

From the Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER

End of Year Music Concert	14 November
Year 7 2018 Information Night	16 November
Year 7 2018 Orientation Day	20 November
Year 3-6 Service of Thanksgiving and Presentation of Awards	30 November
Secondary Service of Thanksgiving and Presentation of Awards	4 December
Year 6 Celebration	6 December
Christmas Services	7 December
Last Day of Term 4	8 December

An Awards Assembly was held last Thursday for the secondary school where awards were presented recognising student achievement in Endeavour, Service, Sport and The Arts. As well students' academic achievements were recognised for High Distinctions, Distinctions and Credits in the UNSW Maths Competition, the Australian Chemistry Quiz, the ICAS Science Competition and the ICAS English Competition. It is always a pleasure to present these awards and to share the achievements of our students in the different areas where they can excel. I would like to thank all the students who contribute to the life of the school and for the way they represent the school both while at school and in the wider community. And of course the parents who support them are to be congratulated as well.



The Intermediate Band will be participating in the Victorian Schools Music Festival which will be held on Thursday at Deakin Edge Federation Square. We wish them every success in their performance. Music education and performance is a great area for learning and I am looking forward to the end of year concert next Tuesday evening in the PAC. I encourage you to attend to support our musically talented students and the Music staff who do a wonderful job in teaching them both their instruments and also encouraging them to have the confidence to perform in front of a large audience.

Margaret Buttigieg - Principal

From the Office

Booklists

2018 Booklists are now available through Campion on-line using this link:
<https://order.campion.com.au/index.html#resourceListListView?code=60CB8FFF>

Paper copies are being sent home with the students, and all orders are to be processed on-line this year, no forms will be accepted at the office.

Booklists must be finalised by Friday 8 December 2017, and the collection date is Thursday 11 January 2018 between 2:30pm - 6pm in room V1 in the VCE Centre.

Lost Property

There is a large quantity of unnamed items in lost property including school uniform items, drink bottles and balls.

Any items remaining after the last day of this term will be disposed of. Please come and have a look to see if you recognise anything.

It is very important that you label all of your children's belongings so that if they are found, they can be returned to you.

Year 10 Student Laptop Program

Attention parents of Year 9 students

There is still an opportunity to "opt-in" to the 2018 ICT Laptop program for your Year 10 student next year.

Please refer to our email sent 27 September for full details. If you wish for your child to be included, please email info@caseygrammar.vic.edu.au.

24 HR ABSENTEE LINE

Please ring **5991 0801**
(not the school's main number)
to alert the school of a child's absence.

SCHOOL FEES

Term 4 fees – Now due
Monthly fees – Due 28th of each month.

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Monday 3:00pm to 5:30pm
Thursday 8:30am to 10:30am

SEQTA LINKS

Student Login  Learn
learn.caseygrammar.vic.edu.au/

Parent Login  Engage
engage.caseygrammar.vic.edu.au/



From the School Chaplain

This afternoon I will be receiving the details of 16 families who will be given the Casey Grammar Christmas Hampers this year. Ms. Reale and the Student Leadership Team in the Primary School will be advertising the details further, but essentially each class in the Primary School will be allocated a family to create a hamper for. These hampers will be delivered to the respective families through the Cranbourne Salvation Army Social Services. Every attempt will be made to match families with a child in a similar age range to the class collecting for that family, although this may not always be possible. An additional basket for a specific family will be available in the library for any non-perishable food donations by Secondary Students. We are excited about the opportunity to make a difference to the Christmas celebrations for each of these families.

Last week Year 9 students again assisted in the Companion Club program at Cranbourne Salvation Army. Thanks to Jojo Zheng, Mikayla Anderson, Moksha Bhatt and Tanishka Munjal who prepared and served the meals. We are now looking forward to decorating and serving the Christmas meal in December.

Finally, we are busy preparing for the Christmas Services. Show Choir will be leading the Primary Service. Parents of students involved are very welcome to attend on the morning.

Primary Christmas Service: Thursday 7 December 9:00 – 9:30 in the PAC
Secondary Christmas Service: Thursday 7 December 11:40 – 12:10 in the PAC.

God's blessing on each of your families in the week ahead.

Monique Riviere-Pendle



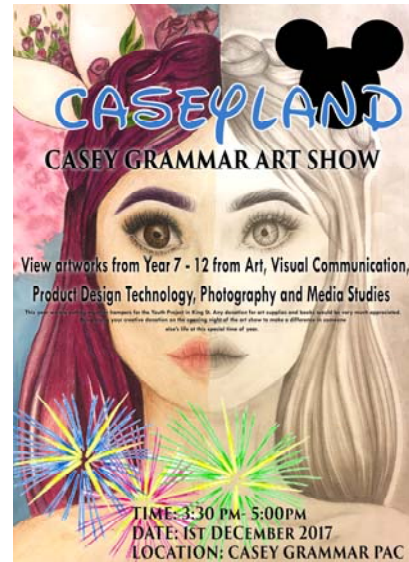
If you know any former students who have graduated from Casey Grammar School, please mention our Grammarians Facebook page. We are hoping to be in contact with as many people as possible in preparation for the 25 year celebrations in 2018. Follow the link to join today <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1990618997860276/>



End of Year concert



Casey Grammar Art Show





How to Say No (Without Saying No)

According to some experts, the average toddler hears the word "no" an astonishing 400 times a day. That's not only tiresome for you, but it can also be harmful to your child. According to studies, kids who hear "no" too much have poorer language skills than children whose parents offer more positive feedback. As well, saying no can become ineffective when it's overused — a little like crying wolf. Some children simply start to ignore the word; others slip into a red-faced rage the minute that dreaded syllable crosses your lips. Howard Gardner, an adjunct professor of psychology at Harvard University and author of Changing Minds, gives five positive ways to answer your child in the negative.

Say yes, sort of

Your child asks you for lollies while you're shopping. A "No" can bring on a 5-minute tantrum so next time, try reframing your no as a yes. For example, you could say to your child, "Yes, you can have a lolly after dinner. Let's go look for an apple for now."

Explain yourself and your feelings

Consider explaining to your child why her behaviour — such as banging on the table over and over again — is so bothersome to you. You might tell her, "You're hurting the table when you bang on it, and that makes me sad. Please stop."

Give choice

Your pre-schooler is throwing his ball in the living room, and you're bracing yourself for the sound of something crashing. Instead of saying, "No! No balls indoors," try saying, "You can roll the ball indoors or take it outside and throw it — your choice." That is, you help your child feel like he has some power over the situation.

Sound like you mean it

"Kids initially learn the meaning of the word no largely from the tone of your voice when you say it," Lerner says. "So you can communicate what you need to say by using the same firm tone without the negative word." Reserve this strict tone for those times when your child needs to know not to mess with you. Likewise, you can also develop a "look" — or a penetrating glare — that immediately signifies to your child, "I don't like what you're doing, and you'd better stop."

Alan Clarke - Psychologist

Stargazing at Casey Grammar School



Earlier this year, the school acquired three brand-new, optical, deep space telescopes and right now is an exciting time to gaze at the stars! Meteor showers regularly light up the night sky at this time of year, Saturn is visible until quite late, and the Moon begins to wax in the last week of November. Entire galaxies may be seen too!

If you are interested in observing the night sky, then you are invited to come along on Tuesday 21 November, from 8 pm in the VCE lecture theatre. The evening will begin with a PowerPoint presentation outlining some of the wonders and secrets of the Solar System and deep space, before moving out to view the crescent Moon, Saturn and its amazing system of rings, along with nebulae and star clusters. The evening should conclude around 9:45 p.m.

If you intend to come along, please send your confirmation as a Direct Message (email) to me through the parent portal on SEQTA ENGAGE, by no later than 16 November. In the event of overcast conditions, another evening will be scheduled for Tuesday 28 November. Through SEQTA, I will inform all who express interest as to the evening's viability, on the morning of the event.

Peter Tutera - Science Teacher

Services of Thanksgiving and Presentation of Awards

The Services of Thanksgiving and Presentation of Awards will be held in the Performing Arts Centre at the following times:

Year 3 -6 Service Thursday 30 November at 7.00pm

Secondary Service Years 7-11 Monday 4 December at 7.30pm

Students are expected to attend this service, and school leaders for 2018 will be announced.



Year 5 Writing

Are We There Yet?

I'm not going to bother, whether or not this is a holiday, but it's entertaining, so it's close enough. Now picture this, my dad is utterly pis- I mean extremely frustrated at my (most likely adopted) brother, come on! EVERYONE IS! I'm honestly surprised my dad hasn't spontaneously combusted, I can almost swear there's smoke coming from his ears! It's true what they say, it's the calm before the storm... We have a protocol in my family, bring your earmuffs on long and boring trips if my brother is there, and I forgot it, but my mum didn't, lucky. I've tolerated and suffered through enough half baked schemes of my hare brained brother to know what's coming next, "**Are we there yet?**" he dares to utter.

Wondering what could have led to this? I'm not at all glad you asked, but i'll tell you anyway! We're going to Warner Bull for the summer, pretty cool right? The main problem is that it's a very, very, very and even more verys, long way away to drive. You know, kids + long drive= UTTERLY PIS- I mean annoyed parents. On this holiday, we're staying at a hotel in warner ball that we need to get to on time or else we're moved to a lower classed room, and we have an hour left to get there, let's see how this pans out...

As I implied earlier, long car rides can be horrendous to sit through, But my brother, no, he makes them nearly unbearable! Let me show/write for you a little snippet from the car ride... Now without further ado, here's why I wish I brought duct tape to tape his mouth shut, along with my family. My brother is trying to catch a fly, pretty normal, you'd think. Quickly i'll explain something, my brother has a complex that lowers his intelligence until he permanently acts like a two year old. Anyways, once he even dressed up as a girl to a party, just to annoy me! It ended up backfiring spectacularly, back to the story, my brother is trying to get us killed by waving at a very alarming bikie. A really small buzz sounds in the silence...

Dad is about to fly off the handle at you-know-who by now. This starts a competition of who gets the last comment on this situation, and dad gives up after threatening to turn the car around, this shuts him up. 5 minutes of silence later and my brother decides to shake things up, and proceeds to open and close the car door repeatedly, and his response to being shouted at after dad commands him to stop is that "There's a fly in the car!" Dad is having none of it, "ONE MORE PEEP OUT OF YOU AND I'M TURNING THE CAR AROUND!" Dad wouldn't dare, would he? I can see the hotel! It's so close! I start to will my sibling to be quite, but no such luck befalls me. "Okay, okay, don't get your knickers in a knot, but one more question, dad, **Are we there yet?**" I knew this holiday was relatively short, but I really and truly hoped we'd get passed the car ride this time. What a short holiday!

Skye - 6R**Worst Holiday Ever**

Finally I'm home, yay that was the worst holiday ever! Like you know those really boring ones? This holiday was one of them, but 10x worse, well let me tell you what happened.

So me and my family were going on a holiday to Port Douglas, because we live in Melbourne it was our first time going there and I was so excited for a lot of reasons. But mum and dad had booked a Mercedes hire car so that was pretty cool. But firstly, we had to get over to Port Douglas so we booked a flight for all 4 of us, including the little rascal, my sister. But of course the way dad had booked it, that I was sitting with 2 other random people and they were all together.

After that, something else went wrong cause I found out I was next to the emergency exit door and I found out there is a massive guy sitting next to me squishing me. He seriously looks like a sumo wrestler from Japan or something but he's like a ton of weight. So finally after that I get off the plane and I'm actually excited for once to get our Mercedes Benz No No No! You have to be kidding?! Dad booked a 1974 Mercedes minibus...just great!

Then after that we get to the hotel and I was thinking nothing would go wrong, but guess what? I was wrong! Our beds even had sand in them and the tv only had 1 channel and it was in Chinese, so I couldn't even watch it. But at least there was still one good thing about this holiday, we were going to Hartley's Croc Farm and I was so excited, I thought I could hopefully feed one of the crocs and maybe hold one.

The next day we headed out to Hartley's Croc farm, we got in the car and it was just rattling, but at least I thought I had my headphones to play some tunes . Then I found out dad couldn't even do that, because I couldn't put my phone into charge as dad's beatbox was charging, he was so mean to me and nice to my sister. We got to the farm and we walked into the place to buy 4 tickets and the lady at the counter asked if we would like child bags with coloring books and a cup, I instantly said no, but mum said yes, so I had to carry one... like I am 14, not a baby, but of course they think I am. When it was time to feed the crocodiles I was so excited, we walked up and mum asked "How much will that cost?" and the guy replied "\$25" and of course I'm not allowed to do it cause it cost too much.

When we had to check out I was happy to go home and lay down in my bed. We got in our rattling bus and got out of there. We had to get the plane home but at least I wasn't next to any passengers that would squash me. Wow! I was so happy to be home and that was the worst holiday ever!

Tom - 6R