Dear Parents,

Our final Awards Day assembly was a great celebration of student achievement and an opportunity to acknowledge the outstanding learning programs here at Castle Cove. Congratulations go to all this year’s recipients of Academic Achievement and Excellence awards. To those students, it was my pleasure to see your efforts being recognised before the school. Our Girl Dux this year is Diane Lee and the Boy Dux is James Walker. Well done to you both! Also acknowledged on the day was Stuart Peters who was recognised for outstanding citizenship to the school, Ellie Shuetrim, who received the Rotary All Rounder Award and Kyle Fisher who was awarded the Premier’s Sporting Medal. The full list of award winners is printed further in this newsletter.

School Leaders, Peer Leaders and House Captains 2015

Congratulations to our newly elected School Captains, Vice Captains, House Captains and Peer Leaders all who were presented with their leadership badges at A-Day. The full list of names appears further in this issue.

Captains: Tess Tribe and Tom Blackwell
Vice Captains: Camryn Curtin and Will Vinter

I look forward to working with the leadership team next year.

Thank You Breakfast

It was such a delight to see so many of our volunteer parents at the recent Thank You Breakfast. We welcomed the opportunity to say thank you to our volunteers and it was lovely to relax and enjoy the company, the yummy spread and a tea or coffee. Clearly this earlier time (rather than morning tea time) suits much better so we will be sure to repeat this next year. One parent told me she’d never been before because she felt she didn’t need to be thanked, she just loves to help. I explained that the teachers really want to be able to say thank you for the support and help they are given, so please come again!

Thank you all.

Carols in the Cove

What a wonderful evening we enjoyed at the end of year Carols in the Cove on Wednesday 2nd. We were so lucky to have avoided the excessive heat of the day before and the rain that threatened to come on the day. Families made themselves comfortable on the grassed area from 5pm and had time to look at various stalls or have dinner on a picnic rug. The food vans offered a yummy range of dinner and ice-cream for those who wished to buy.
How fabulous were our children in their presentation of the carols? They worked very hard with their teachers to ensure it would be a perfect evening and I wish to congratulate them all – both staff and students – for their efforts. The icing on the cake was a surprise visit from Santa!!
Congratulations

On the weekend of 28th & 29th November Amber Uther and Nicole Lozano competed in the State Acrobatic Gymnastics Level 1. I’m told they were awarded first and second place (respectively) in their balance routine, and second and third place in the Dynamic routine. Nicole’s combined score saw her achieve an overall Gold award and Ambers’s earned her a silver. Well done Nicole and Amber!

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May I, on behalf of all the staff here at CCPS, wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday time. I hope there is much fun and laughter as you celebrate with family this festive season and I look forward to seeing you again in the New Year!

Jeanette Cope
Principal

NORTHERN QUOLL FUNDRAISER

The fundraiser organised last month by the group of Year 2 boys to benefit the Australian Wildlife Conservancy (AWC) was a huge success. The school was awash in shades of brown, white and green and at recess and lunch was abuzz with a range of fun activities. From the yummy cake stalls to the dart throwing competitions, paper plane building workshops and visits to a live python – it all added up to a very enjoyable which also managed to raise a huge $1200 in funds!

We were privileged to receive a visit from Shauna Chadlowe from AWC last Monday (30th November). Shauna gave a most informative talk to the school assembly about the valuable work being done by the AWC to help conserve our special wildlife and specifically the Northern Quoll. She also presented the boys with certificates and a pack containing wildlife magazines and a documentary DVD. Shauna was also kind enough to make the school a knitted quoll who has been named Kimberley.

We couldn’t be more proud of the initiative and organisational skills demonstrated by the boys. We would also like to thank the Senior students who assisted on the day as well as the Fraser family for bringing in the star attraction – Severus the python
YOUNG SCIENTIST AWARDS COMPETITION

The Young Scientist Awards (YSA) competition is a state wide competition organised by the Science Teachers Association of NSW (STANSW). It is designed to encourage the development of investigative skills in science in students and this year attracted entries from 42 different schools across New South Wales.

CCPS has been participating in the YSA competition since 2013 and has an enviable record of winners every year. All Stage 3 students are required to complete individual investigations in Term 2 and the 16 projects submitted to the YSA competition this year represented the best of these investigations.

We have received 4 certificates of Excellence, 8 certificates of High Achievement and 4 certificates of Commendation – an outstanding result.

Harry Wood and Kyle Hubbard were also awarded major awards at a special ceremony held at the University of Wollongong last month. For the second year in a row, Harry Wood was awarded the Young Marine Scientist Award for his innovative and creative project on the impact of flushable wipes on the ecosystem. Kyle Hubbard was awarded the Royal Australian Chemical Institute award for his detailed and well-documented investigation into how to prevent apples from browning.

Congratulations to Harry and Kyle as well as all the other entrants.

ROBOTICS CLUB

The CCPS Robotics Club provides the opportunity for Stage 3 students to develop their skills in building and programming Lego robots. It is of course a lot of fun but also gives them many opportunities to develop their organisational, collaborative, leadership, mathematical, design, creative and investigative skills.

On Wednesday 25th November the Robotics Club held a special demonstration of the projects they have been working on. There were two synchronised line dancing robots (and their handlers) dancing to Cotton Eyed Joe, a Nerf Gun wielding robot that could sense a moving target, a pin ball machine and an all terrain drive robot. There was much excitement and interest from the younger students who came to view and learn from the members of the club, and we are hoping to welcome many of them into Robotics Club in the future.

Robotics Club was started by Mike Weiling (father of James, Year 4) in 2008 and has been very ably run by him and Geoff Shuetrim (father of Ellie, Year 6) every year since then. We would like to take this opportunity to thank both of them for the dedication, hard work and enthusiasm that they have brought to this wonderful opportunity for our students. Geoff will be stepping back slightly next year of course but we hope we can continue to rely on his expertise and guidance as we begin on a new chapter with Robotics Club. Thank you!
A-Day Term 4

Congratulations to our Term 4 A-Day Award, Gold Award and Leadership 2016 recipients.

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Office News

School Notes and Online Calendar
Please make it a habit to visit our school website frequently and check through the school notes section and calendar. We update these pages regularly and are already including any dates we know of in 2016.

State School Bus Route Number Changes 2016
From the start of the 2016 school year most School Special bus services will be renumbered to eliminate duplication of route numbers. The morning bus from Castlecrag to Castle Cove will change from 603 to 669. The afternoon bus from Castle Cove to Castlecrag will change from 603 to 668. Please note the actual bus route will not change, it is only the route number.

Chess Club
With the last session being on the 9th December it is appropriate to look back on the year. The club has gone from strength to strength, has four groups, with 60 students in total.

A highlight of the year was the school championship. Congratulations to Matthew Di-Ilenno who took out the school title this year and whose name will be added to the perpetual trophy in the school library.

Once again our school hosted the interschool competition which saw a record 34 Castle Cove students participate. Justin Na, Mitchell Dempsey and Justin Tse qualified for the final.

Holly Cope and Helen Eldershaw have been the parent coordinators for the past few years and I am very grateful for their help. Thank you to all the other parents for their help as well. Helen is now stepping down from her role so we will need a volunteer to compile the parent roster for each term. This also involves being here at school on the first day of each term. If you are interested please let me know.

Chess Club will resume on Wednesday 3rd February and is open to Years 1 to 6. It is assumed students have some knowledge of the game (the pieces and how they move as well as basic play) and there are four groups at different levels. In the hour there is a half hour lesson (given by paid tutors) and then half hour play. New students are welcome.

The registration form for 2016 can be found on the school website under the notes section.

With thanks,
Kate Westoby
DATES TO REMEMBER

| Thursday | 28th January 2016 | First Day of School for Students Years 1-6 |

Community Notices

Volunteers are needed for Bushcare at the Castle Cove Reserve (Holly Street) for one or two mornings at the weekend. Contact Peter Elias on 9417 4100

***VACATION CARE - DECEMBER 2015 - JANUARY 2016***

Wondering what to do with your child/ren on those last days after school breaks up before Christmas?

Thinking you'll need a day of peace and quiet in January?

Here's the Solution!!!

The Kids Castle will be providing Vacation Care throughout the break with lots of great activities to keep the kids happy and entertained.

The Centre will be open from 7:30am until 6:00pm each day, with breakfast provided for the early birds. Children don't need to be students of Castle Cove Public School to attend, but do need to be between the ages of 5 and 12 years.

If your child is starting Kindergarten at CCPS in 2016, this is a great opportunity for your child to get familiar with the school.

Visit the website at and have a look at our great program.

Contact the friendly staff at The Kids Castle to discuss booking in your child for a day of fun.

Web: www.tkkids.com.au
Email: admin@thekidscastle.com.au
Tel: 9417 7183
**THE FOREST HIGH SCHOOL - GATs TEST, OPEN NIGHT & MEET THE PRINCIPAL DATES**

The Forest High School will be holding our GATs (General Achievement Tests) on the following dates:

**Main Entrance:**
- **Wednesday, 27th of February**
- **Wednesday, 27th of April**

**Main Entrance (24 Hours):** 1300 880 021

**Parents and students are invited to attend the Forest High School Open Night.**

The evening includes an address from the Principal, a campus tour led by students from each faculty, a chance to meet with teachers, and an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the Forest High School and starting high school.

**Contact the School Office on 1300 880 021** to book a place or to just come along to the School Office at 2pm on the day.

**Monday, 24th of October**

**Monday, 15th of November**

**Monday, 13th of December**

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**Join Netball in 2016**

**Come and play for Roseville Club in the Northern Suburbs Netball Association (NSNA) Competition**

**Registration for 2016**

**Open Wednesday 13th January & closes Wednesday 3rd February.**

**No late registrations will be accepted.**

**Registration Online at www.rosevilленetball.com.au**

**Grading Meetings**

- **Friday 14th of January (6 pm)**
- **Saturday 15th of January (6 pm)**
- **Sunday 16th of January (6 pm)**
- **Saturday 22nd of January (6 pm)**
- **Sunday 23rd of January (6 pm)**

**Training Commences**

**Monday 16th of January**

**Missed training sessions are handled by the Committee.**

**For more information please visit www.rosevilленetball.com.au**

**Willoughby Roos**

**Established in 1989**

**www.willoughbyroos.com.au**

**E-mail: willoughbyroos@gmail.com**

**Contact Information:**

- **1300 880 021**
- **0413 265 455**

**Kids play!**

**Come & Try!**

- **Speak with parents who know.**
- **Find our free**
- **session for children and parents to discuss your local club and the best clubs that are safe, fun and build confidence.**

**Thursday, 10th December, 4.30 pm, Willoughby Park**

**ages 4-8**

**Kindy-Y3**

**ages 9-12**

**Y3-Y6**

**ages 13+**

**Mini Footy**

**Modified League**

**Rugby League**

**It's not too late to join Nippers...**

Registrations are still being accepted at North Steyne Nippers for all children aged 5-13 years for the 2015-2016 season. The emphasis is on fun and education and includes activities such as beach sports and tag races, wading, swimming, board paddling and other novelty events. Everyone is encouraged to join and have a go. A turf education program is also included to raise awareness and help keep children safe on the beach.

We also are very interested in hearing from runners or swimmers who would like to compete at carnivals this season and offer dedicated competition training for both beach and water competitions.

For more information please call Jodie Frazier on 0413 265 455 or go to our website for more information to enrol: [www.northsteynippers.com.au](http://www.northsteynippers.com.au)
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- For children aged 4-8. Includes fun and games, gymnastics routines, and a healthy snack. Each activity is designed to be age-appropriate and engaging. Costs of $15 per session. Bookings essential. Contact 1300 880 021 for more information.

**Skater HQ**
- A safe environment for children to learn skating skills. The program is designed to build confidence and physical fitness. Each session includes a comprehensive guide to ensure children progress at their own pace. Costs vary depending on the duration of the course. For more information, contact 1300 880 021.

**Bricks 4 Kids**
- A creative and educational program for children aged 3-8. Bricks 4 Kids teaches children how to build with LEGO bricks, fostering problem-solving skills and creativity. The program is run by experienced educators and is suitable for both beginners and experienced LEGO builders. Costs are $20 per session. For more information, contact 1300 880 021.

**Wet 'n' Wild**
- A fun and action-packed program for children aged 5-12. The program includes water-based activities such as swimming lessons, water games, and water-based games. Each session is designed to be safe and enjoyable, promoting physical activity and water safety. Costs vary depending on the program. For more information, contact 1300 880 021.

**Laser Warriors**
- A program designed for children aged 6-12. Laser Warriors teaches children how to use laser equipment safely and effectively. The program is run by experienced instructors and is suitable for both beginners and experienced laser users. Costs are $25 per session. For more information, contact 1300 880 021.

**Hip Hop Dance**
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