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Castletown PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Newsletter No. 3, Term 4, 2019

Dear Parents

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of Week 6. Students have been busy completing the ACER Reading Comprehension Assessment, Easy-Mark Maths and narratives/recounts for Brightpath to provide teachers with cogent data that demonstrates student progress and achievement for their Semester 2 reports. These reports will be emailed out again to parents as per last Semester on Friday 13th December. Please ensure your email address is up-to-date with the School Office to enable delivery of the report.

Special Visitor to the School

Mr Stephen Baxter, Deputy Director General, Schools will be visiting our school next Wednesday. We look forward to welcoming him to our school and meeting our staff and students throughout the day.

Numero

It was with great excitement that we heard last Thursday that our 2 Numero teams placed 2nd and 7th out of 18 teams last week. What a great demonstration of the virtue Excellence. We are immensely proud of the 8 students (Isaac Francis, Blayden Coussens, James Guest, Mia Walter, Thomas Nesbitt, Noah Vinson, Nate Thomas and Lloyd Henderson) that took part and very thankful to Mr Weckert and Mr Barter who have been instrumental in the development of Numero, not only of these 8 students but all the students at Castletown Primary School in the past few years. This on-going commitment and reinforcement with our students has enabled us to continually have highly competitive teams participate in this state-wide competition whilst promoting awareness of Alzheimer's disease. Mr Pansini kindly stepped in to support our second group and we thank him for his commitment to our students. To thank our students for their extra effort and the practice they have been putting in, and to celebrate their achievement, I will be having a "Pizza with the Principal" lunch on Monday with the students and Mr Weckert, Mr Barter and Mr Pansini.



2020 Booklists

The 2020 Booklists were sent home with each child yesterday along with a copy of the 2020 Fees and Contributions document that was endorsed by our School Board. This year our Booklists have been prepared for us by West School Supplies and include the option of paying your School Voluntary Contribution at the same time. As per previous years, personal items can be purchased from any supplier.

For 2020, we are introducing a maths text book and tracker (assessment) book called iMaths. This program is an investigation-based numeracy program that allows for differentiation at 3 levels – support, consolidation and extension. This program will form a part of our whole-school approach to mathematics in 2020.

Buildings and Maintenance

In the past two weeks we have had some further work completed around the school. You may have noticed our bright new shade sails, providing additional shade protection for our students. These are a welcome addition leading up to summer and our two end-of-year assemblies.

We also now have a large concrete stage area in our old Undercover Area. This will be used for both the Presentation Assembly and the Graduation Assembly and will allow our Graduating Students to be front and centre for all to see at their special assembly.

I met with Tim Cartledge and Rob Tagliaferri on Wednesday to discuss the replacement of the Verandah outside Rooms 1-8 as well as the drainage works planned for the quadrangle area. Both of these projects will hopefully be completed by early Term 2 with the bulk of the loud, messy work occurring through the Term 1 holidays. This is the next stage of the Block A (Rooms 1-8) remediation program.



Pat Leeson Retirement

Last Friday, Mrs Leeson officially retired and a private function was held at school to thank her for the tremendous service she has demonstrated to the Education Department and in particular at Castletown Primary School and Esperance Primary School. Mrs Leeson has worked for the Department of Education for 51 years as both a teacher and school officer (library officer). Many past teachers from Castletown Primary School attended to pay respect and thank Pat for her support, encouragement and mentorship in their own careers. Thank you to Mrs Castledine for all the background work in preparing for the afternoon tea event and organisation of a beautiful gift rose from the staff of Castletown. This rose was selected because of its name – “Simply Magic” – as Pat’s time and contribution to Castletown Primary School has been – simply magic.



Long Service Leave

From Thursday 28th November to Friday 6th December I will be away from school on Long Service Leave attending a family holiday with my extended family. During this time Mr Laurie Palmer will be the Deputy in Charge and will continue to lead the school with a wealth of experience and knowledge behind him. During this period of time, any queries and concerns should be directed to him as I will have limited access to my emails. Mr Palmer can be contacted at the school on 9076 2800 or by email – Laurie.Palmer@education.wa.edu.au.

In the meantime, until I commence my leave, if any parents wish to contact me regarding any queries, concerns or just to have a chat, I am more than happy to meet. Please contact me on 9076 2800 or email me at julie.fetherston@education.wa.edu.au if I can assist you in any way.

Julie Fetherston
Acting Principal

Deputy’s Desk – Student Services

The end of the year is approaching very quickly. Teachers will be contacting parents/carers soon to complete reviews of any plans and formulate recommendations for your child’s 2020 teacher. The school has a comprehensive hand over procedure to ensure the transition from one year to the next is as smooth as possible. Please contact your child’s class teacher if you have any queries or concerns.

Year 4 instrumental music forms for participation in the 2020 Instrumental Music Program were due yesterday. If you have not returned them then first thing Monday morning will ensure they are collated. Notification of offers will be sent out next week.

Our Year 6 students attending Esperance Senior High School in 2020 are having a transition day on Tuesday, 3rd December. Further details will be sent out closer to the day. If you have not returned your enrolment forms to the High School, please do so promptly so your child can attend the transition day.

Laurie Palmer
Deputy Principal – Student Services

Deputy's Desk - Curriculum

Interschool Numero State Final

Castletown Primary is extremely proud of the performance of the 8 students that represented the school at the AFG Interschool Numero Final competition in Perth last Thursday. The Mathematical Marvels won 2nd place and received a fantastic book prize each and rewarded the school with a \$500 prize. Thank you to the sponsors, Australian Financial Group, for these prizes. Our second team, the Pi-Rates, placed 7th which is also a fantastic achievement. Over the course of the competition, 216 teams have competed across 12 heats to make the final. This puts into perspective the enormity of the results. The students overcoming the challenge of our distance from Perth and then performing so consistently, is a credit to them. I would like to acknowledge the School Admin and our Staff for the support over Term 3 and 4 of Numero and all the work that has gone into preparing our students to perform so well. We were fortunate enough to secure funding from IGO for over \$6 000 towards the cost of the flights to Perth. This gave our students the best possible conditions to be at their best.

Numero is a fantastic mathematical game to develop students' fluency and understanding of numbers. The teamwork aspect of the events in the competition also builds students capacity to work together and problem solve under pressure. Additionally, royalties for the sale of Numero support the Alzheimer's Foundation.



2020 Student Councillor Applications

All Year 5 students were invited to apply to become a Student Councillor in 2020. Many of the students demonstrated courage and confidence to complete the application form and submit it. Mrs Fetherston and two School Board representatives, Mrs Wright and Mrs Graham now have the task to read and review each application to determine the successful applicants for 2020 Student Councillors. These students will be announced at the Presentation Assembly on Friday 13th December.

2020 Year 6 Students – Camp, Leavers Shirt and Fundraising

Thank you to all the Year 5 parents who have sent their Form of Intent to participate in the 2020 Year 6 camp and have paid their \$50 deposit. A reminder that the Year 6 Leavers Shirt order form and payment is due by Friday 6th December. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact me.

An email has been sent to all Year 5 parents to gauge interest in fundraising for the 2020 camp. I would encourage all Year 5 parents to complete the survey in the email as soon as possible. If you did not receive the email, please contact the school on Monday.

Ashley Weckert
Deputy Principal – Curriculum

Kindy/PP POL News

In week 5 and 6, students in both Kindergarten groups had the opportunity to showcase their sporting talents at their Fun Sports morning. The students participated in a range of activities demonstrating their speed in running races, jumped, rolled and climbed their way through the obstacle course. They raced through the flag relays and egg and spoon races, demonstrated their throwing skills in circle ball and displayed great aim in the bean bag throwing. The event concluded with a fun parent-child event showing off their team work with parents in the wheelbarrow race and a shared fruit picnic. We thank all parents and families for coming along to support their children on these fun days.

Amanda Piercey and Wendy Weckert
Kindy Teachers



Year 1/2 POL News

On the 11th November, Room 5 attended the Remembrance Day Service at the War Memorial. Two students laid a wreath supported by Mrs Margaret Churchland. Thank you to Mrs Wright and Mrs Jordan for assisting with the excursion.



Year 3/4 POL News

The Year 3 and 4 classes learnt valuable lessons about using safe online practices when Constable Care came to school. We heard about the safe actions we can take to protect ourselves online and how it's always ok to tell someone if we're worried about something we experience when we use our computers, tablets and phones. Back in class we created screen names for ourselves which don't give away personal information and took a quiz to test our knowledge!



To celebrate the success of our Book Fair we all participated in the 'Dress Up as our Favourite Book Character' day. Rooms 7 & 8 also created character portraits about their favourite character to compliment the colourful book character parade. We had such an amazing turn out of different book characters. Thank you to everyone who helped with the costumes. You did a brilliant job!



Sandra Callow & Julie Palmer
Year 3 Teachers



Year 5/6 POL News

Wow, we are half way through Term 4 and it has been a very busy 5 weeks.

Year 5 have been sizing and voting on choices for Leavers Shirts for 2020.

Teachers are busy testing, marking and entering data.



Rm 10 students dressed for World Diabetes Day



Rm 10 students dressed at the Book Fair

Year 6

We have had a very productive two weeks with assessments, investigating chemicals and book reviews.



Room 9 are very busy planning and preparing for their Pop Up Shops in Week 9. As part of HASS, the Economics and Business unit, students had to design and propose a business to sell products to Year 4, 5 and 6 students. Each business was required to use the Reduce, Recycle and Reuse concept, make their own products and advertise (paper and TV).

Our councillors were busy promoting World Diabetes Day and Book Character Dress up Day during Week 5.

Congratulations to our two Numero teams - we are all so proud of you and a huge thank you to Mr Weckert, Mr Barter and Mr Pansini for taking the time and effort to assist with the teams. The teams represented our

Year 5 and Year 6 cohort and were responsible and respectful.

Transition Day for Esperance Anglican Community School occurred last Friday with some of Year 6 students attending. By all accounts it was an interesting and exciting day to be a high school student.

Esperance Senior High School transition day is Tuesday 3rd December. By now all students enrolled would have received their information packs. If you have not enrolled or received the information pack, please contact ESHS 90719555.

Mrs Rose
Year 6 teacher

Specialist POL News - Indonesian

Selamat sore semua

This term we started learning Indonesian as a second language. The students, especially the younger ones, have really soaked it up. We have been learning all the greetings and the older students are beginning to create conversations where they introduce themselves and are able to ask basic questions. Some year levels are making traditional Indonesian puppets and will be presenting their conversation through a wayang puppet presentation.

The younger children are learning basic vocabulary and colours. All children know a few songs now in Indonesian.

Below are some of the words we have been learning-

English	Indonesian
Good morning (till 11am)	Selamat Pagi
Good day (11-3pm)	Selamat Siang
Good afternoon (3-6pm)	Selamat Sore
Good evening /night(6pm till wake up)	Selamat Malam
Good night (sleep)	Selamat tidur
How are you?	Apa Kabar?
I'm very well.	Baik-Baik Saja!
What is your name?	Siapa nama mu?
My name is	Nama saya.....
Thank you	Terima kasih
You're welcome	Sama sama



Terima Kasih
Ibu Florisson

Wellbeing Team News

Wellbeing Health Tips - Term 4

Castletown Primary School in partnership with Act, Belong Commit will share information and/or events that would be of benefit to students, staff, parents and the school community.



Keeping mentally healthy is just as important as staying physically healthy!

<p><u>ACT</u></p> <p>Physically Active</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Leave the car keys on the hook and walk or cycle to the shops. <p>Socially Active</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acknowledge people you walk past with a friendly smile or a hello <p>Spiritually Active</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Listen to music <p>Mentally Active</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do a Sudoku, crosswords, daily teasers or quizzes.	<p><u>BELONG</u></p> <p>Friends and Family</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consider starting an activity night (or morning) like a movie night, games night, cooking night or cards night <p>Join Club or Group</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nature and conservation group. <p>Community Events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Visit the local library
<p><u>COMMIT</u></p> <p>Personal Challenges and Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn a language, a musical instrument, or to sing. <p>Volunteering</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Start local. For example, could you volunteer at your child's school canteen? <p>Acts of Kindness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Let someone in front of you in a queue.	The logo for 'act belong commit' is repeated in the bottom right cell of the table. It consists of three overlapping circles (green, purple, blue) with the words 'act', 'belong', and 'commit' inside them, and the text 'Mentally Healthy School' below.

Assembly hosted by Room 7

Yesterday the Year 2/3 students in Room 7 ably led the Senior Assembly. Their performance of My Highland Goat, accompanied by the very talented Mrs Tolman on the ukulele, not only entertained the audience but also highlighted the many different sounds they have been learning in their spelling program. They then presented a rap style song about the virtue of Tolerance and accepting that we are all different and that it is ok to be different – a very important virtue for everyone to model. Thank you Room 7 for highlighting this virtue and presenting it in such an effective way.



At the Assembly Mrs Fetherston recognised Kupa Henning for his participation in the Junior Survivor Augusta Adventure Race on the 2nd November, 2019.

The race is 4 kms of 10 obstacles through the bush and Inlet at Augusta town, this race is participated by over 400 children every year.



The competitors run on the roads, the grass, climb under, over and through obstacles, slide down a slippery soapy wet embankment and run through the water in the Augusta Inlet and then run very muddy and wet through to the finish line. The race is watched by thousands of spectators on the sides encouraging, and high fiving all the competitors throughout the event.

The Adventure race is all about participation and enjoying the company of racing with many children from all over Western Australia and sometimes Australia and New Zealand.

Kupa has competed in this race every year for three years, but this year was very special, as it was the very last Augusta Adventure Race for juniors and adults to be held at this venue.

Mrs Fetherston was informed after the assembly that Savannah Durrant has also participated in this event for the past 3 years as well. What a great effort Savannah!

To view a gallery of photos from the assembly [click here](#)

Certificates of Merit



Year/Room	Student
Yr 2 Rm 7	Annalise Nichols
Yr 3 Rm 7	Vaughn Bow
Yr 3 Rm 8	Lebron Kennedy
Yr 3 Rm 13	Noah Ryan
Yr 4 Rm 12	Sienna Guest
Yr 4 Rm 14	Rory Giorgiante
Yr 5 Rm 10	Mason Cowcher
Yr 5 Rm 11	Elliott Hunt
Yr 6 Rm 9	Jarek Smithson
Yr 6 Rm 21	Jack Hallam

Virtues Winners

Year	Room	Student	Virtue
3	8	Tyson Walker	Encouraging
4	12	Nathan Keogh	Peacefulness
5	10	Kupa Henning	Helpfulness
6	21	Astiana Beardsmore	Respectfulness



P&C News

Nature Play Committee

The Nature Play Committee are looking for donations towards the Nature Playground. We would appreciate donations of:

- 24 bags of rapid set
- 5L of Blackboard Paint
- 20L of Decking oil
- Cash contributions towards purchasing materials.

If you are able to assist us, can you please email lariattwater@yahoo.com.au with what you are able to donate.

Many thanks,

Nature Play Committee

Department of Education Scholarships

Do you know a country student who needs support with the cost of attending secondary school?

Students currently in Years 6 at your school may be eligible for a James and Rose Coombe Scholarship for 2020. Twenty or more scholarships are available each year and successful applicants can reapply in subsequent years. The funding amount starts at \$1 000.

Funds can be used to support the student with any of the costs associated with attending a public secondary school located 65km or more from Perth.

Applications for this scholarship close at 5.30pm on **Thursday 12 December** (Week 9). Application forms and details on how to apply are available on the Department's [Secondary Schooling Scholarships website](#).

Dental Therapy Centre

The dental therapy centre will be closed from Monday 23rd December 2019 until Friday 24th January 2020.

For any emergency treatment during the closure please contact a private dentist or attend the Esperance Health Campus.

All year 6 students enrolled at the clinic will continue to be seen up until year 11. All appointments will be sent to the given home address. If you have changed address or would like to check that we have the correct address please contact us on 90711781 or email : esperancedtc@dental.health.wa.gov.au

As we are coming into warmer weather it is time to rethink what you drink....do you know how much sugar is in your drink?

375 ml can coke = 10 teaspoons sugar

375 ml can lemonade = 8 teaspoons sugar

375 ml can fanta = 10.5 teaspoons sugar

Gatorade = 9 teaspoons sugar

Slushie /frozen coke = 20 teaspoons sugar

Water= 0 sugar

We hope you all enjoy your summer break.

Esperance Dental Therapy Staff

Dates to Remember

25 th -29 th November	PP-Year 1 Swimming
3 rd December	ESHS Transition Day
6 th December	Junior Assembly (K-2) – Room 4
11 th December	Volunteer Morning Tea 10.45-11.15
13 th December	Presentation Assembly – 1pm
17 th December	Graduation Assembly – 1pm
19 th December	Last Day of Term 4


Community News

To view more Community Events, [click here](#)



Esperance Senior High School

EXHIBITION OF CREATIVE WORKS

November 23rd - 28th



THE CANNERY ARTS CENTRE
NORSEMAN ROAD
Opening Night: 22nd November 6-9pm
Live Music by ESHS Jazz Band
Some Food Provided
All Welcome

Christmas Family Night

FREE



Thursday 5th December
5.00pm - 7.00pm

- Santa's Workshop
- Christmas DIY Workshops
- Face painting and children's activities
- Santa Visits and Esperance Primary School Choir
- Donuts, Sausage Sizzle, Popcorn & Soft Drinks

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SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
4pm - Town Central

MARKETS & SANTA PICS
5pm - Museum Village
Food, Entertainment & Stalls

MOVIE SCREENING ^{*FREE}
6pm (7pm start) - Soundshell
BYO Picnic & Something warm

More information @ visitesperance.com/what-on