

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 2 Thursday 30th June 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

The term has certainly flown by, and we are almost at the half-way point of the school year.

Though COVID continues to have an impact, the number of students testing positive has reduced from the numbers we saw in May. We have had 34 students test positive in June, compared to over a hundred in May. We are really grateful for the common sense approach that families have taken in helping the school prevent further spread.

Last Friday in assembly, we were treated to a musical extravaganza as the students from Rooms 4, 5 and 6 took us on a journey through the decades. Thank you to both the students and teachers for putting on a great show. It was very entertaining.

At the end of Week 8, Kayelene Kerr from the E-Safe Kids ran Cyber Safety and Digital Wellness workshops with the Year 4, 5 and 6 students. A parent workshop was also held giving a range of strategies and information to support parents and students to navigate this complex area. Thank you to all of the parents who attended and also to the P&C who made it possible.

Our Year 4 - 6 students continue their swimming lessons this week, with the last day of term being the Swimming Carnival. Semester One reports will also be available on Friday.

The Term 3 planner is filling up quickly. In Week 8, the Year 1-3 swimming lessons will be taking place and the Year 6's head off to Nanga Bush Camp in Dwellingup. During Week 4, the artist Angela Rossen will be working with our Year 4's on a project called the 'Living Reef', and we look forward to the NAIDOC celebrations.

Finally, Mr Moore will be taking some long service leave in Term 3 and part of Term 4. We welcome Miss Kayla Biddulph and Mr Tim Holland into Room 7. Mr Holland will also be joining us as our specialist Music Teacher. Thank you to Mrs Sandy Walker for the wonderful work that she has done during Term 2 in Music. We wish her safe travels.

We hope you all have a safe and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing you in Term 3.

David Vooght-Simpson Principal

Deputy's Desk - Student Services

Hello Parents and carers

Attendance at School

Wow, what a big semester it's been! COVID sure has thrown us some challenges but I think we've coped remarkably well here at Castletown PS!

Our whole-school attendance figures for the semester show that 48% of our students are **At Risk** of educational disadvantage due to school absence. Most of the time, there is completely understandable and reasonable cause for student absence. General sickness, close contact isolation and COVID isolation have been very difficult for families to manage. Thank you for playing your part in keeping our school community safe!

We aim for all our students to have at least 90% attendance with our average attendance goal across the school being 92% or above.

Education Department guidelines tell us:

- It only takes 10 days of absence in the semester to register a student At Risk of educational disadvantage.
- 20 days or more of absence in the semester places students At High Risk of educational disadvantage.
- 39 days or more of absence in the semester places students **At Severe Risk** of educational disadvantage.

The table below is very interesting as it shows the effect of cumulative absence.

There will be many student reports this semester containing a teacher comment that references school absence and the goal of improving school attendance. The intention of these comments is to positively draw awareness to the importance of school attendance, without any judgement or offence intended. We want to be clear and open in addressing this as an educational factor that can have a huge impact on the educational outcomes of our students. We are hoping to see the impact of COVID reduce in Semester Two, which should result in a correction and improvement on our school attendance figures.

If your child misses	that equals	or	From Kindy to year 12 that adds up to	Which is the equivalent of attending until:
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month per year	nearly 1 ½ years	part-way through year 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months per year	over 2 ½ years	part-way through year 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months per year	over 5 years	the end of year 7
3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months per year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4

David McLaren
Deputy Principal

Deputy's Desk - Curriculum

e-Safe Kids Parent Workshop:

On Thursday, 16th June, Kayelene Kerr presented a Digital Wellness Parent Workshop to 24 of our parents. Kayelene provided some valuable tips and strategies to support parents with developing good habits with their children in using digital devices. These included turning off devices an hour before bedtime, keeping devices out of the bedroom overnight and being an active participant with your child when using a device.



The next day, Kayelene presented 3 workshops to our Year 4-6 students. Kayelene helped explain what the internet actually is to the students and how information is stored with the internet, and that even though they may think they have deleted something, it is never quite deleted. Students were encouraged to be aware of unsafe people that may be using the internet, to never take or send private or personal photos on devices to anyone and if they have received a mean or unfriendly message to pause before responding. Students were also encouraged to think about what they write in their messages in case their parent, teacher or the Principal was to see it.

We thank our P&C for providing the funds to support this important incursion and Parent Workshop.

Reports

Reports will be emailed out to parents this Friday. Parents are reminded to please download the reports onto your device as the link will expire after 6 weeks.

School Photos

School photos will be held in week 4 of term 3, further information will be sent out to all parents in week 1 next term.

Julie Fetherston Deputy Principal

Assembly 10.06.2022

'Twas Mulga Bill's Bicycle, Banjo Paterson's humorous ballad that was expressively recited by Rooms 7 and 21. Carla spun fly the pie and selected her big brother Oscar to be pied. Congratulations to our Merit Award winners.



Indonesian

The last few weeks, year 5 and 6 students have been learning how to order food and drinks in our warung (small restaurant). They had to take turns to be the pelayan (waitperson) and the tamu (guest). Authentic menus were used and the students were surprised how cheap food and drinks are in Indonesia.

Helen Florisson Indonesian Teacher



Room 13

We started our Math unit on time! We used hula hoops and chalk to create our clock, writing our time correctly using our minute and hour hands.



We've been working on a unit about 2D shapes. We've worked hard at identifying the characteristics (names, vertices, edges and angles) and made some artworks to match. Overall, a very successful unit of Math to round out the semester!



School Voluntary Contribution

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

Year 2 Excursion

On Friday 17th June, Year 2 students participated in an excursion around Esperance to learn about some of the historical sites in our town.

To start the day we went on the bus to the Tanker Jetty. We walked out to the shelters and read about when some of the jetties across Esperance were built. We even saw a squid being caught and a seal! After the jetty, we walked to the museum and explored some old technology which we have been learning about in History. We had lunch and a play at Grace Darling Park and then headed into town to visit the Bijou Theatre, Dolly Mix Museum and Moreton Bay fig tree. Everyone had a great day out and we are proud of how our students displayed the Castletown expectations around town. We received positive feedback from the businesses we visited saying it was a delight to have CPS students visit.

Year 2 Teachers Miss Stokes, Ms Linden, Mrs Patterson and Mrs Coupar

Student Recount

My favourite thing at the museum was the tank in the vehicle section. I like how some things looked like now things and some things were past things.

My friend's favourite thing at the museum was the train because it had a mirror and a seat to sit down.

I liked how all of the year 2's went to the museum and I liked all of the things in the museum.

Louis Hawira Room 4, Year 2



Our three year 2 classes danced through the decades to deliver a funky, colourful and action packed assembly. Congratulations to all our Merit Award and Aussie of the Month Winners.





Room 6



The students in our class have been learning about money in Maths.

Thank you Mr Woosnam (Rosalina's dad) for sharing your Aboriginal culture with our class.



Shaneen Coupar Year 2 Teacher

Room 5

Our class has moved from paper weaving baskets to weaving with reeds. Linking this activity to Aboriginal culture, originally baskets were weaved with grass, roots and reeds. These baskets were predominantly used to gather food. We were also fortunate to have parents assist the class with their weaving.



Eliza Paterson Year 2 Teacher

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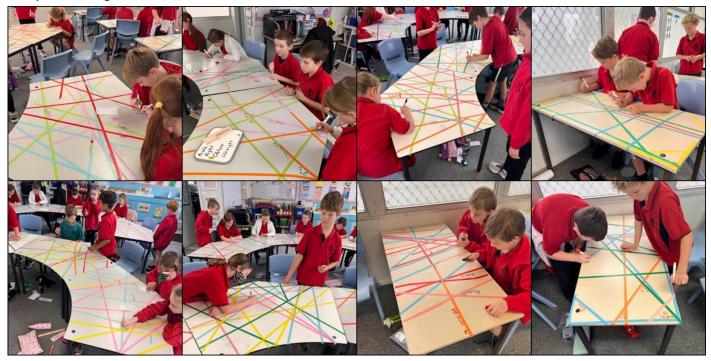
Congratulations to the following RIBIT readers

Room	Year	100 Nights
1	1	Phoebe Pitchers
4	2	Oscar Tabinor, Deacon Bower
5	2	Amelia Dhue, Olivia Richardson, Ted Graham, Oliver Davies
6	2	James Humphrys, Eli Drummond
7	5	Logan Andersen
8	3	Adelayde Humphrys
10	6	Kady Creedon, Blake Brenssell, Marli Browning
13	4	Mikaylah Stephen, Julian Butcher, Nathan Forrester
14	4	Spencer Bower and Nicola Linden

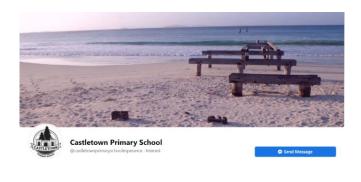


Room 22

Students decorated their desks using washi tape and then had to find the angles from the patterns they created. Lucky kids even got to write all over their tables with whiteboard markers.



Larissa Bower and Jo Pelly Year 3 Teachers



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YES?

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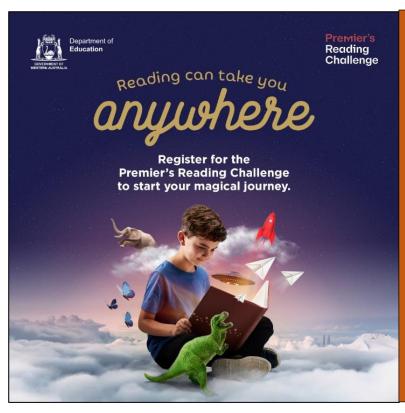


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PJ Day

On Wednesday the 8th June we were snug in our pyjamas, Ugg boots and dressing gowns to raise money for our Year 6 school camp. The grand sum of \$570 was raised. Well done everyone, what a fun day we had.





PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

School holidays are upon us and now is the time to join the challenge! 138 Castletown PS students have already joined! Special mention to Mila Gow, Mason Perks, Amelia Dhue, Lacey Hawke, Everly Dhue, Lilly Ramm, Ebony Reynolds, Olivia Beardsmore and Zali Channon who have, to date, read a grand total of 289 books between them.

The challenge is to log 12 or more book titles until 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:

<u>Premiersreadingchallenge</u> and Follow on Facebook or Instagram.

A Message from the Health and Wellbeing Team

How you can support your child at home

We encourage you to get involved in your child's mindfulness journey!

Mindfulness activities

We know that the greatest learning actually happens at home and we hope you are excited to find ways to bring mindfulness into your home - it will benefit your child and your whole family!

If your child's school has started to use Smiling Mind, your child will have a take-home activity that they can do at home each week.

Here are some more ideas for mindful activities you can do together at home:

01

Mindful eating

Think about how your family eats their meals - is everyone all over the place or do you sit down and enjoy a meal together?

Try and use meal time to savour your food, speak to each other and be present without any unnecessary distractions.

02

Mindful awareness

Spend time inside your house or in the garden and take some time to simply pay attention to what you can see, hear and smell.

It's amazing how often we go about our day without noticing what's right in front of us.

03

Mindful communication

Try and practice mindful communication by being aware when you are distracted and not paying attention, and bring your attention back.

Try and remind yourself to stop multitasking and simply pay attention when you're speaking to one another - really try and focus on what is being said and see if you can listen without thinking of other things - its hard, but worth it!







Snap Shot

Sally McLaren ESHS Year 7 Coordinator, came and spoke with our Year 6 students' on Thursday 9th June about the excellent opportunities available for students at Esperance Senior High School. Enrolment packs were sent home on the day. These now



need to return directly to the High School. We encourage parents to do this ASAP so that ESHS staff can plan for 2023.





Recently spotted on the <u>ESHS Facebook page</u> former Student Amelia Graham and CPS School Board Community Rep Anna Bonney participated in a Stars Foundation activity at ESHS.

Dates to remember

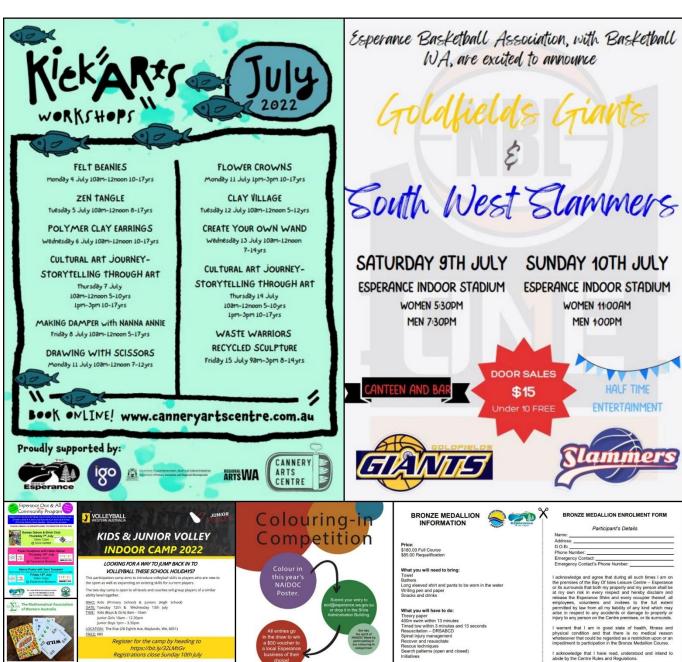
Monday 18 th July 2022	First day of term 3	
Monday 25 th July 2022	P & C Meeting 1:30pm in the Staff Room	
Wednesday 3 rd August 2022	Board Meeting 3:30pm	
Thursday 4 th August 2022	Year 4 PEAC testing	
Friday 5 th August 2022	Assembly – Room 11 and 12	
Monday 8 th to Friday 12 th August 2022	Year 4 Living Reef Workshop	
Tuesday 9 th and Wednesday 10 th August 2022	School photo days	
Friday 12 th August 2022	NAIDOC Day	
Monday 15 th to Friday 19 th August 2022	Life ED Incursion	
Wednesday 17 th August 2022	Student Leaders Day at Esperance P.S.	
Tuesday 23 rd to 24 th August 2022	Father's Day Stall	
Friday 26 th August 2022	Assembly - Room 22 Book Week Dress Up Day	
Monday 29 th August to Friday 2 nd September 2022	Year 1 and 3 Interm Swimming Lessons	
Monday 29 th August 2022	Numero Comp	
Wednesday 31 st September 2022	Board Meeting 3:30pm	
Monday 5 th to Friday 9 th September 2022	Year 1 and 3 Interm Swimming Lessons Year 6 Camp	
Friday 16 th September 2022	Assembly – Room 9 and 10 Colour Fun Run	
Friday 23 rd September 2022	Last day of term 3	

Community News

Please click here to view our community events page on our website.











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Requalification and Examination Saturday 30 July 12noor Bronze Medallion Full Course Saturday 30 July 8am -4pm

Any enquiries contact BOILC Swim School on 9083 1703.