

Castletown NEWS

NEWSLETTER 1, TERM 1

1ST MARCH 2024

A passionate learning community that inspires, challenges, and supports all students to succeed, and empowers them to be resilient and respectful

MEET OUR 2024 Student LEADERS

Maxwell, Spencer, Carter,
James, Oscar, Heidi, Cian,
Harlow, Mikaylah and Evie.



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Carers,

Attendance

Great school attendance continues to be a priority for our school community. Regular attendance has a huge impact on the likelihood of your child having a successful educational journey. Please let us know if you need support to increase your child's school attendance.

Student Leaders

On Wednesday, our student councillors participated in a 'walk on country' with Nanna Annie at Lake Monjingup. This was part of four Student Leader's days that take place across the Esperance Network during the year.

A huge thank you to our student councillors for leading the first school assembly on Friday 16th February. They showed great confidence and read their lines and certificates brilliantly. Also, well done to our certificate winners, you have had a great start to 2024!

School Board

Thank you to everyone who nominated for the School Board. I am happy to announce that Kelly Brady, Paul Watt and Terry Fleeton will be joining as Parent representatives.

Tori Wiszniewska will join as a staff representative.

Class Policy

You should have received your child's class policy describing how the class will operate through the year. If for any reason you haven't received it, please do let us know.

Triple P

We are holding the Triple P – Seminar workshop which focuses on a range of strategies to support parents to bring up happy, resilient, and confident children. The workshop will take place on Monday 25th March and a creche will be provided. Thank you to Joey Truncalli and Steffi Nadilo our wonderful school psychologists for organising this.

Around the School

A huge thank you to Paul Pratt for his amazing work in clearing the front of the school. We have some great plans moving into 2024 which involve the development of a sensory garden and nature play area for the Early Years, and the development of a sustainability area/gardens around the Kitchen Container. We also have new signage

that is starting to go up around the school.

School Development Day Dates

Every school in the state is required to have six professional learning dates as mandated by the WA Education Department, two of which are always at the start of the school year before students commence. Students do not attend on these days. In discussion with the Esperance Regional Network the following dates were set for 2024.

Monday 15th April (Term 2)

Monday 19th August (Term 3)

Friday 18th October (Term 4)

Friday 13th December (Term 4)

NAPLAN

A reminder for our Year 3 and 5 families that NAPLAN will be taking place in Week 7 from Wednesday 13th March to Wednesday 20th February. Hopefully, you have had a chance to look at the NAPLAN testing site that was sent out recently.

Enjoy the long weekend.

David Vooght-Simpson
Principal

DEPUTY'S DESK

Additional Progress Report for Parents

This year we are preparing to send out additional information to our parents at the beginning of Term 2 (Week 2) and the end of Term 3 (Week 10) on your child's literacy achievement and progress. This information will include information on Reading skills and on Writing skills.

For Pre-Primary Students in Term 1, this information will come from the student's On-Entry Assessment that is being finalised in classes and will be finished next week.

For all other students, and our PP students in Term 3, the information will come from their DIBELS and Brightpath Assessment. DIBELS is currently being finalised this week and the Brightpath Hot Task will be completed in Week 9.

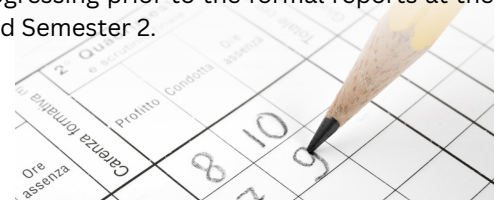
The DIBELS Assessment is a suite of assessments that target specific skills in reading – segmentation, letter-sound correspondence, blending, fluency reading of words in isolation and in the context of a passage and comprehension and are aligned to the Science of Reading Approach. We are using a new

testing platform for this called mCLASS. This platform analyses the data for our teachers, supports teachers in grouping their students by strengths and areas for improvement and provides activities that can be completed in class, or at home to progress further. The Parent Report will also provide parents with activities that they can complete with their child at home.

The Brightpath Assessment is used to analyse student writing, will inform parents of their child's achievement on the writing task, compared with the school average and all schools (that use Brightpath) average.

Our aim is to provide parents with timely information about how your child is progressing prior to the formal reports at the end of Semester 1 and Semester 2.

Julie Fetherston
Deputy Principal



Meet our new teachers!



Amy Abbott Year 1/2



Domonique Woosnam Year 2



Brooke Fomiatti Year 2



Jena Ralston Year 3



Casey Rowe Year 4

Congratulations to our 2024 FACTION CAPTAINS



Thomas, Kate, Luca, Walter, Ricky, Miley, Eva, Koen, Mary, Cooper, Esmae, Amaya.

MAAR / AIR
KEPA / WATER

KAARL / FIRE
BOODJA / EARTH

2024 VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

The contribution amount that parents are being asked to pay has been set in accordance with the School Education Regulations 2000 at

\$60 per child (approximately \$1.50 per week) and \$30 per child for Kindergarten students.

The funds collected will be used to supplement school expenditure in the curriculum learning areas. While contributions are voluntary, the quality of our teaching and learning program will be maximised when each family makes its contribution and supplements funding gained from other sources, including the State and Commonwealth Governments.

The snapshot to the right is from our Schedule of Charges.



Breakdown of Contributions

The table below gives you the breakdown of where we will direct your voluntary contributions.

1. Materials	
a. Some of the materials required for classroom programs	\$20
b. Some stationary, information technology consumables	\$10
c. Some consumable materials for Art, STEM and Science	\$10
d. Some library resources	\$8
2. Services and Facilities	
a. Some printing/photocopying of material for educational programs	\$10
b. Some activities which are part of the educational program provided by outside organisations	\$2
TOTAL	\$60
All Kindergarten students - \$30 each	

Contributions for 2024 may be paid by:

- **Direct Deposit BSB: 306-037 Account: 4156957 (Preferred method of Payment). Please indicate Family name.**
- Visa/Mastercard/EFTPOS, Cash, Cheque (payable to Castletown Primary School)

A WALK ON COUNTRY



On Wednesday 28th of February the student leaders visited Lake Monjingup for a walk on country with Nanna Annie.

Our Student Leaders were joined by Student Leaders from the Esperance Network Schools including the Mallee and OLSOTS.

The focus for the morning was looking at seasonal changes from Briac to Bunuru and how it impacts plants.

Students also took part in an art session and yarning. A wonderful time was had by all.





Snippets from the Library

Our library has been a hive of activity so far this term. Students have come in droves to keep cool at lunchtime, there have been exciting incursions and students are borrowing some awesome books AND bringing them back on time, using their library bag (Rm 13 is pictured with their bags).

We also excitedly welcomed back Jenny Scheer and Jenny Pryde with their Story Dogs, Lily and Zara.



If your child would like a bit more time to choose a great book, I'm happy to help them before school, during recess and lunch time.

Happy reading!

Sally Castledine
Library Officer





Our School Fundraising

Using Containers for Change in our school, we can:

- Increase our sustainability efforts.
- Teach students about waste, recycling, the circular economy, and other topics across the curriculum.
- Raise funds for the school or a good cause.
- Encourage behaviour change habits that leads to a better future.
- Reduce litter in our school and community

You can donate
to our school by
using this code

Member Number
C11088199

WEST COAST EAGLES AFLW STARS VISIT YEAR 6 GIRLS



Year 6 girls had the opportunity to engage with AFLW stars and complete a goal setting session!
The girls spoke about the ups and downs, their goals for the year and how to reach them!
The year 6 girls had a blast asking many questions!

Castletown Primary **A PBS School**

Castletown is now entering its third year as a PBS school. Having a focus on positive approaches to behaviour has developed an amazing culture in our school and we are determined to continue implementing new strategies which will support all our students in becoming respectful citizens.

What is PBS?

Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) is a WA Education endorsed framework for promoting and supporting positive behaviour choices in schools. It is an evidenced based approach which is supported by a three-tiered model and uses preventative, teaching and reinforcement-based strategies to achieve meaningful and durable outcomes, such as:

- Supporting improvement in academic outcomes.
- Ensuring that everyone is consistently managing behaviour with a positive approach.
- Raising the profile of the school amongst parents/community.
- Improving the way that behaviour is being taught and managed
- Increasing teaching time and the positive climate of the school.
- Making expectations simple, clear and explicit.
- Ensuring all students are explicitly taught the expected behaviours.
- Rewarding behaviour to encourage student autonomy.



Term 1 News:

Classroom Shared agreements:

To begin the 2024 school year, the behaviour expectations were the major focus for all classes. Each class unpacked all the 5 positive behaviour expectations. From there, classroom teachers worked through numerous lessons to develop classroom shared agreements with their students. Giving student voice to this process allowed ownership for what rules they would like to see to effectively create a safe, respectful and engaging learning environment.



Acknowledging, Reinforcing and Recognising Behaviours

The PBIS app is our school's reward system and is an integral part of PBS process. Students are regularly recognised and awarded "Castlepoints" when demonstrating any of the Behaviour Expectations. These points can be used to purchase items in each class' unique "Class Store" and all points go into the Whole School PBIS Wheel Spin which randomly selects winners from each cohort who are awarded certain prizes.

Each term we host a mid-term and end of term **PBS Day** to celebrate all the Positive Behaviour we see in our school. This Today we kicked off with an "Extra Play Session" where students will get more time out in the playground. We throw in an icy pole for each student for good measure!

Small changes,
big differences.



Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

Attend Triple P Seminar Series at Castletown Primary School in Term 1, 2024!

Monday 25th March 2024

8:45AM – 3:00PM

The Power of Positive Parenting

Help your child thrive and behave positively while looking after yourself

Raising Confident, Competent Children

Help your child learn to be confident, socially skilled, and respectful.

Raising Emotionally Resilient Children

Help your child learn to manage their emotions and cope well with Challenges

Morning tea, lunch and creche will be provided. To register please:

RSVP: (08) 9076 2800 – Castletown Primary School.



OR via this link or scan the QR code

<https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/au/contact/find-a-session/2024-03-25/seminar/power-of-positive-parenting/113020/>



www.triplep.net

Don't
Forget!

Any changes to your
child's bus schedule,
please advise front
office staff before
12.30pm if possible.



A reminder to parents and
families, please do not park
in the bus zones when the
bus wardens are present.



Hop
into bed

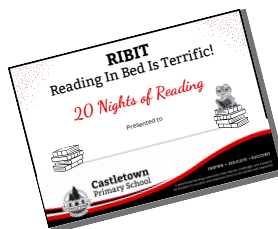
with a good book
AND EARN RIBIT POINTS!

20 nights - Certificate

50 nights - Certificate and name in newsletter

80 nights - Pencil, certificate and name in newsletter

100 nights - Choose a book, acknowledgement at
assembly and name in newsletter



Can you get to
100 nights?



Breakfast Club
@ Room 19



8.10am

Monday
Wednesday
Friday

Everyone is welcome!



SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE

GENERAL INFORMATION

The School Psychology Service contributes specialist support to enhance educational outcomes for students.

School Psychologists have expertise in human development, learning, mental health and school systems. They offer a range of preventative and responsive services to schools, with a focus on engagement and wellbeing for learning. The school Psychologist is part of the engagement well-being team in your child's school. This means that they can assist children, young people, families and teachers to support a young person to get the best out of life at school.

WHAT DOES A SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST DO?

A School Psychologist may become involved when students experience normal childhood and adolescent challenges that interfere with their own learning or the learning of others. These challenges may be related to academic achievement, peer relations, behaviour difficulties or personal adjustment.

The primary role of the School Psychologist is to assist the school to enhance the learning outcomes and personal wellbeing of the students. This is done by:

- Supporting whole school practice by implementing programs to address bullying, violence, personal safety, or behaviour.
- Working with groups within the school and with specific school-based issues, and they work directly with children or young people who are facing specific challenges.
- Working in the early childhood setting to support early intervention for children with disabilities. This work can involve assessment of learning or behaviour, or assessment of a child or young person's coping skills.

ACCESSING THE SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY SERVICE AT CASTLETOWN PS

Talk to your child's teacher about any challenges your child might be facing at school.

The first point of contact for any parent who has concerns about their child is their child's classroom teacher. The classroom teacher will then be able to talk with you about the strategies which are being implemented in school to support your child through this challenge. The School Psychology Service is one resource within the school that may be suggested if your child requires support in addition to what is happening in the classroom or playground. At this point, the classroom teacher will ask for your consent to submit a School Psychology referral. Pending your consent (School Psychologists cannot work directly with individual students without parent/guardian consent), this referral will be prioritised at a Student Services Meeting and then initiated with a case conference. At the case conference outcomes will be negotiated and an agreement reached about the course of action to be taken.

YOUR SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGISTS

Joseph Truncali

Joseph is a provisional psychologist at Castletown Primary School, servicing Castletown five days a fortnight and Norseman District High School for the other days. Before entering the profession of psychology, he worked in the marine industry 15 years, starting as a pearl diver in Broome and finishing that career berthing and sailing submarines and warships as a contractor to the Royal Australian Navy. Before this he was also a primary school teacher in WA for two years, one of those years working in Bremer Bay. On his free time, he enjoys training in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu, fishing and caravanning with his family.

Steffi Nadilo

Steffi is a provisional psychologist servicing schools across the Goldfields Education Region. In her time off, Steffi enjoys playing soccer, tennis, surfing and camping.

Dates to Remember

Friday 8th March 2024

Assembly - Year 6

Wednesday 13th March - 25th March

NAPLAN - Year 3 & 5

Thursday 21st March 2024

Harmony Day

Friday 22nd March 2024

National Ride2School Day

Monday 25th March 2024

Triple P - Positive Parenting Program

Thursday 28 March 2024

Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 16th April 2024

Students Commence Term 2 2024

Wednesday 24th April 2024

ANZAC Assembly

Friday 17th May 2024

National Walk Safely to School Day



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...FOR AN INSIGHT INTO THE LEARNING AND FUN HAPPENING AT CASTLETOWN PS!

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PROFILE

CASTLETOWN P&C

WHAT WE DO



Join us at our meetings to discuss fundraising and decisions made at the school. No time? Like our Facebook page to keep updated, and read about us in the school newsletter or school website.



CANTEEN

Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday with a seasonal menu

Volunteers are welcome and receive a free meal for themselves on the day they volunteer. Kindy to Year 6 can order lunch (orders are collected and distributed back in the classroom). Drop in your order before school or via www.quickcliq.com



UNIFORM

Open every Wednesday during term 8:15am to 9:00am or online anytime

Volunteers are welcome for an up to 1-hour commitment. Order uniforms at school or via www.quickcliq.com. Orders can be delivered to your child's classroom. For new kindy parents, you can order uniforms in Nov/Dec using our manual order form (info provided at Kindy orientation).



FUN RUN

Colour Fun Run

We hold our annual fun run in Term 2. Students collect donations through the secure MyCause platform. All participants receive a headband and sunglasses, with students that raise the most from each class and overall, receiving prizes. This event requires a lot of volunteers on the day to manage sections, and is a fun-filled, colourful, and crazy event!



BOOKS

Book Club and Book Fair

The P&C encourages reading by coordinating the once or twice a year online Book Club for parents and carers to purchase books for their children. In Term 4 the P&C host a Book Fair in the school library, with hundreds of new books for sale for children. This is a great fundraiser for the P&C, with many books gifted to the school library.



EVENTS

Easter Egg Raffle, Mother's Day Stall, Father's Day stall and more

We run market stalls for Mother's day and Father's day, the Easter Egg raffle and tie it in with the school run Easter hat parade. We hold sausage sizzles, raffles, colouring in competitions and other events. We encourage everyone to help out at these events - it's a great way to meet other parents! All funds raised go towards school activities and items.



CONTACT

Contact us

Lunch orders & uniforms online

Facebook

Canteen

Uniform Shop

Meetings

CastletownPandC@gmail.com

www.quickcliq.com

<https://www.facebook.com/CastletownPC>

CastletownCanteen@outlook.com

UniformShop.CPS@outlook.com

Once or twice a term, check FB or school newsletter

JUNIOR SOCCER




AGES 5-16 YEARS
Register by April 10th

FUN • FITNESS • FRIENDS

Join in with the world's most popular sport! New players welcome- no experience necessary. Games played Sundays from 12pm during May-September. Training Wednesday afternoons. Soccer fields located corner of Jane and Brazier Streets.

SIGN UP TODAY!
www.playfootball.com.au

ENQUIRIES
espsoccerassoc@outlook.com
0492 933 523
espsoccer.tidyhq.com



Registration for the Junior Competition & Woolworths NetSetGo are open!!

Junior registrations will close on 20th February to allow for teams to be assembled, so please register ASAP.

NetSetGo registrations are open until 24th March. Please find information below

regarding both competitions and contact details should you have any queries. Look forward to you on the courts soon.

JUNIOR COMPETITION

Junior 1

Age 15-17
2007 - 2009

(Please note if playing seniors 15 & 16-year-olds must also play JNR 1)

Junior 2

Age 13 - 14
2010 - 2011

Junior 3

Age 11 - 12
2012 - 2013

Season start date: 20th April 2024

Games are played on Saturday Mornings,

End Date - TBA - This depends on the number of teams and will be confirmed before the season commences.

For more information, please email enajuniorscoordinator@gmail.com

Register here:

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/1744a0>

WOOLWORTHS NETSETGO

Woolworths NetSetGo-Go-Competition /Junior 4

2014 & 2015

Play Saturday mornings - training Wednesday

The season starts 20th April season-ending TBC

Registration close- 20th February

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/9b08d5>

Woolworths NetSetGo- Net & Set Skills/Activities

Born 2016-2019

Term 2 Fridays 3.30-4.30

<https://www.playhq.com/netball-australia/register/d56d09>

for more info contact Ash nsg.registrar.esperance@gmail.com



PARENT APPROVED GAMING

THERE'S GOLF FOR THAT

My Golf Esperance

Starting Sunday the 25th of February for 5 weeks

Junior Competition Group
0800-0930

Junior Just for Fun Group
0830-0930

Book online
<https://www.golf.org.au/mygolf/facility/Esperance+Golf+Club>

Any questions please phone Shelley 0434 890 214

SEWING AND TEXTILE WORKSHOPS

with Rosalie Boland




Rosalie studied a Bachelor of Dramatic Art in Costume at the National Institute of Dramatic Art. Her career has seen her create work with international artists and productions including Flume, Lady Gaga, the Australian Ballet, Canadian Opera Company, Banff Arts Centre, Ballet BC, the Australian Brandenburg Orchestra, and on TV series for Netflix, Amazon and Disney.

START SEWING
For the true beginners or those dusting off some cob webs. Learn the basic parts and functions of the home sewing machine and get you stitching with confidence. BYO machine of use one of ours. 22 & 29 Feb 6pm-9pm

TEXTILE COLLAGE
Creating images out of scrap and reused fabrics, trims, embroidery, buttons and beads. Participants can choose to make this collage into a wall hanging, a tote bag or a decorative cushion. 26 Feb 6pm-9pm

PATTERNS 101
Demystify the symbols, codes and language behind commercial sewing patterns. Learn where to start with sizing, what you need and what to cut. Primarily demonstrative and discussion based, feel free to bring along your patterns, projects and questions. 5 March 6pm-9pm

SEW WHAT YOU LIKE
Get stuck into that sewing project you've been thinking about with this dedicated sew-a-long. Two workshops available, come to one or both. 8 March 6pm-9pm

MEND TO BE SEEN! VISIBLE MENDING
Hands-on workshop learning decorative and functional hand sewing techniques to apply to your own garments. 11 March 6pm-8.30pm

KNOCK IT OFF!
For those with some sewing and knowledge of patterns. Bring in your favorite item and learn how to draft a pattern for it so it can live in your wardrobe forever! 15 March 9am-2pm

TAILORING TECHNIQUES
Take your sewing and garment construction to the next level. Build your knowledge on how to prepare fabric, press points, turn corners and finish details. Discuss tools of the trade and how to use them. Transform your projects from home made to hand made with that haute couture touch. 19 March 6pm-9pm

FIX IT FRIDAY
Need motivation to get that mending pile in order? Advice on how to make that Op shop find work for you? Bring along your pieces and have a go at fixing them yourself in this relaxed and social Friday evening. 22 March 6pm-9pm

SEW WHAT YOU LIKE
Get stuck into that sewing project you've been thinking about with this dedicated sew-a-long. Two workshops available, come to one or both. 24 March 11am-3pm

UPCYCLED HEN DOORSTOP
Come for a playful evening of upcycling to create a nesting hen door stops. Hand and machine sewing options. 25 March 6pm-8.30pm

Bookings and information www.canneryartscentre.com.au

Community News

PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#) TO VIEW THE COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE



Condingup P&C 40TH COMMUNITY FAIR COMPETITIONS



Saturday 16th
March 2024



Entries close 12noon
Gold Coin Entry

PRODUCE AND GARDEN

Longest Zucchini
Largest Tomato
Largest Pumpkin
Strangest Carrot
Longest Chook Egg
Best Flower

CRAFT

Sheep or Tractor made from Recycled Materials

K/P/1

2/3/4

5/6

ADULTS/FAMILY

BAKING AND COOKING

K/P/1 - Decorate a cupcake
2/3/4 - Decorate a cupcake
5/6 - Decorate a cake

ADULTS/FAMILY -

Decorate a Cake
Sweet and Savoury Preserves



Any donations of baking, cooking, preserves and produce are gratefully received and will be sold on the day. All proceeds go to the Condingup Primary School.



CONDUNGUP
PRIMARY P&C



0476 903 055
Marlize Breed

CONDUNGUP P&C COMMUNITY FAIR 40TH ANNIVERSARY

SATURDAY MARCH
16 TH



PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

PHOTOGRAPHY THEME:
-THE SKIES THE LIMIT
-FUNNIEST PHOTO
GOLD COIN DONATION ENTRY

PHOTO CONTEST CLASSES:

- PRIMARY SCHOOL
- HIGH SCHOOL
- ADULT

PRINT SIZE NO BIGGER THAN 8X6
JUDGING AT 11:30

PHOTOS TO BE
ENTERED ON THE DAY
BY 10:30AM

LOTS OF PRIZES TO BE WON

- FIRST
- SECOND
- PEOPLES CHOICE



CONDUNGUP
PRIMARY P&C

40th Condingup Community Fair

FISHERIES ROAD FRIENDS

Fisheries Road Residents...
get your creative on
and put together something
AMAZING for the
40th Condy Fair



CondungupFair@outlook.com

Prize for the creation with the most
votes



CONDUNGUP
PRIMARY P&C

Condungup Community Fair Facebook [Link here](#)

DUNK A COMMUNITY MEMBER!

WANT TO MAKE A SPLASH AT THE CONDY FAIR?

We are accepting
nominations for community
members to get dunked in
the dunk tank at the
Condy Fair on March 16th!
Nominate a person below
& the P&C committee will
vote for the top 5
nominations to get dunked
on Condy Fair Day!!

*Nominations must be willing to get wet!
*Nominations close 1st March 2024

COOL OFF AND HELP RAISE FUNDS FOR CONDUNGUP
PRIMARY SCHOOL



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