



# Castletown NEWS

NEWSLETTER 1, TERM 4

14th November 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,

It's been a busy and exciting term so far, with lots happening around the school. One of the highlights was the visit from the ESHS Band. Their performance was absolutely fantastic, and the students really enjoyed the experience. A big thank you to the band for taking the time to visit; it was such a great experience and has already inspired some of our students to think about learning an instrument.

Our Kindy Transition sessions are going well. The Kindy team have done an amazing job making our new families feel welcome and helping our future students settle in. A big thank you to our wonderful P&C, too, for being so supportive and involved, we really appreciate it.

A huge thankyou to everyone who attended the Parent Open Afternoon. It's always lovely to have families visit classrooms and see all the great work students have been doing throughout the term. Thank you to everyone who ran the Year 6 fundraising sausage sizzle.

Our student leaders have had a big week. On Tuesday 11th November, they attended the Remembrance Day Memorial Service, and on Wednesday they took part in the Network Student Leaders Morning at the Shire learning about how the Shire operates, participating in team-building activities, and even helping make some decisions about the Esperance Christmas celebrations. A huge thankyou to the RSL and Shire.

As we head towards the end of term, there's plenty to look forward to with the Volunteers Morning Tea, Pre-Primary

Sports Day, EC5 and EC6 concerts, Presentation and Graduation Assemblies, and of course, Step Up Day. It's shaping up to be a busy but exciting few weeks as we celebrate the year's achievements and start getting ready for next year.

Lastly, we're planning a Busy Bee for Rooms 6, 7, and 8 to remove the old cupboards and be able to install the new interactive TVs. We're looking at an early January date. Once we've locked in a date, we'll send out a note asking for volunteers. Any help you can give would be greatly appreciated.

If you get the chance today, please head down to 'Nulsen in November' at Nulsen PS (3.30 - 5.30pm) where several principals, including myself, will be participating in 'The Great Nulsen Pie-Off'.

Thanks again for all your support and enthusiasm this term. It's been a great one so far, and I'm looking forward to finishing the year on a high.

Warm regards

**David Vooght-Simpson**  
Principal

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# DEPUTY'S DESK

## Thank you to our Volunteers

As our year starts to draw to an end, we start to reflect on all the things that have worked well over the past year and one that stands out is the number of different volunteers that have helped support our students and staff throughout the year. Some are parents, others are community members, but together they have all made a difference for our students and our school.

Whether you have been a member of our P&C, Year 6 committee, helped out for our athletics and/or swimming carnival, been in for

parent help, supported Mrs Castledine in the library with book covering, or made lunches and served in our canteen, we sincerely thank you for your time. As Helen Keller once said "Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."

Friday, 5th December will be our opportunity to thank our school community for their contributions in 2025 and we look forward to seeing you then and having a cuppa and morning tea to say "thank you".

**Julie Fetherston**  
Deputy Principal

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## Celebrating OUR AMAZING TEACHERS

In Week Three, we proudly tipped our hats to the incredible educators who bring learning to life every day as we celebrated World Teachers' Day.

Thank you for the care you show our students, the energy you bring to the classroom, and the way you spark curiosity and inspire young minds.

Your dedication, passion, and heart truly make a difference.

**Hats off to you – you change the world, one student at a time!**

**Happy World Teachers' Day! 🧡**



*"Teaching is the one profession that creates all other professions." - Unknown*

# YEAR 4 & 5 SUMMER CARNIVAL

Our Year 4 and 5 students had an exciting day at the Summer Carnival, joining with other schools from around Esperance for a fun-filled day of sport and teamwork. The Year 4s took to the tennis courts, developing their skills and enjoying some friendly matches, while the Year 5s hit the cricket field with enthusiasm. For many, it was a chance to learn a new sport and pick up some fresh rules along the way. It was wonderful to see everyone having a go, showing great sportsmanship, and making new friends throughout the day.



# ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

## WEEK 3 ROOM 5

To wrap up October, Room 5 took the stage for the Week 3 assembly with confidence and flair! They kept us entertained with a lively skeleton song that had everyone smiling.



# Congratulations!



## Golden Broom Winners



The tidiest room in the school!



## Aussie of the Month



**Sophie** - For the kindness, care and compassion you show towards others. Your positive and support for those going through tough times has not gone unnoticed and reflects what a beautiful and thoughtful person you are. You make our school a warmer, kinder place.

### Congratulations to our

## **SUPER!** R.I.B.I.T Readers

*50 Nights of Reading*

Room 13 - Elin Chigudu

*80 Nights of Reading*

EC4 - Dihein Premathilaka, Diego Travessini, Avery Wykes

*100 Nights of Reading*

EC4 - Tempest Taylor

Room 3 - Hiram Saunders

Room 4 - Hannelie Dreyer

Room 11 - Sophie Skinner

*120 Nights of Reading*

EC4 - Charlotte Eves, Tilly Tyrrell

*150 Nights of Reading*

Room 4 - Link Shaw

Room 7 - Jack Vermey, Charley Scott

EC4 - Mylah Bell

*180 Nights of Reading*

Room 4 - Ted Holthouse, Maisie Hammond, Leshay van Niekerk, Georgia Davis

*200 Nights of Reading*

Room 4 - Rosie Miller

Room 6 - Alfie Miller

Room 11 - Luca Watchorn

Room 13 - Marley Clark

Room 14 - Hannah Capelli, Jack Hughes, Jake Morrison, Logan Krul, Louis Graham

*250 Nights of Reading*

Room 4 - Samara Krishnan-Barini, Harper Hurley

Room 14 - Charlotte Pratt



## CONGRATULATIONS Merit Certificate Winners



# EC2 Silkworm Adventure



Our EC2 students have been fascinated by the life cycle of silkworms!

We started with tiny eggs that hatched into hungry caterpillars, munching on mulberry leaves day and night. The children have loved bringing in fresh leaves from home to keep up with their enormous appetites. Recently, some silkworms have climbed up the sides of their box and begun spinning silky cocoons. Soon, we'll watch as moths emerge, lay new eggs, and the cycle begins all over again. What an amazing learning experience!



## ROOM 9

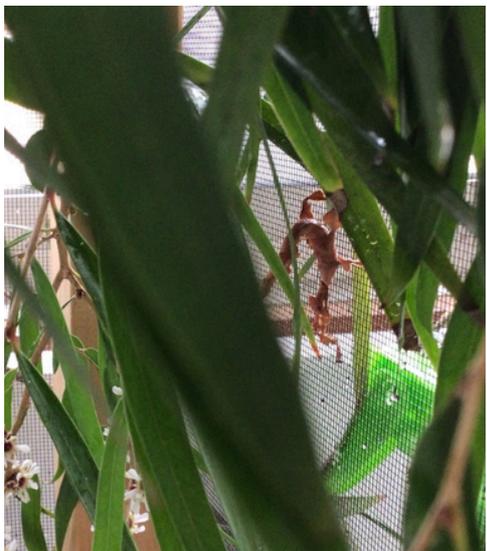
Room 9 has been very lucky to have Miss Lewis join our class as a Prac Teacher this term. She will be with us until Week 7 and has already brought lots of creativity and energy to our learning! Recently, Miss Lewis has planned some fantastic Maths lessons that got us outside enjoying the fresh air while exploring measurement concepts such as length, mass, and volume. The students have loved the hands-on activities and the chance to learn in such a fun and engaging way!



## STEM

### We have four new Leafy Stick Insects in the STEM room!

They are only as big as half the length of an adult's pointer finger and still growing. They are quick movers and masters of disguise. They blend perfectly into the branches and twigs. Three have already finished shedding, and one completed its final shed just last week. Come and see if you can spot them—you might need a magnifying glass!



## 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.*



# PHYSICAL EDUCATION

## Lesson overview

This term all students have been learning to play basketball. We spent the first few weeks working on our dribbling, passing and shooting skills. This week we are putting all of these skills together into a real basketball game. With the use of engaging videos of Kobe Bryant and Michael Jordan, all students have a clear understanding of offensive and defensive skills, and they have been demonstrating them out on the court.



## Handball

The Handball Tournament has kicked off and it is a buzz across the whole school. Students will work through rounds 1, 2 and 3 during play breaks over the next few weeks. Students that make the finals, will take part in our "Finals Day" which will take place towards the end of the year. A date for this will be announced soon!



## Faction scoreboard

The faction scoreboard remains the same but there are huge points up for grabs in the Handball Tournament. So, it will be an exciting finish to see which faction takes out the overall shield at the end of the year!

Castletown Primary School		
Whole School Sports Leaderboard		
	MAAR AIR	940
	BOODJA EARTH	957
	KAARL FIRE	856
	KEPA WATER	796

# HANDBALL TOURNAMENT

WHO IS THE BEST AT CPS?

# LIBRARY BUZZ

Here's a little peek at what's been happening in our library this term – a place full of stories, smiles, and lots of lunchtime fun!



Ivy, Zyla, Lilly and Sonya love playing “What Am I?” in the library at lunchtime – plenty of giggles as they try to guess what’s on their heads!



Mrs Geary's Shelf gives students the chance to discover fresh fiction every week. We're slowly working our way through the alphabet – this week, it's authors beginning with P!



Lunchtime Lego fun! Students of all ages (and abilities) love building together – and the creativity on display is nothing short of amazing.



It's been wonderful lending books to our kindy students to take home each week. A big congratulations to EC6 for a 100% return rate this week – well done, readers!



“Objects whisper stories ... can you hear them?” is our current library display. Students have loved exploring the fascinating old items, sharing their own stories, and discovering treasures from the past.



# MUSICAL INSPIRATION FROM ESHS!



We were recently treated to a fantastic visit from the Esperance Senior High School Music Ensembles, who shared their passion for music and introduced our Year 4 students to the Instrumental Music Program available from Year 5. Students learned how they can 'opt in' to learn an instrument and enjoy two years of lessons with specialist teachers — with the opportunity to continue through high school!

A special highlight was watching three of our talented students perform *Nighthawk* alongside the ESHS Concert Band.

A huge thank you to ESHS for inspiring our budding musicians and filling our school with the joy of music!



## 2025 Volunteer of the Year *Justine*

We're thrilled to celebrate Justine as our 2025 Volunteer of the Year!

With over 200 volunteer hours each year, Justine brings endless energy, enthusiasm, and dedication to our P&C. Whether she's helping at events, managing finances, or supporting the executive team, her commitment shines through in everything she does.

Thank you, Justine, for your incredible contributions and unwavering support—you truly make a difference!



## New Faction Shirts Coming in 2026!



Together with CPS, we're thrilled to announce that our new faction shirts will be available soon! These shirts proudly feature our new faction names and logos, designed in 2024, and will be printed on lightweight, comfortable fabric—perfect for active school days.

**Stay tuned for release details and how to order yours!**



# HONOURING REMEMBRANCE DAY TOGETHER



We are so proud of our student leaders who represented Castletown Primary School at the Esperance Remembrance Day Service at the RSL Memorial Park. Our School Captains, Grace and Lincoln, laid a wreath on behalf of our school—a heartfelt gesture that reflected the respect and leadership shown by all our students on this important day.

A special mention to Room 10 for their stunning commemorative display. Seeing our students stand proudly in front of their beautiful work reminds us how deeply they value this day of remembrance.



# STUDENTS STEP INTO LOCAL GOVERNMENT!

Recently, our student leaders had a fantastic opportunity to learn more about how the Shire operates and the important role it plays in our community. They spent the day exploring the inner workings of local government, taking part in team-building activities, and discovering how decisions are made.

One of the highlights was contributing ideas for Esperance's upcoming Christmas celebrations — what an exciting way to have their voices heard! Experiences like these help our students understand leadership, collaboration, and the value of community involvement.

A big thank you to the Shire team for welcoming our students and making this such an informative and enjoyable experience.



# PARENT OPEN AFTERNOON Celebrating Learning Together

On Wednesday, families joined us for our Parent Open Afternoon, exploring classrooms filled with colour, creativity, and learning. It was wonderful to see students proudly sharing their work and chatting with their families. Our Year 6 team and parent helpers kept everyone well-fed with a delicious sausage sizzle!

A huge thank you to everyone who came along, and to our incredible staff for all their hard work behind the scenes. It truly was a happy and successful afternoon!



## FESTIVE FUN IN PRE-PRIMARY!

Yesterday, our Pre-primary students enjoyed a special Christmas craft session thanks to the wonderful team from our local Bunnings. The children had a fantastic time creating their very own Christmas tree decorations, what a fun and festive way to kick off the season! A big thank you to Bunnings for bringing the holiday spirit into our classrooms and making the day so memorable.



# FOOTY FEVER HITS SCHOOL

We were thrilled to welcome Rick the Rock and some amazing Eagles footy specialists to our school today!

Our students kicked things off with inspiring resilience and leadership workshops, then hit the oval for some serious footy action. There were smiles all round and plenty of team spirit on show!



# WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL

Many Year 3s and Years 5/6 students exhibited their artwork for the annual Wildflower Festival. We were thrilled to receive the news that our school won equal first place for People's Choice Award for our cut paper collage botanicals and our stylised wildflower paintings. Congratulations to our very creative and clever students.





## Compass App



## to replace Updat-ed App in 2026

We will continue using our Compass Parent Portal, a user-friendly web-based app that has now been in use at our school for over six months. It's a fantastic tool to help you stay connected with your child's school life.

Through the portal, you can:

- View up-to-date class and attendance information
- Download, print, and approve upcoming excursions
- Approve or report both upcoming and past absences for your child
- Access information on upcoming events and news
- Check the School Calendar
- Download important documents

If you haven't yet joined Compass, we encourage you to do so. If you have not logged in yet, please contact the front office. On your first login, you'll be prompted to change your temporary password and confirm your email address and mobile number.

Compass is accessible via desktop or mobile device. We recommend downloading the Compass School Manager app and familiarising yourself with its features.

To learn more, visit:  
<https://www.compass.education/compass-features/compass-for-parents/>

*If you need any assistance, please don't hesitate to contact the school office.*



## Everyday Matters

Term 4 is here so we are just saying hello from **YOUTHCARE EVERYDAY MATTERS** team at Castletown Primary School : Mel Carley, Bonnie Arnold and Leanne Fisher. We meet in the undercover area every Tuesday lunchtime.

This term, lessons have been about using kind and encouraging words. This week we are commencing the Christmas Story and activities related to the first Christmas 2025 years ago.

We hope your children have enjoyed themselves as much as we have sharing the Christian Values program with them.





# This Term at Esperance SHS

It's only week 4 and we've been busy! The Year 12s are getting ready for their final exams, our farm students have started harvesting, the Year 9s visited a bunch of local businesses to see future careers, we've had some award winners, and so much more!



## Support Local Students & Have Some Fun!!

November 15th come support our TOM team's journey to Sydney for the international finals! Join in on the amazing MEGA QUIZ, with some snacks and fun!

Book today at [www.bit.ly/ESHS-TOM-Support](http://www.bit.ly/ESHS-TOM-Support)

**TOURNAMENT OF MINDS**  
MEGA QUIZ NIGHT  
Saturday, 15 November

Support the ESHS Tournament of Minds Team  
Starting at 6:30pm  
ESPERANCE CIVIC CENTRE

AMAZING AUCTION  
FANTASTIC PRIZES  
& GOLD COIN GAMES

BAR AVAILABLE  
FINGER FOOD  
PLATTERS TO ORDER

\$90 for a table of 6  
or \$15 per person

BUY TICKETS ONLINE  
OR AT THE DOOR

## 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/](http://esperanceshs.wa.edu.au/enrol/)

# Dates to Remember

<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	Pre Primary Sports Day 9am
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	ECE Emergency Services Incursion
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b>	Kindy Sports Day
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2025</b>	Assembly
<b>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025</b>	ESHS Transition Days
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	Volunteers Thank You Morning Tea
<b>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	Assembly
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	EC5A Kindy Concert 9am
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	EC5B & EC6 Concert 9am
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	School Board Meeting
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	Presentation Assembly 11.30am
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	Graduation Assembly 11.30am
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	Graduation Dinner 6pm
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	Pre Primary Concert 9.30am
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	Year 6 Bike Day
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	Reports Sent Home
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	Step Up Day - Year 5
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	<b>Last day for Students</b>
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b>	School Development Day



## ESPERANCE BUS SERVICE

### Casual Bus Warden positions available for an immediate start in Esperance

Esperance Bus Service, a family owned and operated company, are seeking Bus Wardens that are reliable, with a high standard of safety, excellent customer service, and are ready to join the team immediately.

**We offer:**

- Above Award pay rates
- Team focused environment

Working hours for this role are during the school term only with no requirement to work through the school holidays! This role is a true stand out for applicants looking to find a genuine balance between a busy life and work or wanting to slow down but stay active in the community.

If you are reliable and safety-focused with excellent customer service skills, Esperance Bus Service invites you to enquire about our Bus Warden positions today. Please call Chontelle on [0456 549 537](tel:0456549537) for more information.

## CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL P&C

### POSITION VACANT 2026 President

#### COME AND JOIN US!

- Are you over the age of 18?
- Do you live in the Castletown area or do you have family that attend Castletown Primary School?

If you are interested in making a difference to your local primary school, please contact us

#### JOIN US

Please send your expression of interest to [castletownpandc@gmail.com](mailto:castletownpandc@gmail.com)



## SCHOOL READINESS

Empowering parents to support early learning success

Join our FREE 4-week School Readiness Workshop.

**MONDAY**   
start in January 2026

**TIME**   
5:30pm - 6:30pm

#### MORE INFO

 0 476 920 565

 [www.realiseability.com.au](http://www.realiseability.com.au)



## It's FREE and spots are limited!

All families in the community are welcome.

Specially designed for parents of children starting Kindergarten, Pre-primary, or Year 1 in 2026.

#### MORE INFO

 0 476 920 565

 [www.realiseability.com.au](http://www.realiseability.com.au)



## PLAY HER WAY



### Esperance Girls-Only Cricket Blast! Registrations Now Open!

One-hour sessions on Wednesday afternoons at Esperance Oval from 4:30pm, starting October 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Completely FREE! Scan the QR Code Above!



play our way

## EDGE OF THE BAY Festival

6 DEC 2025 | 10am - 5pm  
ESPERANCE YOUTH PRECINCT

Battle of the Bay	Glitter Tattoos
Markets & Food Stalls	Foam Party
ACOUSTIC Stage	Giant Bubbles
Giant Games	Flower Crowns
Inflatables	Gem Stone Mining
Laser Tag	Good Little Things







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### BATTLE OF THE BAY

SKATE, SCOOT & BMX COMP

<b>BMX</b> Under 16s 16 & Over	<b>Scoot</b> Under 12s Under 16s Over 16s
<b>Skate</b> 12 & Under   16 & Under Open   Open Ladies	

Sign Up Today










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6 DEC 2025  
10am - 5pm  
ESPERANCE YOUTH PRECINCT

### SCHEDULE

10am - 5pm	Obstacle Course & Rock Wall   Bouncy Castles   Sparkle Sisters   Laser Tag
10am - 4pm	Giant Bubbles   Foam Party   Waste Trail   Toy Library   Flower Crowns   Finders Keepers Gem Miners   Good Little Things
11am - 5pm	Stage Acts
12pm	Official Opening
5pm	Battle of the Bay Presentations

### ALL DAY ACTIVITIES

QUBE Market Stalls | Chalk It Up | Archery | Sand Pit | Have A Go Squash | Pop Up Eatery | Vintage Cars | Giant Games and more ...

### BATTLE OF THE BAY

SKATE, SCOOT & BMX COMP

9am	BMX Comp Heats & Finals
10am	Scoot Comp Heats & Finals
1pm	Skate Comp Heats & Finals
5pm	Presentations





