

Newsletter 3, Term 1, 2019

Principal's Message

Dear Parents

Last week we held a sequence of scheduled meetings Monday-Thursday to afford as many families as possible the opportunity to attend Parent – Teacher meetings here at the school. I wish to thank most sincerely all of the parents who were able to attend. The focus for our teachers was to outline their Classroom Policies (procedures/protocols around classroom management, homework, behaviour, attendance and positive learning environments – to list a few), the Western Australian Curriculum and the specific focus on Term 1 achievement standards in all learning areas, and an overview of our whole school Literacy Program being implemented in 2019. I have received very positive feedback from parents and teachers about our planned Parent Meetings and I thank you all for engaging in a positive manner to build healthy partnerships in our school community.



Crazy Hair Day: Congratulations and thanks to Student Councillors Mia and Jack for organising the Crazy Hair Day on Wednesday. Their wonderful efforts to initiate, plan, motivate and implement this whole school event were outstanding! Everyone had a lot of fun, including staff, and congratulations to our 3 x winners for their fabulous crazy hair creations. Mia and Jack raised \$666, which contributes significantly to the Student Council's target of \$2000 to improve RIBIT (Reading In Bed Is Terrific) resources here at the school.

Canteen Manager: A very big thank you to our P&C President Mrs Prosser who has managed the selection process to identify and appoint a new Canteen Manager. We are all delighted to welcome Mr Shaun Maddock to our school community and look forward to Shaun reopening our canteen next term.

Faction Carnival: Our whole school community deserve congratulations and thanks for a terrific day of action, colour and excitement. That students tried so hard to give their Faction the best chance to win the Carnival, is a big part of what it is all about. My sincere thanks in particular to Mr Pansini and Mr Weckert for the sustained effort they made to ensure the success of our 2019 Faction Carnival. Congratulations to all winners of ribbons, medallions and the prized shield. The importance of learning to win and lose graciously is being well promoted in the school. Best wishes to our School Team as they head off to represent Castletown at the Interschool Athletics Carnival next week – which is being held at Nulsen PS this year.



In closing, I wish to acknowledge the fine work Deputy Principal Julie Fetherston is doing to support our teachers with the implementation of specific curriculum initiatives. Our Brightpaths Writing Program is now providing very good longitudinal data across a number of writing genres including narrative, persuasive and informational texts. Analysing this data professionally ensures planning is informed and targeted at improving student achievement. Mrs Fetherston is giving great support to all teachers and it is making a difference! Thank you all for what has been a busy, but very rewarding 8 weeks of teaching and learning here at Castletown Primary School.

Colin Brand
Principal



Deputy's Desk - Curriculum

Easy Mark Maths Assessment: Last week, all students from Pre-Primary to Year 6 participated in an on-line maths assessment. These assessments have been developed by Peter Nowland, a well-respected Australian Mathematics educator who founded MTS Maths - a series of maths textbooks (and now website). The assessment was completed on iPads and we were able to receive the results that day for classes that were all in attendance. This assessment will help teachers identify strengths and weaknesses in student knowledge and understanding of maths content, will form the basis for targeted teaching and can be used to develop Individual and Group Education Plans to assist students who require additional support. It will also provide information to identify whole school targets and priorities for our whole school maths plan. Teachers will also be able to purchase resources to help address identified needs within their POLS to support students. The assessment will be repeated in Term 4 to provide evidence of student achievement and progress.

PLD Professional Learning: Six more of our teachers attended Professional Learning in Perth recently on Promoting Literacy Development (PLD). All teaching staff and education assistants have now been upskilled in this whole school approach to our literacy plan. Teachers shared information regarding PLD at their parent meetings last week. They are currently reassessing students using the Term 1 review to determine groups for Term 2 and identify teaching focus for each group.

Brightpath Writing Focus for Term 1: This term, our writing focus across the school has been:

- Year 1 and 2 – Recount Writing
- Year 3 and 5 – Persuasive Writing followed by Narrative Writing (in preparation for NAPLAN)
- Year 4 and 6 – Narrative writing

Students have written a first sample of each genre which the teachers have scanned and scored via our Brightpaths Writing Assessment Tool. This provides teachers with valuable information and key teaching points to help progress students further in their writing. Students are now completing a second assessed piece which will also be scanned and scored via Brightpaths. This will assist teachers in identifying student progress and growth.

Julie Fetherston
Deputy Principal

Senior Assembly - 8th March

On Friday 15th March our Year 6 students from Room 9 presented the first assembly for 2019. The Assembly was based upon the theme of Respect - one of the main virtues we focus on at Castletown Primary School. The students presented each teacher with a poster about respect and gave an enthusiastic performance about Respect, including some rapping!



Our Student Councillors were presented with their badges by our School Board Chairperson - Mrs Tania Wright. The students completed an application for School Leadership and a selection panel of Mrs Wright, Mr Guest (school board member), Mr Weckert and Mr Brand read through each application and through due process determined the School Councillors.

Our Faction captains were announced and presented with their badges by our P&C President Mrs Sandra Prosser. These students also completed an application for Faction Captain and our Year 6 teachers, Mrs Rose and Mr Moore, our Physical Education specialist Mr Pansini and Student Services Deputy Mr Weckert read through each application and determined a short list of applicants. These students then presented a short speech to the Year 5 and 6 students of their faction who then voted for their Faction Captain.



Mrs Fiona Ryan, a member of our P&C Fundraising Committee, also spoke at the assembly about the up-coming P&C fundraiser - the Easter Egg Raffle, Easter Hat parade and Colouring-In Competition. This year, these events are open to all students from K-6 and a school wide Easter Hat Parade will be held on Wednesday 10th April.

[Click here](#) to see more photos from the gallery.

Merit Awards

Congratulations to the following students who received merit awards at our assembly on Friday, 8th March.

Room/Year	Student	Room/Year	Student
Room 9 Year 6	Bella Mayfield	Room 14 Year 4	Holly Young
Room 21 Year 6	Tom Nesbitt	Room 13 Year 3	Evah Robbins
Room 10 Year 5	Regan Ainsworth James Guest	Room 1 Year 3	Paige Schnitzer Tyson Walker Jace Young
Room 11 Year 5	Chance McKenzie	Room 2 Year 2/3	Alexa Desmond Nash Laird
Room 12 Year 4	Kianna Manu		



Virtue Winners

Congratulations to the following students who won a prize for displaying these virtues.

Year 3	Cadence Offer - <i>Respect</i>	Lola-Rose Ridgway - <i>Excellence</i>
Year 4	Rachel Smith - <i>Kindness</i>	Ava Neill - <i>Enthusiasm</i>
Year 5	Tilly Chitarra - <i>Excellence</i>	Allira Bratten - <i>Respect</i>
Year 6	Nate Thomas - <i>Commitment</i>	Jarek Smithson - <i>Respect</i>



Athletics Carnival

In Week 7, we held our Athletics Carnival. Mr Pansini has been working tirelessly behind the scenes all term with Mr Weckert in planning, training and organising this year's carnival. Thank you to all our parent volunteers who assisted in the smooth running of the carnival.

On Wednesday, 20th March students participated in the Cross Country (500m and 1000m runs), Jumps and Throw Events.



The main carnival was held on Thursday, 21st March with a little feeling of trepidation regarding the weather. We went ahead with the carnival and were able to complete most of the events before the thunderstorm hit. The remaining events were completed on Friday 29th March as part of the Whole School Sports program.

Congratulations to all Champion Boys and Girls and the Runner-Ups. Your training and effort has resulted in the ultimate reward.



Challenger won the Marching Shield and Cygnet were the overall winning faction for the carnival, 200 points ahead of the next faction!



YEAR GROUP	SPONSOR	WINNER	FACTION
YR 6 Girls Gold	B & S Walter Haulage	Lylah Heather	Parmelia
YR 6 Girls Silver	Schmidt Family	Megan Grant	Challenger
YR 6 Boys Gold	Kirby Family	Benjumen Kloeden	Cygnet
YR 6 Boys Silver	Fels Family	Ben Gibson	Cygnet
YR 5 Girls Gold	Hennessy Family	Jessie Hennessy	Cygnet
YR 5 Girls Silver	Prosser Family	Destiny Fels	Challenger
YR 5 Boys Gold	L & K Guest	Druce Blythman	Cygnet
YR 5 Boys Silver	TJM Esperance	Jai Wood	Cygnet
YR 4 Girls Gold	Esperance Combined Tyres & Mechanical	Jazmin Unwin	Cygnet
YR 4 Girls Silver	Esperance Combined Tyres & Mechanical	Holly Young	Success
YR 4 Boys Gold	Green Family	Oliver Rose	Cygnet
YR 4 Boys Silver	Tatey's Fishing World	Eli Rickerby	Cygnet
YR 3 Girls Gold	Cowcher Family	Lacey Zani	Cygnet
YR 3 Girls Silver	Laird Family Mackenzie Family G & B Haulage	Savhannah Lewis Hoey Lola-Rose Ridgway Bronte Hennessy	Challenger Parmelia Cygnet
YR 3 Boys Gold	Ryan Family	Tyson Walker	Cygnet
YR 3 Boys Silver	TJM Esperance	Jack MacKenzie	Success
YR 2 Girls Gold	Nankivell Family	Alyrah Stokes	Parmelia
YR 2 Girls Silver	Twilight School of Surf	Charlie Wood	Success
YR 2 Boys Gold	Turnbull Family	Coby Guest	Parmelia
YR 2 Boys Silver	Esperance Family Practice	Brody Oliver	Challenger
YR 1 Girls Gold	Ultimate Detailing and Auto Glass	Mikaylah Stephen	Success
YR 1 Girls Silver	Ultimate Detailing and Auto Glass	Teal Dell'Agostino	Parmelia
YR 1 Boys Gold	S'juice	Koen Walker	Parmelia
YR 1 Boys Silver	Watt Mobile Diesels	Walter Shillington	Cygnet

[Click here](#) to view a gallery of photos from the carnival.

Junior Assembly - 22nd March

Our first Junior Assembly was hosted by our Room 3, Year 2 class after an action-packed week with our sports carnival. Room 3 sang a song about the importance of Respect. All students sang enthusiastically and performed actions to match the song. Brody, Lily, Khloe and Charlie shared some writing that they had written about the Virtues of love, honesty, cooperation and caring.



The students also shared their STEM project about creating a water collection container, with a filter to collect clean water. Some future engineers in this classroom!

Mrs Ryan, from the P&C fundraising Committee shared with the students the up-coming Easter Raffle, Easter Hat Parade and Colouring-In Competition. All students from K-6 are encouraged to create an Easter Hat for the Parade to be held on Wednesday 10th April.

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Room 3 Year 2	Jaxon Mansted	Room 8 Year 1	Teal Dell'Agostino
Room 4 Years 1/2	Harrison Arnold	EC2 PP	Adelayde Humphrys
Room 5 Year 2	Stephanie Bennier	EC3 PP	Lacey Browning
Room 6 Year 1	Michael Nguyen	EC6 PP	Braxton Miller
Room 7 Year 1	Violet Hill		



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PP	Grace Jeffes - <i>Respect</i>	Emma Ward - <i>Caring</i>
Year 1	Izabella Rolton - <i>Responsibility</i>	James Woosnam - <i>Respect</i>
Year 2	Emma Bailey - <i>Respect</i>	Caleb Guest - <i>Respect</i>

Student Councillor's Report

Crazy Hair Day: Jack and I had lots of fun organising the Crazy Hair Day this week. We had to plan the promotion and create an enthusiasm across the school to participate – we did a good job because Mr Brand and lots of staff joined in too. Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to our Fund Raising for RIBIT resources. The grand total that we collected was a wonderful \$668.00!!!!!! How good was that? Everyone from Kindy to Year 6 was encouraged to participate and it was terrific to see so much colour and lots of people having fun. Thanks again, your support has made us very proud.

Mia Walter and Jack Hallam

[Click here](#) for our Crazy Hair Day Gallery

Colour Your World: Our names are Lylah and Emily and we are excited to be given the responsibility to plan and organise the Colour Your World Day early next Term. Our efforts are also about raising funds to meet our \$2000 RIBIT resources target. Everyone in our School Community is being encouraged to wear whatever you like that has lots of loud and bright colour. We want you to use your imagination, be “out there” and get creative! It is a gold coin donation event and an excuse to Colour Your World. For more information - [click here](#). See you there!

Emily Crawley and Lylah Heather



K/PP POL News

The Kindergarten students are very excited that they now join the Pre-Primary students for the lunch time Outside Learning Program. All students have the opportunity to choose from a variety of activities to help develop their core body strength, gross and fine motor skills. A popular choice has been the new boat.



Mrs Wendy Weckert
Kindy Teacher

Year 1-2 POL News

Athletics Carnival: Year 1 and 2 students were very excited about the 2019 Athletics Carnival!! Some of the children were chosen as faction Mascots – how exciting to be front and centre when the factions marched onto the oval on the big day!!



STEM Learning Project: We are very excited to start our STEM Learning Project for the semester in our Year 1 classrooms! The aim of the STEM Learning Project is to develop students interest, enjoyment and engagement with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) and to encourage their ongoing participation in STEM both at school and in real life contexts. We have engaged the families and local community of our classes to collect recycled items that would normally go in the bin.

Our sequence of lessons will challenge, inform and inspire the children with real-world problems and solutions, raising awareness of sustainability and recycling. We cannot wait to create our very own 'Magnificent Thing'. These photos were from the students' investigation of the materials and properties of different recyclable items, that will be useful for building their own Magnificent Thing.

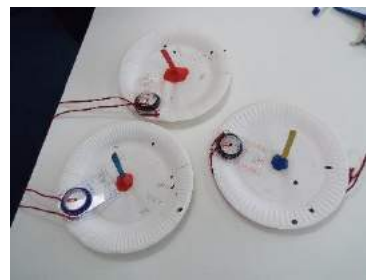


In addition to our recycled items, we have a magnificent word wall in our classrooms to support the students' learning journey.

Miss Eloise Young
Year 1 Teacher

Year 3-4 POL News

It is hard to believe that we are already near the end of Term 1! Our classrooms have been busy, busy, busy learning lots of interesting things across all subject areas. In Science, the Year 3's have been learning about how the earth's rotation on its axis causes regular changes such as night and day. In HASS we are celebrating celebrations- looking at celebrations in our families, our school, our community and through history.



Photos of students' Venn diagrams of the Earth, Moon and Sun and the sun dials they create to track the movement of the sun.

Sandra Callow and Julie Palmer
Room 1

Year 5-6 POL News

The last two weeks have been a hive of activity. With the faction carnival over, selected senior students are now looking forward to the Interschool carnival next week.

Year 5/6 students in Technology are working towards a project "Bushfires". Students have been doing research on fire warning devices.



Crazy Hair Day was a hit with the majority of students and teachers. This was a huge success raising over \$600 to be contributed towards RIBIT resources.

Mrs Shaneen Coupar
Year 5 Teacher

Specialist DOTT POL News - French

Bonjour tout le monde! All classes from PP-6 have started French lessons and are making great progress so far. Students are learning to introduce themselves by talking about their name, age, personality, likes and dislikes. As each week goes by, students are speaking more naturally and many are now able to recall key phrases and hold simple conversations. It is great to see everyone building their communication skills, and interacting respectfully with peers during French lessons.



Did you know the following interesting facts about learning a language?

- Learning a second language improves your memory in the short term, and reduces your chance of dementia in the long term
- Skills in your first language improve as you become more conscious of grammar, sentence structures and vocabulary
- Performance in other academic areas improve due to better cognitive skills

Mademoiselle Garn
French Teacher

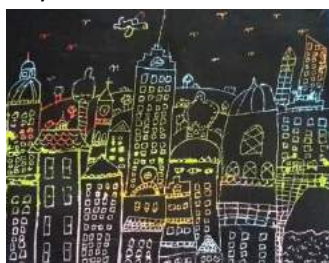
Specialist DOTT POL News - Art

Students throughout the school have been applying their ideas, skills, and techniques towards making a variety of artworks. Earlier in the term the students developed their clay work skills and produced clay tiles decorated with aboriginal symbols. While the senior classes skilfully constructed their creative minions. Students have been learning about famous artists such as Wassily Kandinsky and Sidney Nolan and creating artworks similar in style to the great artists. The black scratch artwork produced outstanding results across the school, with students displaying a good understanding of line, colour and detail.

Steve Barter
Art Specialist

Jorja Winfield Room 11

Black Scratch Art by
Kyle Durrant Room 5



Jayden Arnold Room 14



Harmony Day in the Music Room

Harmony Week occurs 17-23rd of March and so we have been exploring the many waves of migration that have occurred in Australia and the need for cultural understanding of our diverse population. Singing and responding to songs such as 'Wanjoo', 'We are Australian' in Yawuru and in English, 'Home Among the Gum Trees' and 'G'day G'day', provide for interesting conversations to create harmony and understanding of our rich cultural heritage and diversity.



We are also currently preparing some songs for our ANZAC Ceremony being held on Wednesday 1st May.

Andrea Liddelow
Music D.O.T.T. Provider

CANTEEN NEWS

New Canteen Manager Mr Shaun Maddock provided a tasting menu to a group of parents and the Principal yesterday. The aim was to get excellent advice around the new Menu. The food was very tasty and the willing judges enjoyed the opportunity to taste, make judgements and give recommendations. It was good fun and very helpful to Mr Maddock and the Canteen Committee led by Mrs Styles.



NATURE PLAY COMMITTEE

Our committee has worked really hard to plan, draft and prepare a concept plan for the school's new natureplay area. At this stage they are having their draft plan drawn up professionally, as well as an artist's impression of what it will look like. These will provide a platform to consult with students, teachers and parents before the final proposal is defined. Many thanks to our hard working group – the ideas presented look fantastic.



Dates to Remember

Fri 5th April	Interschool Athletics Carnival
Wed 10th April - 2pm	Easter Hat Parade
Fri 12th April - 8.50 am	Assembly Room 21
Fri 12th April	Last Day Term 1
Tue 30 th April	First Day Term 2
Wed 1 st May -11.30am	ANZAC Day Assembly

[Click here](#) for the latest Community Events.