

## **Castletown NEWS**

**NEWSLETTER 2, TERM 3** 

25th September 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 families,

As we approach the end of a busy and productive Term 3, it's great to take a moment to reflect on some of the fantastic events and achievements across our school community over the past few weeks.

A huge congratulations to our Room 6 students who led a thoughtful and engaging assembly in recognition of R U OK? Day. Their messages around mental health, kindness, and checking in on one another were timely and powerful. It was wonderful to see our Year 3 students take leadership on such an important issue.

Our Early Years team (Kindergarten to Year 2) recently participated in the NQS verification process. We are pleased to report that the visit went exceptionally well and highlighted the amazing teaching and learning practices taking place in our early childhood classrooms. A big thank you to our staff for their dedication and passion, your hard work certainly shone through.

What a fantastic day at our Faction Swimming Carnival. Students gave their best efforts in the pool and showed incredible sportsmanship and encouragement for their peers. It was great to see our school values in action, both in and out of the water. Thank you to all the staff, parent helpers, and spectators who contributed to a successful day.

Our Year 6's have had a fantastic time at Camp Quaranup filled with new experiences, team building, and many

memorable moments. Thankyou to every staff member who gave their time to ensure that the children had a wonderful week.

This week also marked the visit from the wonderful team at Teach Learn Grow, who have been working closely with our Year 1 and 2 students. Their one-on-one support has been invaluable in building confidence and strengthening mathematical understanding in the early years.

Finally, I would like to take a moment to recognise and thank our amazing specialist teachers for the important work they do across our school. Through Indonesian, Sport, HASS, STEM and Art, our students are offered diverse learning experiences that support their development in language, physical wellbeing, creativity, critical thinking and global understanding. We are incredibly lucky to have such dedicated and passionate educators who bring energy, expertise and enthusiasm to their roles every day.

Thankyou to all our students, staff, and families for another fantastic term. Have a safe and restful break and we look forward to welcoming you back for Term 4 on Monday, October 13.

### David Vooght-Simpson Principal

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## **DEPUTY'S DESK**

### <u>Mid-Semester Parent Progress</u> <u>Reports</u>

Tomorrow, our Pre-Primary to Year 5 students will be bringing home their Mid-Semester Progress Packs. Inside, you'll find your child's MCLASS DIBELS Reading report and their Brightpath Writing assessments (both the "cold" and "hot" tasks). These packs are designed to give you helpful information about how your child is progressing at school.

The MCLASS DIBELS Reading assessment was completed in the middle of the year, and you'll receive a final report at the end of the year along with the Progress Tick Sheets. Together, these reports provide you with a clear picture of your child's reading growth over the whole year.

For any queries regarding these packs, please contact the school office and someone will contact you to discuss. The Year 6 packs will go home at the beginning of next term.

### **Teach Learn Grow (TLG)**

This week we have hosted the students from Presbyterian Ladies College (PLC) as part of the Teach Learn Grow (TLG) program working with our Year 1 students on their maths. The students and their mentors have been engaged in a variety of hands-on learning activities to build on maths concepts and consolidate understanding. The PLC students have also been supporting our ECE classes as part of the week and will be dancing away at the PBS Celebration Discos tomorrow. They will be sharing a "Be Your Friendliest Self" skit at each Disco. Thank you to TLG and PLC for your time and efforts this week. We greatly appreciate you all.

Julie Fetherston Deputy Principal









## Is anxiety holding your child back?

Worrying too much, avoiding challenges, or struggling with confidence?

#### Fear-Less Triple P can help.

This FREE seminar gives parents tools to:

- ✓ Understand anxiety and how it affects children
- √ Teach coping skills and build resilience
- ✓ Support your child without increasing their fears.



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**FREE PARENT SEMINAR** 

FEAR - LESS

### **MANAGING CHILDHOOD ANXIETY**







FIND THE ANSWERS - How does anxiety work?

How can I help my child face their fears?
How to manage my child's avoidance behaviours?
Parents – learn more and teach your children
the skills needed to manage anxiety

WHEN: Monday 3rd November 202

**WHERE: Castletown Primary School Library** 

### **BOOKING INFORMATION**

- 1) Scan the QR code o
- 2) Register your name at the school office

Refreshments and creche available



## CHAPLAIN'S CHAT Music

A phrase the students are getting used to me saying is, 'It's not school appropriate'.

Most Fridays I play music in the junior area at recess and by the senior oval at lunch time. I will constantly receive requests for songs throughout that time and for the most part they are songs that I consider appropriate for school. But every now and then I will receive a request for a song that I deem, 'Not school appropriate'. For songs I am unsure of, I will always google the lyrics just to be sure before playing it for all the school to hear. My music taste is quite varied, and I am reasonably up to date with music charts, and the past several years there have been quite a number of fun and innocent tunes, as well as inspirational and resilience encouraging songs released by popular artists. When a student mentions a song title I can often tell whether it will be 'school appropriate' just by the

## Fire and Rescue in the Park

Fire and Rescue in the Park was held on Sunday, 14 September, at Museum Park and was a great day out for families. Many children came along to enjoy the activities, including a colouring-in competition.

## We're proud to share that some of our Castletown Primary students were among the winners!

- EC2: Sophie Hughes, Adeline Sullivan, Mila Shepherd, Shane Lovett, Lilly DeKlerk
- EC7: Mariah Cooper, Holly Morrison, Aela Lelievre, Hunter Hurley,

Georgie Ballard, Chelsea Chigudu

Congratulations to all of our winners, and thank you to the families who joined in the fun on the day!



## **Student Workbook Charges**

A friendly reminder to families that workbook charges are a compulsory cost for all students. These charges cover essential student workbooks and specialty books used in the classroom to support learning.

If you have not yet finalised payment, we kindly ask that you do so as soon as possible.

Please contact the office if you are unsure of your balance or would like to discuss payment options.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

artist's name. One of the concerns I have with music choices, is that the students are often unaware that the songs they request actually do have explicit words in them or have a derogatory theme. It is very rare that I will have students request songs that they know are inappropriate.



I have been told, but they don't know what it means so it doesn't matter... to me it does. Music can have a very strong influence on children and on adults. There have been studies on the effect of music and how the different rhythms, speed of music, intensity, underlying meanings and vocal tones can affect a person's mood, heart rate and behaviours. Movies, games, TV shows, and even sporting games deliberately use music to increase the mood of a certain scene.

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I think it's important for us to have a listen to the songs we regularly play for our children in the car, at home, at school... and to listen to the lyrics.

Jake Meadley School Chaplain, YouthCARE

## Congratulations to our



## 50 Nights of Reading

EC4 - Tanner Pascoe, Diego Travessini, Lukas Batley, Finn Thompson, Madison McDonnell, Fletcher Shanhun Room 2 - Maddie Walker, Zachary Hizona, Zoe Norrish Room 4 - Hazel Rigney, Zion Marius

### 80 Nights of Reading

EC4 - Tempest Taylor, Quinton Lister, Archer Harding, Joseph Woosnam

Room 2 - Georgia Gordon, Noah Rose

Room 4 - Hannelie Dreyer, Caleon Marius, Hazel Rigney

## 100 Nights of Reading

**EC4** - Charlotte Eves

Room 2 - Emmi Johnson, Hamish Eves Room 3 - Ivy Tyrrell

## 120 Nights of Reading

EC4 - Ella Willsher

Room 2 - Marlie Revell, Mila Gow

### 150 Nights of Reading

Room 2 - Carter Adams, Ezra Pratt, Maisie Triplett
Room 4 - Ted Holthouse, Elsie Hoffmann, Georgia Davis,
Leshay Van Niekerk

Room 10 - Amelia Dhue

### 180 Nights of Reading

Room 4 - Rosie Miller
Room 13 - Marley Clarke

200 Nights of Reading

Room 4 - Samara Krishnan-Barini, Harper Hurley, Callan Beamish,
Judd Beamish

Room 11 - Emily Kyle

Room 13 - Axton Krul, Lucy Fleeton



Reading in bed is terrific!

## EC4

EC4 students have been learning about procedures through Talk4Writing and put their skills to the test by designing and building gingerbread man traps. After setting them overnight, they were delighted to discover they had successfully caught a few gingerbread men!









## ROOM 3

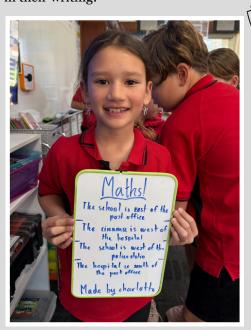
Room 3 have hit the ground running in the computer lab this term. We are becoming proficient logging on and have been investigating Word documents and improving our typing skills on Typing Club. We are becoming experts!



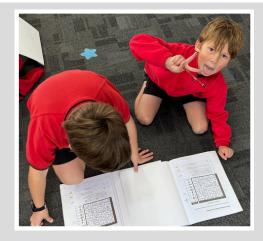


### **ROOM 13**

Room 13 have been doing an amazing job in Maths this term! We've been working hard on multiplication and division, and the students have shown fantastic progress. We are now moving into mapping and graphing, which the kids have been really enjoying as we head towards the end of term. In English, the class has been loving a new writing game called Frankenstories in the computer lab. We are super impressed with their creativity and the wonderful ideas they've been bringing to life in their writing!









## PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## **Football Program**

Students have been focusing on AFL in their lessons the past 4 weeks. Students have been learning to "scoop the ice-cream" when handballing and holding the ball "nose to toes — laces to faces" when kicking. This week all classes played real AFL games where they were required to perform these skills under pressure, defend the other team's goals and create scoring opportunities up their end. All students did their personal best and walked off the field with big smiles and rosy cheeks.











There is a rumour getting around that there will be a Faction Handball competition next term.

### These rumours are in fact TRUE!

Years 4, 5 and 6 will have the opportunity to try out in a handball competition mid-way through next term!

Start practising!!

WHO IS THE BEST AT CPS?



Whole School Sports Leaderboard





MAAR AIR 940



BOODJA EARTH





KAARL FIRE 856



KEPA WATER

796

### **ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS**

### WEEK 3 ROOMS 1 & 2

"Once upon a time, in a nursery rhyme, there were three bears..." and with that, Rooms 1 and 2 kicked off their Three Bear Rap! The students impressed us all with their performance and spoke with such confidence as they introduced the rest of the assembly items.









## ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS WEEK 9 ROOM 6

At the end of Week 9, Room 6 students warmed our hearts with a beautifully themed *R U OK?* assembly. With confidence and care, they reminded us how important it is to look out for one another by sharing the four simple steps:

1 Ask, R U OK? 2 Listen 3 Encourage action 4 Check in













# LIBRARY BUZZ



The library is a favourite place for many of our students, a popular lunchtime hub, offering a welcoming space to read, play games, and spend time with friends. Lunchtimes are always filled with laughter, teamwork, and camaraderie.

What a fantastic team effort! Our amazing P&C Book Club organiser, Kellie Guest, together with Janelle Leiper and Clelie Norrish, did a wonderful job sorting and distributing the latest Book Club order. Thanks to the incredible support of our families, we were able to turn reward points into brand-new library books and exciting prizes for the Best Dressed winners at the Book Parade. A true celebration of our school community working together!







## R U OK? DAY AT OUR SCHOOL

Our school was glowing in yellow as students and staff joined together to recognise R U OK? Day. The sunshine matched the energy and smiles across our classrooms and playground, creating a wonderful reminder of the power of kindness and connection.

The day was all about taking time to check in with one another — asking the simple question, "Are you OK?" and listening with care. Sometimes that small conversation can make a big difference, and our students showed just how thoughtful and supportive they can be.

From yellow shirts and ribbons to heartfelt discussions, the spirit of the day was felt everywhere. Thank you to everyone who helped bring such warmth and positivity to this important event. Together, we are building a community where everyone feels seen, supported, and valued.









### **Celebrating Our Education Assistants**

In week 7 we celebrated our wonderful Education Assistants, who bring patience, care, and kindness into our classrooms every single day. Their support makes a world of difference to our students and teachers, and we are so grateful for everything they do to help our school shine!





















## NUMERO

**Numero Competition Success!** 

A big congratulations to all our incredible students who took part in week 8's Numero Competition! Your clever strategies, teamwork, and enthusiasm shone through.

We're so proud to share that two of our teams came away with fantastic results — 2nd and 3rd place!

Well done to Esperance Primary School on taking out 1st place, and to every competitor for making it such a great event. Our students showed wonderful focus, teamwork, and sportsmanship — true Numero stars!























## LIFE EDUCATION INCURSION

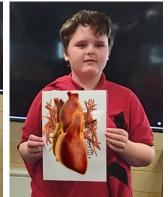
### Our students had a fantastic week with the Life Education incursion!

Throughout the sessions, they explored a range of important topics, including healthy eating choices, building and maintaining friendships, recognising and managing feelings, solving problems in positive ways, and staying safe online. Each activity was interactive and age-appropriate, giving students plenty of opportunities to share their own ideas and learn strategies they can use in their everyday lives.

Of course, the highlight for many was meeting Healthy Harold the giraffe - a much-loved visitor who never fails to bring smiles and laughter! Students left the sessions not only entertained but also equipped with knowledge and skills to help them make healthy, safe, and kind choices.

























## **DJILBA WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL**

Our Year 5 students recently enjoyed a fantastic excursion to the Djilba Wildflower Festival. The session provided rich, hands-on learning experiences guided by the Tjaltjraak rangers, local artists, and visiting facilitators from Educated by Nature.

Throughout the morning, the students rotated through four engaging activities that deepened their understanding of local culture, the environment, and creative expression. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to learn in a meaningful, local context and celebrate the beauty of the Djilba season together.





























## **This Term at Esperance SHS**

It's the last week of term 3 and the weather is slowly getting warmer. It's been action-packed this term with our TOM team making it to the international finals (again)! We had the school science fair, plenty of camps & hikes, and so much more!











## Achieving in and out of the classroom

This term at ESHS, our students have been super busy achieving in the classroom, out in the field, and on the stage! Our Year 8s donned their lab coats for our yearly science fair, where we all enjoyed the fantastic questions from the curious primary school students who attended. Our TOM teams excelled with creative thinking and problem solving and will now compete in the international finals!

The Year 10s have been putting their survival skills to the test by braving the weather, hiking, and camping in nature, while our farm students have been hands-on learning about the complexities, & modern farming techniques.









## 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/

# Dates to Remember

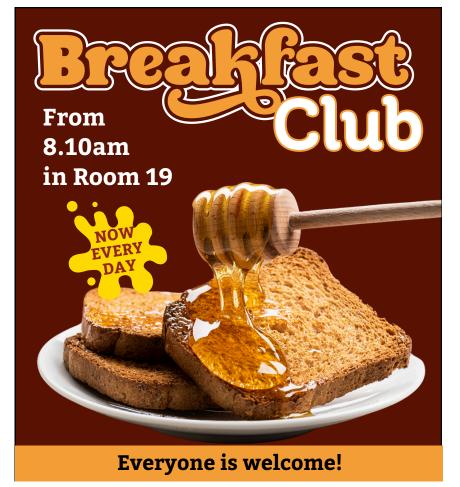
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	First Day of Term 4
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	School Development Day Students do not attend
Friday 24th October 2025	Year 4-5 Summer Carnival
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2025	ESHS Band Incursion
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2025	Assembly
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2025	School Board

SCHOOL ZONE

## A reminder to parents and families

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

Thank you for your help!





## 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



Enrolment information is available in multiple languages on our website.

# Community News

### PLEASE CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE **COMMUNITY EVENTS PAGE ON OUR WEBSITE**





Register NOW!











### **Esperance One & All Community Program**

PLEASE ARRIVE 10 MINUTES EARLY TO REGISTER ON THE DAY

althy Participants Onlyl 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 – Fruit & Water provided

#### Science on the Beach

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October | 9am -11am • at the Baarndi Trail (Castletown end)



The Mindful Playground Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October | 9am -12pm at Esperance Community Arts



**Awesome Festival** (Music Workshop) Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October 10am-12pm at Esperance Civic Centre







COMMUNITY ARTS





# Community News



## **Parking or Stopping** at Primary Schools

The Shire of Esperance is working with schools to keep our children safe and is asking the community to follow these simple do's and don'ts when parking at Primary Schools, or dropping off and picking up children.

- Please do not park on or cross footpaths in your
- Please do not park on verges/ even if the land is
- Please observe signage in place
- Please park on the road, parallel to the kerb / facing the direction of traffic flow
- Please remember to park 10 metres back from an intersection
- Please do not obstruct driveways when parking on
- Remember to travel no more than 40km per hour in the school zone during school hours

These parking regulations are in accordance with the Shire of Esperance Parking Facilities Local Law and a full copy of the Local Law is available on the Shire of Esperance website.



## 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



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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

#### 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 assessment, observations and consultation
- Parent workshops and
- Ongoing individualised teletherapy program Regular online therapy sessions or consultation

All therapy services are individualised and can include

- 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



it our website at www.autism.org.au/our-services/regional

