



# Castletown NEWS

NEWSLETTER 2, TERM 2

2nd July 2025

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



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and carers,

As we wrap up a busy and rewarding Term 2, I want to take a moment to thank our staff, students and families for their continued support and contributions to our school community.

A huge thank you to our Sustainability Committee and the enthusiastic Keep it Clean, Keep it Green student team for leading the whole-school litter pick-up. It was heartening to see everyone pitching in to care for our school environment. Well done to all involved!

Last Friday, our intern coaches—Amy Burton, Jenna Gow, Kayla Biddulph and Julie Fetherston attended the Centre for Excellence Graduation where they were highlighted for their outstanding work in supporting staff to embed evidence-based literacy practices. Congratulations to them and to our whole team for this important achievement.

A reminder that Semester 1 Reports will be sent home this Friday. More information regarding semester reports and progress checks is in the Deputy's Desk.

Parent interviews will take place in Term 3 on our School Development Day on Monday 25th August between 11.00am and 5.00pm. Bookings will open early next term, and we encourage all families to attend and connect with teachers about their child's progress. We will be utilising an online booking platform to book the 10 minute interviews.

Finally, thank you to everyone who supported our Biggest Morning Tea, held in honour of friends and loved ones impacted by cancer. We were proud to raise \$760 for the Cancer Council. A special thanks to Mr Thornton for joining our students on the day. It was wonderful to see him back at school.

Wishing everyone a safe and relaxing holiday break. We look forward to seeing you back for Term 3 on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Warm regards,

**David Vooght-Simpson**  
**Principal**

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# DEPUTY'S DESK

## Semester 1 Reports

Reports will be sent home via email on Friday. Please ensure you have updated any changes to email addresses to the school office asap. A reminder that sometimes they will go to your Spam/Junk folder so please check there before contacting the school. A reminder that the link expires after 6 weeks so please download the reports prior to then.

## English and Maths Tick Sheets – Information for Parents

On Friday, we will be sending home the English and Maths tick sheets that go along with your child's Semester 1 report.

These tick sheets show the Year-level curriculum content covered in:

- **English** – Reading and Viewing, Writing, and Speaking and Listening
- **Mathematics** – Number and Algebra, Measurement and Geometry, and Statistics and Probability

Some areas on the tick sheets have been greyed out. This means those topics were either not taught during Semester 1, or were only introduced in the final two weeks of Term 2 (after reports were completed). These areas will be covered and assessed in Semester 2.

## Top Ten Maths Column – What It Means

You'll also notice an extra column on the Maths tick sheet titled Top Ten Maths Focus. This relates to our new hands-on maths program, Top Ten Maths, which all classes have been using this year.

At the start of each unit, students completed a diagnostic test covering a range of maths concepts from previous, current, and future year levels. If a significant number of students showed gaps in understanding, teachers have taken time to teach those earlier skills to ensure students have a strong foundation.

Because maths concepts build upon one another, it's important students understand the basics before moving on to more advanced skills. If a concept has been ticked in the Top Ten Maths Focus column, it means your child is currently being taught that earlier concept to help them get ready for the expected year-level content.

Please be aware that, as a result of this more detailed assessment approach, some students may receive a lower grade in Mathematics compared to previous years. This is part of our commitment to developing a clearer picture of each student's strengths and areas for growth in maths.

**Julie Fetherston**

**Deputy Principal**

# CHAPLAIN'S CHAT

## The importance of sleep

I have seen various memes on social media about sleep being like a mobile phone battery on 5% or even a car fuel and oil levels. These may seem to imply that if you just fill it up it goes back to full functionality and can run as per normal. In the short term 'making up' for some missed sleep may be possible but over time, not getting the amount of sleep your body needs can have serious consequences. Lack of enough sleep can make it harder for us to focus and think clearly, and we might feel tired or sluggish during the day. We are more likely to feel irritable.

## So why get a good night's sleep?

Sleep helps with focus and concentration.  
Sleep helps people regulate their emotions and better manage the physical and psychological effects of stress.  
Healthy sleep supports sound judgment and good decision making.  
Sleep is vital for our children's and adolescents' wellbeing. Sleep supports healthy development of the body and mind. Evidence shows that children and adolescents who do not get enough sleep have more trouble learning. They are less attentive and motivated, have poor problem-solving, more confusion, increased irritability, reduced memory, impaired communication, slower processing of information, poorer judgement, diminished reaction times and more indifference. Lack of sleep can also lead to behaviour mood issues, impacting negatively upon relationships, empathy and leading

to mental health difficulties such as anxiety and depressed mood. In Australia, the number of children and adolescents who are sleep-deprived is rapidly growing due to our lifestyle behaviours.

It is up to us to make sure they get to bed early with as little distraction as possible.

If you want to read more about this please visit the link below.

[Sleep Health Foundation](#)



Department of  
Education

Shaping the future

**Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2026**

**If your child will be 4 years old by 30 June 2026, enrol them in Kindergarten now.**

Visit your local public school or community kindergarten to apply. **Applications close 25 July 2025.**

Find out more: [education.wa.edu.au/enrol](https://education.wa.edu.au/enrol)





# ROOM 6

## Waste Audit with the Shire

In week 7, Room 6 welcomed a visit from the Esperance Shire as part of our school's commitment to becoming more sustainable.

The Year 3 students participated in a waste sorting activity and were surprised to discover that most of Castletown's rubbish came from uneaten or unopened food and food scraps.



*The kids were amazed at how much waste was created in just 24 hours!*



A sweet surprise on the pavement this morning — a colourful chalk cube and a heartwarming message: "Miss Nova is the best teacher!"  
What a lovely way to start the day. 💜💛💙

## Congratulations to our



## R.I.B.I.T Readers

### 50 Nights of Reading

**EC4** - Ella Willsher, Tilly Tyrrell, Quinton Lister, Joseph Woosnam, Charlotte Eves

**Room 3** - Xavier Drake-Brockman, Marshall Drake-Brockman

**Room 4** - Hannelie Dreyer, Isla Ballard, Zyla Lottering, Caleon Marius

**Room 13** - Tim Kushnir, Hazel Nelson

### 80 Nights of Reading

**Room 4** - Ted Holthouse, Elsie Hoffmann, Link Shaw, Georgia Davis, Leshay van Niekerk, Maisie Hammond

**Room 6** - Emileah Clarke, Imogen Edwards

### 100 Nights of Reading

**EC4** - Mylah Bell

**Room 3** - Mason Perks

**Room 4** - Callan Beamish, Judd Beamish, Myles Emsley

**Room 6** - Alfie Miller, Harry Holthouse

**Room 11** - Emily Kyle

**Room 13** - Marley Clark

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Reading in bed is terrific!



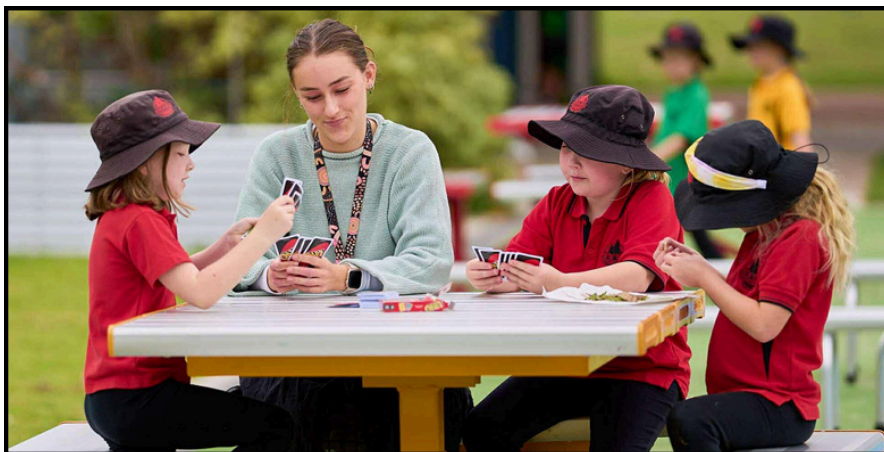
# WEEK 5 — POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR CELEBRATION

# ExtraPLAY



As a celebration for showing positive behaviour, our students enjoyed some extra playtime in week 5! It was a fun way to celebrate their friendly attitudes, responsible choices, and respectful actions.

***Keep up the great work, everyone!***



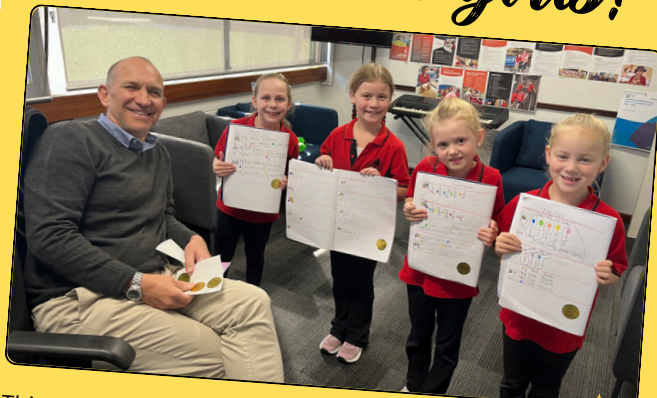
## ROOM 9 Be a Learner



### Room 9's Super Learners!

A group of Year 5 and 6 students from Room 9 have been putting our positive behaviour focus of "Be a Learner" into action. Their efforts didn't go unnoticed—they were personally recognised by Mr Vooght-Simpson and rewarded with a special pencil and super sticker. Well done, boys! Keep up the great work!

## Good work girls!



This group of hardworking girls have been doing an outstanding job learning about fractions! Their impressive efforts earned them a visit to the principal, where they proudly shared their work and received stickers as a reward for their dedication. ***Well done, Superstars!***

***GREAT JOB!***

# Our Biggest Morning Tea!

OUR TARGET \$500  
FINAL TOTAL \$760

## Biggest Morning Tea – A Huge Success!

Last week, our school community came together for a heartfelt Biggest Morning Tea to honour and support those affected by cancer.

Students shared a special recess with their classmates, families, and our guest of honour, Mr Thornton. It was a wonderful opportunity to connect and reflect — all while raising funds for an important cause.

Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, we didn't just reach our fundraising goal — we exceeded it! Our target was \$500, and we proudly raised a fantastic \$760 for the Cancer Council.

A sincere thank you to everyone who donated, attended, or helped bring the event together. Your support truly makes a difference. 🍵💖



# Mega Raffle – Support Our Year 6 Students!

Our Year 6 students and their families are busy fundraising for their Term 3 camp and end-of-year graduation ceremony, and dinner. You can help them get there by purchasing a ticket in our Mega Raffle, with fantastic cash prizes up for grabs!

A huge thank you to our generous sponsors for contributing to the prize pool, and to the dedicated students and parents who have been giving up their weekends to sell tickets.

If you haven't got your ticket yet, they're available from the school front office, the raffle stand at the Boulevard, or at the local markets. Get in quick and show your support!

Castletown Primary School  
Year 6 Camp & Graduation Fundraising

## MEGA RAFFLE

CASH PRIZES

FIRST PRIZE **\$3000**  
SECOND PRIZE **\$2000**  
THIRD PRIZE **\$1000**

TICKETS **\$10**

**DRAWN: FRIDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025**  
Results published on the Castletown P&C Facebook page 9<sup>th</sup> August 2025

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**

Smithy's Shearing, Drake-Brockman Construction, Esperance Crane Hire, Bay Of Isles Chiropractic Ctr, Greg Horan Construction, Comfort Style, FQM, Byfields, Thorp Realty, Elpha Contracting, Star Transport Esperance, Esperance Smash Repair, Esperance Toyota, Top Signs.

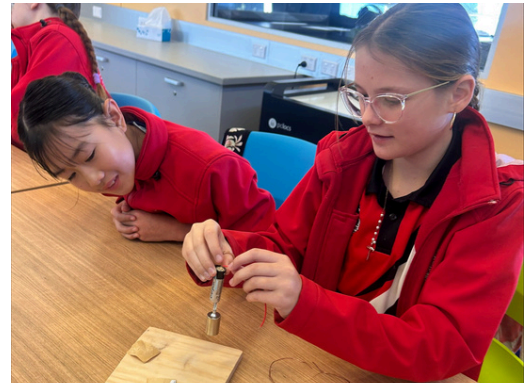


**Get your tickets now**

# ESHS Year 6 Taster Day Excursion

Our Year 6 students had an exciting glimpse into high school life during their recent Taster Day! Split into three groups, they rotated through a variety of engaging lessons including Design & Technology, STEM, Physical Education, Cooking, Art and HASS. The day was full of hands-on learning, teamwork, and plenty of fun as students explored new subjects and experienced what a day at high school is really like.

**A big thank you to the high school staff for such a warm and inspiring welcome!**



# ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

## WEEK 6 ROOM 21



For Week 6 assembly, Room 21 did a wonderful job hosting. They presented a fun song and dance about the atmospheric water cycle. Our school sustainability team also shared about their work and the upcoming Clean Up School Day in Week 7. It was a great assembly that highlighted both creativity and care for our environment.

## Aussies of the Month

WEEK 6



**Kateri** - You consistently go above and beyond as a responsible learner. Always friendly and ready to help others, you show respect to everyone around you.

**Axton** - You set high goals for yourself and strive to do well because you're motivated by personal growth, not just rewards. Thank you for consistently making positive choices.

WEEK 9



**Mr Finn** - For spending every play break outside on the oval supporting our students in the ongoing soccer game. Thank you for going above and beyond to ensure our students play safely and have fun out there each and every day.

**Haize** - Haize always models the school expectation, Be Friendly. Haize regularly helps other students understand that to 'Be Friendly' requires the use of good manners and offering to help wherever they can. Haize steps up and goes the extra mile to provide support and help.

CONGRATULATIONS  
WEEK 9

## Merit Certificate Winners



# Congratulations!

## Golden Broom Winners

*The tidiest room in the school!*

Week 6  
Rm 5



Week 9  
Rm 7



CONGRATULATIONS

## Merit Certificate Winners



## WEEK 9 ROOM 7

### Room 7 Leads a Super Assembly!

Room 7 wowed the audience with a dynamic, superhero-themed assembly. Their performance was filled with powerful voices, energetic movements, and plenty of enthusiasm as they brought their item to life on stage.

They didn't just host the assembly — they also took home the Golden Broom Award, presented by our secret detective, Mr P. Well done, Room 7!



# HAVE A GO DAY



What a fantastic term it's been for our Year 6 students! Their latest adventure saw them team up with EPS and NPS for a fun-filled excursion where they had the chance to "Have a Go" at a variety of sports. It was a lively, energetic day full of teamwork and new experiences. A big thank you to all the organisers who made it possible!



Let the *Fun* begin!



# LIBRARY BUZZ

EC4 were very lucky to be read their rich text *The Terrible Plop* by Ursula Dubosarsky in the library by Mrs Mather. To bring the story to life, Mrs Mather dropped an apple into a bin of water—just like the “plop” in the book! This exciting moment had everyone hooked. After reading, we worked hard on describing the animals in the story and sequencing the events. To finish off our learning, we enjoyed carrots and chocolate cake by the “lake” just like the rabbits. What a plop-tastic time we had!



We're thrilled to share that our library has received a wonderful selection of brand-new books — including non-fiction titles, engaging novels, vibrant picture books, and a variety of fiction to suit all reading levels and interests.

This incredible addition to our collection was made possible thanks to the generous support of our school community. Through the purchase of books at the Book Fair by families, the school was awarded a number of free books — a fantastic gift that will benefit all students.

All the new titles have now been catalogued, covered, and are ready for borrowing. We can't wait for students to discover and enjoy these exciting new reads!





# This Term at Esperance SHS

Term 2 is almost over. We've had a whole bunch of cool events and activities since the last time you heard from us, like the Primary School visits! It was so fun having you join us and we can't wait to see you here soon!



## Some of Our Term 2 Favourites

Overnight camps out at Cape Le Grande, helping build in the garden, competing against other schools in the Eagles footy cup, our lego building competitions in the library, building and racing air compressor cars to see who is the fastest, the Albany surfing competition, and getting to fly some giant drones around.

And we have Country Week to go! A whole bunch of students are headed to Perth to compete in different sports like hockey, footy, soccer, basketball, netball, and volleyball.



## Learn More About Us!

If you're interested in what we get up to, we're posting regularly on **Facebook!**



**Esperance Senior High School**

## 2026 Enrolments are open!

Get ahead so there's no end of year rush, enrol online today at:

**[esperanceshs.wa.edu.au/enrol/](https://esperanceshs.wa.edu.au/enrol/)**

# Castletown Primary School

Whole School Sports Leaderboard



**MAAR  
AIR**

**692**



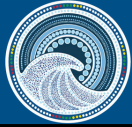
**BOODJA  
EARTH**

**700**



**KAARL  
FIRE**

**655**



**KEPA  
WATER**

**525**

## Breakfast Club

From  
8.10am  
in Room 19



**Everyone is welcome!**



**SCHOOL ZONE**

**A reminder to  
parents and families**

Please use crosswalks for  
school drop off/pick ups.  
Do not walk through or park  
in the bus zones when buses  
and wardens are in place.

**Thank you for your help!**

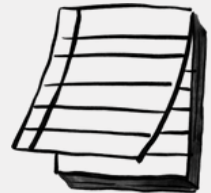


## TERM 3 GENERAL MEETING

Tuesday, 5th August

Time: 6pm  
Venue: TBC

**FOLLOW US**

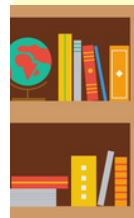


## BOOK Fair 2025

Thank you to everyone who helped make the  
2025 Book Fair another success.

We fundraised over \$2 500!!

With this money, we are able to purchase  
more books for RIBIT reader prizes, and  
some new titles for the library.



# Dates to Remember

|   |  |
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| <b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025</b>                             | First Day of Term 3                                |
| <b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025</b>                            | Year 6 Winter Carnival                             |
| <b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b>                            | Assembly & Mega Raffle Draw                        |
| <b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b> | Science Week                                       |
| <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025</b> | Book Week  |
| <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b>                           | MSP School Photos                                  |
| <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b>                        | NAIDOC   |
| <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025</b>                         | MSP School Photos                                  |
| <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> August 2025</b>                         | School Board Meeting                               |
| <b>Thursday 25<sup>st</sup> August 2025</b>                         | School Development Day<br>Parent Interviews 11-5pm |



**Government of Western Australia North  
Metropolitan Health Service**  
Mental Health, Public Health and Dental Services

## **SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE, REMINDER TO ENROL!**

Recently your child may have brought home an enrolment form, FAQ and reply-paid envelope from Dental Health Services. Please remember to fill in the enrolment form, pop it in the reply-paid envelope, and put in in your nearest post box.

Once we receive your form at OHS our team will register your child and arrange for you to receive an appointment in the mail.

If you would like further information on OHS services or to find your nearest SOS Dental Therapy Centre, please visit our website: [www.dental.wa.gov.au](http://www.dental.wa.gov.au) or just scan the QR code.



**The School Board and the P&C  
would appreciate your feedback,  
ideas and questions.**

*Please use the appropriate QR codes  
to share your thoughts.*

Parent Feedback and Questions to  
the School Board



Parent Feedback and Questions to  
the P&C



**FREE EVENT** Youth friendly, alcohol free

## NEW YOUTH EVENT NEON SHOWDOWN

DESIGNED BY THE YOUTH, FOR THE YOUTH

**5 & 6 JULY 2025**  
**ESPERANCE INDOOR STADIUM**

| Saturday, 5 July                    | Sunday, 6 July                      |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Primary School Ages<br>11am - 5pm   | Families<br>11am - 5pm              |
| Laser Tag, Inflatables & Snow Globe | Laser Tag, Inflatables & Snow Globe |
| Youth - 12-25 years<br>6pm - 9pm    | Youth - 12-25 years<br>6pm - 9pm    |
| NEON Laser Tag & Silent Disco       | NEON Laser Tag & Silent Disco       |

Canteen facilities available.

Esperance Lotterywest supported Civic Centre

HORIZON POWER Esperance Lotterywest SOUTHERN PORTS

## WINTER WONDERLAND

For a chance to win some great prizes, join our **BUILD A SNOWMAN** competition.



SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE DETAILS

HORIZON POWER Esperance Lotterywest SOUTHERN PORTS

## WINTER WONDERLAND

### SNOWFLAKE BINGO

- Create a Snowflake in class or at home
- Use any materials you like but no bigger than A4
- Win one of 20 vouchers
- Questions? Email [community@esperance.wa.gov.au](mailto:community@esperance.wa.gov.au)

Entries due at the Shire office 14 July 2025

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR MORE DETAILS

# Kick'ARTS

WORKSHOPS

Makuru winter 2025

## OPEN STUDIO FREE SESSIONS

### wacky Wind Ups

Thursday 10 July  
10 am - 11 am  
11.30 am - 12.30 pm  
1 pm - 2 pm

Get creative with visiting artist Kate Driscoll of Art Teacher Life in this fun, free one-hour session. Personalise your own wild and wonderful wind-up character to take home.

AGES 5-17 | FREE | REGISTRATION ESSENTIAL

BOOK ONLINE! [www.canneryartscentre.com.au](http://www.canneryartscentre.com.au)

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# Kick'ARTS

WORKSHOPS

Makuru winter 2025

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| <b>PRINTING FUN WITH FOAM &amp; FLORA</b><br>Tuesday 8 July<br>10am-12pm   5+ years | <b>TEXTURE TIME ART</b><br>Tuesday 15 July<br>10am-12pm   8+ years     |
| <b>MAGNIFICENT MAGPIES</b><br>Tuesday 8 July<br>1pm-3pm   10+ years                 | <b>TOTE-ALLY AWESOME BAGS</b><br>Tuesday 15 July<br>1pm-3pm   5+ years |
| <b>REPURPOSED RUBBISH FLOWERS</b><br>Wednesday 9 July<br>10am-12pm   5+ years       | <b>BEAR CAMEOS</b><br>Wednesday 16 July<br>1pm-3pm   8+ years          |
| <b>GELLI PRINTED FLOWER COLLAGE</b><br>Wednesday 9 July<br>1pm-3pm   10+ years      | <b>BANNER CRAFT</b><br>Thursday 17 July<br>1pm-3pm   7+ years          |

BOOK ONLINE! [www.canneryartscentre.com.au](http://www.canneryartscentre.com.au)

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Small changes,  
big differences.



## Triple P – Positive Parenting Program

Attend Triple P at Castletown Primary School  
in Term 3, 2025!

Monday 11th August 2025

9:00am – 12:00pm

Fear-Less Triple P

Fear-Less Triple P helps you set a good example of coping with anxiety, coach children to become more emotionally resilient, and develop your own toolbox of strategies.

Morning tea and creche will be provided

RSVP: (08) 9076 2800 – Castletown Primary School

Please register via this link or scan the QRcode



<https://www.triplep-parenting.net.au/au/contact/find-a-session/2025-08-11/fear-less-seminar//113773/>

[www.triplep.net](http://www.triplep.net)

## Esperance One & All Community Program

FREE  
For all ages  
and abilities

PLEASE ARRIVE 10 MINUTES EARLY TO REGISTER ON THE DAY

Healthy Participants Only! Please stay at home if you are feeling unwell.  
(Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult at all times)  
BYO Drink Bottles Clearly labelled – Morning Tea provided

### Dinosaur Crafts

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July | 10am-12pm  
at Esperance Community Arts



### Taekwondo

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July | 10am-12pm  
at Esperance Indoor Stadium



### NAIDOC Crafts

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July | 10am-12pm at  
Esperance Community Arts



### NAIDOC Crafts

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July | 10am-12pm  
at Esperance Community Arts



Responsible adults must complete and sign the registration sheet upon arrival  
For more information, please contact Escare on 0475863302 or email:  
[esperanceinclusive@gmail.com](mailto:esperanceinclusive@gmail.com)

### Exciting news for Esperance families!

Dear Families,

My name is Luciana Steinle, and I'm the Coordinator of Esperance Outside School Hours Care (EOSHC). I'm thrilled to share some wonderful news with you - our **After School Care** program, running from Monday to Friday, will be re-commencing in Term 3.

We're excited to support our local community with this much-needed service.

To begin with, due to limited capacity, we'll only be offering up to 10 places per school for:

- Esperance Primary School
- Castletown Primary School
- Nulsen Primary School

If you've been waiting for this opportunity, now is the time to act, secure your child's spot today!

#### ENROLMENT

- Families new to the service should enrol by following the above QR code or clicking this link <https://go.sh/vd6ee>
- Families currently enrolled with access to the Xplor App should enrol via the App

For more information, or to register your interest if your child attends a school not listed above and you require ASC, please contact me.

Luciana  
Esperance Outside School Hours Care Coordinator - 0409832125 - [eoshc@escare.org.au](mailto:eoshc@escare.org.au)



**Celebrating 25 years**  
of our School Breakfast Program



This school is proud to be  
a part of the Foodbank WA

## School Breakfast Program 2025



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and Regional Development



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