



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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**Newsletter 2, Term 1
26th February 2021**



Dear Parents and Carers

Last Thursday, our school was visited by two reviewers, to conduct the second part of our three-yearly Public School Review. The visit involved a number of meetings and conversations with some of our staff, parents and students, with the aim being to validate the judgements that we have made about our school's performance in our recent submission. Our School Board played a key part in the process, by providing some guidance and input to the submission, and participating in the meetings last week. The reviewers met with representatives of the P&C, Sandra Prosser and Fiona Ryan, and Board members Tania Wright, Clara Graham, Marnie Fels, and Anna Bonney. I thank those parents for giving their time to attend and give their views about various aspects of our school's performance. The reviewers were very impressed with our student councillors, who took them on a tour of the school and provided a range of information about the school, and their insights about being a student here. They were fabulous ambassadors for Castletown Primary!

I take this opportunity to congratulate our two new School Captains for 2021, **Olivia Stephen** and **James Butcher**.



School Board Vacancies: As advised in the last edition of this newsletter, two vacancies have arisen for parent representatives, replacing Marnie Fels and Clara Graham whose terms have expired. By the close of business on Friday, I had received two nominations for the two vacancies, from Mrs De-Arne Bennier and Mrs Kellie Guest. They are subsequently declared the successful candidates, and we look forward to welcoming them "on board" at the next meeting on March 3rd.

Parent Information Meetings: A big thank you to those parents who took the opportunity to attend the class meetings last week (and last night for Room 4). I am sure you found these worthwhile, and the teachers appreciated your support. One question I heard was about parent interviews – will these be held in late term 1 or early term 2, as in years prior to 2020, when they were not held due to Covid. I will discuss this with our staff and School Board, and consider the best way to provide information to parents at this point in time.

Parents and Citizens Association News: At our P&C meeting held last week, some discussion centred around the need for some new faces to come onto the P&C committee and help with the operations and activities of the P&C, as some members are moving on. This includes the provision of our canteen and uniform shop, and several fund-raising activities during the year. I encourage any parents who may be interested, to come along to the P&C's Annual General Meeting on Tuesday March 23rd, at 1.30pm in the school staff room. This is a great way to meet other parents and make a valuable contribution in some way, however large or small, to your child's school and education.

Canteen: Speaking of the canteen, our manager Addie Timms does a fantastic job of providing healthy, nutritious and affordable lunches and recess snacks for our children on Mondays, Thursdays and Fridays. She is finding at times that it is a struggle to get everything done and needs some more volunteers, particularly on Thursdays. If you're able to spare two or three hours, your assistance will be greatly appreciated, and your kids will also feel very proud to see their mum or dad in the canteen. Addie says that you don't need to be a chef, as the volunteers are able to do easy tasks such as putting meals together, wrapping etc. Just call the school office if you can help.

Uniforms: Our uniform shop manager, Sandra Prosser, has advised that new jackets have been ordered and are on their way. In the meantime, it is perfectly fine for children to wear a different jacket while they await the new ones.

Holiday Request: I remind families that you must obtain authorisation from the principal if taking children out of school during the term for more than three days, for any reason other than health or medical issues. We have a form to be completed for this, and there needs to be a reason provided as to why the absence cannot be avoided, such as work commitments. Cheap airfares or a relative's birthday, for example, are not acceptable. Any absence from school means that the child has missed out on any new topics, skills or concepts that have been introduced, and the consolidation of these. It can be very hard for a child to catch up, and the feeling of being left behind the others can affect the child's emotional well-being.

Of course, I do realise that not everyone is able to take leave from work during the school holiday periods, and understand that some absences may be unavoidable. Family holidays are important, but should not be taken to the detriment of children's on-going learning.

Friendology – Our Language of Friendship : You may have heard your children talking about “friendship fires”, “Friend-o-meter”, “Friend-o-cycle” and “mean on purpose”. Those of you who attended our parents' workshop on Friendology last year will know what this is all about, and be able to converse with your children about the Friendology program and what we are doing at school. You will also be able to support them with suggested strategies when they have might be experiencing friendship problems, or finding another child being “mean on purpose”, the Friendology term for bullying.

If you missed this workshop, I am pleased to advise that we are planning to run a repeat later this term. I encourage every parent to participate in this, as it will help you develop a strong, positive and supportive relationship with your child, as well as informing you about the school's approach to friendships and bullying. Further details will be coming out soon.

Visiting Therapists and Tutors on School Site: Occasionally we get requests from various therapists, counsellors and tutors to come to the school to work with children in school time, sometimes at the request of the parent, others at the therapist's request. Our school is developing guidelines for this, so that we can manage the number and nature of visits. We may not have the facilities to provide a space for the visitor to work with the child.

Any requests of this nature should be directed to the school office. We will consider each request on a case-by-case basis, to ensure that the visit in school time is in the mutual interest of the child, school and family.

Parking Around the School: I was pleased to see that there were no cars parked in the “No-Standing” zone at our early year's carpark, in my visits over there recently. This enables larger vehicles to be able to exit the carpark safely through the narrow drive.

I ask parents to not park in the staff carpark off McGlade Way. This is usually full of staff vehicles, and is not a safe thoroughfare for children, who should enter and exit via the gate near the Science Room. I have asked the Shire of Esperance to assist us with planning some improvements to parking in that location, as I know it gets very crowded after school.

Best Wishes

Tim Baker
Principal

Deputy's Desk - Student Services

Castletown Primary School is a URStrong School.

We teach our kids –

- How to make friends
- How to handle conflict (Friendship Fires)
- How to deal with kids who are **Mean on Purpose**

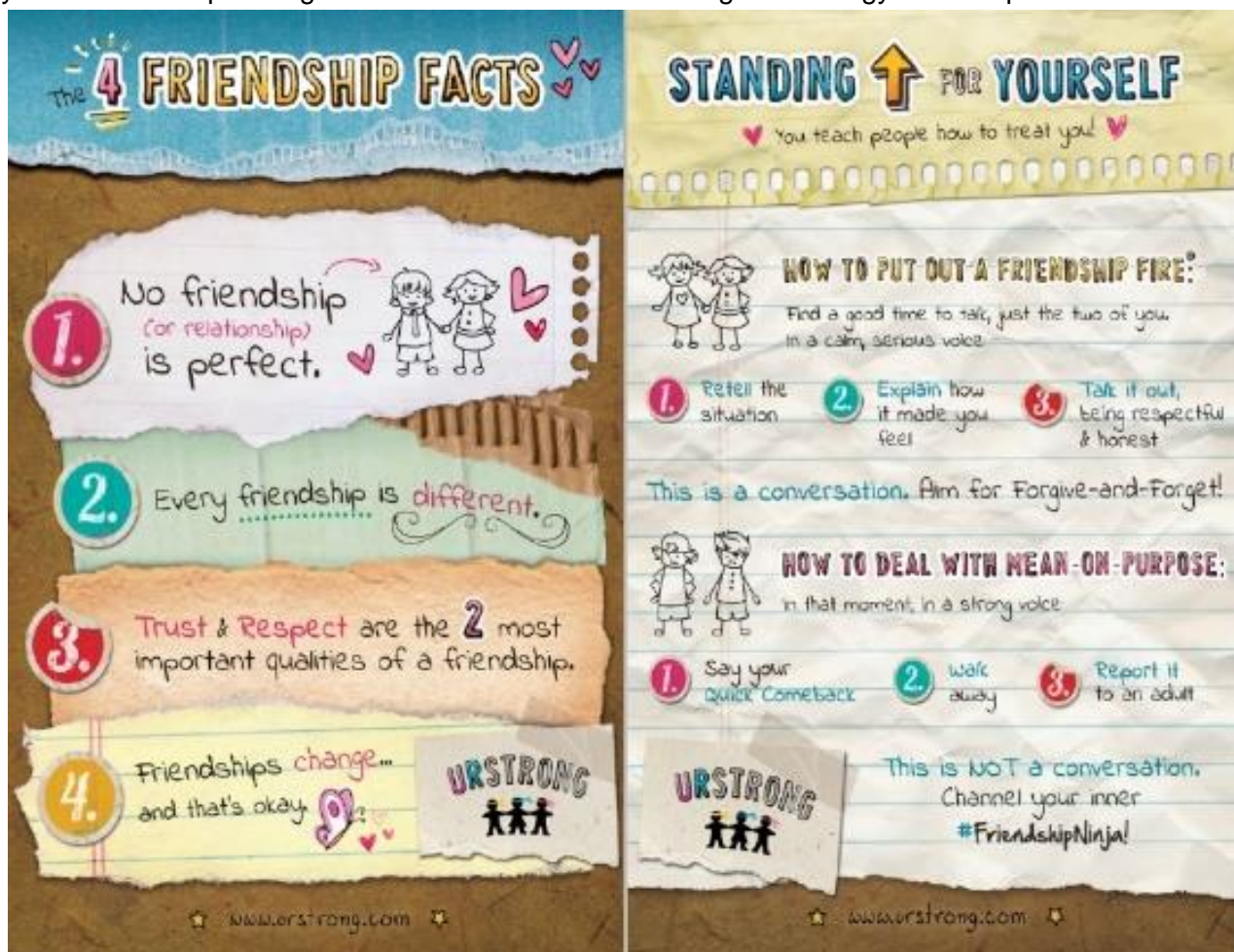
This last point is very powerful. We avoid using the term 'Bullying' at Castletown and instead use the language of 'mean on purpose'.

There are 3 clear steps to follow when someone is being mean on purpose to you –

1. **Say your Quick Comeback** (in a strong voice).
 - Every student needs to choose their own Quick Comeback and have it practised and ready to use. Some great examples are –
 - i. "No thanks!"
 - ii. "Stop!"
 - iii. "That's not cool!"
2. **Walk away.** Leave the situation with your head held high. You are making a positive step to move away from the problem.
3. **Report it to an adult.** Our staff will then support our kids and take any necessary steps to resolve the situation.

By the end of Term One, your child should be able to tell you what their Quick Comeback is, and say it to you in a strong voice. Have a practice with them!

Stay tuned for the upcoming announcement on our URStrong Friendology workshop for families.



Deputy's Desk - Curriculum

Data Review and Target Setting

Our teachers have been meeting in their year level Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to review the assessment data from the end of last year and the beginning of this year to identify strengths and areas of improvement for their year cohort. This information has then been used to develop some short term target goals for identified students, or for the whole cohort. The PLCs will be meeting regularly throughout the year to review these targets and then set new ones for the next timeframe. Classroom Teachers have been provided with some additional Duties Other than Teaching (DOTT) time each week to allow these meetings to occur with minimal impact on their valuable normal DOTT time.

NAPLAN Online

In Week 4/5 of Term 2, our Year 3 and 5 students will be taking part in NAPLAN Online. Last year, due to COVID, NAPLAN did not take part, but we have been advised that it is expected to occur in 2021. Our Year 3 and 5 teachers will be providing students with opportunities to become familiar with the online NAPLAN format using the NAPLAN Demonstration Site. On Thursday, 25th March, Castletown Primary School will be taking part in a Coordinated Practice Test that all schools in Australia will be participating in – to ensure that our systems can cope with all the schools accessing the NAPLAN online platform at the same time. Parents that would like more information regarding NAPLAN Online are encouraged to access the NAPLAN Online Information [here](#) and can view examples of the NAPLAN Online test here - <https://pages.assessform.edu.au/pages/demos>.

Parents who may have concerns about NAPLAN are encouraged to discuss their concerns with the classroom teacher, or can contact me on 9076 2800 or via email, Julie.Fetherston@education.wa.edu.au.

Julie Fetherston
Deputy Principal

Seesaw



At Castletown Primary School teachers are able to share learning and messages with families via the Seesaw Family app.



Some teachers might also ask students to complete activities at home using the Seesaw Class app.

Many families are connected via the Seesaw Family app and if the class teacher assigns an activity for home, they can also send the information required for Seesaw Class access at home. Please see the attached brochure for more information.

Sports Update from Mr Pansini

Our 2021 Athletics Carnival is quickly approaching and we would love your support in making our Whole School Carnival as successful as possible.

The Athletics carnival will be run over two days.

Tuesday 16th of March will be Whole School Cross Country/Throwing and Jumping events. These are championship events.

Wednesday 17th of March will be our Whole School Athletics Carnival (Years 1-6).

Any help on either day would be greatly appreciated. There are a number of roles available for parent helpers throughout the course of the two days. Please refer to an email sent to all parents (sent on Monday 21st) which outlines all the details of the days and which roles are available. Please email back to Mr Pansini as early as possible.

Championship Medallions: This year the school will be covering the cost of the Championship Medallions for the carnival.

Thanks for your support!

Mr P
Physical Education Specialist

Room 6

Year 2 students are studying the past in History. Here are some pictures of students who had brought in some interesting items to share with the class.



Adelayde Humphrys brought in her mum's old cameras and video recorder to share with Rooms 4,5 and 6.



Annabelle sharing Music History with the class.



Thomas sharing an old camera with his peers in Room 6. History is interesting.



Room 6 were a captive audience when Felicity and Hudson explained anaphylaxis.



Our Class is doing Narratives - here's Nevaeh Irving modelling the props from Cinderella.

Year Ones News



The Year 1 children had a very exciting Sand Play Thursday this week. They had the opportunity to dress up, sand play, water play and construction activities near the STEM room. The Year 1 teachers have planned to have this as a regular activity on Thursdays at recess and lunch.

Mrs Weckert, Miss Holthouse and Miss Stokes
Year 1 Teachers

EC5

On Thursday this week our class celebrated Cochlear Implant Day by having Icy Poles. The Year 1 students in Room 3 made and delivered a card to one of our students, Lottie.



Room 22 Assembly

Last Friday you would be excused if you thought our undercover area had become a rock stadium or concert hall when Room 22 Year 4 students presented the first assembly of the year dressed as Punks or as if they were attending the Grammys. With only 3 weeks' practice, the students presented extremely well, clearly articulating and introducing each part of the Assembly. For their class presentation, they presented a clever play about the different parts of punctuation and grammar and what they do. The students memorised their lines well and clearly enjoyed sharing with the audience. Well done Room 22.



At the assembly, the tie antics continued from last year, with Mr Baker tricking Mr McLaren into cutting his tie up to give to the merit award winners. By popular vote, Mr Baker also had to cut his tie up too!

In the Virtues Raffle, the exciting Fly the Pie was spun by Amaya Nankivell. She chose Mr McLaren as her 'lucky' pie recipient!



Merit Award Winners

Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners at our assembly.

Room	Year	Award Winners	
EC5	PP	Sunny Puckey	Nash Bassett
EC6	PP	Jessica Peterson	Logan Krul
Room 1	1	Ella Chapman	Liam Timms
Room 2	1	Emily Lewis	Oscar Tabinor
Room 3	1	Ivy Maher	Braxton Woods
Room 4	2	Khaleesi Searle	Emily Riggs
Room 5	2	Sophia Caldwell-Batley	Jaxton Schultz
Room 6	2	Adelayde Humphrys	Roy Cameron
Room 7	3	Stephanie Bennier	Logan Oldfield
Room 8	3	Tarnique Scrimgeour	William Yexley
Room 21	3	Aaliyah Meredith	James Woosnam
Room 13	4	Shanaye Rolton	Harlem Moore
Room 14	4	Danielle Knox	Rodney Slater
Room 22	4	Isabella Major	Irene Ngerdu Jessell
Room 9	5/6	Addie Pietsch	Junior Maraltadj
Room 10	5/6	Scarlet Pugh	Luke Edgar
Room 11	5/6	Charlotte Wooldridge	Ellie-Rose Weckert
Room 12	5/6	Tahlia Maloney	Remy Schmidt



The Indonesian Language Award was awarded to EC6 for listening so well, singing beautifully and using Indonesian greetings.

Fun in the Library

BIRDS

and



in the Library

Sienna and Emersyn from Rm 3 are showing some of the many feathers collected. Jayden, also from Rm 3, found this nest near the carpet shop. Part of it is made from bits of carpet material! Micah Rose (Rm 1) brought these feathers from his chooks and ducks at home!! They are lovely and soft!

Wow! The Birds and Feathers display in the Library has proved to be the most interactive display ever! Children from throughout the school have enthusiastically contributed to the growing pile of feathers. They have brought them from their farms, back yards, bush tracks and even a snippet of Mr McLaren's tie from assembly last week - snipped into a perfect feather shape and most colourful!! We have feathers from 4mm to 1500mm! We have so many feathers from the school grounds, I'm surprised to see mickey (noisy) minors and magpies flying around that are not bald! Mr Birdman Bocka has found a noisy minor's nest with 3 eggs in it and we wait in anticipation for the chicks to hatch! Students have enjoyed reading the many books we have in the library, fiction and non fiction, about birds and feathers!

Mrs Sally Castledine (Library Officer)



PLEASE
DONATE
LEGOs

We would love to introduce Lego as a lunch time activity in the **Library**, especially during winter. We'd be most grateful for any Lego you are able to donate to the school for this purpose. Please drop off to the School Front Office or visit me in the Library Wednesday to Friday.

Thank you

Mrs Sally Castledine (Library Officer)

P & C

Please be advised due to the Sports Carnival being held on the 16th of March, we have decided to change the P & C AGM to **Tuesday the 23rd of March** to be held in the Staffroom at 1:30pm. Hope to see you there!

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 PSC is currently at risk of not being able to continue due to lack of members. Currently only 30% of CPIS families attend PSC meetings.

Without the PSC the canteen and uniform shop would need to close and events such as book club, school banking and the colour fun run would not occur. We would hate to see this happen!!

Next Meeting: AGM Tuesday 23rd March. 1:30pm

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.

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

Esperance Dental Therapy Centre

The staff from the Dental Therapy Centre will be visiting Castletown PS between the dates of Monday 22nd March - Wednesday 23rd March 2021.

The Dental Officer will be reviewing all children enrolled at the Dental Therapy Centre in Pre-Primary, Year 1, Year 3, Year 4 and Year 6. This is an orthodontic check that is carried out in the classroom. If your child requires any further Orthodontic treatment a referral letter will be sent to the given home address. If you would like to confirm your mailing address or have any further questions, please contact the dental therapy centre on 90711781 or email: EsperanceDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au

Thank you,
Belinda, Deb and Sue ☺

Dates to Remember

Monday 1st March	Labour Day Holiday (No School)
Friday 12th March	School Assembly – Rm 11
Tuesday 16th March	Athletics Carnival (Jumps and Throws) Year 1 - 6
Wednesday 17th March	Athletics Carnival Year 1 - 6
Monday 22nd March	Dental Therapy Centre visiting
Tuesday 23rd March	Dental Therapy Centre visiting
Tuesday 23rd March	P & C AGM 1:30pm in the Staffroom

Community News

For more community news – [click here to visit our website](#)

ESPERANCE TENNIS CLUB

NEW COACH - Neil Heyme TA qualified

- Holshots (5 years and older)
- Junior Groups (Before & After School)
- Adult Groups
- Private Lessons
- Holiday Clinics

- Racquet Sales
- Re-Stringing Service



BRING A FRIEND DAY

Sunday 21st March 9am - 12 noon
Sausage sizzle - Children & Adults

Enquiries contact Neil

FRIDAY RED BALL MATCH PLAY

Comp 1 - Starts March 12th from 4pm
5 weeks plus finals \$50 per player

Comp 2 - Starts May 14th

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Hello everyone and Happy 2021,

ESPERANCE MUSIC FESTIVAL (an Eisteddfod) is on again!

For those new teachers to our community, the Eisteddfod is a large event held over 3 days and nights, which provides an opportunity for all musicians in the area to participate and be professionally adjudicated.

We will email out the Schedule shortly. This will explain all the items which can be entered, for ages 6 – 80 and including soloists, bands, choirs, ensembles.

Dates to note are:

AGM: Monday 8th March @ 7.00pm at SDA Hall on Foy Street (all welcome)

ENTRY DAY: Sunday 13th June 10am – 2pm

FESTIVAL: 19th, 20th, 21st August

(note: schools please be aware the **Choirs** will be held on Thursday 19th this year, not Friday)

Keep an eye on our Facebook Page (Esperance Music Festival) for any updates.

Or feel free to contact us via this email address or

The Bay of Isles Leisure Centre will be holding a Bronze Requal on Saturday 6th March from 8am to 11am @ \$85p/person.

Please [click here](#) for the registration form for those who are interested.

Please complete and return to reception or scan to swimschool@esperance.wa.gov.au. Attach a purchase order number if applicable.

Any further questions please contact the centre on 9083 1700.

Kind Regards

Michelle Makse

Aquatic Team Leader

Bay Of Isles Leisure Centre

Shire of Esperance

Ph: 08 9083 1700

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Esperance Junior Netball Association 2021

Welcome to season 2021

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Due to reduced court availability game times have changed from previous years

Junior 1	15 – 17 year olds (Born 2004 – 2006)	Saturday 10.00am Games
Junior 2	13 - 14 year olds (Born 2007 – 2008)	Saturday 11.30am Games
Junior 3	11 - 12 year olds (Born 2009 – 2010)	Saturday 8.30am Games

Training dates and times are at the discretion of coaches.

PLEASE NOTE THAT JUNIOR 1 & JUNIOR 2 COACHES WILL NEED TO CHOOSE AN ALTERNATIVE TRAINING DAY TO TDS

Fees will be \$155 per player payable by the 3rd playing date. The break up is as follows:

Netball WA Fee:	\$86.00
Game Day Stadium Hire:	\$43.00
EJNA expenses:	\$26.00

PLEASE NOTE: PLAYERS IN JUNIOR 1 (15-17YR OLDS) will be advised on how to pay fees at a later date.

JUNIOR 1, Please DO NOT pay anything yet.

Important Dates

Registration closes on Friday 5th March 2021 Late registrations will be added to a waitlist and are not guaranteed placement in a team. Team lists will be distributed to schools prior to end of Term 1.

First game of the season for 2021 is Saturday 1st May.

Season breaks & finals dates will be confirmed once teams and fixtures have been finalised.

Registrations for 11-17 year olds are accessible by visiting

<https://netball.resultsvault.com/common/pages/reg/welcome.aspx?type=1&id=39637&entityid=39640>

or

by downloading the **MyNetball** app.

Login using your email address and add Esperance Netball Association to "My Network"

or

Facebook - Esperance Netball Association

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/146745498813438/?ref=bookmarks>

Should you require assistance with registration online, please contact Kerri Magagnotti
EJNA.Registrar.Esperance@gmail.com

Children aged 5 – 10 years old – NetSetGo!

If your child was born 2011– 2016, they can participate in the NetSetGo! Program. Please refer to the NetSetGo! Flyer for age divisions and registration link. Alternatively, please contact Rochelle Kihi, NetSetGo Registrar at NSG.Registrar.Esperance@gmail.com

The Esperance Junior Netball Association Committee is made up of volunteers. Meetings are held monthly and anyone is welcome to attend – all help is appreciated. Should you have any further questions, please contact Esperance Junior Netball Association President, Corinne Waight on 0439 715 962 or email esperancejuniornetball@gmail.com