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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. 4, Term 4, 2019



Dear Parents

As 2019 draws to a close, it becomes a time of reflection and review of the achievements, celebrations and areas for improvement for the year. We have seen Rooms 1-8 refitted with new carpets and external cladding with a new verandah and drainage works to follow in Term 1 2020; we have celebrated with our Numero teams, Chess Congress teams, sporting activities, Merit and Outstanding Achievement certificate winners, virtues raffle winners and the book prizes at both the Presentation Assembly. We have been entertained and informed at assemblies by each class's item presentation and we have seen new Shadesails installed, playground improvements and an amazing design plan for a Nature Playground to be started in the very near future. We have adopted whole school approaches to literacy and are beginning to develop one for numeracy in 2020. We have reviewed data that has informed us of student's achievement and progress and provided valuable information for moving forward in our future planning. We often say it has been a busy year and on reflection it certainly has.

Staffing 2020

Principal

After 44 years in Education throughout the state of Western Australia, working in schools (as teacher, Deputy and Principal) and in leadership positions in 5 education regions, Colin Brand announced his planned retirement earlier this term. Colin has been instrumental in developing a Student Services focus at the school and reviewing our teaching and learning programs. Colin will be joining his wife, Teresa, who retired earlier this year and together they have planned an exciting adventure around Australia. Colin will enjoy the opportunity to be able to spend more time with his 3 much-loved grandsons. We thank him for his service to our school and wish him well on a much-deserved retirement.

Tim Baker has been appointed as Principal to the school for Term 1 whilst the Department works through the selection process of appointing our new Principal. Tim visited the school on Monday, meeting staff and students and reviewing plans for the beginning of Term 1. He was impressed with the friendliness and welcoming nature of our school and is excited and ready to join us next term. Tim has some great ideas for staff and parent workshops in identifying some possible priorities from the Business Plan for a focus in 2020.

Deputy Principal

In 2020, Mr Laurie Palmer will be retiring from the Education Department after many years' service throughout the state. Laurie has demonstrated dedication and service in roles including teacher and administration especially within the Esperance region. I am sure he will be 'thinking of us' as he soars through the skies in his light-weight aeroplane and spending time with his new little grandchildren.

Mr David McLaren, from Safety Bay Primary School will be joining the administration team here at Castletown Primary School as the Student Services Deputy. David recently visited the school with his wife and two children and is excited about moving to our beautiful town and working with us at Castletown Primary School. We welcome David and his family to our school community.

Teaching Staff

Miss Jacqui Tonkin will be leaving us in 2020 and we wish her well on her new appointment at Esperance Primary School.

In 2020 we have three new teachers joining our school.

- Ms Kylee Gould will be teaching in our ECE area and we look forward to her joining us with her experience in NQS and Play-based learning.
- Ms Sophie Bryant will also be joining our ECE staff and will be providing Kindy and Pre-Primary DOTT.
- Ms Dale Rooney will be taking one of our senior classes and will be a great addition to our team here at Castletown Primary School, especially with her Numero and TOMS experience.

We will also be welcoming back from leave or secondment, Mr Adrian Moore, Mr Russell Palmer and Mrs Lesley Mather. Damien Pansini has also won a permanent position at the school and we congratulate him on this achievement.

School Officer

We will also be welcoming Ms Lorna Davidson to our hard-working School Officer staff.

School Board

In 2020 we will have 4 parent vacancies (2 for 2 years, 2 for 3 years) and 1 staff vacancy on our school board. In Term 1, we will call for nominations and, dependent upon the number of nominations, move through an election process to appoint these positions. Further information regarding this will be sent out early next year.

I would like to take this time to thank our current school board for all they have worked towards for our school in 2019. They have been instrumental in having our building condition reviewed and an extensive building maintenance program for Rooms 1-8 developed. They have also been working on reviewing 4 policies for the school – the Promoting Positive Behaviour Policy, The School Uniform Policy, the Healthy Eating Policy and the Sunsmart Policy. All these policies will be presented to the school community early in 2020 for review and feedback.

I would also like to take a moment to thank, in particular, our School Board Chair, Tania Wright. Tania has been an asset to our board, with her professional approach and driving force in bringing our Building Conditions to the fore and keeping the momentum of our policy reviews on-going. Thank you for your dedication and commitment to our school Tania.

Recycled Water Signage

Over the holidays you may notice some new signs being added to our perimeter fencing. These signs have been provided by the Water Corporation and the Esperance Shire and are designed to inform community members that we use recycled water for some of our irrigation. The water is actually a mix of bore and recycled water and is tested regularly. It is only used for **irrigation purposes**.

Class Lists

Please note, Class lists will be posted on our School Office window on Friday 31st January. We will send an email out and post a notice on Facebook when they are up and parents are able to view.

Julie Fetherston
Acting Principal

Deputy's Desk - Curriculum

Presentation Assembly

Another exciting year of learning was wrapped up in our Presentation Assembly last Friday. Congratulations to the students from each classroom that were awarded the book prizes. These awards recognise the valuable contribution students' have made to both our school community and their personal growth. They acknowledge either the academic progress or personal attributes our students possess. It was lovely to hear lots of the school Virtues coming out as each book was awarded.

Class	Student	Student
EC4 Kindy	Aio Karamaene	James Humphrys
EC5 Kindy	William Copeland	Ella Chapman
EC2 Pre Primary	Emily Riggs	Addison Robins
EC 3 Pre Primary	Lincoln Humphrys	Lacey Browning
EC 6 Pre Primary	Hudson Myers	Thomas Balsdon
Rm 1 Year 1	Sophia Hay	Leah Robbins
Rm 2 Year 1	Maxwell Macalpine	Mikaylah Stephen
Rm 3 Year 1	Phoenix McMullen	Miley Lear
Rm 4 Year 2	Kyle Durrant	Gracie Lowdon
Rm 5 Year 2	Seth-Alexander Patton	Imogen Hindley
Rm 6 Year 2	Tiffany Humphrys	Beau Sylva
Rm 7 Year 2/3	Alexa Desmond	Graciella Burgess
Rm 8 Year 3	Finlay Hunt	Paige Schnitzer
Rm 13 Year 3	Bronte Hennessy	Jack MacKenzie
Rm 12 Year 4	Kianna Manu	Addie Pietsch
Rm 14 Year 4	Tahlia Maloney	Benji Lear
Rm 10 Year 5	James Guest	Ashley Gallop
Rm 11 Year 5	Zander Desmond	Lara Smallman
Rm 9 Year 6	Axel Aldridge	Chayse O'Shea
Rm 21 Year 6	Noah Vinson	Ben Gibson

The long awaited Mega Draw for our Virtues program saw Xavier den Engelsen's raffle ticket for Kindness draw first. He took home a family pass to the movies. Our second and third prizes went to Dylan Rolton for Respect and Quinn Libo-on for Diligence. Well done to all the students who earned a ticket throughout the year to go into the Mega Draw.

We also presented awards for our Specialist Teacher subjects, our Chaplain, Jake Meadley, awarded the Youth Care Award and we welcomed Ms Denise Hargreaves from Esperance Library Friends (ELF) to present Year 3 reading encouragement awards. Well done to the following students:

Award	Student
Rm 7 ELF reading award	Sophie Goodwin
Rm 8 ELF reading award	Kye Altham
Rm 13 ELF reading award	Remy Schmidt
Youth Care Chaplaincy Award	Tegan MacKenzie (Year 6)
STEM	Lilly Blacker (Year 4)
Sport	Ava Neill (Year 4)
Visual Arts	Mikaylah Stephen (Year 1)
Music	Mia Weedon (Year 2)

Each Phase of Learning presented an item to entertain the school throughout the assembly. We had the Santa Claus Rock, the Holiday Dance, the Tolerance Rap and a Summer Wonderland. Well done to all the Students and Staff for putting on a wonderful show. Mr Pansini was delighted to present the Whole School Faction Shield to Challenger as the champion Faction for 2019. This was a tight finish between Cygnet and Challenger.

Congratulations to the following students who received a certificate to acknowledge 100% attendance for the year. This is a fantastic achievement given all the cold and flu cases we experienced this year. Well done to:

Student	Class
Katelyn Maguire	Rm 9 Year 6
Kayne Maguire	Rm 11 Year 5
Shikira Munzer	Rm 14 Year 4
Nathan Keogh	Rm 12 Year 4
Chad Tate	Rm 13 Year 3
Lacey Zani	Rm 13 Year 3



The final presentation was that of the Student Leaders for 2020. All Year 5 students were given the opportunity earlier in term 4 to write an application to become a Student Leader in 2020. Applicants were shortlisted by a selection panel and then with student and staff input the final decision was made. Congratulations to the 2020 Student Councillors: Destiny Fels, Bronte Florisson, Ashley Gallop, Jessie Hennessy, Benjamin Balsdon, James Guest, Chance McKenzie, Aaron Prosser.

A BIG thank you and well done to Mr Tim Holland and our Junior and Senior Choirs. Our Junior Choir have only had term 4 together and sang beautifully when performing Child of Song. The dedication and consistency of our Senior Choir was on show when they performed Let Go the Long White Sail to close the assembly.

Ashley Weckert
Deputy Principal – Curriculum

Kindy/PP POL News

The Kindergarten students have had a special visit from Jodzie and Michelle from the Esperance Town Library as part of the Better Beginnings program this week. The students enjoyed singing some songs, listening to the story All Monkeys Love Bananas and finished with a delicious morning tea of bananas and carrot sticks. Each student was presented with a book bag containing lots of surprises and a copy of the book All Monkeys Love Bananas.

Wendy Weckert and Amanda Piercey - Kindy Teachers



On Friday the 22nd November 2019 the Pre-Primary students partook in their Sport's Day activities. The weather was perfect and parents, grandparents and carers alike were ready to witness some great racing. The day started with EC6 showing their gross motor skills, by mastering a very complex obstacle course, which delighted the spectators. EC2 first endured the Flag Race and the Kangaroo Hop Race, which the students thoroughly enjoyed and there were lots of laughs and cheering coming from the crowd. Finally, EC3 started with the Individual running races and the relay. It was so great to see our young students keeping in their lanes and running all the way to the finish line for that Kodak moment. I would like to congratulate the Pre-Primary students for showing off their talents and sportsmanship by encouraging each other. The day was ended with a lovely shared morning tea with families. A big thank you to the staff, parent helpers, and everyone involved, for making our Sport's Day a success, our students had a wonderful time.

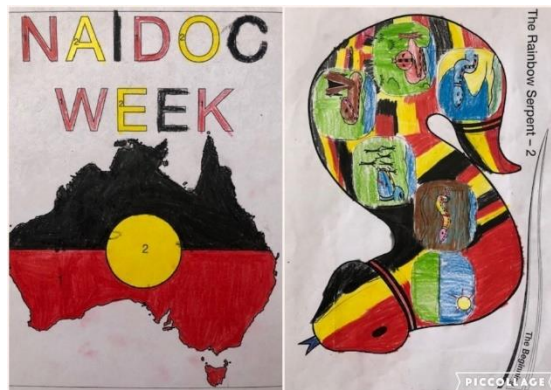


Years 1/2 POL News

The students of Years 1 and 2 enjoyed performing their Xmas item, during the Book Award Ceremony.

It's been a very busy couple of weeks with

- ★ Outdoor Classroom Day
- ★ Nature Walks / Shared Reading / Fitness / Best of all the take home activity - Green Time vs Screen Time
- ★ Dress in Blue Day to raise money for Diabetes Research
- ★ Book Character Day - WOW - our students and staff looked amazing in their costumes - Saffia Redman - Sleeping Beauty Beau Sylva - Pinocchio
- ★ Naidoc Week - Room 8 students have enjoyed many activities about our Indigenous culture



Years 3/4 POL News

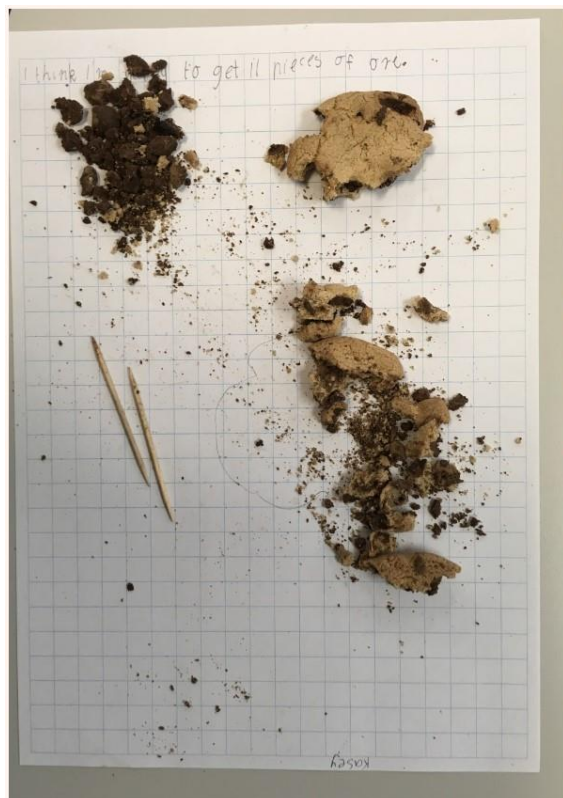
With all of our end of year assessments completed, we have been feeling festive and have enjoyed our last few weeks together.

Room 13 students have enjoyed being biologists in Science. We have learnt to use a Branching Key to classify animals into various groups, according to particular features an animal has.

We have also been lucky to play Chess once a week with our School Chaplain, Mr Jake. We have rotated groups of 7 students so that interested students are able to learn the game and to develop their skills. Mr Jake has been very impressed by the students' enthusiasm and skill.



Room 12 have been busy learning about mining and had a great time excavating "ore" (chocolate chips) from "land" (cookies)! We learnt about the importance of being careful to not disturb the surrounding environment too much. Then we got to eat them at the end!



Year 5/6 POL News

Time flies when you are having fun! The Year 5 and 6 students and teachers cannot believe that it's the end of the school year. The last two weeks have been full of fun, with the graduation assembly, presentation assembly, bike ride and water day, among other events. A farewell to Miss Tonkin who is leaving Castletown and we wish her the best at her new school.

Rooms 10 and 11

Vegetable Patch

Room 10 planted potatoes a while ago and they have managed to thrive.



Rooms 9 and 21

Transition Day

On Tuesday 3rd December 2019, most Year 6 students attended Transition Day at Esperance Senior which gave them a little taste of what high school will be like next year.

We are happy to report that our students were respectful and demonstrated responsibility whilst at ESHS. Lloyd Henderson (Room 9) has given a recount of the day below.

Yesterday the Castletown Primary School Year 6s went to the grand Esperance Senior High School. We enjoyed heaps of activities. It was on the 4th of the 12th 2019. This was because we had to get used to the bigger school. First we did Design and Technology. It was great, they let us sand and mould the plastic by ourselves it was a great experience.

Secondly we had HASS. In HASS we had a huge test about history, politics and geography. My team did well, we only got 5 wrong.

Then it was lunch. At Lunch we played footy. I chased down Charlie, Lindsay and Ryan and tackled them. Then everyone gathered around me and grabbed me. They threw me in the air. It was sick!

Finally, we had Art. It was so good. Mr Henson is such a good teacher. We made mandalas, mine was red, grey, green and blue.

Transition Day was fun. I can't wait for a new adventure to begin next year at this monster of a school. I will make new friends learn new things and get a better idea of what is to come in the future.

Mr Paterson and Mrs Rose

Specialist POL News - Music

This term, students in Years 1 to 3 have been engaging in Music lessons that have been designed to promote awareness of early Music concepts through singing, movement, and use of percussive instruments.

Each lesson focuses on activities that also grow a repertoire of folk songs. In the exploration phase, students learn and sing the songs, and enjoy playing a variety of games based on the piece that firmly establish a sense of beat and rhythm through kinaesthetic awareness. Greater knowledge of the pieces are established by singing them in solfege (do, re, mi, fa, so, la, ti, do) to create an awareness of pitch, and then by analysing the rhythmic patterns using the indicators of ta, ti-ti, and za, amongst others. The final step to our exploration of these folk songs is to have students improvise rhythmic patterns, encouraging them to think about the unique and creative contributions each individual can make to the subject.

Students in this subject are particularly encouraged to practice leadership. Once concepts are learnt, students get into small groups and demonstrate what they have learnt to the class, this can be through conducting a song, or performing it on percussive instruments such as the xylophone. Creating a community of musicians who share, listen, respond and constructively critique has been a key element this term. Concepts explored in Music are closely tied in with the developing of oracy, literacy and numeracy skills.

The importance of tying in our school virtues with Music is demonstrated through our ability to respect each other as musicians and performers, to respect the equipment and instruments we use, and to develop a strong sense of purposefulness. The focus on group work requires students to practice cooperation, helpfulness, and patience.

In addition, the Castletown Junior and Senior choirs, made up of our 3-4 and 5-6 year groups, have been busy rehearsing in their weekly sessions. There are a large number of students who have recently joined, eager to involve themselves in the opportunities of being part of these highly regarded groups. Keep a look out in this newsletter for updates for performances from our young, talented vocalists!

It has been a pleasure to work with these students, and I continue to look forward to creating joyful musical moments with them all!

Warm Regards,
Timothy Holland



Student Leader's News

A few weeks ago we had a Book Fair at school. All the student councillors purchased \$250 worth of books for a specific year level. We also held a dress up as your favourite book character day. Most students and teachers dressed up and we had a fun and colourful parade to celebrate. The teachers have also been organising special days to make our last weeks of Year 6 as memorable as possible. We are sure everyone is eager for the school holidays.

Assembly hosted by Room 4



Certificates of Merit

Year/Room	Student
PP EC2	Kristian Wright
PP EC3	Zane Maloney
PP EC6	Emilyn Young
Yr 1 Rm 1	Carter Watt
Yr 1 Rm 2	Scarlette Folvig
Yr 1 Rm 3	Harlow Weckert
Yr 2 Rm 4	Oskar Graham
Yr 2 Rm 5	Abbey Stratton
Yr 2 Rm 6	Cody Henderson



Virtues Winners

Year	Room	Student	Virtue
PP	EC2	Ashley	Helpful
1	2	James	Committment
2	4	Kaiden	Respect

RIBIT Readers

Congratulations to these wonderful RIBIT Readers.

Room	Year	Students
EC2	PP	80 nights- Emily Riggs 100 nights- Peter Burgess, Judd Bassett, Savannah Hogg, Poppy Holst
EC3	PP	80 nights- Brock Coates, Kayden Smith, Lacey Browning, Oliver Pitchers, Theo Nelson, Lilah Adams, Carter Manu, Anabelle Drake-Brockman
EC6	PP	100 nights- Sophie Bald, Carter Weckers, Logan Andersen, Dhyan Suresh Kumar, Hudson Myers, Kateri Miller, Nate Dell'Agostino, Milla O'Shea, Ramsha Sarfraz
1	1	80 nights- Coby Desmond 100 nights- Coby Desmond, Kahlise Desmond, Layla Gioriente, Ruby Riggs 180 nights- Spencer Bower, Carter Watt
3	1	80 nights- Stephanie Bennier 100 nights- Summer-Lee Turner, Harlow Weckert 180 nights- Kate Ashman 200 nights- Kate Ashman, Luca Abram
4	2	80 nights- Oskar Graham, Alyrah Stokes 100 nights- Ava Burnett 120 nights- Onali Herath, Marli Browning 150 nights- Theodore Roost
6	2	100 nights- Taliah Matthews, Thomas Scullin 120 nights- Braxton Hartley, Irene Ngerdu Jessell, Saffia Redmond, Charlie Wood 150 nights- Khloe Charles, Alex Hayes, Cody Henderson, Olly Munzer 200 nights- Elizabeth Hirt, Tiffany Humphry's, Zoe Wyllie

		220 nights- Olivia Beardsmore, Kaylee Vermey 250 nights- Beau Sylva
7	2/3	100 nights- Alexa Desmond, Graciella Burgess, Summer Bingham, Harmony Black, Sophie Goodwin, Charlie Wooldridge
8	3	80 nights- Kye Altham 100 nights- Xavier Richardson
9	6	80 nights- Tegan Mackenzie 100 nights- Addison Daw 200 nights – Coen Fels
10	5	100 nights- Darnell Sambo, Keeley Clarkson-Jones, Madison Melville 200 nights- Destiny Fels 250 nights- Destiny Fels, Jesse Walter
11	5	100 nights- Zander Desmond, Elliott Hunt, Chance McKenzie, Lara Smallman, Sheridan Spencer, Taj Spencer, John Turnbull 120 nights- Justine Ramsell 280 nights- Harvey Paxton 300 nights- Eden Yetman
12	5	100 nights- Alby Green 120 nights- Oliver Rose, Kasey Walsh, Savanah Durrant 200 nights- Olivia Stephen, Emelia Ashman 300 nights- Kael Willis, James Butcher, Eli Rickerby
13	3	100 nights- Lucas Nankevill, Evah Robins, Xavier Doherty 180 nights- Quinn Libo-on 200 nights- Remy Schmidt 250 nights- Jack Mackenzie, Lacey Zani

Presentation Assembly

Our senior students have finally graduated from primary school on Tuesday 17th December. The theme “Back to the Future” saw our future leaders perform the song “Go Johnny Go” by Chuck Berry. Each Year 6 student demonstrated confidence, enthusiasm and determination to make their graduation assembly a success.

Isaac Francis and Mia Walter presented a reflective speech about the last year of primary school on behalf of the Year 6 cohort. It was poignant and humorous with many of the Year 6 students reminiscing on their time at Castletown.

Congratulations to the many award recipients and also to Dux, Jack Hallam who achieved outstanding results this year.

The final “hooray” for the Year 6 students was a “Silent Disco” on Wednesday night.....silent was the theme but many students were singing very loudly to the music they were listening to. Obviously, some of them believed they could win Australia Got Talent! There were also some fine grooves happening with students and teachers alike. Perhaps they don’t give up their day jobs!

A huge thank you to our Graduation committee of parents who volunteered their time and creative flair to ensure the graduation was well decorated, pizza delivered and photos being taken.

So farewell our Year 6 cohort, as they journey along life’s highway. Remember to demonstrate and model the virtues instilled upon you whilst at Castletown Primary School.

Year 6 Graduation

Award	Recipient
Mathematics	Isaac Francis
English	Addison Daw
Science	Molly Pechar Noah Vinson
HASS	Isaac Francis
Visual Arts	Astiana Beardsmore
Sports	Benjumen Kloeden
Dux	Jack Hallam
Endeavour	Rhiannon Willis
Citizenship	Jack Hallam
Virtues	Molly Pechar



Year 6 Water Day



P&C News

Canteen

Our last day for the canteen this term was on Thursday, with students pre-ordering a selection of Subway meal deals. There were 143 Subway orders which is a massive tally for our school!

The canteen will be re-opening in Term 1 2020 on Thursday 6 and Friday 7 February 2020. Don't forget in week 1, to update your child's class and year.

Thank you to everyone for supporting the canteen this year, and volunteering in the canteen. We couldn't have done it without you.

Uniform

shop.

We will then be closed until Friday 31st January. You can order online throughout January using Quickcliq <https://www.quickcliq.com.au/>, we will fulfill these orders with pick up on Friday 31st January 2020. The uniform shop will then have amended opening hours for the beginning of school. Stay up to date by subscribing to our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/CastletownPC/>.

Fundraising in 2019

This year we raised \$23,344 for the school, and we have set aside \$35,000 for the nature playground. We also paid for the book prizes for each class, that were presented during the final assembly on Friday 13th December.

P&C FUNDRAISING FOR 2019 (NETT)	COMMENTS	
2018 BOOKLISTS	\$1,060.73	Down \$365.36 and final year
SCHOOL BANKING COMMISSION	\$1,556.15	Up \$600.90
EASTER RAFFLE	\$2,937.15	Down \$517.85
MOTHERS DAY STALL	\$652.27	First year
BOOKFAIR COMMISSION	\$4,643.00	Term 2 and Term 4
FATHERS DAY STALL	\$606.45	First year
COLOUR FUN RUN	\$11,325.32	Down \$1,367.12
NERIDUP SOIL GROUP CATERING	\$563.85	

Nature Playground

With a lot of planning the first section of our nature playground is finally being built. We are still requesting donations of the following items

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

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

Lost Property Box

If you have 10 minutes spare, don't forget to go through the lost property box in the new undercover area near the canteen and check the items. There is a full wooden chest of clothes, so someone must be missing all those jumpers, shirts, drink bottles and lunch boxes!

Services provided by the P&C

We provide the canteen, the uniform shop, school banking, book club and two book fairs over the year. We also run a Mother's Day and a Father's Day stall, as well as running the Easter raffle and the Colour Fun Run. Now that we have our canteen manager in place, and two emergency canteen managers trained up, we can start accepting catering jobs.

We estimate that in 2019, P&C volunteers have contributed 1460 hours to improving the school.

We would love to have you on board in 2020!

<https://www.facebook.com/CastletownPC/>

Should you want to raise any issues or discuss anything with the P&C, please contact us on CastletownPandC@gmail.com



Dates to Remember

3 rd January	Orders close for book Lists through West School Supplies
31 st January	Uniform Shop Open 8.15 - 9.15
3 rd February	First Day of Term 1 for Students



MOVING MOVIES
AT THE SOUNDSHELL
2019/2020

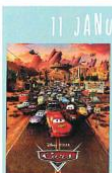
== a family-friendly, outdoor cinema in the beach side town of esperance ==



HOW THE GRINCH STOLE CHRISTMAS
On the outskirts of Whoville, there lives a green, revenge-seeking Grinch (Jim Carrey), who plans on ruining Christmas for all of the citizens of the town.



THE LITTLE MERMAID
Rebellious mermaid Ariel makes a dangerous deal with the sea witch Ursula, to be with her new love. Her father, King Triton, must make the ultimate sacrifice for his daughter.



CARS
A hot-shot race-car named Lightning McQueen gets waylaid in Radiator Springs, where he finds the true meaning of friendship and family.



SHREK
A mean lord exiles
fairytale creatures to
the swamp of a
grumpy ogre, who
must go on a quest and
rescue a princess for
the lord in order to get
his land back.

Gates open @ 6:30pm. Film screening starts at 7:15pm.

Bring a picnic & rug. Movie snacks available for purchase.

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