



Castletown NEWS

NEWSLETTER 1, TERM 3

22nd August 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

We have certainly had a very busy week with several events taking place.

We were proud to host the Esperance Combined Schools NAIDOC celebration this week, with over 1,700 students from across the region attending. It was a truly special day of cultural connection, learning, and celebration.

A heartfelt thank you to all the organisations and individuals who helped make the day such a success, including:

- Tjaltjraak Rangers
- Mudjar Aboriginal Corporation
- Esperance Senior High School Follow the Dream
- Clontarf Football Academy
- Earbus Foundation of WA
- Bega Garnbirringu Health Service
- WA Department of Communities
- Esperance Library Services
- Woolworths
- IGO
- Shire of Esperance
- KHQ Lawyers
- Parks and Wildlife

Despite the challenging weather, the spirit of the day shone through. Thank you to everyone who contributed to making this such a meaningful event for our community.

We have also had Book Week taking place. Today's dress-up day was a vibrant showcase of creativity, with students and

staff coming dressed as their favourite book characters. A huge thank you to all families for the time and effort put into the costumes. Days like this not only bring joy to our school community but also highlight the importance of reading and storytelling in our children's lives. Your support helps make Book Week such a memorable experience each year.

A reminder to Year 4 – 6 families that we have Swimming lessons coming up in Week 7 and 8 (1.9.25 – 12.9.25). Mr Pansini is busily preparing the Swimming Carnival for Friday 12th September.

Finally, a reminder to all parents and caregivers that parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for Monday, 25 August 2025. Bookings can be made via our online system. This is a valuable opportunity to connect with your child's teacher and discuss their progress. We encourage all families to attend.

Regards,

David Vooght-Simpson
Principal

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VacSwim

Give your child the skills
they need around water.

Enrol them in school holiday
swimming lessons.

Spots are limited,
enrol now to secure your place.
education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

DEPUTY'S DESK

Parent Interviews

Next Monday, 25th August, is our Parent Interview Day as part of our School Development Day.

If you have not booked your time yet, you still have time to do so on this link www.schoolinterviews.com.au, using the code – 23zew. Bookings will close Sunday evening at 9pm.

If there is no time available, or parents are unable to attend on the 25th August, they are encouraged to contact the class teacher to make an alternative booking.

Julie Fetherston
Deputy Principal

Student Leaders' Fundraising for Homelessness

WHAT A DAY!

\$2259
TOTAL
RAISED!

Our amazing student leaders set out to make a difference during Homelessness Week – and wow, did our school community deliver!

Week 3 Free Dress Day was bursting with colour, fun, and generosity. Together, we raised an incredible **\$724** to support **Esperance Care Services (ECS)**, who help local individuals and families doing it tough. A huge thank you to **Bunnings** for donating six sleeping bags to add to our fundraiser – such a generous gift!

We were also excited to welcome Tim Currie from ECS to our assembly to receive the donations and share more about how they'll help our community.

And that's not all! Our Principal, Mr David Vooght-Simpson, took part in the "Bosses in Blankets" challenge – spending one night in the cold to raise both funds and awareness for those sleeping rough. **He raised an amazing \$1535!**



GO TEAM CASTLETOWN – MAKING A DIFFERENCE, ONE GOLD COIN AT A TIME!

ROOM 9

Multiplication strategies

Room 9 have been working hard on their multiplication strategies! These superstars had a visit to the office to show off their amazing work!



Art Elements

Room 9 created a composition that shows one cohesive image divided into eight sections. Each section illustrated one of the seven elements of art so that all the elements are used. These are: colour, line, shape, texture, space, value, and form.

How amazing do they look? Artists in the making!





Swimming Carnival 2025

Friday September 12th





Calling All
Parent Helpers!

Our School Swimming Carnival is just around the corner, and we need some amazing parent volunteers to help make the day a splash-tastic success!

Whether it's timing races (minimum of 8 helpers), ribbon distributors (4), overall line judge (1) or cheering on the sidelines, every helping hand makes a big difference.

CALENDAR Date: Friday 12th September

LOCATION Location: Bay of Isles Leisure Centre

No experience needed – we will show you what to do. If you can help for the whole day or even just a couple of hours, we'd love to hear from you.

Please contact Mr Pansini at Damien.Pansini2@education.wa.edu.au or phone the school office on 9076 2800 to join our volunteer team.

Let's make it a fun and memorable day for our students!

Congratulations to our



R.I.B.I.T Readers

50 Nights of Reading

EC4 - Archer Harding, Avery Wykes, Paige Smith
Room 4 - Hazel Rigney, Zion Marius

80 Nights of Reading

EC4 - Ayla Turrell, Tilly Tyrrell, Ella Willsher

100 Nights of Reading

EC4 - Mylah Bell
Room 3 - Shiloh Turner
Room 4 - Ted Holthouse, Rosie Miller, Leshay van Niekerk, Maisie Hammond, Link Shaw
Room 6 - Quinn Parsons, Imogen Edwards

150 Nights of Reading

Room 4 - Harper Hurley, Callan Beamish, Judd Beamish
Room 6 - Nate Agenbag, Harrison Holthouse, Alfie Miller

180 Nights of Reading

Room 4 - Samara Krishnan-Barini

RIBIT



Reading in bed is terrific!



HOW DID WE SCIENCE THIS NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK?



In the STEM room, students from Early Childhood through to Year Six celebrated Science Week with hands-on experiments exploring chemical reactions.

Students discovered that “a chemical reaction is a process that converts one substance into another” and then had the chance to see this in action! They experimented with Lava Lamps, Fireworks in a Jar, and Exploding Funny Faces. Using a magic wand and potion, they created Colour-Changing Milk, Coloured Snake Bubbles, Elephant Toothpaste, Creeping Oobleck, and regular Oobleck.

Our Year Five and Six students were also challenged with the question: “How do you put your hand in water without getting it wet?” They experienced plenty of fun, a few failures, and some clever successes while investigating the answer.

It was a fantastic week of learning, laughter, and scientific exploration. Thank you to everyone who helped make Science Week such a memorable experience for our students.





Year 6 Winter Carnival

Our Year 6 students recently enjoyed a fun-filled day at the Interschool Winter Carnival held at the Greater Sports Ground. Year 6s from across the Esperance region came together to play Soccer, Netball, or Football in a friendly, non-competitive format.

It was a wonderful chance for students to connect with peers from other schools—many of whom they may join at high school next year—while also trying out new sports and skills. Our Castletown students embraced the challenge, made new friends, and showed great teamwork throughout the day.

A big thank you to the Shire of Esperance, Esperance Netball Association, Esperance Soccer Club, and WA Footy for organising such a fantastic event.



ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

WEEK 3 ROOMS 11 & 12

With energy and plenty of laughs, Rooms 11 and 12 took the stage to lead our latest assembly. Their performance, **“So... what did you do at school today?”**, was a crowd favourite, with some very convincing (and cheeky!) portrayals of our staff.



Aussie of the Month

Jade - You are your friendliest self every single day. You greet everyone with a big smile and bring a cheerful and kind energy to our school. Your selflessness is contagious and it's nice to see how supportive you are of your friends.



MEGA RAFFLE DRAW

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 Repairs, Esperance Toyota, Top Signs.



The P&C Year 6 parents, along with Mr Vooght-Simpson, also announced the winners of the Year 6 Camp Fundraiser. Thanks to the generosity and hard work of our community, an incredible \$23,300 was raised — an amazing achievement!

Congratulations!

Golden Broom Winners

The tidiest room in the school!

Week 3
Rm 9

CONGRATULATIONS

Merit Certificate Winners



COMBINED SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY NAIDOC DAY

Staff and students from across Esperance regional schools gathered at Castletown Primary yesterday for a wonderful Combined Schools NAIDOC Day. Students enjoyed a variety of engaging activities provided by community organisations, celebrating and learning about Indigenous culture. Thank you to all sponsors, organisations, staff and volunteers whose generous support, time and involvement made the celebrations so memorable.





COMBINED SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY NAIDOC DAY





We've had a wonderful time in the library in the lead-up to and during **Book Week**. This year's theme, Book an Adventure, has inspired plenty of excitement. Each week, students gathered around the "campfire" in our outback camping site to enjoy the CBCA shortlisted books. After much discussion, they cast their votes — and the clear favourite at Castletown PS was **How to Move a Zoo!** At lunchtimes, students joined in a range of adventurous activities, with the dress-up box proving especially popular.



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The whole school community joined in, and the parade was a huge success. It was fantastic to see students and staff dressed as their favourite book characters, filling the school with colour, creativity, and a real love of reading.

We were blessed with sunshine, a fantastic atmosphere, and plenty of smiles — it really went off with a bang. A big thank you to all our families and staff for embracing the spirit of Book Week with such enthusiasm and wonderful costumes.





PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Our Physical Education specialist, Mr P, has been keeping students busy this month with Netball. They've been practising quick passes, learning the different court positions, and understanding where each position can move during the game. It's been a fantastic opportunity to try a sport that many may not have played before. Next month, students will be moving on to Football – which is sure to be a hit!



VacSwim

From beginners to strong swimmers, we have a program to suit your child's needs.

October program

Wed 1 Oct to
Fri 10 Oct 2025

Number of days: 8 days

Duration: 45 minutes

Enrolments close:

Tue 26 Aug 2025

October short program

Mon 6 Oct to
Fri 10 Oct 2025

Number of days: 5 days

Duration: 35 minutes

Enrolments close:

Wed 26 Aug 2025

Country early start program 1

Fri 19 Dec to
Tue 23 Dec 2025

Number of days: 5 days

Duration: 50 minutes

Enrolments close:

Wed 15 Oct 2025

January program 1

Tue 6 Jan to
Fri 16 Jan 2026

Number of days: 9 days

Duration: 40 minutes

Enrolments close:

Wed 15 Oct 2025

January short program

Mon 12 Jan to
Fri 16 Jan 2026

Number of days: 5 days

Duration: 35 minutes

Enrolments close:

Wed 15 Oct 2025

January program 2

Mon 19 Jan to
Thu 29 Jan 2026

No lesson 26 Jan 2026

Number of days: 8 days

Duration: 45 minutes

Enrolments close:

Wed 15 Oct 2025

Find a location near you and enrol.
education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

*Concessions available. A family enrolment includes 3 or more children from the same address. Prices do not include pool entry fees. One child is limited to enrol in one October program and one summer program only. Information on the website is available in languages other than English. If you require an interpreter or need assistance completing an enrolment form, contact us at VacSwim on 9402 6412.



Castletown Primary School

Whole School Sports Leaderboard



MAAR
AIR

723



BOODJA
EARTH

740



KAARL
FIRE

690



KEPA
WATER

610



2026 YR 7 ENROLMENT AT ESPERANCE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL



Initial enrolments have closed.

Don't forget to enrol your children in Year 7 for 2026.

HOW TO ENROL

- Visit our website to complete an online enrolment
- Return the completed enrolment pack to your child's primary school front office

Only students who are enrolled for 2026 are eligible to attend Transition Day in Term 4 2025

WHY DO WE NEED YOUR ENROLMENT NOW?

We need time to:

- Ensure your child is placed in the best class to meet their needs
- Staff our school to meet enrolment requirements
- Gather any additional information about your child to ensure a successful transition to high school
- Plan an engaging and informational transition day for future students



CHECKLIST

- ✓ Enrolment form
- ✓ Student Healthcare summary
- ✓ Birth Certificate or other ID
- ✓ Up to date Australian Immunisation Record
- ✓ Instrumental Music Selections



Dates to Remember

Monday 25th August 2025	School Development Day - <i>Students do not attend</i> <i>Parent Interviews 11am - 5pm</i>
Friday 29 th August 2025	Assembly
Monday 1 st September - 11 th September 2025	Years 4 to 6 Swimming Lessons
Wednesday 3 rd - 4 th September 2025	Fathers' Day Stall
Thursday 11 th September 2025	R U OK Day
Friday 12 th September 2025	Swimming Carnival
Friday 12 th September 2025	Número Competition
Monday 15 th - 19 th September 2025	Life ED Incursion
Friday 19 th September 2025	Assembly
Monday 22 nd - 26 th September 2025	Year 6 School Camp
Monday 22 nd - 26 th September 2025	TLG - Teach, Learn, Grow - in school

Breakfast Club

From
8.10am
in Room 19

NOW EVERY DAY



Everyone is welcome!

**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!



Parenting Connection WA

Cyber Safety & Digital Wellness

A FREE Session for Parents / Carers of Children Who Are Using Online Platforms

Participants will learn strategies to help them support their children in a digital world - including how to best use technology to enhance their child's development, rather than detract from it.

Topics covered include:

- Screen use and healthy boundaries
- Managing technology use and things to consider
- Keeping children safe online – social media, cyber bullying, gaming, internet use in the early years and for teens.

Creche available AM session only (bookings essential).

AM Workshop: Tuesday 26 Aug 9:30-11:30am
PM Workshop: Tuesday 26 Aug 6 - 8pm
Esperance Outside School Hours Care
Cnr George & Backland St
Enquiries: 90713110 or 0475 863 302 | E: natalie@escare.org.au
To book AM: <https://bit.ly/CYBERAM>
To book PM: <https://bit.ly/CYBERPM>

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Parenting Connection WA

Protective Behaviours

For parents and caregivers of children 0 - 12

Protective Behaviours is an internationally recognised personal safety program aimed at empowering parents and children with strategies to prevent abuse and promote safety, problem solving and resilience.

- Teach your children the skills that will help them to respond to unsafe situations
- Understand your child's needs for safety and security
- Help your children to communicate openly with trusted adults
- Start a conversation about protective behaviours & safety

ESPERANCE
Workshop 1: Thursday 28 Aug | 6 - 8pm
Workshop 2: Friday 29 Aug | 9:30 - 11:30am*
Esperance Outside School Hours Care
Cnr George & Backland St
Enquiries: 90713110 or 0475 863 302 | E: natalie@escare.org.au
Bookings essential. *Creche available.
To book workshop 1: <https://bit.ly/ESPPB1>
To book workshop 2: <https://bit.ly/ESPPB2>

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Services for Regional Families and Communities

The Autism Association of WA can provide a number of supports to regional families and organisations. Each year, we travel to a number of regional areas to deliver training, workshops and therapy consultation.

Regional Therapy Support Options for Families

Following an initial trip to your area and meeting you and your child, or attendance at one of our intensive therapy programs, we can deliver ongoing individualised therapy and consultation online.

Regional Intensive Therapy Program

- 5 days in Perth
- January and July school holidays
- Two programs available:
- Early Intervention program for children up to 7 years of age
- School-Age program for children 8 to 13 years of age

Regional Intensive Therapy Program and ongoing teletherapy

- Intensive therapy program
- Ongoing individualised teletherapy program
- Regular online therapy sessions or consultation

Regional trips and teletherapy

- Face-to-face therapy supports such as assessment, observations and consultation
- Parent workshops and webinars
- Ongoing individualised teletherapy program
- Regular online therapy sessions or consultation

All therapy services are individualised and can include:

- Individual support plan
- Parent coaching sessions
- Individual therapy sessions
- Assessment and report writing
- Development of individualised resource
- Attendance at meetings online

autism.org.au

Workshops and Webinars for Regional Communities



Access to Parent Webinars

Families living in regional areas can now access a number of our parent webinars live across the year.

Training for Professionals

Professionals living in regional areas can now access a number of our webinars live across the year. Face-to-face workshops will also be available in some regional towns during visits throughout the year.

Scan the QR code to find out more and to register



For more information or to register your interest in accessing these programs, please visit our website at www.autism.org.au/our-services/regional or email us at regional.therapy@autism.org.au



FREE Father's Day Family Fun Event

Bunnings Esperance



Thursday 4th of September
4:00pm – 6:00pm

Activities and fun for the whole family

- Bluey Scavenger Hunt & Dance Mode Arena
- Face Painting • Kid's Craft • Meet some Animals
- Make Wooden Gifts • Netball & AFL Comp's
- * The Cannery Children's Choir *
- Plus lots of food, games and giveaways!

BUNNINGS warehouse

Don't miss out, register now!



Scan Me



2026 School Bus Transport Assistance

Will your child be enrolled in a school in 2026?

Do you live more than 4.5km from your child's school and outside of a designated Public Transport Area?

You may be eligible for Transport Assistance.

If you are already registered with School Bus Services and have had a change of residential address or school, you will need to submit a new application.

SAVE YOUR SEAT

Apply before November 14, 2025
schoolbuses.wa.gov.au



Schoolbuses

After School Care



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/v6ee>
- 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@esperance.org.au



FOOD BANK

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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