

October Newsletter



**During Term, families can park in
the school:**

Before 8am and After 4:30pm

**We ask that families do not park in
the Principal or Vice Principle
spaces.**

**Other parking options include:
On Gilham Street | At Castle Towers**



Before School Care:

7:00am-9:00am

After School Care:

3:00pm-6:30pm

Vacation Care:

7:00am-6:30pm

School Development Days:

7:00am-6:30pm

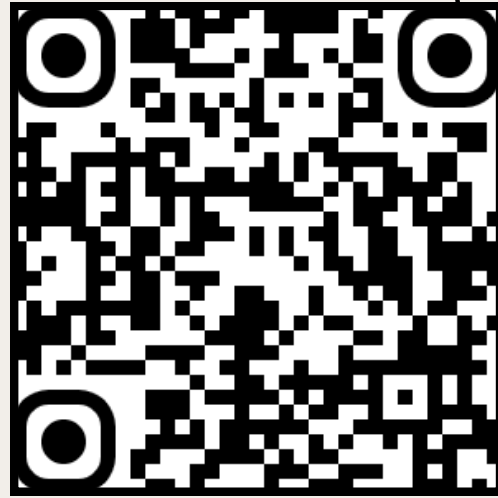
We are closed during:

National Public Holidays



Re-enrolment Reminder!

Re-enrolments are overdue - if you have not already done so and would like to return next year please complete the Re-enrolment process. Xplor re-enrolment links would have expired by now so please email to have this resent.



Please also use the QR below to complete our booking forms:

Check out what we celebrated

October 2025						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Healthy Food Habits		National Bird Week				
		14	15 Global Handwashing Day	16 World Food Day	17	18
Children's Week		N/A		India - Week 1		
19	20	21	22 Bestu Varas (Gujarati New Year)	23	24 FRIDAY FUN DAY Children's Week	25
Children's Safety		Habitat Heroes		India - Week 2		
26 Grandparents Day Uluru returned to the traditional owners	27	28 International Animation Day	29	30 Halloween	31	TRICK OR TREAT

Our next committee meeting

Our next meeting will be on the
1st December at 7:00pm

As a non-for-profit organisation, Castle Hill Funhouse has a Management Committee comprised of families who currently use our service. The Committee decides on matters of policy and meets once a month to make other major decisions about Castle Hill Funhouse.

If you would like to get involved, please contact

Management via email:

management@castlehillfunhouse.com.au









Spring Vacation Care



Spring Vacation Care was a huge success, filled with exciting new excursions and hands-on workshops! We were thrilled to introduce our very first Metro Excursion, where children travelled to Grill'd Rouse Hill to make their own delicious burgers and then enjoyed some action-packed fun at Timezone.

Another highlight was our big day out at the Australian Reptile Park, where everyone got up close and personal with snakes, crocodiles, and plenty of creepy-crawly creatures, it was both thrilling and educational for children and staff alike!

Back at Funhouse, our Slime Factory Workshop was a major hit, letting children mix, scent, and colour their own custom slimes. We wrapped up the holidays with a lively Carnival Day featuring a jumping castle, exciting games, face painting, and big prizes!

As we look ahead to Summer 2026, we're excited to keep improving our daily Runsheets and in-centre experiences to make every day more immersive, engaging, and memorable. We can't wait to see you all again next season!

**Bookings are open and close Monday 1st
December!**

Check out our new Summer Program



Vacation Care – Summer 2026

Monday 5th January

New Years Party!

Kick off the New Year with the ultimate celebration! We're bringing the party vibes with awesome games, face painting, glow sticks, music, slushies, and delicious cooking activities. Get ready to dance, laugh, and create your own colourful tie-dye masterpiece to take home. Let's welcome the year with sparkle, colour, and endless fun!



What to bring:
Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, enclosed shoes and hat.



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1-6 Travel by bus

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Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, enclosed shoes and hat.

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Kindy Travel on Foot



Kindy Teddy Bear Picnic

Starting Kindy at Funhouse in 2026? Let's celebrate with a yummy picnic at Maurice Hughes Reserve! Enjoy games, sunshine, and make your very own teddy bear friend to keep forever.

Tuesday 6th January

1-6 Ultimate

Get ready for the ultimate adventure! Years 1-6 will explore Australia's largest play centre and jungle gym – packed with trampolines, climbing walls, obstacle courses, and a giant foam pit! It's a day full of movement, laughter, and non-stop fun!



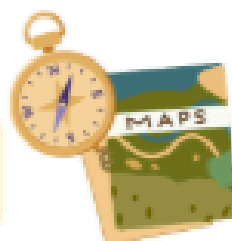
Wednesday 7th January

Wild Survivor!

Get ready for an action-packed day of adventure, discovery, and survival skills! Dive into the world of wild survival—practicing first aid, mastering essential knots, building shelters from natural materials, and learning how to purify water. Navigate using maps, compasses, the sun, and stars, then put your skills to the test with exciting rescue games! It's the ultimate hands-on experience!



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Thursday 8th January

Raptor Reptiles

Slither, crawl, and hiss your way into an unforgettable experience! Raptor Reptiles are visiting with over 50 fascinating animals – from lizards to snakes and everything in between. Discover the world of reptiles up close and get hands-on with some of the most amazing scaly creatures on earth!



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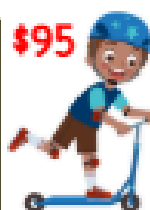
Friday 9th January

Wheels Day

Get ready to roll – it's Wheels Day at Funhouse! Bring along your bike or scooter for a day of riding, racing, and road safety fun. Helmets are a must! Learn about road rules, practise safe riding, and take the Funhouse Riding Test to earn your very own Road Licence!



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Bring your scooter or bike!

What to bring:
Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, enclosed shoes and hat and **helmet**



Monday 12th January



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Under the Stars Planetarium

To infinity and beyond! Come and enjoy our Planetarium workshop where you will travel through the stars and see the rich world of Indigenous astronomy. Learn how First Nations Australians have used the stars for navigation, seasonal tracking and storytelling for thousands of years.

Tuesday 13th January

Icon Gymsports

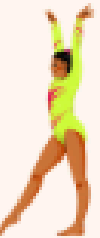
Get ready to flip, tumble and show off your gymnastic skills in this exciting new excursion to Icon Gym Sports! Learn from coaches and test your skills on the balance beam and bars, before coming back to Funhouse for more activities and crafts!



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Travel by bus



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Wednesday 14th January

Barefoot Bowls and Bingo

Kick off your shoes and take to the green for a game of barefoot bowls! After some fresh air and friendly play, it's time to head indoors for an exciting round of bingo. After some friendly competition and fun, enjoy yummy chicken nuggets and chips for lunch! *(Please let us know of any Dietary Requirements)*

Thursday 15th January

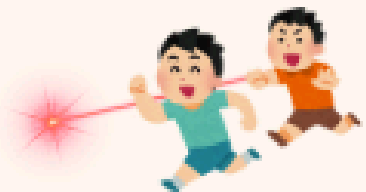
Laser Warriors

Get ready for an action-packed day of laser tag fun! Suit up with high-tech gear and take on thrilling missions that test your teamwork, strategy, and coordination. Work together to capture bases, score points, and see which team comes out on top!



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Friday 16th January

Event Cinemas

Lights, camera, action! Join us for a trip to Castle Hill Event Cinemas to watch The SpongeBob Movie with popcorn and juice included. After the movie, the fun continues back at Funhouse with games, crafts, and creative activities!



Travel
on foot



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Vacation Care – Summer 2026

Monday 19th January

Water Wonderland

Spend the day at the Funhouse Water Park. Today you will need to bring your swimmers, beach towel and shades. Think lots of water play, bubble blowing and relaxing with your friends. Cool down with ice blocks and enjoy a WATERSLIDE! Don't forget spare clothes to change into after!



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Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, enclosed shoes and hat. **Bring swimmers / towel / dry clothes**



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Tuesday 20th January

Gamerz Bus

Step aboard the Gamerz Gaming Bus for an unforgettable day of gaming fun! This amazing mobile gaming experience is packed with the latest consoles, high-tech equipment, and a huge variety of games. Take turns with your friends to play Minecraft, race through Mario Kart, show off your moves in Just Dance, score goals in FIFA, and try out loads of other exciting games.

Wednesday 21st January

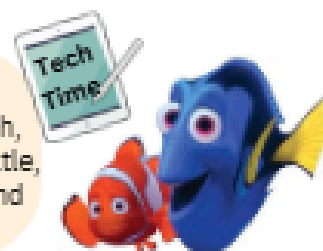
Under the Sea

Ever wondered what it's like to be a Marine Biologist? Today you'll find out! Learn how we can care for our oceans while getting up close with amazing sea creatures like sea stars, sea urchins, anemones, hermit crabs, and more. Touch, explore, and discover the incredible diversity of life in the rockpools – it's hands-on, educational, and tons of fun!



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Travel by bus



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Thursday 22nd January

Peak Pursuits

Are you ready to take on the ultimate climbing adventure? Join us for a thrilling rock climbing excursion where you'll climb ropes, jump from high ropes, walk across beams, and conquer cargo nets. Work together with friends, challenge yourself to go further than ever before, and experience the excitement of reaching the top of every obstacle. It's a day packed with action, fun, and plenty of laughter.



Friday 23rd January

K-3 Rodeo

K-3 are heading back in time to the Wild West! Get ready for a day of line dancing, crafting your very own cowboy hat or bandana, and playing outback-themed games. Saddle up for fun, friends, and a rip-roaring adventure!

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4-6 Swimming

Join us for a splash-filled day at Castle Hill Fitness and Aquatic Centre! Bring your swimmers, goggles, and a spare change of clothes as we cool off in the summer heat with water games, and lots of fun activities.

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**Years 4-6
Travel on foot**



What to bring:
Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, enclosed shoes and hat. **Years 4-6 bring swimmers / towel / dry clothes**

We are closed Mon 26th

Tuesday 27th January

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K-2 Pizzeria

Become a pizza-making pro at the Funhouse Pizzeria! K-2 will enjoy creating tasty pizzas, discovering mystery ingredients, and taking part in exciting cooking challenges. Get ready to mix, taste, and have a slice of fun!

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3-6 Bulldog Gym

Back by popular demand! Years 3-6 get your boxing gloves on as you enter the Bulldog gym and learn the art of Muay Thai! Learn kickboxing techniques, practise your moves, and challenge yourself with fun combat activities alongside your Funhouse friends.



What to bring:
Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, enclosed shoes and hat.

**Years 3-6
travel by bus**



What to bring:
Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, enclosed shoes and hat.



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Wednesday 28th January

Paint and Sip!

Unleash your inner artist for a day of creativity and fun! Explore drawing, painting, and cartooning while bringing your own ideas to life. Enjoy a colourful fruit punch and snack platter to share, and dive into a variety of hands-on arts and crafts activities designed for all ages. It's a day full of imagination, colour, and tasty treats!

Thursday 29th January

Funhouse Amazing Race

Get ready for an action-packed day with Kelly Sports! In the morning, dive into a variety of sport incursions and fun games designed to get you moving and challenge your skills. In the afternoon, team up with your friends for the Kelly Sports Amazing Race, where you'll tackle obstacle courses, sporting challenges, brain teasers, and more. It's a day full of energy, teamwork, and excitement!



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Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, enclosed shoes and hat.



Friday 30th January

Strike Bowling!

It's time to hit the lanes! Join your friends and educators for a day of bowling fun. K-2 will walk to Castle Towers Strike Bowling, and Years 3-6 will travel to Macquarie Centre Strike Bowling by metro. Show off your skills, enjoy some friendly competition, and make it a day to remember!



**Years 3-6
travel by
metro**



What to bring:
Morning tea, lunch, refillable water bottle, enclosed shoes and hat.

**Years K-2
Travel by
Foot**



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Our NEW Friday Fun Day Program

This term we're thrilled to roll out our brand-new Friday Fun Day Program! Every Friday, the children get to decide what exciting theme or event they'd like us to organise and so far, they've absolutely loved it!

Each Friday will now be intentionally and thoughtfully planned around the children's chosen themes, giving them a real voice in shaping their afternoons and ensuring every week ends with laughter and excitement.

We can't wait to see how the rest of the term unfolds and would love your feedback! Please let us know how you and your children are enjoying our new Friday Fun Day program, your thoughts help us make every experience the best it can be!

Term 4

FRIDAY FUN DAY SCHEDULE

WEEK	DATE	THEME
2	24/10/25	CHILDREN'S WEEK
3	31/10/25	HALLOWEEN
4	7/11/25	MOVIE DAY
5	14/11/25	SCIENCE DAY
6	21/11/25	FUNHOUSE MYSTERY
7	28/11/25	WORLD RECORDS DAY
8	5/12/25	SUMMER WATER DAY
9	12/12/25	CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION
10	19/12/25	LAST DAY OF TERM CELEBRATION

Hello from the ISP team

We're really excited to be working with Natasha, a occupational therapist, who will be helping our team build new skills through a personalised workshop all about supporting neurodivergent children. This workshop will be tailored specifically to our centre, and we can't wait to learn practical strategies and deepen our understanding of how to best support every child's unique needs.

We've noticed that some of our children have been showing signs of distress, such as being defiant, argumentative, or getting frustrated easily. We're working closely with them to understand what's behind these behaviours and to help them find positive ways to meet their needs. We're also brainstorming with the children to come up with fun activities they'd love to take part in, so their time at Funhouse feels exciting and engaging.

Right now, our centre supports more than 30 children with additional needs, and we'd really love to keep working in partnership with families. Open and honest communication helps us give your children the best care possible, so if your child has a diagnosis, please let us know. We're also very happy to support families who are currently exploring the diagnosis process.

Most importantly, we want every child to feel safe, supported, and have lots of fun at Funhouse!



**Whitney Ng -
Inclusion Support
Manager**



**Jack Smales -
Inclusion Support
Assistant**





Diwali Celebrations

This month, we celebrated Diwali, the Festival of Lights, with a vibrant day filled with colour, culture, and connection!

To capture the spirit of Diwali and the colourful streets of India, our children took part in a Colour Run-themed obstacle course! For those who brought a change of clothes, our educators sprinkled them with coloured powder as they ran and laughed through the course. For others, the hot day called for a refreshing twist, cool water sprays! The children absolutely loved getting active and joining in this lively celebration while learning about the traditions behind Diwali.

To embrace the festival of light, the children then had the opportunity to decorate their own candles using sparkling diamond stickers. Each creation was unique and filled with imagination, giving the children a new creative medium to explore.

We were also very fortunate to have a wonderful parent volunteer visit and create beautiful henna designs for the children! This experience gave them the chance to learn about this important Diwali tradition, and it was inspiring to see how respectfully and eagerly they engaged with another culture's customs.

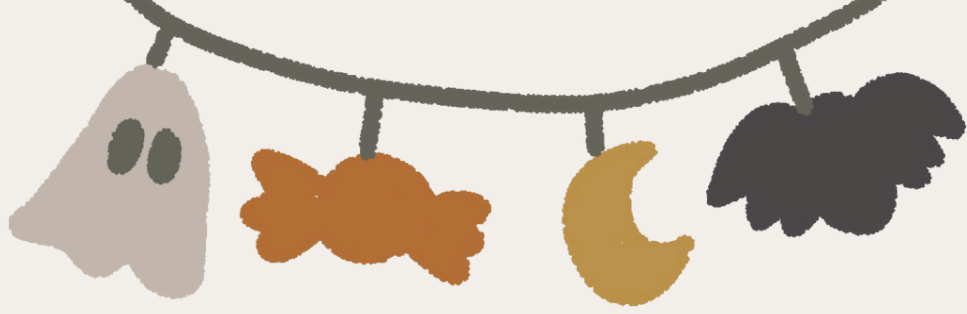
The celebration continued with a lively Bollywood dance party in the hall! The children learned new moves, danced with glow sticks and balloon animals, and even enjoyed bubbles outside, an exciting way to finish the afternoon on a joyful, high-energy note!

As part of our third rotation, the children explored Mandala art and sensory slime play. Using colourful rice inspired by traditional rangoli designs, they created stunning mandala artworks. In addition, the children enjoyed experimenting with slime textures, mixing in foam balls and colours to create a fun, hands-on sensory experience.

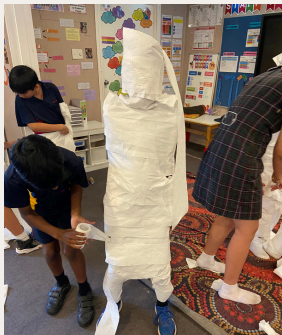
It was incredible to see the children engage so enthusiastically across all activities, exploring new cultural experiences, embracing creativity, and showing respect and curiosity for the beauty of Diwali.

DIWALI





Halloween



Recognising concerning behaviour

As a parent, at times, you may have concerns about your child's mental health. As your child develops, their behaviour displays in various ways and they may express themselves differently than you expect.

Some of these behaviours are a completely normal part of development. They are often motivated by a combination of biological, psychological and social needs.

Recognising the signs that your child may need support will help give you confidence and allow them to feel heard in a safe space.

Children and young adults often don't express how they are feeling due to:

- thoughts of helplessness
- the perception that no one will listen or understand
- the fear of judgement or stigma
- the fear of consequences
- a worry they won't be taken seriously.

This may be even more pronounced for children who are neurodivergent, have learning difficulties, are living in care, identify as LGBTQ+ or have had significant life events.

Childhood development is a period of rapid change, so separating the process of growth from the symptoms of mental ill health can be difficult. The more you understand the subtle differences in your child, the more you can identify if there is cause for concern.

Signs and symptoms of mental health concerns

- Trouble sleeping or constantly overtired
- Consistent low mood such as sadness for more than 2 weeks
- Sudden mood or behavioural changes
- Irritability
- Fluctuations in weight (weight gain or weight loss)
- Loss of appetite or significant change in dietary intake
- A drop in academic performance
- Behaving in a way they have outgrown (eg. Wetting the bed or sucking their thumb)
- Withdrawal of regular social situations, friends or family
- Self-harm or suicidal thoughts

It's important to note that warning signs of mental health concerns can present themselves in many different ways and could be a combination of subtle changes. Talking to your child about any concerns can be an easier way to understand what they are going through and offer support.

Children's behaviour becomes more sophisticated and complex as they grow and their needs change. Children learn about what behaviours are expected of them from the people around them. As they develop, they become better at knowing how they feel and controlling their actions.