



# CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

*At Castletown Primary School, we inspire and educate all students to succeed in becoming productive and valued citizens.*

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## Newsletter 2, Term 4 16.12.2022

Dear Parents and Carers

We've come to the end of a fantastic year at Castletown PS, where, with the combined efforts of our staff, students, parents, and community, we have achieved many successes.

### Step-up day

Our classroom placements for 2023 have been finalised and our Step-Up Transition Session ran smoothly. Students and staff are heading into the summer holiday period feeling settled and excited for the 2023 school year.

### Farewell and Thank You

Sadly, at the end of this year, we are farewelling some of our staff.

- Mylie Jefferies, thank you for bringing flair and fun to EC4. Best wishes for your new adventures.
- Karen Ritchie, thank you for your bringing up our little ones in EC3, in their first year of school. All the best with your future plans.
- Lauren Stokes, good luck on your exciting adventure to outback Queensland to work in the remote learning space. We look forward to your return in years to come, bringing back the experience and wisdom of your learning in a new school context.
- Sharna Lovejoy, thank you for your dedication to setting up our specialist Junior Science program and best wishes for your new role at ESHS ESC.
- Steve Barter, thanks for your cameo role during Term 4 this year and all the best for your 2023 plans.
- Julie Dalling, thank you for your work across our senior classes this year. I'm sure we'll see you across our classrooms with a return to your relief teaching role.

### Retirements

Congratulations to Jenny Johnston and Richard 'Spike' Jackson on your retirements this year. Thank you for your longstanding service to Castletown PS!

### 2023

The excitement is building for the start of the 2023 school year. We have some tweaks to our school timetable and assembly schedule which should make our school days run even more smoothly. Please see the separate letter from Mr David Vooght-Simpson that has been emailed to parents.

Our Front Office opens back up from 25 January 2023 and the first day back for students is 1 February 2023.

And, just like that, the year is over. I hope that it's been a good one for you. Please have a happy and safe holiday. Merry Christmas to you all, and I look forward to seeing you all back around school in February '23!

Kind regards,

David McLaren  
Acting Principal





## Merry Christmas from the Library



Rm 2 enjoying a Christmas story in the library.



"Warm, hot, BOILING" – looking for the pesky library elf!!

## Student Leaders 2023

It's with great delight that we announce our Student Leaders and Faction Captains for 2023.

Due to the larger than normal cohort of students (90 students compared to this year's 60 students), we will be having 10 Student Leaders and 12 Faction Captains for **2023 only**. All students had to nominate to be considered, a short list was determined, and a 2 min speech presented to the voting students.

The Student Leaders for 2023 are:

Marli Browning  
Danielle Knox  
Maddelyn Sinagra  
William Wright

Kyle Durrant  
Macy McLaren  
Beau Sylva

Oskar Graham  
Chelsea Richardson  
Sadie Witt



*Our incoming and outgoing Student Leaders*

The School Captains will be determined and announced at the start of 2023.



## Faction Captains 2023

The Faction Captains for 2023 are:

<b><u>Challenger</u></b> Brody Oliver Micheal Nguyen Chelsie Harvey	<b><u>Cygnets</u></b> Braxton Gilbert Olive Shillington Shari Rose	<b><u>Parmelia</u></b> Coby Guest Ollie Pietsch Alyrah Stokes	<b><u>Success</u></b> Liam Schultz Isabella Major Olivia Beardsmore
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*2023 Faction Captains with Mr Pansini*

## Year 6 Graduation Assembly 12.15.2022

Our Year 6 Graduation Assembly was held on Monday. Our Year 6 students walked the red carpet to sit on the stage for the proceedings. The choir sang, the IMMS students played and our Head Boy and Girl shared the FairyTale School Journey of our Year 6 students. The Year 6 students sang, "I lived" by One Republic as their Graduation song and the Year 5s farewelled them with a beautiful rendition of "Be Brave" by Sarah Bareilles.

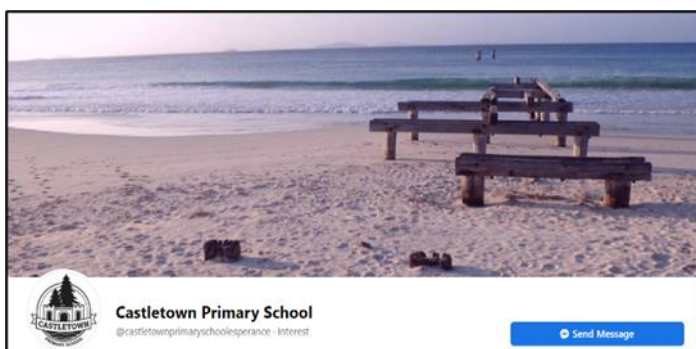


Awards	Recipient	Awards	Recipient
Dux	Lola-Rose Ridgway	Visual Arts	Lola-Rose Ridgway
Mathematics	Jack Mackenzie	Indonesian	Chad Tate
English	Lola-Rose Ridgway	Sport	Bronte Hennessy
Science	Jack Mackenzie	Endeavour	Harmony Black Ainn Permito
HASS	Remy Schmidt	Citizenship	Noah Ryan Chloe Sinagra
Health	Quinn Libo-on	Technologies	Noah Ryan
Music	Lola-Rose Ridgway		



## Thank you to our wonderful Donors for our Graduation book prizes

- Hon Shelley Payne MLC
- Mr Peter Rundle MLA
- Esperance Lions Club
- Hon Steve Martin MLC
- Shire of Esperance
- Rotary Club of Esperance Bay
- Goldfields Esperance Community Trust
- Rotary Club of Esperance
- Esperance Cabinets
- Hon Darren West MLC
- Mr Rick Wilson MP
- CBH
- Twilight School of Surf



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## Kindy to Year 6 Presentation Assembly

Our K-6 Presentation Assembly was held on Friday the 9<sup>th</sup> December. Two students from each class, plus Specialist classes were awarded a book prize donated by our amazing P&C based upon our school expectations: Be a Learner; Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Resilient, Be Friendly. Three lucky students in Year 3 were recipients of the Esperance Library Friends (ELF) Reading Encouragement Award and Cygnet was the winning faction for the Overall Faction Points Shield. Year 6 students kept us entertained with their outstanding playing of Mr Tim's original composition "Calypso". Our 2023 School Leaders were also announced.



## EC6 News

We have been having lots of fun doing Christmas crafts and cooking reindeer biscuits

Jemma Gallop  
Pre-Primary Teacher





## Year 6 Bike Ride to the Foreshore 14.12.2022

As part of the end of year celebrations for our Year 6 students, a bike ride to the pump track, swim at the pontoon and sausage sizzle at the Whale Tail was held. All students rode or scootered down and had an awesome day out away from school. Thank you to our volunteer Life Savers, parent bike riders and cooks for helping out on the day.



## Interschool Athletics Carnival 29.11.2022

What a wonderful day we had for our Interschool Carnival. The sun was shining, the sportsmanship was outstanding and the competition was super close. By a mere 12 points Castletown was deemed the winner for 2022! Thank you to all our parent helpers and the superb Mr Pansini for organising such an excellent event.

Congratulations to all the medallion winners! Our Castletown winners were:

- Year 3 Boys Gold (tied) - Judd Major
- Year 4 Boys Silver – Cian Whiting
- Year 4 Boys Gold – Koen Walker
- Year 5 Girls Gold – Alyrah Stokes
- Year 5 Boys Silver – Coby Guest
- Year 5 Boys Gold – Brody Oliver
- Year 6 Girls Silver – Cadence Offer
- Year 6 Boys Silver – Junior Maraltadji



## Year 1 Assembly 02.12.2022

Year 1 students entertained us with their Christmas songs at the final assembly of the year. They even brought up some guest dancers for the Reindeer Twist!







Congratulations to all our Merit Award recipients.



## **RIBIT**

Congratulations to the following RIBIT readers

Room	Year	100 Nights
2	1	Eliza Tate, Angelo Panting
3	1 / 2	Liam Timms, Sunny Puckey
4	2	Louis Hawira, Sarah Macalpine, Emersyn Unwin
6	2	Evie Taylor, Scarlett Black, Ivy Maher, Alex Knox, Emmett Buckley, Cooper Redman
9	5 / 6	Olivia Beardsmore, Seth Patton, Khloe Charles
21	5	Chelsea Richardson, Zoe Wyllie, Oskar Graham
300 Nights		
21	5	Kaiden Brensell

## **Pre-Primary Assembly - 18.11.2022**

Our Pre-Primaries entertained us as they went on a “Catch Phrase” Hunt. They reminded us to “Keep on Swimming”, “Don’t Worry, Be Happy”, “To Infinity and Beyond” and “Bear Necessities”.



Congratulations to all our Merit Award recipients.



Congratulations Scarlet Pugh and Quinn Libo-On – winners of Aussie of the Month.

## Dates to remember for 2023

Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	School Office Opens
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	School Development Day – students do not attend this day
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> January	School Development Day – students do not attend this day <b>Uniform Shop Open 9am-12pm</b>
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2023	<b>Students first day back to school</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2023	Harmony Day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March 2023	Ear Bus visiting
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Labour Day Public Holiday – Students do not attend this day</b>
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	National Ride2School Day Have A Go Day
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2023	Tennis Red Ball Carnival Year 3 / 4
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 1



## A Message from the Dental Therapy

The Dental Therapy Centre will be closing over the Christmas holiday break from Thursday 22nd December 2022 and will re-open on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

All year six students enrolled at the Clinic will continue to be offered appointments until year 11 or the age of 17 (whichever comes first), correspondence will be sent via mail to the given postal address.

The clinic will continue to operate on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday until the new year.

If you require any further information, please contact the clinic on 90711781 or email [EsperanceDTC@health.wa.gov.au](mailto:EsperanceDTC@health.wa.gov.au)

## Wire Fencing

The wire fencing surrounding the old garden area in the attached photo is available free of charge, you remove. Fencing and gate only. All to be removed ASAP, preferably by the end of December. No other items are to be removed. Please contact Janine Doney to confirm your intention to take the fencing. 0436 662 629



## School Voluntary Contributions

A reminder to families that the School Contributions of \$60 per child (\$30 for Kindy) per year is now due.

Our preferred payment option is Direct Deposit. Please use students' first and last name as the reference.

Account Name: Castletown Primary School  
BSB: 306-037 Account: 415695-7

Alternatively, cash or card payments can be made in the front office.

## P & C Update

### How did we do in '22? Castletown P&C

What we funded at Castletown Primary

**\$12,000**

For a new food warmer and a new fridge in the Castletown Canteen. Essential to keep food at the right temperatures!



**\$10,000**

Upgrade the long jump pits in time for inter-school carnival, with funds from the 2022 Colour Fun Run.



**\$10,000**

Early Childhood area outdoor blinds, funded from 2022 Colour Fun Run; in progress.



**\$2,500**

Parents and students attended an eSafeKids Cyber Safety Workshop for free in June.



#### Other activities funded

Early childhood Christmas books - \$450  
Graduation and End of Year Presentation books - \$2,000

#### Major fundraisers

Our Uniform Shop and Canteen services make \$17,800 ongoing profit, while our Colour Fun Run made a profit of \$19,100 in 2022.



#### Whew! What a year!

We ran Mother's Day and Father's Day Stalls, Easter Raffles, two Bookclubs, and one Bookfair. Including the Booklist Commissions, and P&C Contributions, we raised \$46,500 in 2022!



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## Traffic Warden Position

If any Parents/Grandparents are interested in becoming a Traffic Warden they can contact the Children's Crossings Unit direct on 6274 8731. An application pack can be sent to them. If they are successful in applying for the position and pass their training, they can be placed at your crossing, if it is one of our unmanned crossings only. It is also a paid position which does not affect a pension too much if employment is taken up. It would be highly recommended that any potential candidate on a pension contact Centrelink to have a chat. The current pay rate is around \$25.58 per hour - two hours per day/five days per week.

To become a Traffic Warden, we require the applicant have access to email, a full driver's license with access to a vehicle and be able to work the full 10 shifts per week - one hour in the morning and one hour in the afternoon. Any applicant signed up in this manner, who is a part of the school community, must reside within a 10km radius of their crossing/school.

Once the application has been submitted, it will commence the application process which involves a background check through WA Police Force Personal Security Vetting Unit. If they are supported, they will be sent a medical assessment to take to their doctor which will need to be paid for by the applicant and reimbursed by the Children's Crossings Unit - up to \$70.00. Once they have passed the medical assessment, they will be invited to attend State Traffic Operations in Midland for a training day which will last for about 4 – 5 hours.

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