window, it looks wonderful.

A big thank you for your continuing efforts in supporting our school and students during the pandemic – especially prioritising safety and learning.

Recently our school community has been experiencing increasing levels of COVID-19 exposure and transmission. To minimise disruption to face-to-face learning and reduce in-school transmission of COVID-19, our school has been working closely with the Department of Education's Health & Safety case management team and has decided to temporarily adopt some additional COVID-smart measures for the next week (five school days). Please see attached letter.

Just a reminder that students who do not travel by bus are not to be at school before 9am. This is when playground supervision starts. If your child requires before and/or after school care external providers will soon be operating out of Casino Public School. Thank you for your cooperation.

Have a great week!

Warm regards

Lesley Mills  
Principal

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23 May 2022

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These temporary measures are designed to act as a "circuit breaker" to reduce transmission of COVID-19 in our school.

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Our continued layered measures include:

- Students, staff and visitors must stay home and test if sick. Refer to Advice for families for more information on testing and reporting a positive RAT.
- Maximising ventilation and distancing when practicable.
- Enhanced daily cleaning.
- Focus on personal hygiene.
- All school staff are required to be double vaccinated against COVID-19.
- All students are encouraged to get the COVID-19 vaccine.
- Masks required for staff working in SSPs and support classes.

We strongly encourage our students and their families to consider vaccination, including boosters when eligible. Find a vaccination clinic [External link](#) to book an appointment near you.

Thank you again for your continued support and understanding.

Lesley Mills


# From the library desk

We are very happy to be celebrating **Beef Week** at Casino West again. Here are some photos from 2015. Do you recognise anyone? The library has some non fiction books about cattle as well as some very funny stories.



Students in 3/4S wrote some excellent sensory poems about Autumn. Here are some Examples:

Date: 18.5.22 Name: Leanna



Autumn looks like wet plants growing in the big  
mud.

Autumn smells like raindrops in a  
wet forest after the first rain  
fall


Autumn sounds like the faint hum of  
a bird in the distance

Autumn tastes like a warm hot milky  
chocolate

Autumn feels like a cool breeze

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3/4S  
Date: 18.5.22 Name: Tajia



Autumn looks like leaf's falling on ur hair and  
hand

Autumn smells like mushrooms and hot chocolate

Autumn sounds like ITS like Tapping on concrete  
and rain on roof

Autumn tastes like fresh air hot chocolate

Autumn feels like crunsky chips

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## Canteen Award Week 4 Term 2

Donald in 2C  
Kate in 3/4S

**Well Done!**

## Different teacher, Same respect Award

Josh in K/6H  
Jerahl in K/6H

**Congratulations!**

Each week students are drawn from the special golden box. Students then pick a prize from Mrs Mills' special prize box.

## Attendance Award Week 4 Term 2

K/6M 91%

**Well Done!**

**Platty says**

**“ Listen carefully and  
give your  
complete  
attention  
to the  
person  
speaking  
to you.”**



Autumn looks like the beautiful leaves that are red, green, orange and yellow.

Autumn smells like the leaves falling from the trees onto the ground.

Autumn sounds like leaves crunching when you step on them.

Autumn tastes like a nice hot drink like hot chocolate.

Autumn feels like the wonderful Autumn breeze.

## Bric-a-brac donations please!

Ms R has been very busy sourcing cotton fabric, sewing scraps and elastic to make handmade items for the SRC Mini Fete this term.

**Do you know anyone with these items who would like to donate to this fundraiser?**

If yes Ms R and the SRC would be thrilled!

## Primary Assembly Term 2 2022

Class	Class Award Learning	Class Award Value	Sports Award Best and Fairest
3/4T	Makayla G	Alkira R	Abraham C
3/4S	Jesse F	Matthew F	Sharna C
5/6K	Harold R	Imogen H	Diane D
5/6R	Dakotah F	Khloe F	Khloe F
		Principals Award	Reason
3/4T		Serina A	<i>Consistent effort in class</i>
3/4S		Sharna C	<i>Being a responsible learner at Casino West</i>
5/6K		Jasmine C	<i>Great ideas for the Term 2 Fete</i>
5/6R		Cooper C	<i>Respectful student</i>
Platty Raffle Winners	MacqLit Award	Quicksmart Award	Best Class at Assembly
1. Skyindie Y 2. Jesse S	Kaige P	Zandyr S	K/6H



## Infants Assembly Term 2 2022

Class	Star of the Class	Sports Star
KR	Summer H-C	Josiah A
1S	Peyton C	Lilith P
1/2W	Charlotte G	Emmaleikah O
2C	Jahlisa K-E	Safiyah N
	<b>Merit Awards</b>	<b>Reason</b>
KR	Andre M	<i>Being a great friend</i>
KR	Zhyiana C	<i>Reading effort</i>
1S	Jarli P	<i>Telling time</i>
1S	Ekeem W	<i>Fluency</i>
1/2W	Curtis B	<i>Explaining 1/2</i>
1/2W	Jamal R	<i>Using conjunctions in writing</i>
2C	Kaliah T	<i>Effort in reading</i>
2C	Travis P	<i>Effort in writing</i>
	<b>Principals Award</b>	Reason
KR	Ekivah W	<i>Trying her best until she succeeds</i>
1S	Kobe C	<i>Being a supportive friend in reading groups</i>
1/2W	Hunter G	<i>For applying himself to write sentences to his best ability</i>
2C	Lameaha B	<i>Being a kind and polite class member who always tries her best with learning</i>
	<b>Birthdays</b>	
Sophia		Dougals
<b>Playground Draw</b>		<b>Best Behaviour at Assembly Class Award</b>
1. Cooper 2C	2. Kyrie KR	2C and KR



# Our value this week is

# PRESENCE

- To be present when someone is speaking to you means giving them your full attention and listening carefully to what they are saying.
  - By being present for others you make them feel valued.
- Being present is being aware of what is happening right now – not thinking about yesterday or tomorrow – but thinking, noticing and attentively being in the moment now.

**“Focus on opportunities not setbacks. Focus on what you can do, not what you can’t. Focus on the present moment, not the past or the future. Empower yourself!”**

**“Today is the first day of the rest of your life.”**

Ms G. Speck  
Instructional Leader



***Surely 1 or 2 days absent a week doesn't seem much but this is how it is..***

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

***If your child is late 10 minutes a day - surely that won't matter or affect my child..***

Only missing just..	That equals..	Which is...	Over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 minutes per day	50 minutes per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year
20 minutes per day	1hour 40minutes per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 minutes per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years



## Leaders now and in the future



Last Thursday the Stage 3 Year 5 and 6 classes went to Lismore for Grip Leadership. We learnt about teamwork, stepping up and also did other fun things. Ruby and Jeremiah went up on stage and it was pretty fun. For lunch we had a chicken wrap with all different things on it. Laquannah.



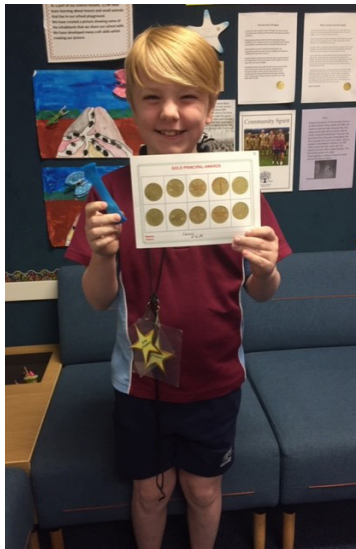
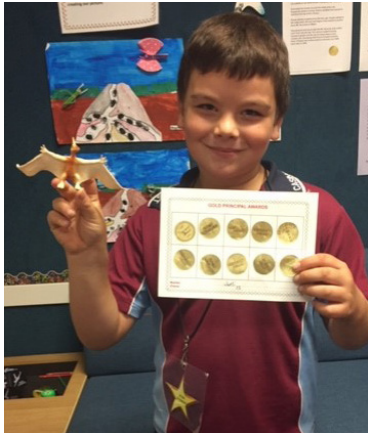
Last Thursday 5/6R and 5/6K travelled to Lismore to the grip leadership. We learnt about teamwork and many other things. We enjoyed it thanks to Mr Kilby and Mrs R. Jeremiah and other students that were at our school were amazing at acting. We had a free lunch it was a schnitzel wrap and an apple, orange and tropical juice. They were delicious. Shantala R.



# Principal Award

“Achieving 10 stars” Well done!

Cohen M
Bailey T
Hayden P
Nathan S
Timerah T
Izayah F
Donald D
Jerahl B
Kaliah T
Brooklyn T
Rayne A-S
James D
Maxwell C
Safiyah N
Saskia M
Jamal R
Laureek R
Emmaleikah O
Adam R
Jarli P
Douglas C
Jason R
Matthew F
Isaac B
Izayah F
Suzanne D-A



**Share your ideas**



**Join our P&C**

Come and say hello

Donna Goldthorpe - P&C President

Renea Scott - Treasurer

Felice Perkins - Secretary

Next meeting is  
Wednesday 22 June 3.30pm





# RECONCILIATION WEEK

Celebrating reconciliation in our community and recognising the achievements of individuals through the Richmond Valley Reconciliation Awards.

# BLACK & WHITE BALL

Saturday 4 June  
Casino RSM Club  
Canterbury Street Casino

Awards ceremony  
Two-course meal  
Dress code: Black and white colours only




## STUDENT ART EXHIBITION

Gold Coin Donation

148 Barker St Casino  
26/05/22 - 01/06/22

10am-3pm or by appointment  
cassinoartgallery@gmail.com

COME & SEE THE FUTURE ARTISTS OF CASINO DURING BEEF WEEK



## Canteen update

Unfortunately there are **no pies available** at present. We apologise for this inconvenience.

Please also be aware that due to safety regulations canteen volunteers are not able to heat any food from home.

## A few hours a month is all it takes to make a difference.

Children love seeing parents, carers and grandparents volunteering in the canteen. Joining the school community in this way gives all an opportunity to meet new people and enjoy the provided fresh healthy lunch to say thank you for your time!

Find out more by calling Louise the Canteen Supervisor on 0437 724 562 or phone the school on 6662 1916

## Beef Week Package Friday 27 May 2022



Please select a package below and return with payment by Wednesday 25 May.  
Thank you from the canteen.

Student Name:

Class: Total cost included:

<b>Package 1 - \$4.00</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Sausage Roll <input type="checkbox"/> Popper or <input type="checkbox"/> Water TNT included
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## WHAT'S ON in 2022

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Wednesday 25 May	
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Friday 27 May	Beef Week celebrations PSSA NR Zone Cross Country QEII Casino
Friday 27 May-3 June	Reconciliation Week
Monday 30 May	
Tuesday 31 May	Primary Assembly in hall 2.40pm
Wednesday 1 June	
Thursday 2 June	
Friday 3 June	
Saturday 4 June	Black and White Ball
Sunday 5 June	World Environment Day
Monday 6 June	

Tuesday 7 June	Yarn Up
Wednesday 8 June	Thank a First Responder Day Assembly
Thursday 9 June	
Friday 10 June	Infants Assembly in hall 1.00pm
Monday 13 June	Public holiday
Tuesday 14 June	Primary Assembly in hall 2.40pm
Wednesday 15 June	
Thursday 16 June	SRC Mini Fete
Friday 17 June	
Monday 20 June	
Tuesday 21 June	
Wednesday 22 June	
Thursday 23 June	Film Incursion Stage 3
Friday 24 June	Film Incursion Stage 2
Saturday 25 June	Cassino Art Show
Monday 27 June	NAIDOC Day Celebrations
Tuesday 28 June	Primary Assembly in hall 2.40pm
Wednesday 29 June	Reward for Attendance Jumping Castles
Thursday 30 June	
<b>Friday 1 July</b>	<b>Final Day of Term 2</b>
Sunday 3 July-10 July	NAIDOC Week
Monday 18 July	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 19 July	Students commence Term 3

**A new online  
payment page  
is now live on our  
school website!**

Access from a mobile,  
tablet or PC and in a  
language of your  
choice.



### Primary Assembly Term 2

2.40pm in Hall	Week 2	Week 4	Week 6	Week 8	Week 10
Term 2	NIL	Tues 17 May	Tues 31 May	Tues 14 June	Tues 28 June

### Infants Assembly Term 2

In Hall	Week 1	Week 4	Week 5	Week 7	Week 9
Term 2	2C Friday 29 April	1S Thurs 9.45am	1/2W Thurs 9.45am	KR Friday 1.00pm	1/2W Friday 1.00pm