Dear Parents and Carers

Assembly Item
Congratulations to Mrs Dixon’s Year 3 class for reminding us through their song, “Sun Smart” that every day is a sun smart day. We were told we should all abide by the five count down rules of cover up, sunscreen, hat, shade and sunnies and certainly these Year 3 children were absolute models of the five points with their sunnies and sunscreen and cover up shirts. Delightful singing from these students, who had such a short time in which to learn their song. We will all remember to be sun smart through the year.

Thank you Mrs Stevens and the music percussion group of students who brightened our day with their playing as we moved into the assembly area.

School Council News
Congratulations to our two newest members of the School Council for their successful nominations, Ms Elle Harvey representing staff, and Mr Kris Starcevich representing our parent group. Mr Les Crawley was again elected to the Chair position with a Secretary still to be appointed. The last meeting agenda was predominantly on school strategic planning. March 22nd will see the visit of the Enquiry Team from Perth to review the school’s progress and achievements in the past six months. Discussions on the processes and opportunity to become an Independent School in 2017 resulted in agreement from Council to proceed.

On Entry Assessment
Children in Pre-Primary, Year 1 and Year 2 continue to be tested with the On Entry Assessment in numeracy and literacy to determine areas of strengths and weaknesses, and to allow for more targeted teaching with our students. Parents will be able to discuss individual student results with their child’s classroom teacher at the Oral Reporting session on Thursday 7th April.

The Independent Public Schools Initiative
The Independent Public Schools Initiative is now open for schools to apply for 2017. Independent schools have greater autonomy and independence to pursue creative ways and innovative solutions for the benefit of students in schools. “Independent Public Schools combine a powerful combination of local autonomy and central support to deliver high quality education, tailored and distinctive education experiences for staff, students and parents.” We need the support of parents and staff to go forward for this initiative. A special meeting of combined P & C and Council has been organised for information on IPS so parents have greater understanding of this initiative. This will be held at the School Library, 2.30 - 3.00pm on Monday 21st March following the P & C AGM and Ordinary Meeting. Your attendance would be welcomed.

Computer Upgrade : 8th to 11th March (Week 7)
Our School computer network system is being upgraded and the school will have no access to computers this week. Absentees for this week will need to have a written note rather than online. All staff will not have any access to emails. This is also a good reminder to make sure that your current contact details are up to date and provided to the front office.

Pauline Grewar, Principal
Congratulations to the following children who have read for 20 Nights:
Rm 00: Harry, Lachie, Yasmin, Chloe, Seraya, Fraser  
Rm 2: John, Isabelle, Bree, Emmalee  
Rm 3: Poppy, Holly, Alicia, Taliah  
Rm 4: Layne, Alicia  
Rm 5: Rosco, Molly  
Rm 11: Jessie, Jackson, John, Regan, Talia, Allira  
Rm 22: Hayden, Jaxson, Stephen

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT
Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on 25th February 2016. Well done!

EC 1  Lauren  Nicola
Room 00  Jack  Leanna
Room 2  Tim  Ariana
Room 4  Monique  Ben
Room 6  Bree  Coen
Room 10  Rory  Jordyn
Room 12  Druce  Ben
Room 14  Thalia  Aiden
Room 22  Liesl  James
Cleanest Room Award  Rm 22

Bike Week is Western Australia’s annual celebration of people riding bikes. So whether you ride for transport or just for fun, then Bike Week is for you!
Children without helmets will be banned from riding home.

CONTRIBUTIONS 2016
A very big ‘Thank You’ to the families who have already paid Contributions this year. Did you know that your $60 per year works out to be $1.15 per week or just 16 cents per day?
Contributions may be paid by the following options: Cash, Cheque, Eftpos / Credit Card or Direct Deposit. If using Direct Deposit, please make one payment per student giving student’s first name and surname as reference.
Account Details: BSB 306-037 Account No 415695-7

THANK YOU!!

ANNOUNCING THE LAUNCH OF OUR SCHOOL APP

We’re very pleased to inform you that our school has implemented a phone app called Updat-ed that will make connecting with you so much more convenient.
To download the app just visit the App Store for iPhones or Google Play for Androids. Search for Updat-ed and from the menu select our school. We’ll receive your registration request and will need to approve you before your app is up and running.

So what will the app do? The app’s great for sending out alerts and reminders with one of its best features being the ability to save events directly into your phone’s calendar.
We hope you enjoy being Updat-ed. More details can be found on our Facebook page.
AROUND THE CLASSROOMS

The Student Councillors and some Year 6 helpers have been running lunch time activities for different year levels. On Wednesday they ran a 'Colouring In' competition for the Year 3 students. They had a great turn out and it will be difficult for them to judge the best ones. Keep an eye out for posters and notices for

Our Pre-Primary students have been having fun exploring our new fairy and dinosaur gardens.

THE VIRTUES PROJECT - COOPERATION

WHAT IS COOPERATION
Cooperation is working together for the good of everyone. It is a willingness to respect others and follow rules which keep everyone safe and happy. Cooperation is being helpful to one another, sharing the load. It is joining others in order to do something that cannot be done alone.

WHY PRACTISE COOPERATION?
Without cooperation, people disturb others. They don’t care about the rules, and they don’t seem to care about others. When we work together, we can often accomplish more than each of us could do alone. When we cooperate we can do great things.

HOW DO YOU PRACTISE COOPERATION?
Being cooperative is being willing to go along in order to get along. We are respectful of the rules. We consider other people’s needs. We look for ways to be helpful, and we ask for help when we need it.

Cooperation helps us bring together the ideas of many so that a new idea can come to light. Working together, we can make any place a safe and happy one.

SIGNS OF SUCCESS
You are practising cooperation when you…….

• Work well with others
• Freely offer your help and ideas
• Follow the rules
• Do your part to keep a safe, happy environment
• When you disagree, do it peacefully
• Ask for help when you need it

Mrs Lesley Mather - Associate Principal

ON-LINE NEWSLETTERS

Dear Parents, In an effort to use our time efficiently and become a more sustainable school we have decided from Term 2 to provide electronic newsletters only. If you would like to have your newsletter emailed, please email the school at castletown.ps@education.wa.edu.au or alternatively, all newsletters will also be accessible through the school website – www.castletownprimaryschool.wa.edu.au – click on the newsletter tab and you will find all the current and past newsletters here. If you are unable to access the newsletter online and wish to continue to receive a paper copy – please contact the school and we will provide you with one. For any further queries, please contact the school.
**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**Esperance Soccer Association 2016**
Registrations close 12th March
Information sheets are available at the Office.
Registrations are online only: [www.esperancesoccer.com.au](http://www.esperancesoccer.com.au)

**Esperance Junior Netball Association 2016**
Registration forms are available at the Office and are due back by 11th March.
Registration day: Saturday 12th March

**Esperance Dist. Football Assoc 2016**
Junior Club - registrations made online at [http://foxsportpulse.com/](http://foxsportpulse.com/)
Registration day: 12th March

**Talking Drugs Parent Information Session**

Parents have an important role to play in preventing and reducing their children’s risk of harm from drug use.
As part of the national and state strategy to address methamphetamine and other drug use behaviour, the Department of Education and School Drug Education and Road Aware are offering a Talking Drugs session for parents.

To register go to [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au) and find the Esperance

Talking Drugs session

**Canteen Helpers (Junior or Senior Athletics Carnival)**

*Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th March 2016*

Are you available to help in the canteen on either day? Could you help all morning, or for an hour or so? If you can help, please fill in the form below and return it to the canteen as soon as possible.

Thank You
Janice Spencer

**Help in Canteen on 16th or 17th March 2016**

Your Name: _______________________________  Phone Number: _______________________________

Eldest Child: _______________________________  Room Number: _______________________________

Date:  Wednesday 16th March or Thursday 17th March

9.30am–12.30am,  9am–10am,  10am–11am,  11am–12noon,  12noon–1pm

(Please circle the time & date you are available to help)