Cassilis Public School

Be Respectful  Be Safe  Do Your Best

Cassilis Public School, Vision Statement
To prepare every student to be successful lifelong learners who are confident and creative individuals; and active and informed citizens through a commitment to equity and excellence in education.

We believe it is important for students to be self-aware, build resilience and positive relationships and actively contribute to the school, the community and the society in which we live.

We value and support strong partnerships with the broader community to maximise student engagement and achievement in a nurturing environment.

Term 1, Week 2  1 February, 2016

Calendar 2016

February
5  Assembly 9:00- 9:30am
8  P&C Meeting 3:15pm
25  Healthy Harold Visit

March
4  Clean up Australia Day
7  P&C Meeting 3:15pm
16-18  Kia Ora
21  Harmony Day

April
4  P&C Meeting 3:15pm
8  Last day of Term 1

WHAT'S DUE THIS WEEK?
Overdue Library Books

Australia Day Success

Photo taken by Mrs. Anderson

Congratulations to Cassilis students for being awarded “Community Group of the Year” at Australia Day Celebrations at Cassilis Bowling Club.

Students have received this award for their contribution to Bush Regeneration last year. This involved the students undertaking an ambitious project to convert 1.2 hectares of unused School land and making it a functional and useable area. The project will continue in 2016.

Thank you to Mrs Grinham for introducing the idea and Mr Gant for his knowledge and ongoing contribution to the project.
A Message from Miss H

Welcome back everyone! I hope you have all had a wonderful and relaxing holiday season and have returned refreshed and ready for another exciting year of learning. Term 1 is already looking to be an exciting term with events such as Healthy Harold, Kia Ora Music Camp, Harmony Day, Clean Up Australia Day, Easter Hat Parade and Cross Country just to name a few.

Also this term, students will be working on a new computer based learning program called ‘Literacy Planet’ which covers all areas of the New English Curriculum. The program was trialled by students last year with positive feedback on the program.

Teachers at Cassilis School will also be taking on some new learning in the form of Quality Teaching Rounds this year. More information will be provided in next week’s Newsletter.

Mrs Burgess’ Christmas Surprise

Eric Louis Carl was born at 5:18am on Christmas morning weighing 3.64kg (8 Pounds), head 35.5cm and 51 cm long.

Baby Eric couldn’t wait to meet his mummy, daddy and big sister and so they received an extra special Christmas present 😊

We would like to wish Mrs Burgess all the best with her beautiful growing family and look forward to visits from them throughout the semester.

Proud big sister Maggie with little brother Eric

Cassilis Public School Kindergarten

2016

Gordie is settling in beautifully to big school and would like to share a little bit about himself.

Name: Gordie Anderson

Age: 5

Interests: fishing and playing games. My favourite game is ‘I Spy’
Favourite Colour: blue

Favourite Food: chocolate cake

What would you like to be when you grow up?:
“When I grow up I want to be a fisherman”

New Students at Cassilis Public School!

Cassilis School is lucky enough to have three fabulous new students this year. Elka Laing in year 2 as well as Dylan and Brooke McLennan in years 3 and 5. All three students have settled well into their new school and we look forward to watching them grow 😊

Elka Laing - Year 2

Dylan McLennan - Year 3

Brooke McLennan - Year 5

Farewell Maddie and Summer

Unfortunately, Maddison and Summer Turner will not be attending Cassilis Public School in 2016. On behalf of the staff and students of Cassilis School I would like to take this opportunity to wish them all the best for the future and know that you will both be missed. You will always be welcome at Cassilis School!
Term 1 information

A Term 1 Parent information pack went out to all families on Friday. This information pack provided information about any changes to the school this term as well as reminders of things that will continue in 2016. The main changes include;

- **Sport Day**: Wednesday (Weekly)
- **Library**: Wednesday (Weekly)
- **Assembly**: Friday (Monthly)

P&C

The first P@C meeting of the year will be held next **Monday 5 February** at Cassilis Public School 3:15pm. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Cassilis Rodeo

Another fantastic Cassilis Rodeo is done and dusted for another year. Thank you to the Rodeo Committee for organising such a wonderful event and to all the parents, staff and friends who took the time to support the school by taking a shift on the gate on Saturday. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

A special thank you to Fiona Cornish for doing such a great job of organising the gate this year.

Assembly

Assembly will be held on Fridays this term from 9:00-9:30am each month starting **this Friday 5 February**.

Overdue Library Books

There are still a number of overdue books that were not returned at the end of term 4. Unless these books return, families will be asked to pay for the books so that we may replace them. Please have a look around the house because we don’t want students to miss out on school related events such as swimming and Kia Ora due to Outstanding Library fees.

3-6 Canberra Excursion

The 3-6 students will be heading to Canberra this year!

The excursion will be held over a week in August with students from Cassilis joining Martindale Public School to allow for a more social excursion but with the added bonus of lowering the costs. This excursion will be available to all 3-6 students and as we will be joining another school, numbers are not an issue.

There will be a cost involved for this excursion and we will inform parents of the details and cost as soon as we know. The school will hold fundraising activities throughout the year to help lower the cost to our families. ☺ K-2 students won’t be missing out. They will have a day excursion which will be discussed later in the year.

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