

## Newsletter 3, Term 2 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020



Dear Parents and Guardians

### Dress Up Day

Our dress up day last Friday received considerable negative feedback. WA Day and National Reconciliation actually overlap in our state. The timing and naming of our activity caused considerable hurt and offence to members of the Aboriginal community, as the term "colonial" carries connotations of subjugation and oppression of the first inhabitants. I understand this and accept responsibility for not being more mindful in the planning of the event, and offer my sincere apology to anyone who was offended, particularly in our local Esperance community. I believe we can use this as a learning experience to reflect upon. I have already communicated with a number of parents and community members, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, who are keen to work towards developing stronger links with members of the community to promote Reconciliation and an understanding of Aboriginal culture and history, in our school and community. I can see there is a real desire to build further connections.

**Coronavirus Restrictions:** Stage 3 of the government's roadmap kick in next week. Whilst parents are allowed back on site, there are still restrictions about the number of people in mass gatherings limiting us to only 100 parents on site at a time, with social distancing rules still applying (2 square meters per person). As of Monday 8 June, only the parents of our students in Kindy and Pre-Primary (who must be dropped off and picked up by an adult each day) will be able to drop off and pick up at the classroom door. The school day for our K and PP students will now finish at 2.50pm. Parents of Year 1-6 students should continue to drop off and pick up at the gate. If you have a need to come onto the school grounds with your child, please contact the Front Office to arrange this. Some families have existing arrangements in place which will continue.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and understanding. We are really looking forward to the next stage where all parents are able to come onto our school site without any restrictions!

**Jump Rope for Heart:** In the last newsletter I mentioned that our school was running second in the national fund-raising table for this program, and urged us all to "beat the Vics" by taking top spot. Castletown Primary School is now top school! The following information from the Heart Foundation website outlines where these funds go.

*We have invested more than \$200 million over the past 50 years to support outstanding research into the cause, diagnosis, treatment and prevention of cardiovascular disease in the Australian community. Such major achievements include:*

- *The artificial pacemaker*
- *The introduction of intensive coronary care units in hospitals*
- *The development of imaging techniques*
- *Establishment of the emergency 000 phone number*
- *Establishment of Australia's first mobile intensive care ambulances*
- *Development of improved treatments for high blood pressure, heart failure, kidney damage and blood vessel disease.*

The best outcome however is the fitness and coordination that our students have developed.

**Buildings Update:** The work on our quadrangle area and verandas will soon be completed. The concrete floors are being covered and sealed this week, and this requires the classes to move out of their rooms for a few days. I must

commend our staff and students on their patience, understanding and cooperation as they have moved into alternative rooms very smoothly. I love this attitude!

**School Planning:** We now have the development of our school's Business Plan for 2020-22, and this year's focus areas, back on track. I have engaged a graphic designer, Jasmine Lewis, a past student of Castletown Primary School, to produce and publish our plan documents, and I look forward to being able to share these with you soon. There are some exciting initiatives which have either already commenced or are about to soon.



**Parking:** please take care when parking around the school. Recently a parent reversed into and damaged a resident's fence opposite the school. We want to maintain a good relationship with our neighbours.

#### **Our Magpie Leader**

Our school gardener, Bocka, has been at the school for quite some time. He has developed a unique relationship with a magpie which has resided in our school grounds for about ten years. Bocka has noticed that the magpie has become quite frail and weak due to age, so he has been caring for it in his store room. Bocka says that this male magpie is the leader of the Castletown flock, and has kept them all in line. He has handed over the responsibility to one of his sons. Our students are very familiar with this boss magpie flying and walking around the school.

Mr Baker  
Principal

## **Deputy's Desk - Student Services**

During today's assembly I got a little over-excited about the prospect of parents being able to come onto school grounds unrestricted, but at this stage it is only for Kindy and PP parents.

The good news is that I have been very impressed recently by the level of independence many of our students have developed with their morning routine when they arrive at school. Many of our teachers have commented to me about this positive side effect of the recent restrictions. Students have responsibly entered school, organised their materials and settled seamlessly into their morning routine. You can be very proud of their independence!

Mr McLaren  
Deputy Principal

## **Deputy's Desk - Curriculum**

This week, we had Mr Jakob Cameron join our team here at Castletown Primary School to give us some much appreciated ICT support. Mr Cameron will be working one day a week to help us keep all our devices working well and providing staff with technical support. Welcome to Castletown Mr Cameron.

Thank you to those who tuned into today's assembly. Whilst still not perfect, we are pleased that there was vision and sound this time! I hope to send out a link to today's assembly for any parents who are interested in viewing it and can send our Ipad videos of different sections of the assembly if requested. We are looking forward to when we can hold our assemblies like normal once again.

Mrs Fetherston  
Deputy Principal

## **Library News – Mrs Mather**

My return to Castletown Primary School three days a week as a Level 3 Teacher, has afforded me with one of the most rewarding and exciting roles in the school.

Currently I am teaching Literature to Year 4, 5 and 6 students where my mantra is “hooking children into books”. My focus is for students to enjoy a range of genres while being read to.

Through the readings, students are introduced to authors, illustrators and poets. Authors’ intent and figurative language are capitalised on throughout the readings.

Another role is teaching an Extension Reading class to Year 4, 5 and 6 students, three days a week. Eight students from each year level work in groups to unpack novels and understand the authors’ purpose and how the author engages an audience.

The Library is a hub in the school and is buzzing with students at recess and lunch time as they navigate the new-look Library, quietly reading for pleasure or playing board games, cards, chess and colouring in. It is a delight to have conversations with students about the books they have read or intending to read.

A student Book Club held weekly on Wednesday lunch times for year 4 – 6 students began on 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Students read a book of their choosing and then give a short synopsis of the book and a recommendation. It is interesting finding out what children are reading for enjoyment.

The students are lucky to have such an incredible Library resource and a safe place to ‘hang out’ and read. Mrs Sally Castledine has made it her mission to have a welcoming, warm Library for all students.

Once covid-19 is behind us, we look forward to parents coming into the Library and noting the positive changes.

Mrs Mather  
Library Specialist Teacher

## **Assembly 2, Term 2**

Today we held our second virtual assembly. The student councillors led the assembly with increasing confidence in their public speaking. We had a small group of Year 6 Choir students lead the singing of our National Anthem. Students received their certificates with a toe tap from the Deputies, who were well padded up, to protect them from the enthusiastic toe taps from the students.





## Merit Award Winners

Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners at our assembly.

Room	Year	Award Winners	
EC3	PP	Tyrael Kennedy	Evie Taylor
EC5	PP	Oliver Maley	Emersyn Unwin
EC6	PP	James Humphrys	Ella Chapman
Room 1	1/2	Layla Giorgiante	Kristian Wright
Room 2	1	Blake Hagley	Kateri Miller
Room 3	1	Eleanor Bourne	Emilyn Young
Room 4	2	Summer Lee Turner	Tarharley Walker
Room 5	2	Mali Isramongkonpan	Leah Robbins
Room 6	2/3	Kipp Pace	Ava Burnett
Room 7	3	Amelia Hooper	Gracie Lowdon
Room 8	3	Annalise Nichols	Harrison Arnold
Room 21	3	Isabella Major	Emma Bailey
Room 13	4	Noah Ryan	Lacey Zani
Room 14	4	Jace Young	Evah Robbins
Room 9	5	Arlie Cox	Ashlee Smith
Room 10	5	Shikira Munzer	Anaya Ramalepa
Room 11	6	Jorja Winfield	Charlie Tabinor
Room 12	6	Jordan Davies	Benjamin Balsdon



*Merit Award Winners are grinner!*

## Indonesian Award

Ibu Florisson awarded this assembly's becak award to Room 8 for their conversational skills in asking and answering questions.

### **PBiS Virtue Raffle Winners**

These students were our PBiS Virtue Raffle Winners – they were entered into the draw for achieving 12 or more PBiS reward points in the last 3 weeks (since our last assembly)

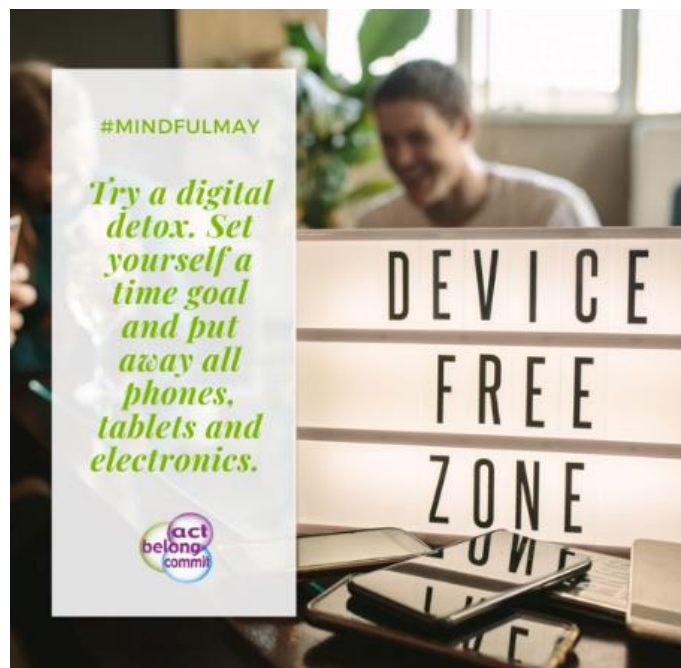
Samuel Sullivan (Yr2)	Olive Shillington (Yr3)	Spencer Bower (Yr2)	Nicola Linden (Yr2)
Jayde Browning (Yr3)	Cooper McMullen (Yr4)	Gracie Lowdon (Yr3)	Ruby Child (Yr3)
Sefton Peaker (Yr4)	Demi Hunter (Yr6)		

### **RIBIT Readers**

Congratulations to the following student who have read for 100 nights.

Year/Room	Student
Yr 1 RM 2	Polly Gilchrist
Yr2/3 RM 6	Sadie Witt, Spencer Bower, Mikaylah Stephen
Yr 3 RM 21	Danielle Knox
Yr 4 RM 13	Remy Schmidt
Yr 4 RM 14	Alyssia Bain
Yr 5 RM 9	Alice Navarre, Isabelle Crawley, Scarlett Hawke
Yr 5 RM 10	James Butcher, Ryan Gilmore, Eli Rickerby

### **A message from the Health and Wellbeing Team**



### **Lost Property**



Our lost property box was over flowing once again! School councillors have sorted through the box and returned named items to students. We are left with lots of unnamed jumpers & jackets (hanging on the rack). Jackets & jumpers from students who have left the school have been folded and put on the table. As you can see we also have several drink bottles and some bike helmets to be claimed. Parents and Caregivers please come and check them out next week.

## **P&C News**

### **Scholastic book club - only 3 days left to order book club**



Book Club orders from Issue 4 are due on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June.  
On-line orders only please using [scholastic.com.au/LOOP](https://www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP) .  
Thanks to those that have placed orders already.  
All going well, the books should arrive before the end of term.

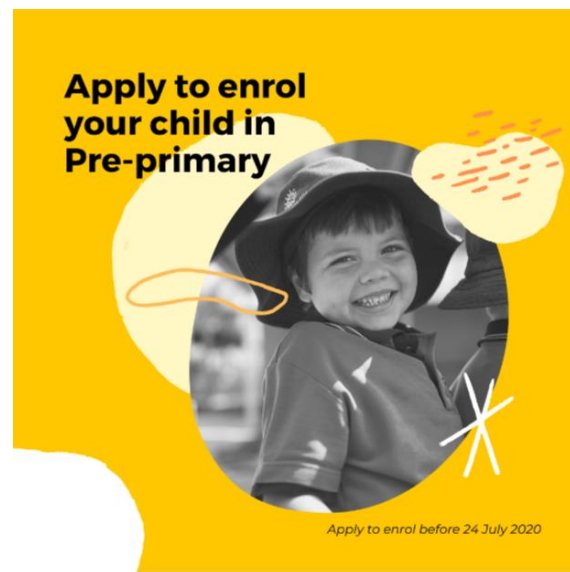
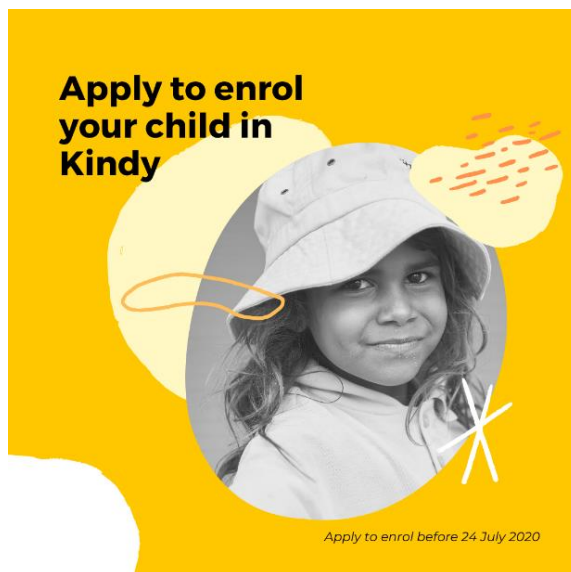
Any queries please contact Book Club Organiser Katie Witt 0439 989 921.

### **P&C Meeting**

Our next P&C Meeting is this Monday from 1.30 pm in the Staff Room. Parents are welcome to attend.

## **Now is the time to enrol for 2021**

Going to school every day gives your child the best opportunities in life. Whether your child is starting Kindergarten, Pre-Primary, or changing schools, every day in a child's education matters! Apply to enrol your child by Friday 24 July 2020.



### **Dates to Remember**

Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	P & C Meeting at 1.30pm in the Staff Room
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	Earbus Visit
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Jump Rope for Heart – Jump Off Day
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> June	ESHS Year 6 Visit

**Community News** - [Click here](#) to view more community news on our website.

Registrations are now open for the 2020 soccer season. Registration links & information is on the Esperance Soccer Association Facebook page. For registration go straight to [registration.playfootball.com.au](https://www.registration.playfootball.com.au)

This Sunday June the 7th and 14th will be scratch matches and hopefully on the 21st competition will begin.

