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 3 8 February, 2016

Calendar 2016

February
8  P&C Meeting 3:15pm
11  Miss H away- Mrs Shannon on K-6
17  Town Library Visit
25  Healthy Harold Visit

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

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

WHAT'S DUE THIS WEEK?
Overdue Library Books
Healthy Harold Notes
Scripture notes
Head lice check note

Student of the Week
Gordie Anderson

Gordie has earned the title of student of the week this week for settling in well into Cassilis School.
Gordie is a keen and enthusiastic learner who has demonstrated how clever he is at reading and writing. He is quick to pick up new things and works well with others.
In Number work, Gordie has demonstrated his ability to count objects up to 10 and add two groups together.
We have quickly come to appreciate Gordie’s cheeky grin and speedy legs and look forward to watching him reach his learning goals.
Congratulations, and keep up the wonderful work, Gordie!
A Message from Miss H

It is hard to believe we are already in Week 3 of term 1. Congratulations to all students who received awards at the week 2 assembly on Friday and to our new Captain (Tobias Bowler) and Vice-Captain (James Bibby) who have both stepped up to the role of school leaders! As mentioned in last week’s newsletter, staff at Cassilis Public School will be working on some new learning of their own this year through participating in Quality Teaching Rounds. In partnership with the University of Newcastle, teachers from twenty schools across the Hunter Valley, including Cassilis, will work together in 2016 in the Systems Leadership Project: Building a Community of Practice through the Quality Teaching Rounds. Quality Teaching Rounds offer a research-based tool for deep collaboration between teachers about teaching and learning within and between schools. Within this partnership, teachers will be observing each other teach and providing constructive feedback to improve practice. We look forward to building our knowledge and skills through participating in this project.

Week 2 Assembly

Brooke McLennan received the Impressive Work Award for consistent effort and application in all Key Learning Areas.

Isabelle Bowler received the Impressive Sports Award for being a positive role model and displaying sportsmanship in volleyball.

Dylan McLennan received the uniform award for wearing the school uniform with pride.

Our new school leaders receiving their badges.
Cassilis Public School’s New Vice Captain James Bibby and Captain Tobias Bowler

Healthy Harold Visit

On Thursday 25 February (Week 5) Healthy Harold will visit Cassilis Public School. All students will get to see Harold at different times throughout the day and the cost of his visit will be free to all students as the school has covered the cost. Permission notes went out last week!

Care form Reminder

Just a reminder to all Parents and Caregivers that all Care forms sent out at the end of last year need to be completed and returned to school. If you require a new form, please inform a staff member. Thank you to those parents that have already returned theirs 😊

Ice blocks

Don’t forget ice blocks can be purchased at lunch for 50c.

Head lice

We had incidents of head lice at school last week. Involved parents were informed and all involved students have been treated, however, it is important that all parents are vigilant so we can prevent further outbreaks. Please check your child’s hair tonight for nits/lice and if you find any, please commence treatment as recommended in the attached information sheet titled “Head Lice Treatment Options”.

If you have any questions or concerns, please talk to a staff member.

Good for Kids

START THE DAY RIGHT WITH BREAKFAST

We’ve all heard that breakfast is the most important meal of the day and it’s true! Research has shown that children who eat breakfast before school have higher levels of concentration and are less likely to feel lethargic.

Below are some ideas for a nutritious breakfast:

- Wholegrain cereals such as Weetbix, Cheerios and Sultana Bran
- Untoasted muesli topped with low fat yoghurt
- Wholegrain toast topped with avocado, tomato or low fat cheese
- Raisin toast
- Fruit & vegetable smoothies

If you’re short on time, some quick ideas to send to school with your child includes: a tub of low fat yoghurt, cereal to munch such as fruity bites, breakfast drinks such as Up & Go or some fruit.