



# CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

**Inspire - Educate - Succeed**

## **Newsletter 1, Term 2 Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022**



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

The first five weeks of term have rushed by. I have really enjoyed meeting many members of the Castletown school community. There is such a passion to create opportunities for families and students and I look forward to building upon those partnerships that exist and also developing new ones.

We have certainly been impacted by COVID with almost 80 students returning positive tests. The next few weeks will continue to be a challenge for all schools both in terms of teaching and learning and also logistically. As a school, we really appreciate the common sense approach that parents have taken ensuring that students stay at home when ill. We do request that, if your child is positive, can you please notify the front office.

A huge thank you to the P&C for taking the lead in handing out the 11,000 RATS to parents; they have provided time both before and after school for parent collection. Please contact us if you have not been able to collect your child's tests.

It was P&C Day last Friday and I know that on behalf of the staff, students and community, everyone is really grateful for the support that the P&C gives to the school.

It has been good to return to some normality as a school. Parents being able to be on site, assemblies taking place and the opportunity for students to go on excursions make a big difference to the general running of the school.

Our Year 3 and 5 students have been completing NAPLAN Online. Both at school and state wide, it appears that NAPLAN has run fairly smoothly.

This week our Year 5/6 students had the opportunity to learn more about the Esperance region through visits to the museum, shire offices, library and foreshore. Also, a student leader's morning was hosted by the Mallee Schools at the Basketball Stadium. Thank you to the Mallee for organising.

Today, Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, a recognition of Sorry Day took place at 2.10pm as our students walked around the oval to commemorate the 'Walk for Reconciliation' that took place on the 28<sup>th</sup> May, 2000 across Sydney Harbour Bridge.



ESHS staff will be visiting our Year 6 students on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> of June to discuss transition and the breadth of opportunity that the High School can offer.

Year 4 – 6 swimming lessons will be taking place during the last two weeks of Term 2. The swimming carnival will be held on the last day of term.

A reminder that the Premier's Reading Challenge is taking place from May to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2022. It is a great opportunity to encourage reading throughout the school and at home with some great incentives for our students.

I hope you enjoy reading the first newsletter of Term 2.

David Vooght-Simpson  
Principal

## Deputy's Desk - Student Services

This year we have commenced the journey to become an official PBS school (Positive Behaviour School). At the core of PBS philosophy is a focus on defining and teaching the expected behaviour of students. Providing feedback to students through reinforcement and acknowledgment of positive behaviour is another important and powerful component of the program.

Our 5 key behaviour expectations are to be-

- A learner
- Respectful
- Responsible
- Resilient
- Friendly

We are very lucky at CPS to have such a keen and enthusiastic staff which led to a large number of volunteers to join our PBS committee. We have representatives from across the year levels, specialist areas and support staff roles.

Here's a list of our PBS Crew -

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| • Damien Pansini (Leader)          | • Susie Watt (Specialist) | • Robyn Popham (ECE)      |
| • Sally Castledine (Front Office)  | • Kim Kidd (Senior)       | • Jake Meadley (Chaplain) |
| • David Vooght-Simpson (Principal) | • Vanna Dellaca (Middle)  | • Ainsley Cummins (EA)    |
| • David McLaren (Admin)            | • Eliza Paterson (Junior) |                           |

One of our key focuses for this year is to embed an organised and routine schedule of reward days across the year. In Week 5 of every term we plan to run a simple reward option for all students who have consistently demonstrated our behaviour expectations. The Free Dress Day on Friday this week is an example of this.

In Week 10 of every term we plan to run a higher level reward session to celebrate the positive behaviour of our students. Our Scoot Skate and Ride Day at the end of last term was a fantastic success and a great example of a fun and engaging end of term reward session.

David McLaren  
Deputy Principal

## Deputy's Desk - Curriculum

### Homework Policy

Attached to today's newsletter is our updated Homework Policy. This has been developed with the School Board.

Last year a survey was sent to parents and teachers to seek information about views on homework and the results of these surveys, plus practices at other schools were used to shape our Homework Policy. The policy can be found on our website here: [homework\\_policy\\_2022.pdf \(castletownprimaryschool.wa.edu.au\)](#). Homework at Castletown Primary School is not compulsory but will be offered to all students to reinforce basic skills and classroom work. Reading every day is strongly encouraged and can be recorded in the student's RIBIT log, working towards the 100 nights' book prize.

### E-safe Kids Workshops

On the 17<sup>th</sup> June, our Year 4-6 students will be involved in an E-Safe Kids Workshop. The students will be taking part in a Cyber Safety and Digital Wellness Student Workshop.

We will also be holding a parent session on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June – time to be confirmed. This will also be a Cyber Safety and Digital Wellness Workshop. More information about this workshop will be sent out in due time. Our P&C has kindly offered to pay for the workshops allowing parents and students to attend for free. We thank them for their generous support.

More information about eSafeKids can be found at the following link [About | eSafeKids | Kayelene Kerr](#)

Julie Fetherston  
Deputy Principal

### Cyber Safety & Digital Wellness Student Workshop

The internet has transformed the way we learn, create, connect and are entertained. Living and learning in the digital age can be complex and challenging. Whilst there are many benefits for our children and young people being online, there are also risks. Our comprehensive **student workshops** are filled with real world examples to educate, equip, empower and support children and young people to have safe and positive online experiences.

#### Primary Students Year 1 – Year 6

- Digital Wellness - Protecting developing bodies, brains and behaviour
- Online grooming and catphishing
- Digital footprint and online reputation
- Protecting privacy and personal information
- Safe and respectful online behaviours
- Private photos and private videos (pornography)
- Unsafe people/words/behaviours/situations
- Help seeking
- Support services for children

## Kindy Enrolments

Kindy Enrolments for 2023 are open and will close 22 July 2022. Pop into our school office to collect enrolment forms.

2023 Pre-primary parents will be provided with their enrolment forms later in the term.



## Newsbreak

Be sure to check out the latest episode of Newsbreak, by viewing it via the school's Facebook page.

Newsbreak, is a triweekly news broadcast designed to better connect families and the broader community to the happenings of Castletown Primary School. Each episode of newsbreak will be presented by a different host classroom.



Alan Chamberlain  
Year 5/6 Primary Teacher

## Room 13

We commemorated ANZAC Day in Week 1. We learnt about the significance of the poppy, what ANZAC Day is and talked about how we celebrate ANZAC Day. On our gratitude poppies, we wrote something we're grateful for on each petal, which made up our wreath. We also created our silhouette artworks, using paint, edicol dye or oil pastels to create a sunset landscape.



In Art we looked at mono-printing in week 3. We painted our mats, created our design and then transferred these onto paper. It was a hit of a lesson, albeit very messy! Our final artworks came out brilliantly.



Tori Wiszniewska  
Year 4 Classroom Teacher

## ANZAC Day Service

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April we held an ANZAC service at school in our undercover area. Our student leaders led the service and our School Captains, Noah Ryan and Kady Creedon were assisted by Year 1 students, Louis Graham and Hazel Nelson to lay the two wreaths.

Mr Glenn Churchland, president of the RSL, was our Guest Speaker and Mr Peter Jackson from the Esperance Brass Band was our bugler.

We thank them for taking time out to help us commemorate ANZAC day at our school. Thanks also to Mrs Rosemary Stearne who made the stunning wreaths.



## Town ANZAC Day Service





## Premier's Reading Challenge

Graciella Burgess (Yr 6, pictured) and Mason Perks (Kindy) have signed up for the Premier's Reading Challenge and have already read 14 books each!! To date 80 students have registered from Castletown PS.

The challenge is to log 12 or more book titles from May to 9 September 2022, and readers will go in the draw to win extraordinary prizes. For more information, or to sign up, click on the following link:

<https://www.premiersreadingchallenge.wa.edu.au/>. Follow on [Facebook](#) or [Instagram](#).

Sally Castledine  
Library Officer

## Room 6

We currently have Miss Asha Pope in our class every Friday. Miss Pope is doing her Education Assistant course.



Shaneen Coupar  
Year 2 Teacher

## EC6

In class we have been learning about Sorry Day. We have painted an aboriginal flag.



Jemma Gallop  
Pre-Primary Teacher

## Snap Shot

Congratulations to these ex-Castletown Students who are now student Councillors/Leaders at ESHS.

Year 8 – Demi Hunter, Maddison Melville

Year 9 – Claire McCrea, Rhiannon Willis

Year 10 – Tyler Hawkins, Emmalee Wood, Dylan Walker

Year 12 Prefect – Holly Goodwin

Faction Captains – Cherry Rickerby (Flinders), Brianna Timms (Rossiter)



**ESPERANCE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**  
A PROUD INDEPENDENT PUBLIC SCHOOL

**Congratulations  
from CPS**



## Early Childhood Area

On Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup> May the Early Childhood area had some special visitors. A few lovely ladies from our local Bunnings visited our 2 Kindergarten and 3 Pre-Primary classes to set up a sensory garden. Each class were gifted with a stand up garden bed, soil and plants. All students were involved in the planting process and are looking forward to watching our gardens grow.



The Early years children are enjoying reading outside in the sunshine on our beautiful new outdoor cushions.





## FOOTY FUN, FACTS & FEVER IN THE LIBRARY

After a sea of purple, generously loaned by our fanatical Fremantle supporters on staff, Mrs Mather came to the rescue with Eagles memorabilia, and students and staff have also kindly added something of interest from both local, AFL & AFLW teams. All this ties in nicely with some great Aussie Rules stories, records, stats and trivia books we have in the library.

In the photo Elias Yorkshire shows his class 'The Rules of the Game' from David Rafferty's *AFL* book and Ted Graham is wearing his Dad's Gibson Tiger's Guernsey. Also, we had fun last week reading a new picture book called *Little Bont and the Big Secret* by Marcus Bontempelli.

Sally Castledine  
Library Officer

## School Voluntary Contribution

A reminder to families that the School Contributions of \$60 per child (\$30 for Kindy) is now due.

Our preferred payment option is Direct Deposit. Please use students' first and last name as the reference.

Account Name: Castletown Primary School  
BSB: 306-037  
Account: 415695-7

Alternatively cash or card payments can be made in the front office.

The table below gives you the breakdown of where we will direct your voluntary contributions.

<b>1. Materials</b>		
(a) Materials required for classroom programs		\$20
(b) Stationary, information technology consumables		\$10
(c) Consumable materials for Art, STEM and Science		\$10
(d) Library resources		\$ 8
<b>2. Services and Facilities</b>		
(a) Printing/photocopying of material for educational programs		\$10
(b) Activities which are part of the educational program provided by Outside organisations		\$ 2
<b>*All Kindergarten students - \$30 each*</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$60</b>

## A Message from the Health and Wellbeing Team

### Supporting School-Aged Children

Looking after your child's mental health is just as important as looking after their physical health. There are things that we can do to support your child's mental health and wellbeing. Being active, having a sense of belonging and having a purpose in life all contribute to good mental health. There are so many ways that you can encourage your child to act, belong and commit in their everyday lives. Here are some tips to get you started.

### Keeping active physically

The mental health benefits of physical activity are well known for improving quality of life and mood. Keeping your child physically active can be taking the dog for a walk, playing at the park, dancing together in your living room, kicking a ball. Being active doesn't have to be an expensive or a time-consuming activity.

### Act – Do something

Support your child to keep active in as many ways they can mentally, physically, socially, spiritually, culturally. Walk or ride to school, kick the footy with mates, write in a journal, act with mindfulness.

### Keeping active socially

Make time and find ways for your child to spend time with friends and other people. Encourage playdates and time to hang out with friends or extended family. Find like-minded people and support them to connect with others.

### Keeping active culturally

Find ways to be active culturally. Visit the museum together, learn about your family background and traditions. Develop your own new family traditions. On the weekend get involved in a community event, go to a show, explore the arts. There's lots of free cultural activities and events – check out the activity finder.

### Keeping active mentally

Encourage your child to keep active mentally. Find books that they enjoy reading or read a book together. Things like playing board games, doing puzzles, learning languages, doing arts and crafts, learning an instrument are great ways we can help them stay active mentally.

### Keeping active spiritually

While the term spirituality means different things to different people, engaging in some form of spiritual activity contributes to mental wellbeing. There are many ways to encourage your child to be spiritual through formal religious activities or in non-religious ways such as through meditation, or mindfulness. We lead such busy lives so it's good for all of us to slow down and be present in the moment.

## Helping make Act Belong Commit happen

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## Dates to remember

Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	School Assembly
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	WA Day – Public Holiday – <b>Students do not attend today</b>
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	ESHS visiting Year 6 students for an information session
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> June	School Assembly
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	E-Safe Kids - Parent Workshop
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 to 6 E- Safe Workshop incursion Year 2 Esperance History Excursion
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 to 6 Swimming Lessons
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	School Assembly
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 4 to 6 Swimming Carnival Last day of Term 2 Semester 1 Reports sent home
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	First day of Term 3

## Community News

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



### "YouthCARE Chaplains Needed!"

YouthCARE is currently seeking Chaplains for schools in the Esperance region. YouthCARE is WA's major provider of Chaplaincy services and the preferred provider for the WA Department of Education. Over 400 YouthCARE Chaplains are in over 600 WA schools to promote school wellbeing and positive school communities. Chaplains care for the social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing of school communities demonstrating YouthCARE's core values of Respect, Compassion and Service.

In schools, Chaplains provide and support:

- pastoral care for students, staff and families,
- strong community links to support children and families,
- key school pastoral care programs and support for school events.

All YouthCARE Chaplains receive comprehensive training prior to and after undertaking their chaplaincy role. This includes an induction program, ongoing professional development, and support and supervision by both Area Chaplains and self-care professionals.

If you are interested in learning more about School Chaplaincy please contact Lindsay Campbell [YouthCARE Area Chaplain] on 0428 959 766

Visit <https://southcoastnrm.com.au/artwork-competition> or scan the QR code for more details and how to get involved.

There are various categories for children and adults, conditions apply.

Hard copies of colouring in pages are available from South Coast NRM offices:

Albany - 88 Stead Road, Centennial Park  
Esperance - 4/113 Dempster Street

and from Albany Library.

Submissions close **5pm Sunday 29th May 2022**

artwork credit: jane thompson

This project is supported by South Coast NRM, through funding from the Australian Government's National Landcare Program.

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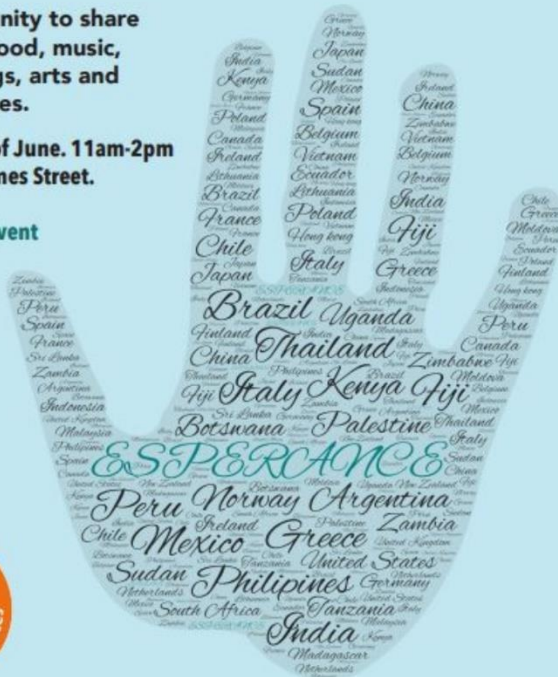
# Taste Of The World

A Celebration of Multiculturalism in Esperance

An opportunity to share language, food, music, dance, songs, arts and crafts, stories.

Monday 6th of June. 11am-2pm  
CWA Hall, James Street.

Free Family Event



## Can JAM

Play music among friends  
Free workshops for 9-13 year olds  
All abilities welcome  
Musical instruments provided  
with Pete McMahon  
supported by Kyza Presents



## COME DOWN AND HAVE A GO

Wednesday afternoons  
4pm-5.30pm

1st, 8th, 15th & 22nd June  
Innerspace Building

For more info go to  
[www.canneryartscentre.com.au](http://www.canneryartscentre.com.au)



## TASTE OF THE WORLD A CELEBRATION OF MULTICULTURALISM IN ESPERANCE

AN OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE  
LANGUAGE, FOOD, MUSIC, DANCE, SONG, ARTS AND CRAFTS, STORIES



MONDAY JUNE 6TH  
WA DAY Long Weekend  
11am - 2pm  
CWA Hall, James St



Contact us if you would like to share something from your culture.  
Email [admin@esperancecommunityarts.org.au](mailto:admin@esperancecommunityarts.org.au) or phone/text Jane on 0412 091 245



## ESPERANCE Wildflower Festival

Celebrating Carnivorous Plants

20th - 24th September 2022

Esperance Civic Centre, Council Place and  
Esperance Anglican Parish Hall, Corner Andrew Street and Windich Street

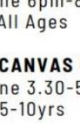
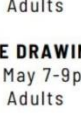


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SPECIES ON  
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COMMUNITY SCULPTURES  
NYUNGAR RANGER  
PRESENTATIONS - DANCE - ART  
COMPETITIONS - ARTIST IN  
RESIDENCE - GUEST SPEAKERS  
- ESPERANCE BRASS BAND -  
ENVIRONMENTAL DISPLAYS AND  
WORKSHOPS - LIGHT LUNCHES,  
MORNING & AFTERNOON TEA

For more information visit  
<https://www.esperancewildflowerfestival.com/>

The Esperance Wildflower Festival is proudly presented by



## ART LAB



## Creative workshops for curious minds

FUNKY FRAMES  
10 May 3.30-5pm  
5-10yrs

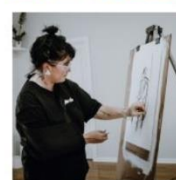
MACRAME POT HANGER  
15 May 9am-1pm  
16yrs+

POTTERING ON SUNDAY  
15 May-19 June 1-3pm  
Adults

WATERCOLOUR AND INKS  
17 & 24 May 5.30-8pm  
Adults and Teens 14yrs+

WEDNESDAY WHEEL  
18 May -22 June 6-8pm  
Adults

LIFE DRAWING  
19 May 7-9pm  
Adults



CREATIVE FABRIC PAINTING  
28 May 10am-4pm  
29 May 10am-12noon  
Adults and Teens 14yrs+

LUMINESCENT LANTERNS  
31 May 3.30-5pm  
5-10yrs

ACRYLICS AND TEXTURES  
2 & 9 June 5.30-8pm  
Adults and Teens 14yrs+

MULTI COLOURED  
RELIEF PRINTING  
12, 19 & 26 June 10am-1pm  
Adults and Teens 16yrs+

PHOTOGRAPHING YOUR ART  
16 June 6pm-8pm  
All Ages

CREATIVE CANVAS COLLAGE  
21 June 3.30-5pm  
5-10yrs



**ARTY ANCHOVIES**  
**LUMINESCENT LANTERNS**  
*with Mary Darling*  
 TUESDAY 31 MAY  
 3.30PM-5PM  
 5-10 YEARS  
 \$20 MEMBERS \$40 NON-MEMBERS  
**BOOK ONLINE**  
 CANNERYARTSCENTRE.COM.AU



**ARTY ANCHOVIES**  
**CREATIVE CANVAS COLLAGE**  
*with Dot from Dot's Art*  
 TUESDAY 21 JUNE  
 3.30PM-5PM  
 5-10 YEARS  
 \$20 MEMBERS \$40 NON-MEMBERS  
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**Photographing your Art**  
*with Jayde Guest from Jayde Guest Photography and Design*  
 THURSDAY 16 JUNE  
 6PM-8PM  
 ALL AGES  
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 NONMEMBERS \$50 / \$65 / \$80  
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**Acrylics and Textures**  
 Join artist Louise Stewart Brown in a two week course working with acrylics and textures to create your own artwork. All materials are provided. Suitable for all levels including beginners.



**MULTI COLOURED RELIEF PRINTING**  
*with artist Naomi Stanitzki*  
 SUNDAYS 10AM-1PM  
 3 WEEKS STARTS 12 JUNE  
 ADULTS AND TEENS 16+YRS  
 \$135 MEMBERS  
 \$185/\$170 NONMEMBERS  
**BOOK ONLINE**  
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THURSDAY 2 & 9 JUNE 5.30-8PM  
 ADULTS AND TEENS 14 YEARS+  
 MEMBERS \$100  
 NONMEMBERS \$150/\$135 CONCESSION  
**BOOK ONLINE**  
 CANNERYARTSCENTRE.COM.AU

The Catholic Church is beginning Sacramental Preparation very soon. If you have a child or children who are eligible to receive any Sacrament we invite you to contact the Parish office on 90712091 or [esperance.parish@iinet.net.au](mailto:esperance.parish@iinet.net.au)

Year 3 and older receive the Sacrament of Penance, in Year 4 and older receive the Sacrament of Eucharist (First Communion) and children in Year 6 and older receive the Sacrament of confirmation.

Enquiries Welcome.