



## Newsletter 4, Term 2 19<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

The weeks are speeding by! This weekend sees the shortest day of the year, and longest night, and from there on the days actually get longer – although the weather will probably get more wintery! I have learnt that these beautiful sunny days we have seen recently are not popular with most people here however, as the rain is needed.

Around the school, things are getting much brighter. The building works around the main quad and Rooms 1 to 8 have now been completed, and this area looks fantastic. Well done to Drake-Brockman Building. I must also acknowledge the patience and flexibility of our staff and students, who have had to move out of their classrooms for about a week. I have not heard one complaint from anyone. The results have certainly been worth the wait.

We continue to creep back toward full “normality” in our school operations. Social distancing is still required under government guidelines, and we can only hold indoor gatherings of 100 people maximum, meaning we can’t yet hold discos and assemblies. Parents are still following the roster for coming into the school for pick-up and drop-off, unless you have an urgent need to come into the school for some reason – if so, please come via the office.

**Holiday Requests:** Now that the intra-state borders are open, many families will be keen to hit the road and get away. In some cases, due to work-related reasons, the holiday may need to be taken in school time. I hope all parents will consider the effect of children missing time at school on their learning, as they are sure to miss out on some skills and content being covered, and absences should only be taken where absolutely necessary.

Under the School Education Act, if a holiday involves an absence of more than two days in school time, a request for permission must be made to the school’s principal. We have a form for these requests, and it is attached for those who require it. This can be completed, scanned and emailed back to the school at [Castletown.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Castletown.ps@education.wa.edu.au).



**Lego Donations:** We are keen to have a collection of Lego at the school. Many of our students need activities to occupy their hands and stimulate their creativity, and Lego is a great way to do so. If anyone has some pre-loved Lego at home which is gathering dust, we would love to receive it.

**Contacts:** Please note that only those family members and people who are listed as contacts in our student record system can pick up children from school, unless the parent or carer has provided us with notice in advance, preferably in writing or email. We want to ensure that our kids are safe, and don’t leave the school with someone who is not approved or authorised, or without the knowledge of their parent/carers.

This includes people visiting the school, although the school should not be used as a meeting place.

**School Development Days in Term 3:** Our school will be holding a School Development Day on:

- Monday July 20 (first day of term 3)
- Friday August 21<sup>st</sup> (middle of term 3, in conjunction with Esperance SHS’s Boarders’ Day.)

**Jump Rope For Heart:** Our school has received accolades from all over the place for its amazing contribution to this event, which raises funds for the National Heart Foundation Research. We raised over \$16,00 to top the nation! We have been featured on GWN7 News, ABC Radio, and other media outlets, and the instigator Mr Pansini has become a bit of a media sensation! The main reason for taking on this activity was to provide our kids with a means of

maintaining fitness during the Covid-19 isolation, whilst retaining social distancing (obviously you can't get too close to others when skipping!). We also thank our parents and families for encouraging your children to participate, and of course supporting the fund-raising aspect.



### **Beanies for Brain Cancer – Thursday June 25<sup>th</sup>**

Our Year 6 student councillors have recently discussed brain cancer, as there have been recent cases in our community. They would like the school to participate in a “Beanies for Brain Cancer” day to highlight this issue, raise a little money in doing so, and have some fun while keeping our heads warm as winter encroaches. We invite students, staff and our school community to wear their brightest coloured or favourite beanie on that day, and if possible donate a gold coin. Any funds raised will be donated to the Mark Hughes Foundation’s Beanie Fund-raising. This is optional of course.

**Staffing News:** You will be aware that our Specialist Music Teacher, Mr Tim Holland, is leaving us at the end of this term, to move to Perth. We will miss Mr Tim, with his lively personality, wonderful positive way with our kids, and of course his musical talents. We will ensure he has a most enjoyable fortnight at Castletown Primary before he leaves.

In other news just to hand, Mrs Sandra Callow will be leaving us at the end this term also. This is due to her husband taking up a position in Kalgoorlie. Sandra will be missed not only as a classroom teacher in Year 3 Room 8, but also as our Mathematics team leader.

Replacements for these positions will be announced soon.

Tim Baker  
Principal

## **Deputy’s Desk - Curriculum**

### **Semester 1 Reports**

Our Semester 1 reports will be sent home via email on the last day of term – **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**. Please ensure we have your current email address. It is recommended that parents add **@education.wa.edu.au** to their safe senders list, otherwise the report may go to your junk file. The link in the email remains active only for 4 weeks so parents are encouraged to download a copy of the report to their device. Parents who do not have an email address will be provided with a paper copy.

Please note, due to COVID-19, these reports will look different from previous reports. There will be no ticks in the boxes and there will be no achievement grade. Teachers in PP- Year 6 will provide individual English, Maths and General comments. Kindergarten teachers will provide an individual General Comment plus some strategies for encouraging literacy and numeracy skills. Specialist teachers will provide a general outline of their program for Semester 1. Students in PP-Year 6 will be assigned a Learning Area effort for all Learning Areas (except for some Specialist classes where they may have had limited lessons with the Specialist teacher). Parents are encouraged to make an appointment with their class teacher early in Term 3 if they wish to discuss their child’s report.

Julie Fetherston  
Deputy Principal

## **Specialist News - Art**

Early last term students from throughout the school completed their crayon “Rebecca Cool” inspired self-portraits.

The junior and middle school students’ classes have produced warm coloured silhouette pictures using strips of coloured card and paper.



Pre-coronavirus the students began their clay projects. While the Years 4, 5, and 6s were working on their owls the Years 1, 2, and 3s were developing their clay work skills decorating fish. Many of these pieces have now been glazed and are in the kiln for the final firing.

To help brighten up the school colourful sunflower pictures in various forms are now appearing in the classrooms.

Most of the classes are currently working on developing their print making skills

Steve Barter  
Art Specialist

## **RIBIT Readers**

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

Year/Room	Student
Yr 3/ Rm 6	Coby Guest
Yr 6/ Rm 11	Kupa Henning

Reading allows us to be transported from our own world to another. Between the pages of a book, we can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters and learn about a culture entirely different from our own. We can also learn new words and phrases, experience a range of emotions, and acquire skills and knowledge.



## The 10 Benefits of Reading

- Mental Stimulation
- Stress Reduction
- Knowledge
- Vocabulary Expansion
- Memory Improvement
- Stronger Analytical Thinking Skills
- Improved Focus and Concentration
- Better Writing Skills.
- Tranquillity
- Free Entertainment



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### A message from the Health and Wellbeing Team



## Dates to Remember

Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Term 2 Final Assembly at 9am Semester 1 Reports issued Last Day of Term 2
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	School Development Day – <b>students do not attend on this day</b>
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	First Day of Term 3 <b>for students</b>

## Community News



The Esperance Junior Netball committee is reopening registrations for our Junior 4 (born 2010/2011) competition.

Due to current Covid-19 restrictions the game day will be held on Mondays at the outdoor netball courts between 3:30 and 4:30. The season will start on the 20th July and run for eight weeks, ending on the 7th September. Fees for shortened season total \$80.

All enquiries and registrations to: Corinne Waight: 0439 715 962

### HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR AUSKICK THIS YEAR?



**Esperance Auskick kicks off on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July  
9:00am at Little Lords Oval**

Ages - Pre-Primary to Year 2

Registration Fee: \$85

**Register online at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au)**

If you have any problems with registration please contact the EDFA office at [edfa@bigpond.net.au](mailto:edfa@bigpond.net.au)

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### EDFA YR3/4 COMPETITION



**Esperance Junior Football Yr3/4  
competition kicks off on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>  
July, 9:00am at Newtown Oval.**

The Year 3/4 group participate in a transition year between Auskick and the EDFA U12's (YR5 and 6).

The focus is having fun, skill and game development. Tackling (wrap tackle) is introduced during the season.

This season training and games will be held on Saturdays rotating between ovals.

FEES: \$85 and registration is via the Esperance District Football Association's website.

**Register online at <http://websites.sportstg.com/>**

Then under the Registrations and Clearances tab, select Junior Registration. If you have any problems with registration please contact the EDFA office at [edfa@bigpond.net.au](mailto:edfa@bigpond.net.au)