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Castletown PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

CONGRATULATIONS to our wonderful P&C

\$19 684 at the fantastic 2019 COLOUR RUN. What a day!!!



Dear Parents

Colour Run – Firstly I wish to thank the P&C for again committing to organising the Colour Run, held last Friday. It was an outstanding success by every measure and to raise \$19 684.55 was simply an incredible effort. Special thanks to Tiana Gilchrist and Fiona Ryan for their contribution, initiative, positive effort and for making it so easy to partner with the school to ensure that this project would be a massive success. That so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school turned out to help was deeply appreciated. Special mention and acknowledgement of the Police, St John Ambulance and Quarry Road Bush Fire Brigade who gave time and great support to the event and also to the major sponsor Pink Lake IGA for the massive donation of icy poles enjoyed by students after the Colour Run. You all made a difference.

Year 6 Camp – Next week (Week 9) 61 of our Year 6 students travel to Camp Quararup near Albany, for a wonderful set of experiences. They will have lots of fun, learn many new things, including about themselves and we wish them a fantastic time. These students are rapidly coming to the end of their 8 years at Primary School and with the help of Mr Weckert, Mrs Rose, Mr Pansini and Ms Tonkin they will build memories on camp that will stay with them for many years to come. Thanks to everyone who has made a contribution to support this Camp in 2019.

Year 5 Student Councillors – Last week, many Year 5 students from Room 10 wrote an expression of interest to be a Student Councillor in Week 9 whilst the Year 6 students are on Camp. They were really good and our Year 6 Councillors spent a fair time selecting the 8 most suitable students. They include:

James Guest, Daniel Blakeley, Mason Cowcher, Aaron Prosser, Bronte Florisson, Jessie Hennessy, Demi Hunter and Georgia Durdin.

These Year 5 students will be mentored this week by our Year 6 Councillors, come to a meeting, participate in the Assembly on Friday and be presented with their mentor's badge for Week 9. This is a big honour, good support for leadership aspirations and just a terrific boost to their self- esteem and resilience. In Term 4 the same opportunity will be afforded to the Year 5 students in Room 11.



NUMERO – Today, Mr Weckert and Mr Barter supported our 7 nominated teams in the Esperance Region Numero Challenge. A great big congratulations to all of our teams (x7) who competed today. You were all wonderful ambassadors for our school. Special mention to our winning team of James Guest, Mia Walter, Blayden Coussens and Isaac Francis. They will fly to Perth in Term 4 to represent Castletown PS in the State Numero Championship. Best wishes team, you are fantastic.

Shade Sails – The contracted engineer is finalising plans to place 2 x shade sails projects into the school environment. The first will be a 4 sail project the full length of the old undercover area, out the 6m to the edge of the concrete apron and at its highest point will be 4m. The impressive project will be in our very bright faction colours of blue, green, red and yellow. The other shade sail will be erected over the new nature play area in the Early Years playground.

It is likely to be bright lime green and purple. These shade projects will add colour and improved safety for our school community.

LOTE – Due to the school losing Ms Garn early this Term and being unable to replace her, French lessons have not been available. Mrs Florisson is returning from LSL, is a language specialist trained teacher and is available to trial Indonesian in Term 4. All staff and the P&C have been very supportive and it is likely that the school will progress this opportunity.

Senior Assembly – This week our Year 5 Boys Tap Dog Team will present their routine as final preparation for their performance at the Celebrating Excellence in Public Education event to be held at the Yacht Club on 18 September. The boys have worked very hard under the tutelage of Mrs Ryan and Jake our School Chaplain and we are very proud of them and look forward to showcasing their performance on Friday here at school and especially to the wider Esperance community in Week 9.

Colin Brand
Principal

Deputy's Desk – Student Services

For three assemblies in a row this term the class taking out the Attendance Award has had an attendance rate over our aspirational figure of 95% attendance! Yes, that's correct three assemblies in a row! What a fantastic effort by all concerned with the winning classes, ie students, parents/carers and staff.

The School has done some 'tweaking' to the way we manage the sick bay and sick/injured students. Students are required to have a written note by a staff member when they come to the office. The Deputy Principals will determine the outcome to best support these students.

During this process it has come to my attention that a number of students who present at the office have indicated that they were not feeling well or had a particular complaint before coming to school. It is not in the student's best interest to come to school while sick. This also has a possible detrimental effect on other students by the spread of germs as well as the considerable resources required to look after them.

So please, if your child is sick – it is ok to stay at home.

Laurie Palmer
Deputy Principal – Student Services

Deputy's Desk - Curriculum

Brightpath

This term our Kindy and Pre-Primary Students have been learning about the Recount writing Genre. They have been learning about how to write, how to write a recount and the different parts that make up a recount. There are some great examples in the **K/PP News** later in this newsletter that shows how well they are writing already.

Our Year 1-6 students have been learning about writing Information Reports. They have been learning about the different sections in an Information report, writing Introductions and Conclusions and learning how to research the information for their reports. Many of the classes are combining this with their reading and HASS programs so that students are learning the skills across all learning areas. Learning how to write in paragraphs is one of the key skills these students are learning as part of their Brightpath focus.

All students will be preparing for their final writing assessment for Information Reports and teachers will be able to compare this with their initial writing assessment and view the progress students have made.

Our Year 4-6 Students will be engaged in swimming lessons in Weeks 2 and 3 next term, culminating in our Swimming Carnival on Friday 1st November. A permission note will be sent home later this week for parents to complete by **Friday 13th September**. Once all the permission notes have been returned, a Swimming Lesson Enrolment Form will then be sent home to complete. This form and the payment will need to be completed by **Friday, 27th September**. Swimming lessons is a part of our Physical and Health Education Program.

Kindy/PP POL News

This term the Early Childhood students in Pre-Primary and Kindy have been concentrating on recounts for our Brightpath focus. This includes oral and written types which can be in many forms. eg news telling, diary entries or records of a day's event. It can be a whole class, group or individual activity.

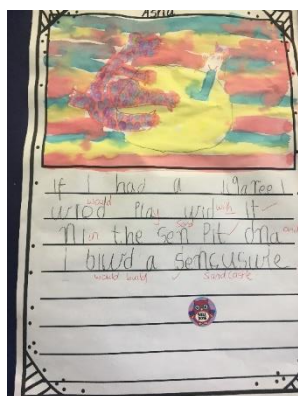
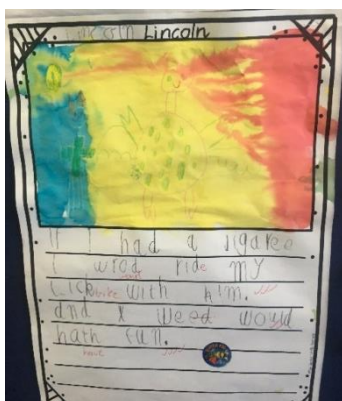
- including "who", "what", "when" and "where" in their recount.
- writing in full sentences with a capital at the start and a full stop at the end.
- leaving a space between words.

- drawing an event and
- orally telling an appropriate recount that reflects their drawing.

Parents can support their children by practising oral recounts at home after an interesting event.

Adele Baldwin
Pre-Primary Teacher

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Pre-Primary Recount Writing

Years 1/2 POL News

The Year 1/2 Pol have been enjoying a range of new equipment to use during recess and lunch time on the Quad area. They are challenging their friends to giant games of Draughts, Dominoes, Noughts and Crosses and Jenga.

The students have also been spending time chasing after star balls that bounce off in random directions and trying to predict where the ball will go and playing with giant soft foam Frisbees and ten pin bowling games.

Kim Kidd
Year 2 Teacher

Years 3/4 POL News



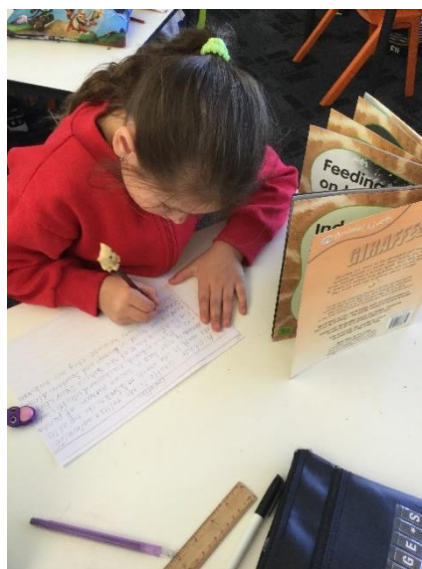
Fractions have been one of the areas in Mathematics that we are focussing on in Room 8. Our highlight has definitely been 'Fairy Bread Fraction' fun! We were able to discuss, create and eat while learning about how fractions represent equal parts of a 'whole'.

Also in Year 3 we are learning about our unique country of Australia. They've been set the challenge to learn the names of all the states and territories and the capital cities which belong to them! Mapping skills are a focus as we plot where Australia's rivers, mountains, deserts and other natural features are located. The students have found it interesting learning about rivers and mountains and how they form in our Geography lessons.



The Year 3 & 4's are also doing lots of research to find information and take notes on our chosen animals. We are now busy sorting the information into paragraphs, and drafting our Information Reports. We are also enjoying and exploring new drama games across different learning areas.

We have had a busy term so far and enjoyed our Colour Fun Run last Friday!



Sandra Callow
Year 3 Teacher

Year 5/6 POL News

Year 6 students were very excited to receive their Penpal letters from other Year 6 students in our district. Many of the questions asked by our students were answered and some new information about other children living in Esperance was shared. In response, the students from Room 9 and Room 21 were eager to begin writing their replies straight away.

Each class has discussed the difference between a personal and business letter, how to set out a personal letter and what other information they could add to their letters to inform their Penpal about themselves and their lives out of school.

Camp Quaranup is the location for the Year 6 camp. Preparation is well underway with all students receiving some information packs containing the itinerary, camp requirements and a behaviour contract for each student. There was great excitement as the students investigated the planned learning opportunities and the social activities they will participate in whilst away for the week.

The Year 6 students leave Monday Sept 16th and will return to Castletown on Friday Sept 20th.

The **Year 5** students will have the responsibility of ringing the siren and hoisting the flags each day the Year 6 cohort is away.

Year 5 Room 10

Reading in Room 10 is done four days a week on a rotational basis.

Group 1- Students doing Comprehension cards at their level, they have the choice of working individually or in pairs.



Group 2- Using I pads and doing Reading eggs individually at their level.



Group 3 and 4- Working on various activities based on books read. (4 roles of the reader)



Whole class engaged during a Reading session.



Room 11- Year 5

This term in Year 5, students have been studying the factors which shape the environmental characteristics of places. Currently in Room 11, students have been researching facts and information regarding South America, including climate, countries, natural vegetation, landforms (rivers, lakes, mountains), surrounding continents, oceans and seas, and native animals. In the following Geography lessons, they will observe, research and discuss how these natural features influence human activities and the built features (man-made) of places.



Harvey and Ben researching environmental characteristics and facts, in South America.



Sheridan, Alex and Elliott using atlases, iPads and the world globe during their research time.



Chance and Zander working cooperatively to complete their graphic research organiser before moving on to their extension work.

Jacob researching the countries within the continent of South America.

Mrs Shaneen Coupar
Year 5 Teacher



Specialist POL News - Art

Students from throughout the school have been working diligently to produce an array of wonderful artwork. Some of which will be on display in the upcoming Esperance Wildflower Festival Art Exhibition and Competition. Artworks will be on display at the Anglican Church behind the Parish Centre from Tuesday 24th until Saturday 28th September.

The year 6 students have been looking into the works of Hokusai and his most notable artwork the Great Wave. They are now beginning to look into producing a powerful piece of pop art.

The year 5's and middle school students have used mixed media, including edicol dye, watercolour, crayon, coloured pencil and a black texta to produce brightly coloured gum leaf designs. The year 5's are now working on their pop art while many of the other classes will begin working on clay projects.

The junior school classes have been exploring leaf printing and working with clay to make amazingly colourful bug fossils. They are currently working on their Gerald the Giraffe paintings, from the story "Giraffes Can't Dance".

Steve Barter

Art Specialist



Year 6 examples of Hokusai and the Great Wave



Student Leader's News

As teachers are aware, our eight student councillors have been given \$250 from our \$2000 to go towards RIBIT books for each year level:

Kindy	Ben Gibson	Pre-Primary	Molly Pechar
Year 1	Mia Walter	Year 2	Lylah Heather
Year 3	Lloyd Henderson	Year 4	Emily Crawley
Year 5	Isaac Francis	Year 6	Jack Hallam

We will be buying these books at our Term 4 Book Fair with help from our amazing Mr Brand, Mr Palmer and the organiser Jennifer Sage.

The Councillors have nominated eight Year 5 students to take our positions temporarily while the year 6's are away on camp. Each of us will hand the chosen students our badges before we leave. We hope that the children bring them back in one piece. We look forward to mentoring them in our roles this week before we go on camp. We will be presenting them with our badges at the Week 8 Assembly on Friday.

Assembly hosted by EC2 and EC6

Two of our Pre-Primary classes did a marvellous job of hosting the Junior Assembly on Friday, 30th August. This was their first time being the leaders of an assembly and they presented it well, supported by their classroom teachers.

Their focus Virtue was love and their two items reflected this virtue beautifully.

EC 2 sang the Bindi Irwin song of the supposedly un-loveable Camel, Marianne, who couldn't find love because she had 2 fat toes, a big fat nose, a dopey grin, long eyelashes that clash with her hairy chin and a hump which is an ugly lump. By the end of the song though, Marianne comes to the rescue of the villagers and is well loved, even with her quirks.

EC6 sang the Hi-5 song – L.O.V.E. with awesome actions, dedicated to their Dads as Father's Day was approaching. Their movements were well-rehearsed and all the Dads would have felt the love that day.



[Click here](#) to view a gallery of photos from the assembly



Certificates of Merit

Congratulations to these students for their certificates of merit at Friday's assembly.

Year	Room	Student
PP	EC2	Ashley Hartill
PP	EC3	Isabelle Stratton
PP	EC6	Milla O'Shea
1	1	Ruby Riggs
1	2	Ayva Harris
1	3	Amaya Nankivell
2	4	Kaiden Brensell
2	5	Dakota Lay
2	6	Olly Munzer



Virtues Winners

Congratulations to these students who won a prize in our Virtues Raffle for demonstrating Virtues around the school.

Year	Room	Student	Virtue
PP	EC3	Matthew	Respect
1	Rm 1	Rosie	Helpfulness
2	Rm 5	Seth	Diligence

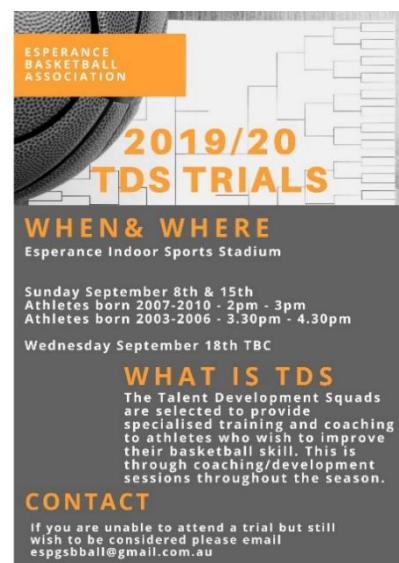
RIBIT Readers

Congratulations to these wonderful RIBIT Readers.

Room	Year	Students
1	1	100 nights - Teal Dell Agostino, Kipp Pace
2	1	100 nights – Chloe Peterson
3	1	80 nights – Summer-Lee Turner 100 nights – Jacob Black
4	2	80 nights – Marli Browning, Willow Burgess, Addison Drake-Brockman, Coby Guest, Tanner Creedon 100 nights – Theodore Roost
5	2	80 nights – Jordy Chapman, Chelsea Richardson 100 nights – Shari Rose, Chelsea Richardson, Seth Patton
6	1	80 nights – Jaxon Mansted, Taliah Matthews, Thomas Scullin, Jayde Browning 100 nights - Khloe Charles, Taylor Dixon, Braxton Hartley, Alex Hay, Cody Henderson, Tiffany Humphry's, Olivia Beardsmore, Olly Munzer, Irene Ngerdu, Brody Oliver, Lilly Ramm, Saffia Redman, Beau Sylva, Kaylee Vermey, Charlie Wood, Zoe Wyllie
11	5	100 nights – Justine Ramsell
21	6	100 nights – Astiana Beardsmore

Dates to Remember

11 th September	BEGA Tobacco Action Team Visit – Year 5
12 th September	BEGA Tobacco Action Team Visit – Year 6
13 th September	Senior Assembly – Rm 8 hosting Year 3/4 Tennis Competition
16 th -20 th September	Year 6 Camp - Albany
18 th September	Excellence in Public Education Breakfast- Tap Dogs Performing
20 th September	Year 4 Wongutha NAIDOC Excursion
27 th September	LAST DAY of Term 3 Whole School Assembly
14 th October	FIRST DAY of Term 4
18 th October	Pupil Free Day – Show Day School Development Day



ESPERANCE BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

2019/20 TDS TRIALS

WHEN & WHERE
Esperance Indoor Sports Stadium

Sunday September 8th & 15th
Athletes born 2007-2010 - 2pm - 3pm
Athletes born 2003-2006 - 3.30pm - 4.30pm

Wednesday September 18th TBC

WHAT IS TDS
The Talent Development Squads are selected to provide specialised training and coaching to athletes who wish to improve their basketball skill. This is through coaching/development sessions throughout the season.

CONTACT
If you are unable to attend a trial but still wish to be considered please email espgsbball@gmail.com.au