



# 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 4 11<sup>th</sup> November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

This is the first full newsletter for this term. Our school's communication strategy has undergone some changes recently, with more regular short news-flashes coming out via email when required, and frequent posts on Facebook featuring daily events and activities around the school.

I am currently away on leave for two weeks, with my wife Karen who is in Perth for medical treatment. In my absence Mr David McLaren is the school's designated principal, and Mr Damien Pansini will be assisting in administration this week, and Mr Laurie Palmer next week.

As luck would have it, our Deputy Principal Mrs Julie Fetherston has taken ill and will be away for several days. In Karen's absence, Mr Wes Moss will be taking her classes for Drama for the rest of this term, a nice change for our students.

**Covid Vaccination Requirements:** From December 31<sup>st</sup>, all staff in WA public schools will be required to have had both Covid vaccinations to be able to enter the school site for work. This will also apply to regular visitors and volunteers, including parents. I urge you all to note this ruling, and if you have not yet done so, take actions to get the jabs. Check community notices for the availability of walk-in vaccinations in Esperance from next week.

**New Footpath and Gate:** Parents and children who enter the school from the McGlade Way side are asked to use the new entry which has recently been installed. This includes a new path beside the senior science room, and gate in the centre of the fence. Using this entrance will be much safer as pedestrians are not walking through the two carparks.



**Helicopter Visit:** Tuesday's visit by a helicopter from Helispirit was very exciting for our school. This was the idea of our junior Science Specialist Teacher Mrs Sharna Lovejoy, who went to great lengths to ensure the activity met all safety and risk management guidelines and requirement – not a simple matter! Congratulations and thanks, Sharna.

**Congratulations to Sally Castledine:** Our school's amazing library officer, Mrs Sally Castledine, recently won an award for Outstanding Library Officer in WA. Anyone who has visited our library in the past two years will know why. Sally, together with our Library Teacher Mrs Lesley Mather, has turned this into a vibrant, interesting hive of activity and learning, with regular changes to the displays to reflect a topic relevant at the time. Sally gives up her recess and lunch times to enable children to access the library, and actively encourages the children to continue reading books.

**School Banking Finishes:** We have been advised that the school banking program will be discontinued. I wish to thank parent Mrs Fiona Ryan who has been giving up her time every Friday morning to operate this program, which has been accessed by many children and families.

**Fun Run Outcome:** The P&C announced at the recent assembly that the Fun Run held on September 24 raised approximately \$17,800. This was a fantastic result, and I congratulate everyone involved – especially Fiona Ryan and Ash Goodwin. Now that the new floor covering of the undercover area is to be kindly met by the Dept of Education, we can consider other items for this money. We have already ordered five new Oztrail shade gazebos to replace the

extremely heavy ones we use for carnivals. We are also about to order and install a fabulous new “outdoor classroom” on the lawn area outside Rooms 1 to 3, and synthetic lawn in the senior quiet space outside Rooms 9 to 12.

**School Board Open Meeting:** The next meeting of the School Board is scheduled for Wed November 24<sup>th</sup>, from 3.30 to 5.00pm. This meeting is designated as an “open meeting”, where members of the public can attend and observe the proceedings. Please advise the school office on 9076 2800, or email [Castletown.ps@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:Castletown.ps@education.wa.edu.au) if you wish to attend.

Best wishes

Tim Baker  
Principal

## **Year 5 Cricket Carnival**

On Friday 22nd October all Year 5 students attended the WACA Interschool Cricket Carnival. The students had a great day out playing numerous games against different schools in the district.



Damien Pansini  
Sports Teacher

## **Indonesian**

Castletown Orangutan Update:

Sam and Sule (aka Cupcake) are both in a healthy condition and have been traveling further away from the release station area, so it is becoming more difficult for the trackers to follow them. They are still being monitored intensively and still receive supplement food when needed.



Recently, Sam has spent 53% of her active time foraging for food. 60% of her total feeding time has been spent eating various forest fruits which is excellent since fruits provide orangutans with the most calories and energy. Her favourite forest fruits include jirak and kelampayan. Sam was observed co-feeding and traveling with orangutans Evan, Tobi, Violet, Raja Tori, and Aprilia Rambo. However, Sam was afraid of Tobi, so she tried to avoid him.

Sule continues to grow in confidence and is quite independent, spending up to 85% of his time away from Sam. He has good survival skills including foraging, climbing and nest building. He spent 58% of his active time foraging for forest foods which is excellent, and he mainly ate jirak, liana and ficus fruits. He spent about 15% of his activity budget having some cuddles and suckling time with mum Sam.

These wonderful videos show Sam being pestered by her boisterous son when she just seems to want a moment's peace. The other video shows young Sule munching away on stem. Orangutans need to be able to recognise and access hundreds of different foods in the rainforests of Borneo and Sumatra. These include fruits, leaves, flowers, stem, cambium, bark, and insects. Fruits can be very scarce at times so orangutans need to be able to rely on other food sources to survive. It's excellent that Sule eats a wide variety of food and he seems to think that stem is pretty tasty! We are delighted that our favourite mother and son continue to do well in the forest after Sam has overcome so much in her life.

Helen Florisson  
Indonesian Teacher



## Room 8 Assembly

A beautifully worded recount provided by one of the year 3 students in Room 8.

At our assembly we sang "Welcome to all People" and "Out the Back". We danced to the Kidz Bop Shuffle to entertain the crowd. We were nervous but we had a lot of fun. After the assembly we had some morning tea with our parents. All the food was delicious.

William Yexley  
Year 3 Room 8 Student



## Merit Award Winners

Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners at our assembly.

The Music Award was awarded to Room 5

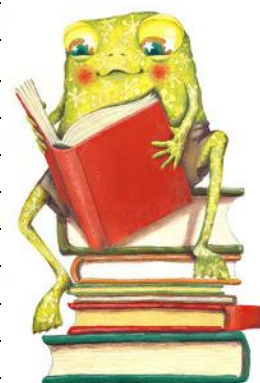
Room	Year	Award Winners	
EC5	PP	Zoe Herbert	Pippa Wohling
EC6	PP	Hannah Capelli	Charlotte Isramongkonpan
Room 1	1	Brooke Prosser	Archer Altham
Room 2	1	Evie Taylor	Declyn Child-Keitel
Room 3	1	Sarah Macalpine	Toby Lay
Room 4	2	Zac Haberley	Silahs Ware-Clancy
Room 5	2	Jasmine Black	Oliver Pitchers
Room 6	2	Nevaeh Irving	Savannah Hogg
Room 7	3	Eva Smith	Oliver Thorn
Room 8	3	Tarnique Scrimgeour	Ayden Child
Room 21	3	Peyton Humble	Cooper Oldfield
Room 13	4	Sharnae Anthony	Thomas Scullin
Room 14	4	Ella Tabinor	Braxton Gilbert
Room 22	4	Ruby Child	Mitchell Whiting
Room 9	5/6	Lacey Zani	Doreen Evans
Room 10	5/6	Cooper Weckert	
Room 11	5/6	Jace Young	
Room 12	5/6	Van Haberley	



## **RIBIT**

Congratulations to the following RIBIT readers

Room	Year	100 Nights
EC5	PP	Maxwell Skinner, Lotte Browning, Mason Bailey, Bonnie McLaren, , Brayden Knox, Ruby Chesson, Xavier Williams, Hamish Williams, Eliza Tate
1	1	Ella Chapman, Scarlett Black, Brooke Prosser, Liam Timms, Austin Rickerby, Gabriel Stefanczk, Bridgette Forrester, Elliott Oldfield
4	2	Logan Anderson, Devyn Perks
5	2	Judd Major
6	3	Nina Wych, CarterWeckert, Annabelle Drummond, Thomas Baldson
8	3	Lily Wooldridge, Violet Hill
21	3	Amaya Nankivell, Xavier Bailey, James Woosnam
200 Nights		
EC5	PP	Phoebe Pitchers
1	1	Austin Rickerby
6	3	Theo Nelson
8	3	Brody Goldsmith
9	6	James Butcher
5	2	Oliver Pitchers
6	2	Flynn Sylva, Addison Robins
13	4	Shanaya Rolton, Beau Sylva
14	4	Macy McLaren, Ella Tabinor



## **Art Gallery**



The Super Chooks and Ducks are nearly all out of the kiln. We will soon be building colourful wire legs and tails.

Steve Barter  
Art Specialist Teacher



Year 1 Student Ivy Mahers colourfully decorated bird design based on the book "Feathers for Phoebe".

## **EC6**

In week 2 we had a special ice cream party as a reward for raising the highest amount of money for the colour fun run fundraiser. The P & C president Mrs Ryan visited our class and made ice cream sundaes with the children. Yummy!!!

Jemma Gallop  
Pre-primary Teacher





## Waste Wise Warriors Incursion



Thank you Zoe the Waste Education officer from Esperance Council for the informative incursion about recycling. Our Warriors were inspired.

Shaneen Coupar  
Year 2 Teacher

## Room 4, 5 and 6

Out the front of our classrooms we have some above ground vegetable gardens that the children are looking after, these vegetable gardens are thriving.



Mrs Baldwin picking some radishes for her Year 2 students to taste.

## Room 6

ESHS Home Economics teacher Natalie Myers has helped the children in room 6 complete our bright and cheerful curtains project, as the old ones had to be replaced!!! The year 9 and 10 students made the curtains by using techniques taught in class.



We would like to welcome Mr Blake Skinner to Room 6 who will be in our classroom for 4 weeks. Mr Skinner is in his 3rd year of his degree from Edith Cowin University. Mr Skinner has a music background and has been playing his guitar to engage the students.

Shaneen Coupar  
Year 2 Teacher



## **EC5**



### **Hearing for the First Time!**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2016, Lotte Browning was privy to hearing when her 'Special Ears' (cochlear implants) was switched on for the very first time. EC5 celebrated this beautiful event by eating yummy cupcakes that were supplied by the lovely Kelsey Browning. Thank you Kelsey!

Robyn Popham  
Pre-Primary Teacher

## **Expressions of Interest – Casual (Relief) Cleaner at Castletown PS**

Do you know anyone interested in some casual cleaning work?

We have a great team of cleaners at CPS, however our relief pool has dwindled. The right person will be someone who can work in with our team to cover sick leave, or for additional cleaning requirements as they arise. They will hold or be willing to obtain a Working With Children Card and Dept of Education Clearance. Experience is desirable but not essential. Please contact Janine or Katrina in the school office for further information 9076 2800.



## **Dates to remember**

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	School Assembly – Hosted by Room 6 (PP – YR 6 to attend)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> November – Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	Interm Swimming Lessons PP and YR 2
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	School Board Meeting at 3:30pm
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> November	EACS Transition Day
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> November – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Interm Swimming Lessons PP and YR 2
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	ESHS Transition Day
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December	School Assembly – Hosted by Year 1 (PP – YR 6 to attend)
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Presentation Assembly (Whole School)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Graduation Assembly
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Last Day of Term 4



## Community News

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




# We want to hear from YOU

Telethon Kids Institute wants to hear from the **WA community** about the important issues for children and young people. This will guide and inform our future research.

**Who can take part?**

Anyone in WA over 14 years of age.

Young people, parents, carers, service providers, clinicians, anyone interested in child health and development.

**What's involved?**

A 10-15 minute online survey.

Register your interest in future workshops.

**For more information and to take part:**

- scan the QR code
- visit [telethonkids.org.au/thinkingbig](http://telethonkids.org.au/thinkingbig)
- email [thinkingbig@telethonkids.org.au](mailto:thinkingbig@telethonkids.org.au)



This research project has been approved by the UWA Human Research Ethics Committee, 2021/ET000241.



# DAMIAN MARTIN BASKETBALL CLINIC

**TIMES**

**9am-10am** - 6-8 year olds

**10.30am-12pm** - 9-12 year olds

**1pm-3pm** - 13-17 year olds

**Saturday 13th November 2021**

**LOCATION**

Esperance Indoor Sports Stadium

**INFO**

**Cost** - \$80 per child, includes participant pack supplied by Damian Martin.

**Registrations -**

<https://membership.mygameday.app/regofrm.cgi?formID=99854>

**Contact** - For more information contact Farrin - [fparker@afgri.com.au](mailto:fparker@afgri.com.au) or Matt - [Matt.thornton@staines.com.au](mailto:Matt.thornton@staines.com.au)



# ART LAB



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**SUNDAY AFTERNOON POTTERY**  
31 Oct-5 Dec 1-3pm  
Adults

**WHEEL ON WEDNESDAY**  
3 Nov-8 Dec 6-8pm  
Adults

**MACRAME POT HANGER**  
6 Nov 9am-1pm  
16+years

**ARTY ANCHOVIES 5-10YRS MIXED MEDIA CANVAS**  
9 Nov 4pm-5.30pm

**MESSY MINNOWS 1-4YRS**  
10 Nov, 24 Nov & 8 Dec  
10am-11am

**PORTRAIT & PALETTE KNIFE**  
13 Nov 9am-12noon  
Adults

**ARTY ANCHOVIES 5-10YRS PET ROCKS**  
16 Nov 4pm-5.30pm

**CACTI ON CANVAS**  
17 Nov 6.30pm-8.30pm  
Adults

**ARTY ANCHOVIES 5-10YRS CHRISTMAS CARDS**  
23 Nov 4pm-5.30pm

**CHRISTMAS CANVAS**  
24 Nov 4pm-6pm  
8-17yrs

**LANDSCAPE & MEMORY**  
27 Nov 9am-12noon  
Adults

**WATERCOLOUR GIFT TAGS**  
28 Nov 9am-12noon  
14+yrs

**CROCHET A GRANNY SQUARE**  
28 Nov 1.30pm-3pm  
14+yrs

**MACRAME WALL HANGING**  
11 Dec 9am-1pm  
16+yrs






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