



Casino West PUBLIC SCHOOL

WE ARE WALKING IN OUR ELDERS FOOTSTEPS ON
BUNDJALUNG COUNTRY, NURTURING AND EDUCATING
OUR JARJUMS TO ACHIEVE THEIR FUTURE DREAMING.



Week 5 Term 1

Monday 20 February 2023

<https://casinowest-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>

**K/6S
commence 2023
with gusto**

Events calendar

Monday 20 February

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Tuesday 21 February

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Wednesday 22 February

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Thursday 23 February

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Friday 24 February

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As we approach week 5 already, K-6S have shown that they are ready to become life long learners and are trying all sorts of activities.



Dear parents, carers and community members,

Welcome to week 5 after a weekend of beautiful weather, we hope you enjoyed it.

Our first assemblies for the 2023 year took place last week, thank you to all parents who attended to support their children in their learning success. Our next assemblies will be in week 6 and everyone is welcome to attend.

This week we have started dance group and we had so many students wanting to take part that we are going to have a Year 3/4 dance group (Monday lunchtime) and a Year 5/6 dance group (Wednesday lunchtime). Thank you to Miss Astoria for training our dance groups for us.

Next week on Tuesday 28 February at 10 am we will be having our first YARN UP for 2023. The Yarn Up will be in the yarning circle near the car park. Everyone is welcome to attend, join in and have a cuppa together. We hope to see you there.

Students in Year 3 and 5 will be undertaking NAPLAN this term, please see the information in this newsletter.

Have a great week!

Lesley Mills

Principal

From the library desk

It is always a pleasure to see students engaging with books that appeal to them. The books may be fiction or non-fiction, they may have few or many pages, they may be illustrated or without any pictures at all. They do however have one thing in common. The texts 'speak' to the reader. They may be about subjects that are interesting (eg. fishing, footy, snakes) or deal with themes that the students are able to relate to (eg. families, friendship, school).

At Casino West Public School, there is no shortage of quality reading material for the students to borrow and enjoy. The following new books are excellent examples of what the library currently has on offer:

'Amazing Animal Journeys', J. Cossins

Did you know that Arctic terns fly from the Arctic to Antarctica and back every year? Or that the Wilderbeest migration in East Africa is so vast it can be seen from outer space?

'You Are History' G Jenner

From the alarm clock to the toilet, the amazing history of the things you use every day.

'The Courage of Magnolia Moon' E. Wyatt

An enchanting read. A book that delivers wisdom as if by magic.'

'Berani', M. Kadarusman

A powerful story about standing up for what you believe in no matter what the cost.



Book Catalogue Primary Program

**Hi,
my name's Ash Barty,
and I'm a proud First
Nations woman and a
children's author.**



Reading has always been something I loved. My mum and dad instilled a love of reading in me and my sisters when we were very young, and it's a passion that has stayed with me.

When I was travelling, books were my comfort and my escape. Reading helped me to learn about new things and opened my mind to different ideas and worlds. Wherever I was in the world, I could get lost in an amazing story. My favourite books over the last few years have been good crime novels! Growing up, my favourite author was Morris Gleitzman and I still love him.

My inspiration for the LITTLE ASH series was my niece, Lucy. She's six years old and she's a complete bookworm. She's growing and learning so much. She reminds me of myself when I was a kid. When I read Lucy the drafts of the LITTLE ASH books, she gave very honest feedback. Making sure Lucy loved the books was so important to me. Seeing Lucy, my other niece Olivia, and my nephew Oscar, with big smiles while they are reading makes me very happy.

I've always wanted to contribute to kids' education and the LITTLE ASH books have been a wonderful step in that direction. I'm so grateful to my co-writer Jasmin McGaughey and illustrator Jade Goodwin for all of their help in bringing the LITTLE ASH stories to life. Sitting down with the team and working out some of the themes we liked and some of the pillars of my values, growing up as a kid with my family—my sisters, my mum and my dad, and my best mate James—was the way the LITTLE ASH journey started. The opportunity to relive some of my favourite childhood memories and bring them to life was something that was really special.

I'm really looking forward to creating more books for kids and encouraging young people to enjoy reading. Helping to provide opportunities and experiences for kids in sport and education is something I'm very passionate about. I look forward to spending more time on my book projects in the future.



Different teacher, same respect

Summer H-C 1/2W

Isaac B K-6M

Congratulations!

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

Canteen Award Week 5 Term 1

Brooklyn T - 1/2W

Addison B - 3/4S

Well done!



Principal Awards

**Week 4 Term 1
2023**

Attendance Reward

2C 95% K-6S 93%

1/2W 92% 3/4N 91%

Well done!



NAPLAN 2023

Suggested content for your school newsletter

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a point in time assessment of literacy and numeracy skills. Each year students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 participate in tests for writing, reading, conventions of language (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy.

From 2023, NAPLAN is moving to Term 1 and will take place from **Wednesday 15 March to Monday 27 March**. The reason for this change is so that results can be returned to schools earlier in the year which will support teachers to understand the learning needs of their students and plan accordingly.

NAPLAN tests are just one part of our school learning assessment program and questions are primarily based on knowledge, understanding and skills gained from the prior year of schooling.

In preparation for NAPLAN 2023, our school will undertake activities to help students to become familiar with the format and functionality of the online tests. These activities are not an assessment of student ability and will not be marked.

Students and parents can access the [public demonstration site](https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site) (<https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>) to familiarise themselves with NAPLAN and the types of questions and tools available. Excessive preparation for NAPLAN is not required nor recommended.

If you have any questions about NAPLAN, please contact your child's teacher.

Cool for school

We are very excited to tell you that Casino West Public School now has fully installed and operational Cooler Classrooms equipment, thanks to the NSW government investment of more than \$500 million dollars over five years to improve indoor comfort and air quality in public schools around the state.

Nine classrooms in the school have been upgraded with new systems. Each classroom and learning areas in the school have air conditioning systems.

Reverse-cycle air conditioning will now keep learning spaces comfortable during hot summers and chilly winters while fans and fresh air ventilation systems maintain healthy air quality. To increase energy awareness and keep running costs low, smart outdoor weather monitors linked to interactive control systems are installed. These enable students and teachers to make energy efficient decisions to improve classroom comfort.

By creating healthy and comfortable learning environments at our school, our students can focus on what matters – learning.



Jingee Walla!

Welcome back to another year at Casino West for 2023 and a big warm welcome to our new families 🤗

We will be hosting a Yarn Up on:

When: 28/2/23

Time: 10am

Where: Yarning Circle out front

Light refreshment's and morning tea will be provided.

We will be discussing things that will be happening throughout the school year for 2023.

We hope you can make it!

Boogie Bare

(Thank You)



Swimmers are grinner!

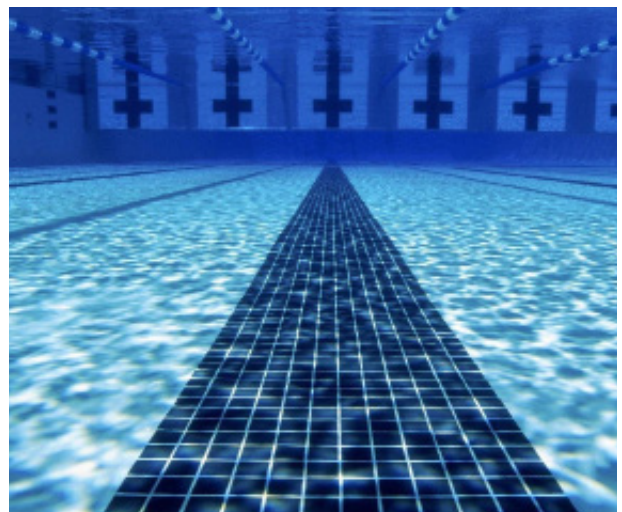
Congratulations to Harold R, Kiarlia F, Khloe F and Tahlia D for progressing through to the PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival. Very proud!



**The School Swimming Scheme
is nearly here!
Return notes and payment
Don't miss out!!!**

Week 6 Years K-2

Week 7 Years 3-6



Platty says
**"Well done for listening and not interrupting
while someone else is speaking."**

Our value this week is

CHALLENGE

- To **challenge** yourself is to push yourself that bit harder to achieve something important to you.
- By **challenging** yourself you're proving to yourself that you have the capacity and effort to overcome hurdles and you're learning that you have the ability to accomplish new things in life.
- **Challenges** are important parts of life that give you experiences; make you learn and help you to become wiser and stronger.

The best learning happens when we challenge ourselves.

Ms G. Speck
Instructional Leader

Phrase
of the Week

Boogle Joogum
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Good night

Word
of the Week

Yarbu
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Limited spaces available
at Little Jarjums Preschool
don't miss out!
We'd love for you to join us
Drop in or call
02 6662 8995
02 6662 1916



Little Jarjums Preschool
Casino West Public School

Infants Assembly Term 1 Week 4

Class	Star of the Class	Sports Star
KR	Hadlee S	Ariana C
K/1S	Jake C	Oliver M
1/2W	Raeleigh R	Taner B
2C	Hope H	Jarli P
	Merit Awards	Reason
KR	Tyga Mc	<i>Listening skills.</i>
KR	Blade B	<i>Always having a go at new things.</i>
K/1S	Brooklyn D	<i>Courage.</i>
K/1S	Zayarah R-H	<i>Following instructions.</i>
1/2W	Lilith P	<i>Being a learner.</i>
1/2W	Jett H	<i>Trying hard.</i>
2C	Fletcher S	<i>Reading.</i>
2C	Oceana M	<i>Effort in writing.</i>
	Principals Award	Reason
KR	Sahalia H-C	<i>Being a respectful & responsible member of KR.</i>
K/1S	Bella W	<i>Being a kind & caring class member.</i>
1/2W	Ekeem W	<i>For displaying the ability to be a learner.</i>
2C	Willow W	<i>Kind & thoughtful class member.</i>
Birthdays		
Kobe in 2C	Emmaleikah 2C	Oceana in 2C
Zak in 2C	Zahli in KR	Sahalia in KR
Dakoda in KR		Zhyiana-Ashlee in K/1S
Playground Draw \$2 Canteen Voucher		Playground Draw \$2 Canteen Voucher
Estelle T		Scarlett M
	Best Behaviour at Assembly Class Award	
	2C	



Seasons for Growth

Children and Young People's Program:

fostering resilience and wellbeing in children and young people.

Life is like the Seasons

Seasons for Growth is an evidence-based change, loss and grief education program that uses the imagery of the seasons to illustrate the experience of change, loss and grief.

Children and young people can experience grief following significant changes and losses:

- ♦ Someone they love dies
- ♦ Separation and divorce
- ♦ Friendship changes
- ♦ Illness impacts their life
- ♦ Relocation
- ♦ Natural disasters

Seasons for Growth aims to strengthen the social and emotional wellbeing of children and young people by:

- ♦ Exploring the impact of change and loss on every-day life
- ♦ Learning new ways to respond to these changes.



Contact Us

For more information, please contact

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Casino West Primary School

Program Structure

The Seasons for Growth Children and Young People's Program is a small group program which runs for 45 minutes over eight weeks. The program offers four levels with tailored, developmentally appropriate activities and discussions.

Level 1: 8-8 years

Level 2: 9-10 years

Level 3: 11-12 years

Level 4: 13-16 years

Each session explores a theme using the seasonal imagery:

- ♦ Life is like the Seasons
- ♦ Change is Part of Life
- ♦ Valuing My Story
- ♦ Caring for my Feelings
- ♦ Making Good Choices

The program provides a safe space for children and young people where they can give voice to their experiences, understand their feelings, learn problem-solving and decision making skills, develop friendships, and recognise they are not alone.

A Seasons for Growth journal is provided to each participant to document their learning journey.

"I would say that it was an amazing experience and that I got a lot out of it. I would definitely recommend it."

YOUNG PERSON



Primary Assembly Term 1 2023

Class	Class Award Learning	Class Award Value	Class Award Sport
3/4N	Koby D	Kayden C	Hunter G
3/4S	Lincoln B-S	Travis P	Levi C
5/6K	Chayellah B	Imogen H	Les R
5/6W	Jyharla C	Khloe F	Harold R
Class	Principals Award		Reason
3/4N	MJ H		Setting a positive example to our new Year 3's and demonstrating school values
3/4S	Kaliah T		Engaging in her own learning
5/6K	Leanna H		Great role model for her peers
5/6W	Summer A		Working independently on all set challenges in Literacy and Numeracy
Platty Raffle Winners	Other Awards	Other Awards	Best Class at Assembly
Levi C	-	-	5/6K



**Keep your finger
on the pulse
connect
to
CLASS DOJO**



**Join our P&C
in 2023**

Donna Goldthorpe - P&C President
 Renea Scott - Treasurer
 Felice Perkins - Secretary

**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Wednesday 15 March 2023**

WHAT'S ON






Term 1 - 2023	
Monday 27 February	Swimming Scheme at Kyogle Pool - Infants
Tuesday 28 February	Swimming Scheme at Kyogle Pool - Infants Yarn up in Yarning Circle at 10.00am Primary Assembly 2.40pm
Wednesday 1 March	NR Zone PSSA Swimming Carnival Alstonville Swimming Scheme at Kyogle Pool - Infants Peace Run visit - afternoon
Thursday 2 March	Swimming Scheme at Kyogle Pool - Infants
Friday 3 March	Swimming Scheme at Kyogle Pool - Infants Infants Assembly 1.00pm
Monday 6 March	Swimming Scheme at Kyogle Pool - Primary
Tuesday 7 March	Swimming Scheme at Kyogle Pool - Primary
Wednesday 8 March	Swimming Scheme at Kyogle Pool - Primary
Thursday 9 March	Swimming Scheme at Kyogle Pool - Primary
Friday 10 March	Swimming Scheme at Kyogle Pool - Primary
Tuesday 14 March	Primary Assembly 2.40pm
Wednesday 15 March	P&C Annual General Meeting 3.30pm
Friday 17 March	Infants Assembly 1.00pm
Tuesday 28 March	Primary Assembly 2.40pm
Wednesday 29 March	The Super Science Circus Show Performance Scholastic Easter Book Fair Preview for students
Thursday 30 March	Scholastic Easter Book Fair Preview for students
Friday 31 March	Scholastic Easter Book Fair Preview for students Infants Assembly 1.00pm
Monday 3 April	Books in Homes Presentation
Wednesday 5 April	Scholastic Easter Book Fair sales
Thursday 6 April	Easter Hat Parade Scholastic Easter Book Fair sales Final Day of term

Primary Assembly Term 1

In Hall	Week 2	Week 4	Week 6	Week 8	Week 10
2.40pm	Tues -	Tues 14 Feb	Tues 28 Feb	Tues 14 Mar	Tues 28 Mar

Term 2 - 2023	
Monday 24 April	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 25 April	ANZAC Day
Wednesday 26 April	Students return
Wednesday 10 May	Mothers Day Stall 2.20pm - 3.00pm
Thursday 11 May	School Photos Mothers Day Stall 2.20pm - 3.00pm
Friday 12 May	Mother's Day Stall 2.20pm - 3.00pm

QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE TO IMPORTANT SAFETY TRAFFIC RULES

ZONE	WHAT DOES IT MEAN?	WHY IS IT THERE?	PENALTY	DEMERIT POINTS*
	You cannot stop in a NO STOPPING zone for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space).	Keeps clear sight lines between drivers and children / pedestrians.	\$362	School Zone 2
	You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a max. of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. If no spaces are available you cannot queue on the road way or in any other areas while waiting for a space. You will need to drive away and park elsewhere, only returning when there is space to pull up. You must stay within 3 metres of your vehicle at all times and cannot leave your vehicle unattended.	Provides a safe place for children / pedestrian set down and pick up.	\$201	School Zone 2
	You must not stop or park in a BUS ZONE for any reason (including queuing or waiting for a space) unless you are driving a bus. If times are shown on the sign, you are not allowed to stop during those times.	Provides a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.	\$362	School Zone 2
	You must not stop on or within 20 metres before a PEDESTRIAN CROSSING or 10 metres after a crossing unless there is a control sign permitting parking.	So drivers can clearly see pedestrians on the crossing.	\$481	School Zone 2
	DOUBLE PARKING You must not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time even to drop off or pick up passengers.	Double parking blocks visibility and forces other cars to go around you.	\$362	School Zone 2

Juniors

REGISTRATIONS

Contact details for our Registrar:

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mobile: 0434 556 471



JRL
2023

Infants Assembly Term 1

In Hall	Week 2	Week 4	Week 6	Week 8	Week 10
1.00pm	Friday -	Friday 17 Feb	Friday 3 Mar	Friday 17 Mar	Friday 31 Mar