



CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

At Castletown Primary School, we inspire and educate all students to succeed in becoming productive and valued citizens.

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Dear Parents and Carers

This is our first full newsletter for 2022, since we changed our communication processes late last year. These newsletters will be produced twice a term. We now send information out to our school community via a range of platforms, including Newsflashes via email when required (that day, rather than waiting for the next newsletter), and posts on the school's Facebook page which are more for general interest. Classroom news is sent to parents via Seesaw or email.

Students: our enrolments have settled on 546 in total. This is a slight increase on what was expected from last year due to some new families joining us this term. We have narrowly avoided the need to restructure our classes and have accommodated all students into the planned classes, although some of them are either at, or close to, the recommended size.

School Captains: I am pleased to advise that our new School Captains for 2022 are Kady Creedon and Noah Ryan. We have been most impressed with all of our Year 6 student leaders this year, including student councillors, faction captains and other roles.



Staff: We have been joined by 8 new teachers this year, including acting Deputy Principal Angela Jeitz, and seven classroom teachers. Our team of Education Assistants has also expanded with nine new EAs commencing at Castletown PS. This is mainly due to a number of students being added to the Individual Disability Allocation list for which we receive additional funding.

We have two new school officers, Nareena Rickerby and Abbey Berryman, and Janine Doney has taken over the MCS role full-time.

Even our cleaning team has changed – our new Cleaner in Charge is Louise Hulm, with Gabby Brunetti and Colin Rodgers commencing this year. We are still looking for long-term cleaning staff and the school crossing attendant position is also vacant. Information about either can be obtained from our office.

School Board Representative: Being on the School Board is a great way to connect to your child's school, and contribute to its effective operation and decision-making. The board meets twice a term, currently on a Wednesday from 3.30 to 5.00pm. Two positions have become vacant on the School Board, and nominations are being called for now. If you are interested and would like more information, please email the school at Castletown.ps@education.wa.edu.au. We will email you an overview of the board's role and a nomination form.

Nominations are due by the close of business on **Friday March 11th**.

Covid Preparations: Like all WA public schools, we have received excellent information and support from the Dept of Education to enable our school to be very well prepared for when Covid begins to affect our school. The restrictions we have in place are designed to minimise the number of people, adults and children, who will be identified as "Close Contacts" and directed to self-isolate for a week. This should result in individual classes only needing to go into isolation, and not the whole school or larger sections. We also have a response team led by Lesley Mather which has been working to develop contingencies to support students and their families at home with remote learning packs and programs.

We all need to take these precautions seriously, and I appreciate the way our parents and school community has done so. There are still some small groups of parents congregating in the school grounds without masks, and closer than the

allowed 1.5m distance, which might result in them being deemed close contacts – or worse, catching Covid from someone who doesn't know they have it.

Our staff have been taking the matter seriously and observing precautionary practices, such as only meeting in small groups when essential, and using digital methods such as Webex for meetings even within the school. For example, this Friday we have a school development day, and we will have our staff in a number of small groups around the school. We even cancelled a staff dinner on Saturday night due to concerns about the number of people in one place at the same time.

Face Masks now need to be worn by Year 3 to 6 students when indoors. A comprehensive email was sent on Tuesday to all parents with information about this. We ask parents to provide your child with a mask. We have spares if needed.

I have received a few inquiries about children learning at home in the coming weeks due to concerns about mask requirements. I must state that the school is not required to provide work packages and programs for students at home, unless they are identified as a Covid positive case or a close contact, therefore required to isolate at home.

We are taking many precautions in our school to ensure a high standard of cleaning and hygiene. Children will be safe at school, wearing masks – this is simply another precautionary measure. Students in Years 7 to 12 have been wearing masks for weeks in our high schools, and became accustomed to this very quickly – primary school students will too.

The best place for children's learning is at school, where they have trained teachers as well as specialist teacher programs. They also have classmates and friends who help with their learning.

Parents have the option to apply to home-school their children. However, this is intended for long-term periods and must be supported with a valid reason. Parents are responsible for providing all programs, resources and materials for their children's home-schooling.

Our school has developed some great protocols and ideas for the safe wearing and management of face masks. We will share these with parents as soon as it is finalised.

Internet Upgrade: Last week we were advised by the Dept of Education that our school was to receive a huge boost in our internet bandwidth. This is no doubt due to the persistence of our Deputy Principal David McLaren who has been campaigning for this for two years. On Friday afternoon, he had the honour of installing the new router, and powering it on, which was soon followed by a sudden increase in our internet speed. This will make life much easier for us all – it will save time, and enable us to run many more connections at the same time without dropping out.

Athletics Carnival Postponement: Following feedback from some parents, we have decided it is best to postpone the athletics carnival to later in the year. Our plan was to hold the carnival in week 6 or 7 this term, without parents, and "televising" the event so parents and family members could watch it from home. However, some parents have expressed disappointment at this, and asked if it can be postponed to later in the year when visitors will be allowed to attend.

The carnival is our biggest event in terms of school community turnout, so it makes sense to hold it off to a time when we hope we can have everyone here on site. This will be a much better atmosphere for our students too. There were a few other factors considered, such as the chance that one or more classes could be isolating at home in that week; and there is never any guarantee our internet and technical services will work currently. My only hesitation was the immense amount of effort that our Phys Ed specialist teacher, Mr Pansini, has put into the organisation of the carnival over recent weeks, but he too can see the need for the change.

Year 6 Camp Postponement: Parents have already been advised that the Year 6 camp has been moved back to term 3. Camps are currently banned by the Dep of Education and may not have resumed by May.

New Principal Selection: As I will be finishing at Castletown Primary School at the end of this term (long service leave in term 2, and retirement in July), a process is under way to select the school's next principal. This will be an exciting opportunity for the incoming principal as our school is well positioned to move forward with a clear direction and strategic plan for 2022, and the shaping of the next business plan for 2023-25. It is also exciting for the school, as the next principal will undoubtedly bring new ideas to enhance the school's leadership and management.

Our new principal will be selected through a brand new process being developed by the Dept of Education, which is more thorough and comprehensive than the previous one. It includes a strong focus on the candidate's personal attributes, in

addition to knowledge of schools' operations. A representative from our School Board, and possibly a community representative, will be on the panel which will be chaired by our Regional Director of Education, Mr Saeed Amin. The successful candidate will be announced late this term, and I look forward to welcoming him/her to our great school.

Nature Playground: After two years and a number of delays, our new nature playground is getting close to being completed. Our builder, Paul Pratt (pictured), expects to be finished by the end of next week.



This will be very exciting for our students, as well as the many parents who have assisted with the project, especially our P&C President Fiona Ryan who has spent many hours planning and negotiating the design. We will organise for classes to have a special play on the new construction as soon as practical.

Breakfast Club: Due to Covid precautions and the need to avoid children mixing across year levels, we need to stop our breakfast club program for now. Our volunteers will continue to provide food items to children who need it.

Esperance Agricultural Show and School Development Day: Our school development day in term 4 will now be held on Friday October 14th, not the 21st as earlier advised, due to the Agricultural Society changing the Show to October 14 & 15.

Best wishes

Tim Baker
Principal

Deputy's Desk - Student Services

Hello Castletown Community

It's been quite the lively start to the year and there's lots of new things happening at our school.

I'd like to introduce our new school psychologist, Joseph Truncali, who joined the CPS team this year. Joseph has quite the collection of life experiences including being a Primary School teacher in WA, a pearl diver in Broome, and he was contracted to the Australian Navy. He's hit the ground running and is settling into the school well. His family are loving the Esperance lifestyle too!



What Does a School Psychologist Do?

The primary role of the School Psychologist is to assist the school to enhance the learning outcomes and personal wellbeing of the students.

A School Psychologist may become involved when students experience *normal childhood and adolescent problems* that interfere with their own learning or the learning of others. These problems may be related to academic achievement, peer relations, behaviour difficulties or personal adjustment.

School Psychologists may work directly with students, or through the teacher or parents. They can work with individual students, small groups or whole classes.

Accessing Your School Psychologist

The first point of contact for any parents who have concerns about their child should be their child's class teacher. Then, in consultation with the school's administrative staff, a request for the involvement of the School Psychologist may be made. At this point, a meeting will usually be called for all parties involved to discuss their concerns and to come to an agreement about the course of action to be taken.

David McLaren
Deputy Principal

Deputy's Desk - Curriculum

I am thoroughly enjoying the privilege of working with the Castletown PS community this year, and thank staff, students and families for the warm welcome I have received.

In the past I have worked at Munglinup, Cascade, Leinster and Esperance Primary Schools, but the majority of my career has been spent at Nulsen Primary, where I developed a passion for middle primary and Aboriginal Education.

I look forward to meeting many more families (once this COVID wave has passed) and building positive relationships with students and families alike. The CastleTEAM environment is a great place to be!

Angela Jeitz

Deputy Principal (Acting)

Virtual Assembly – Friday 19th February 2022

Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners at our assembly.

Room	Year	Award Winners	
1	1	Avah Parry	Lincoln Watt
2	1	Grace Poisat	Bently Andersen
3	1 / 2	Axton Krul	Marlee-Mae Farnham Offer
4	2	Oriana Wegmann	Rogan Hurrell
5	2	Ella Chapman	Chance Burton
6	2	Rosalina Woosnam	Joseph Truncali
7	3	Kateri Miller	Lacey Browning
8	3	Adelayde Humphrys	Zavier Oliver
22	3	Asha Vermey	Kayla Mackenzie
13	4	Stephanie Bennier	Ricky Wegmann
14	4	Ayva Harris	Peyton Humble
21	5	Blake Holding	Isabella Major
9	5 / 6	Rylee Mumford	Junior Maraltadj
10	5 / 6	Chelsie Harvey	Sophie Goodwin
11	5 / 6	Elizabeth Hirt	Harmony Black
12	5 / 6	Shari Rose	Coby Guest



EC2

Friday 25th February was International Cochlear Implant Day. EC2 celebrated this day by reading 'Our Little Sister Lotte and Her Special Ears', written by our very own Castletown Primary School parent, Kelsey Browning.

Our EC2 student, Georgia Gordon, was happy to show the class her Cochlear Implants, with the help of her parents. We all enjoyed a celebration icy pole after.

Mrs Amanda Pratt
EC2 Kindergarten Teacher.



Room 6



The Children in our class have been playing a Maths Place Value game. Some in tens groups, others in the hundreds groups.



Mrs Castledine is reading the book, Elena's Shells by Rose Robbins.



Breakfast Club

At the start of the term, when we were still able to run our breakfast club in a modified way to keep it in line with Covid guidelines, we had our lovely volunteers using the window to serve toast and standing outside with the table for cereal, fruit etc. The children thought it was fun and it was lovely to be out in the fresh air.



Can YOU make our school sparkle?

The position of cleaner has now been advertised.

Please apply online: [Cleaner \(jobs.wa.gov.au\)](https://www.jobs.wa.gov.au)

Enquiries to Janine Doney 9076 2800



Snippets from the Library

Each classroom is having special time in the library at lunch. It was Room 5's turn on this day and their artistic talent was certainly on show!

Our first display for the year is ocean and shells. A huge thank you to the Shire of Esperance for allowing us to use their magnificent Twilight Beach banner as a back drop.

The display is perfect to showcase some of our informative non-fiction shell and ocean books as well as some great beach stories.

Sally Castledine

P & C

Our Uniform Shop is now fully stocked. We have our Red Polos back in stock from size 2-16, S, M and L. Our winter range has arrived with our Zip Front Jumpers, Lined and Non Lined Sports Jackets. We are open every Wednesday morning from 8.15am to 9am or you can make an appointment.

We have reduced our Old Style Faction shirts to \$2! These can be worn until the end of 2022. We have limited sizes and colours, have a look on Quickcliq and see if your child's size is available. Faction shirts can be worn every Friday.

Get in quick!



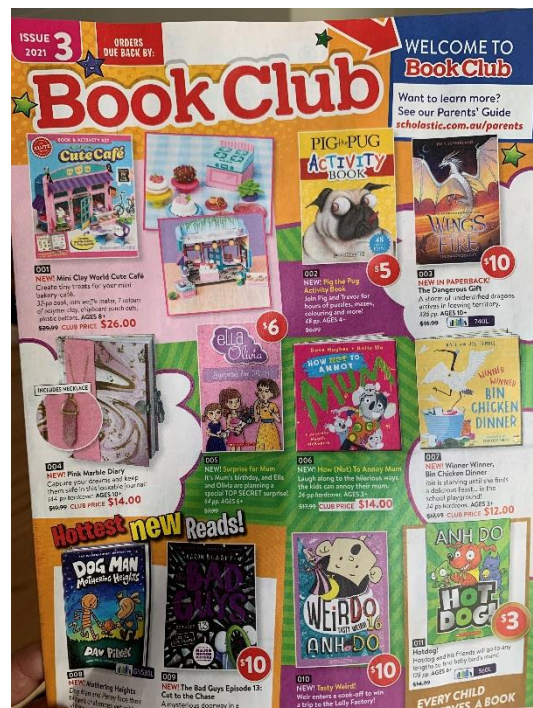
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BOOK CLUB AND BOOK FAIR 2022

P&C coordinates both Scholastic Book Club and Book Fair which provide a fun and convenient way for families to access the best in Australian and international children's literature. Both benefit our school through reward systems. Last year sales earned us \$3407 in rewards which Mrs Castledine used to purchase books for the Library. This year there will be two issues of Book Club handed out with free delivery through the online LOOP system - one in Term 2 and one in Term 3. Parents may have been receiving emails from Scholastic about Book Club Issue 1 being open. If you order from these issues you will be charged a delivery fee and it will be delivered to your home address whereas the issues handed out through the school will be delivered to the school for free and the P&C distribute to the child into the classroom or if gift is selected the parent will be contacted to collect. More information about how to order Book Club will be distributed with the catalogues when they are handed out. Thank you and we look forward to another great year of sharing the love of reading with our school community.



The P&C is a volunteer-run organisation focussed on building community around the school, improving the place for our kids and providing services for families.

All school parents and carers are welcome, and we would love to hear your ideas for improving the school community.

OUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOUR HELP!!!

Castletown P&C is currently at risk of not being able to continue due to lack of members. Currently only 3% of CPS families attend P&C meetings.

Without the P&C the canteen and uniform shop would need to close and events such as book club and the colour fun run would not occur. We would hate to see this happen!!

JOIN IN!!!

We rely on many hands to do what we do. All offers of help make a difference, and we welcome new faces!!

Some ways to help include:

- Come to P&C meetings or join a more informal sub-committee.
- Help with a fundraising event.
- Volunteer in the canteen.
- Serve at the uniform shop for an hour a week.
- Assist at a school sporting event.
- Donate funds, time or product for the nature playground.

To find a job that suits you, come to our next meeting or join our email distribution list. It only costs \$1 to become a member and get voting rights so your voice can be heard.

Next Meeting: Online Zoom AGM Monday 28th March 2022. 1:30pm

WHY JOIN??

P&C volunteers tell us they:

- Meet others in the community and make friends.
- Feel satisfied helping the school and making it better for the kids.
- Understand more about what happens at school.
- Love seeing the kids' happy faces.
- Get to know the teachers and admin better.
- Learn new skills and share my own.
- Set a good example for their kids.

YOUR CHILDREN BENEFIT TOO:

Research shows that when parents are involved, students get better grades, have a better attitude to school and improved behaviour!!

CONTACT US!!

Link up with us at fb.me/CastletownPC

Or never miss a thing by joining our email distribution list by emailing us at castletownpandc@gmail.com

Dates to remember

Friday 4 th March 2022	Staff Development Day – Students do not attend today
Monday 7 th March 2022	Labour Day Public Holiday – Students do not attend today
Monday 21 st March 2022	Harmony Day
Friday 25 th March 2022	National Ride to School Day
Wednesday 30 th March 2022	SciTech Incursion
Friday 8 th April 2022	Last Day of Term 1

Community News

Please [click](#) here to view our community events page on our website.

Tickets \$14-18 | Shire Admin | Esperance Library | Visitor Centre | esperance.wa.gov.au/civic-centre

ESPERANCE CIVIC CENTRE PRESENTS

Catch!

PERFORMANCES

WORKSHOPS

AGES 3-8

AM & PM
29 & 30 MARCH

ART LAB

Creative workshops for curious minds

A SKETCHY DATE WITH SANSBY
14 Feb 7-9pm
Adults

LEAF MOBILE
15 Feb 3.30-5pm
5-10yrs

POTTERY WHEEL
23 Feb-30 Mar 6-8pm
Adults

SUNDAY POTTERY
27 Feb - 3 Apr 1-3pm
Adults

WIND SPINNERS
1 Mar 3.30-5pm
5-10yrs

DRYPOT ETCHING & PRINTING
11 & 18 Mar 6-8pm
Adults

INTERMEDIATE MACRAME POT HANGER
13 Mar 9am-1pm
18yrs+

ROCK'N'CRAFT WOOD SIGN
15 Mar 3.30-5pm
5-10yrs

MESSY MINNOWS
18 Mar 10-11am
1-4yrs

ACRYLIC PAINTING WITH JUDY
25 Mar 6.30-9pm
Adults

ACRYLIC PAINTING WITH JUDY
26 Mar 9am-12noon
7-17yrs

EASTER CARDS
29 Mar 3.30-5pm
5-10yrs

CRYSTAL RAINBOW
1 Apr 6.30pm-8.30pm
Adults

MESSY MINNOWS
6 Apr 10-11am
1-4yrs

Bookings essential

CANNERYARTSCENTRE.COM.AU
*Non-member ticket price includes membership to the Cannery Arts Centre for 12 months

Department of Local Government, Sport and Cultural Industries
Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development

REGIONAL ARTS WA

OCEAN HEROES IS COMING TO ESPERANCE!

'Ocean Heroes aims to improve the wellbeing of those on the autism spectrum and their families through surfing'. We're coming back to Esperance and can't wait to share the stoke with the local autism community!

- WHEN: 26TH & 27TH MARCH 2022 9AM-1:30PM
- WHERE: TWILIGHT BEACH, ESPERANCE
- WHO: THE AUTISM COMMUNITY
- HOW MUCH: FREE!

For more details contact: Sam
sam@oceanheroes.com.au
0431 930 284

Registrations via EventBrite | www.oceanheroes.com.au

Ocean Heroes

SOUTHERN PORTS
LOCAL BUSINESS COOPERATIVE

WELCOME TO THE 2022 JUNIOR NETBALL SEASON

Due to some teething issues with the new Netball Australia management system we are trying a different way to register for Junior Netball.

Please follow this link to register each child.
<https://www.cognitoforms.com/CorinneWaight1/2022JuniorNetballRegosAllAgeGroupsBorn2005To2017>

Once teams are finalised you will receive an email to register using PlayHQ.
Everyone will need to be registered on PlayHQ before they take the court for the first game.

Other Information

Junior 1-4
Season Start Date: 30th April
End date depends on number of teams in each division and will be confirmed prior to the start of the season.

Junior 5 & NetSetGo – 10 weeks
Season Dates: 29th April – 1st July

Court Hire for training will be invoiced to teams in week 1.

*Included a 2.03% administration fee for Play HQ
#As part of ENA's Development Plan we are looking to assist more at grass roots level. Therefore we would like all Junior 4 teams to train at the same time. This will allow the Association Development Officer to attend and assist all Junior 4 coaches with delivering the "GO" portion of the NetSetGo program.
^ This fee includes the NetSetGo pack.

Division	Ages	Year Born	Game Times Saturdays	Training Day	ENA Running Cost Fee	ENA Game Day Court Hire Fee	Netball WA Fee	Total*
Junior 1	15-17	2005 - 2007	9am	NOT Wed (3.30 - 5.30)	\$23.83	\$47.00	\$94.17	\$165.00
Junior 2	13 & 14	2008 & 2009	10:30am	NOT Wed (3.30 - 5.30)	\$23.83	\$47.00	\$94.17	\$165.00
Junior 3	11 & 12	2010 & 2011	9am	NOT Wed (3.30 - 5.30)	\$23.83	\$47.00	\$94.17	\$165.00
Junior 4	9 & 10	2012 & 2013	10:30am	Wednesdays 3.45 - 4.45	\$23.83	\$47.00	\$74.17*	\$145.00
Junior 5	7 & 8	2014 & 2015	Fridays 3.30	n/a	\$15.95	\$30	\$59.09*	\$105.00
NetSetGo	5 & 6	2016 & 2017	Fridays 3.30	n/a	\$15.95	\$20	\$59.09*	\$105.00

JOIN US FOR THE 25TH MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC ON SUNDAY 8TH MAY

REGISTER NOW AT mothersdayclassic.com.au

GET ACTIVE FOR BREAST CANCER RESEARCH

MOTHER'S DAY CLASSIC ESPERANCE
The Esplanade - Run 8km 7:30am, Walk 4km 8:00am

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NATIONAL MEDIA PARTNER: 9NEWS
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