

Castletown NEWS

NEWSLETTER 1, TERM 2

22 MAY 2026

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



Mrs Vine and Mrs Churchlands, guest speakers at our ANZAC Assembly, honouring women in service.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and families,

It has been another busy and rewarding few weeks at Castletown Primary School, with a number of opportunities for our students to connect, lead and learn alongside others.

Our student leaders took part this Wednesday in the termly student leaders morning hosted here at Castletown. It was wonderful to see our councillors, faction captains and wellbeing leaders working alongside students from across the Esperance Network. Opportunities like this continue to build leadership capacity, confidence and a sense of belonging beyond our own school.

We were also fortunate to welcome Australian Baroque back to our school. A highlight of the visit from Australian Baroque was Pia Harris (soprano and conductor) working with our students to learn new repertoire for the upcoming Term 3 concert, which will be held at the Civic Centre. While students in Years 4–6 will formally take part in the performance, it has been fantastic to see students across other year levels also joining in the singing and building their confidence. This inclusive approach ensures more of our students can experience the joy of performing and being part of something special.

Preparations are well underway as we look ahead to celebrating our school's 60th Anniversary. This milestone will be marked with the opening of our Kitchen Container and Sustainability area, as well as the planting of new trees to replace those that were previously removed. The opening will take place on Thursday 2nd July.

Looking ahead to next week, our Year 4 students will join peers from across the network to participate in the Reconciliation Walk, an important opportunity to reflect, learn and show respect for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and cultures. Our Year 6 students will also be visiting Esperance Senior High School on Wednesday.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of our school.

Finally, please take a moment to visit our website to view two new parent guidelines, 'Student Mental Health and Wellbeing at CPS' and 'Attendance Matters: Supporting Student Success at CPS'. These outline how we support student mental health and wellbeing, including practical strategies for home, as well as our Attendance Matters guide, which explains our approach and supports for improving student attendance.

Kind regards,

Mr David Vooght-Simpson
Principal

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DEPUTY'S DESK

At Castletown Primary School, one of our greatest strengths is our strong sense of community. When families, staff and students work together, we create an environment where every child feels supported, confident and ready to learn.

This week, as we recognise P&C Day, it is a wonderful opportunity to acknowledge and thank the parents and carers who generously give their time to support our school. Whether it is helping organise events, contributing to fundraising efforts, supporting initiatives or simply offering ideas, our P&C plays a vital role in enriching the experiences we can provide for our students.

When children see the adults in their lives working together and valuing education, it reinforces a powerful message—that learning matters and that they are part of something bigger than themselves. These connections help foster a strong sense of belonging, which we know is key to student wellbeing and engagement.

There are many ways to be involved in our school community. This might be attending a P&C meeting, supporting an event, or simply staying connected with what is happening at school and talking with your child about their learning. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, helps strengthen our community.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Together, we continue to build a school where every child can thrive.

Mrs Julie Fetherston
Deputy Principal

ROOM 1

Students in Room 1 thoroughly enjoyed exploring the ANZAC display in the library. They had great fun dressing up and immersing themselves in learning about the ANZACs, bringing history to life in a meaningful and engaging way.

A big thank you to Mrs Castledine for creating such informative and interactive displays. They provide a wonderful opportunity for students to deepen their understanding and appreciation of this important part of our history.



Quinten showing his family history.



ANZAC PARADE



Our Student Councillors, accompanied by our Principal, Mr Vooght-Simpson, proudly participated in the ANZAC Day march. School Captains Amelia and Morgan laid a wreath on behalf of our school community. We were extremely proud of the respectful manner in which all students conducted themselves and represented our school. Thank you to the Esperance RSL for the invitation to be part of this important commemorative event.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL SUCCESS

Castletown Primary School was proud to host this year's Interschool Athletics Carnival, welcoming students from across the district for a fantastic day of competition, sportsmanship and school spirit. CPS had an outstanding carnival, taking out the Meritorious Points Shield with an impressive total of 1389.50 points. Our students achieved excellent individual results across the year groups. Congratulations to **Aliyah Rozynski**, who won the **Year 3 Girls Gold medal**, along with **Louie-Jay Dann** who claimed **Year 3 Gold**, and **Shiloh Turner** who earned Silver. In **Year 4**, **Ella Grace-Truncali** achieved a Silver medal, while **Nate Agenbag** won **Gold** for the boys. Further strong performances included **Max Skinner**, who took out **Year 5 Boys Gold**, and **Austin Rickerby**, who was awarded **Year 6 Boys Gold**. Well done to all students who competed and represented Castletown Primary School so proudly. Your hard work, determination and team spirit were truly on display.



ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS

Our recent assembly was full of highlights and celebrations. Room 3 joined forces with the senior students in Room 11 to present a special edition of Castletown News, sharing important messages with our school community.

As part of Do It For Dolly Day, students promoted kindness and respect, while also learning what it takes to become a Numero Grand Master in Training—an impressive achievement. The assembly also took time to celebrate the wonderful women in our lives ahead of Mother’s Day, acknowledging mums, grandmas and special ladies.

Congratulations to our award recipients:

- **New Leadership Roles:** Rosalina & Dylan
- **Aussie of the Month:** Adeline
- **Golden Broom:** Room 4
- **Golden Jacket:** Room 7

We were also pleased to introduce two new awards:

- **Most Improved Attendance:** Room 13
- **Best Attendance:** Room 6

A big well done as well to all students who received merit certificates. What a fantastic assembly!



Congratulations to our **SUPER!** R.I.B.I.T Readers

50 Nights of Reading

EC6 - Spencer Wegmann, Lilly Stokes, Leo Walker, Romy Heaton

EC7 - Amalia Mallins, Jye Gow, Imogen Parker, Solomon Martins

Room 1 - Mylah Bell, Luka Ramm, Mila Hawke, Huey Smail

Room 2 - Charlotte Eves, Laura Popp Brlekovic

Room 3 - Kingsley Rosman

Room 4 - Verety Carmody, Reuben Down, Kailee Sherriff, Lylah Stokes, Hazel Sutton, Amara Funneman, Bella Martins, Eliza Parkin

Room 5 -Ysobel Carmody, Henry Adams, Eloise Edwards, Hamish Eves, Mason Perks

Room 6 -Mila Gow, Carter Adams, Lilly Williams

Room 7 - Leshay van Niekerk, Hayley Hasiri, Zaden Mellowship Eddie Nelson, Maisie Hammond

Room 11 - Emily Kyle, Lexi Weckert, Lotte Browning

Room 14 - Zahlee Rozyński

80 Nights of Reading

Room 2 - Archer Harding

Room 4 - Reid Agenbag

Room 5 - Maci Ball

Room 6 - Callan Beamish, Judd Beamish, Ivy Tyrrell, Harper Hurley, Emmi Johnson

Room 7 - Ava Willsher

Room 11 - Charlotte Pratt

Room 12 - Axton Krull

100 Nights of Reading

Room 4 - Reid Agenbag

Room 14 - Samara Krishnan-Barini

RIBIT

Reading in bed is terrific!



Aussie of the Month

Congratulations to Adeline, our well-deserved Aussie of the Month.

As a dedicated Wellbeing Leader, Adeline has shown outstanding care, responsibility and positivity. She has stepped up beautifully to support one of the girls in her class, providing consistent morning check-ins and encouragement. Her kindness and positive attitude have made a significant difference, helping Emmi feel settled and confident at the start of each day.

We are incredibly proud of the compassion and leadership Adeline shows at school.



INTERSCHOOL CROSSCOUNTRY

Our students gave it their absolute best at the 2km individual and team cross country event, held along the beautiful foreshore. The day was filled with determination, perseverance and fantastic school spirit as students pushed themselves to complete the challenging course.

A huge congratulations goes to our Year 4 Girls team, who achieved an outstanding result by finishing as the fastest team of the day. We also congratulate Nate, who demonstrated incredible endurance and determination, tying for fastest Year 4 boy—a fantastic achievement.

Every participant should be incredibly proud of their efforts. Students showed not only physical stamina, but also excellent sportsmanship, cheering each other on and supporting their classmates throughout the event. Well done to all involved for representing our school so positively. We are extremely proud of you all!



ROOM EC 4

We've had a surprise visit from the Gingerbread Man—who has mischievously wrecked our home corner!

EC4 students are now on the case. Over the coming week, they will be working together to catch the culprit as part of their combined Talk4Writing and STEM unit with Miss Johnson.



ROOM 11

Room 11 transformed into a busy café as students became baristas for the day! As part of our learning on decimal addition and subtraction, students used real-world maths skills to read menus, process orders, and calculate the totals of delicious drinks and tasty treats. From frappuccinos to cake pops, there were plenty of tempting items on the menu as we explored how maths is used every day in the real world.



School Officer's Day

A Rose-Filled Thank You

Our wonderful office team—Alice, Terri, Sally, Lorna, and Nareena—felt the love this School Officer's Day with beautiful rose bouquets filled with chocolates. Adding a personal touch, each name was celebrated with thoughtful descriptive words for every letter, highlighting the unique qualities they each bring to our school.

A heartfelt thank you for everything you do!



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Kindergarten enrolments are now open for 2027

If your child will be **4 years old** by **30 June 2027**, enrol them in Kindergarten now.

Visit your local public school or community kindergarten to apply. Apply to enrol before 24 July 2026.

Find out more:
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OUR NEW OFFICE CREW



Spiny Leaf Insects

(*Extatosoma tiaratum*)

While our STEM teacher, Mrs Dalling, has been away, her Spiny Leaf insects have been happily staying in the front office. Mrs Tucker has been diligently caring for our four females, ensuring their leaves are fresh and keeping them well-hydrated with regular misting.



Spiny Leaf Insects WOW facts!

- 🔥 Living leaf imposters—they completely trick predators!
- 💨 Wind dancers—they rock and sway like real leaves
- 👑 Girl power! Females are big and spiky; tiny males can fly
- 🥚 Trickster eggs—look like seeds and fool ants into protecting them
- 🕷️ Sneaky babies—hatch looking like ants to stay safe
- 🌙 Midnight munchers—they come alive when it gets dark
- 🎭 Drama queens—they freeze, drop, or curl up like a scorpion!
- 🌿 Leaf lovers—gum leaves are their favourite snack
- 🧬 Superpower alert! Females can clone themselves!

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING IN FULL SWING!

Our Year 6 students have been working incredibly hard as they begin raising funds for their much-anticipated Term 3 camp. Their enthusiasm and determination has been wonderful to see, and they are already off to a fantastic start!

The first of their fundraising efforts is the launch of the Mega Raffle, with tickets now available for purchase. There are some exciting prizes up for grabs, including cash prizes and a variety of fantastic vouchers. We encourage everyone in our school community to support the students by purchasing tickets and spreading the word.

Last weekend also saw a successful sausage sizzle at Bunnings, where our Year 6 students rolled up their sleeves and got involved. A huge thank you goes to Rachel Wright, who generously organised the day and made the event possible. We also extend our sincere appreciation to all the students and parents who volunteered their time and effort — your support made the day a great success.

The Year 6 students are showing great teamwork and commitment, and we are proud of the way they are contributing towards their camp. We look forward to seeing their continued efforts throughout the term!

Castletown Primary P&C
Year 6

2026
**MEGA
RAFFLE**

1ST PRIZE
\$2000 Cash
PLUS \$500 Glass
Repair & \$500 Car
Detailing Vouchers.

2ND PRIZE
\$1000 Cash
PLUS \$600
Entertainment
Voucher.

3RD PRIZE
\$500 Cash
PLUS \$240 Home
Cleaning Voucher.

TICKETS
\$10

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31ST JULY 2026

CASTLETOWN
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Archie, Jackson, Marlee-Mae, friend and Kenny happy to help at the Bunnings sausage sizzle.

Thank you to our fantastic raffle sponsors: Benny's Bike Repairs, Dhueys Electrical, Drake Brockman Construction, EIB Insurance Solutions, Farm & General, Farmers Centre, Hannaford, Oceanic Cleans, Starcevich Electrical, Treloar Transport, Steve Taylor, Ultimate Enterprises.

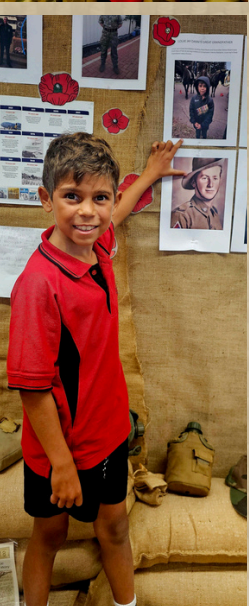
LIBRARY BUZZ



“Our Family’s Military History” was the theme for this year’s ANZAC display. It has been incredible to learn about what our students’ families and forebears have achieved and experienced. THANKS to all the families who generously shared your stories—your contributions made this a truly meaningful and engaging learning experience. Over the past few weeks, students have gained a deeper connection to history through these personal stories, making their learning more relatable and memorable.



Once again, Mr Paul Russell has kindly shared items from his military collection. Students were thrilled to have the opportunity to dress up in a variety of military gear he loaned, giving them a valuable hands-on experience. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm—thank you, Mr Russell!



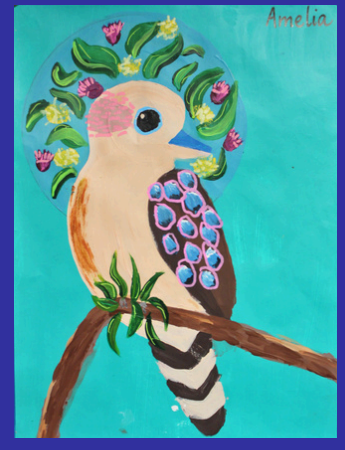
We are also excited to have so many new books in the library. These additions have been made possible through Scholastic Book Club Rewards organised by our P&C, the Indigenous Literacy Foundation (thank you, Mrs Johnston), the Children’s Book Council of Australia shortlisted titles, and more. A big thank you to Mrs Sue Geary for cataloguing these new books and to Mrs Cheyanne Perks for covering them. There are still many more to be covered—if you would like to help, please let me know. It’s a task you can do at home, and your children get a sneak peek at the new books!

Wishing you all happy reading!
Sally Castledine *Library Officer*

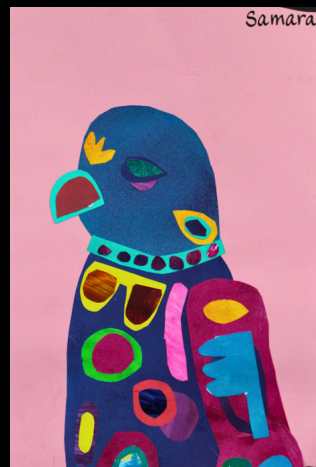


FROM THE ART ROOM

Room 3 students explored using forces of push and pull in paint with various implements to make 3 colourful painted papers. These were used to create a cut paper collage of a tablecloth and a vase of flowers. The elements of colour, shape, space and texture were a focus throughout the process.



Senior classes have enjoyed creating artwork, which is inspired by Australian artist, Casey Manson, also known as Grotti Lotti. Students observed and paid attention to the shape, form, texture, light and shadow of the kookaburra as they painted in layers throughout the process. Bright colours were chosen for the details to contrast with the muted tones of the kookaburra.



Rooms 13 and 14 observed and discussed the work of Pete Cromer, focussing on his use of colour, subject matter and fantastical elements. They used acrylic paint to paint papers and used these to create a cut paper collage of a bird, layering and adjusting the composition as they worked to create the overall style.

ROOMS 1, 2 & 3

TALK 4 WRITING: THE GRUFFALO



What an exciting start to our Talk 4 Writing unit! A mysterious parcel arrived in our classrooms, with two bright orange eyes peeping out... and inside was a Gruffalo! This created lots of curiosity and excitement amongst the students.

The children have loved making "Gruffalo Crumble," completing colouring activities, and listening to the story. Through this engaging start, students are now exploring an information report about Gruffalos, focusing on structure, conjunctions, topic sentences, and technical vocabulary. It has been wonderful to see such enthusiasm and engagement in their learning.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP DAY

Castletown Primary School was proud to host our Term 2 Student Leadership Day! Year 6 student leaders from across the district joined us for a fun and engaging morning filled with leadership challenges, team-building activities and goal-setting workshops.

Throughout the morning, students shared their leadership successes, explored challenges, and contributed thoughtful ideas on how to make their schools even better places for everyone. Students also reflected on their personal leadership journeys, identifying their strengths, recognising areas for growth, and setting meaningful goals to achieve by the end of the year.

Our in-depth group discussions highlighted the importance of learning from mistakes, the power of confidence, and the effectiveness of clear communication. There were plenty of smiles and laughter along the way, making it a memorable experience for all involved.

Students left feeling inspired, motivated and ready to continue growing as confident leaders. A big thank you to everyone who attended, it was wonderful to have you with us!

How to make Fairy Bread



A highlight of the morning was a fun and engaging session with Mr Jake Meadley titled "How to Make Fairy Bread." Students worked in groups to brainstorm and write clear instructions for making fairy bread, producing some hilarious results along the way. The activity highlighted just how important clear, detailed communication is when giving instructions, and had everyone laughing while learning.



WEEK 5 WRAP UP

Week 5 was a wonderful way to celebrate our school community. We recognised the fantastic work of our P&C with a special morning tea, where staff enjoyed sharing scones and showing appreciation for their ongoing support. Students also joined in the celebrations by dressing up as a parent or family member, adding plenty of fun and creativity to the day.

To round off the week and mark the midpoint of the term, students enjoyed a PBS celebration with extended playtime.



P&C Day



Dress Up



Extended Play



PBS Wheel Spin

Thank you

for all that you do



Sausage Sizzle



Mothers' Day Stall



Sustainability, vegetable garden







This Term at Esperance SHS

At ESHS, we rounded out last term with the Athletics Carnival! It was a full day of fun, with Dempster bringing home the victory by a landslide.

So far, we've had a great start to Term 2. Our Year 7's have pitched their fantastic business ideas in our own Shark Tank, our Stars students have been creating pottery as part of the upcoming "Ocean, Earth, and Weave" Community project, and we took time to acknowledge those who've served our countries during ANZAC Day.



2027 ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN

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Dates to Remember

Tuesday 26 th May 2026	Yr4 Reconciliation Walk - Esperance Foreshore
Wednesday 27 th May 2026	Yr 6 ESHS Visit
Friday 29 th May 2026	Assembly
Friday 29 th May 2026	Stellarphant Excursion (Rms 6, 7, 13, 14)
Monday 1 st June 2026	WA Day - Public Holiday
Monday 8 th - 12 th June 2026	Bookfair
Friday 19 th June 2026	Assembly
Wednesday 24 th June 2026	NAIDOC Day @ Esperance Primary School
Thursday 2 nd July 2026	60 th Anniversary Assembly 2pm
Friday 3 rd July 2026	Last Day of Term 2 - Reports go home

Breakfast Club
 NOW EVERY DAY
 From 8.10am
 in Room 19

Pancake Day!

Everyone is welcome!

SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE, HERE TO HELP!

Dental Health Services (OHS) offers free general dental care for kids at the School Dental Service (SOS). The offer is open to every student from the year they turn 5 until their 17th birthday and includes check-ups, fillings, x-rays and fissure sealants.

We can also help with any urgent dental problems, like sore teeth, lost fillings, or infections, even if you are currently not enrolled. Simply contact your nearest SOS Dental Therapy Centre for advice.

If you would like to enrol your kids, or if they have an urgent dental problem, you can find your nearest centre on our website: www.dental.wa.gov.au or scan the QR code

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!

Community News

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Boarding House Open Morning


Sunday 14 June

Places available for Years 7 in 2027 and 2028.



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SALMON GUMS PRIMARY SCHOOL

100th Anniversary Event

Come celebrate and share your memories of Salmon Gums Primary School.

Friday 26th June, 2026

Official ceremony begins at 1:00pm at Salmon Gums PS and concludes at 3:30pm. Afternoon tea will be available for a gold coin donation.

An event, hosted by our P&C will be held from 4:30pm at the Salmon Gums Community Centre. A casserole dinner will be provided, free of charge, and drinks will be available to purchase from the bar.

Please RSVP by Thursday 4th of June if you will be attending, by emailing - salmongums.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Updates and other information can be found on the Salmon Gums Primary School 100th Anniversary Facebook page.

Cnr Rogers & Mann Street, Salmon Gums, WA, 6445 (08) 9078 5500 www.salmongumsp.s.wa.edu.au

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Betty Donovan Centre
Tchan Street Nulsen Primary School Grounds

Thursday 4 June 2026
12:30 - 2:45pm
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For further information about course content please contact fish@onetree.org.au
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