



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 5, Term 2 25th June 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

There is not long now to the end of term. I am sure I'm not the only one finding the cold weather a little hard to take – yet winter has only just started! Karen and I are heading off to the Pilbara for a bit of sun and warmth, which will hopefully carry us through to Spring. I hope you and your family have some quality time planned for the holiday break. Please note that **Term 3 resumes on Monday July 19** for students, there is no school development day on the first day. **There will be a school development day on Friday August 20.**

Student Reports: These will be emailed out late next week. Please ensure the school has your current email address. Paper copies can be provided on request.

Uniform Shop: I wish to sincerely thank Mrs Sandra Prosser for her wonderful work as coordinator of the P&C Uniform Shop for the past year. Sandra has provided a great service, always prepared to go out of her way to help families when needed. Mrs Jasmine Tate is kindly taking over from Sandra, and we know she will be great for this role. Speaking of the P&C, **Friday July 23rd is P&C Day.** We are planning how to acknowledge the great support we receive from our P&C, in particular those on the Executive and actively involved.

Traffic and Parking: You may have noticed some work being done by Ian and the boys from Wrinkly Tin, to modify the school's fences near McGlade Way. This is to provide space for cars to park more safely, and enable children and adults to enter and leave the school grounds safely. This is the first step in some planned improvements to the area, and I have spoken again with the Shire about how we can further enhance safety for all. I ask that children and adults use the small gate near the staff carpark entrance.

I have noticed more parents using the staff carpark. This has caused some of our support staff who work part-time to be unable to find somewhere to park. They may need to double-park to avoid running late, which may well prevent other vehicles being able to leave.

Voluntary Contribution Rate: Thank you to all those families who have paid their children's voluntary contribution charges for this year. We have now passed the 50% mark, which has not been achieved at Castletown Primary for some time. It is not too late to pay yours if you have not already, and push this figure even higher. Be in it!

Excursion Payments: This week the Year 5 students attended a brilliant Hip-hop workshop at the Civic Centre, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Unfortunately, some children missed out due to late payment. There is a lot of planning involved in an off-site excursion, and our student numbers and information must be accurate prior to the event, so please ensure you meet the deadline on any payments.

Kindergarten Change: There will be a change in the Kindergarten area next semester. Mrs Kate Palmer in EC7 will sadly be relinquishing her position as class teacher. In addition, we have a number of parents of Kindy children seeking a place for their child, including several new to town, so we will be starting a fourth Kindy class, which will share EC7 with the existing class on the other days. I am pleased to advise that we have secured an experienced early years teacher from Kalgoorlie, Mrs Karen Ritchie, for this class.

Managing Behaviour in the Modern Era: This week, two things occurred in our school which illustrated for me the way that technology has enabled us to do things better and smarter, even in an area like student behaviour.

First, I was walking near the staff room and three children came through the walkway. Two were running, and one walking. Ten years ago I might have called the two runners to stop and spoken to them about walking through that area for safety. Instead, I called over the walker, took out my mobile phone and used our PBIS Rewards app to give her a point for being responsible. Hopefully, the other two noticed this and will walk through there in future. Catching them being good, and reinforcing and acknowledging the behaviour we desire, will hopefully have a more lasting effect.

Second, there was an issue with a group of students playing on the oval. One boy was reported to the duty teacher as having hit another. When the recounts from the group varied, Mr McLaren decided to check if there was any available CCTV footage, which proved very useful. He was able to watch the footage with the students and review with them exactly what happened, and it was most enlightening. This turned the incident into a most productive learning experience, with positive and fair outcomes for all involved. Whilst the cameras are not intended for this purpose, they have on occasions saved us time and ensured fairness prevails.

Best wishes

Tim Baker
Principal

Deputy's Desk - Student Services

It's been a long term with a wet and soggy last few weeks. Our Positive Behaviour Team are coming to the rescue and putting on a Mini Disco event for our kids to see out the first semester!

All students are invited to wear Funky Free Dress on the day.

Our Early Childhood kids will be joining in the fun from their ECE Area with a variety of fun activities over the day and there's rumours of a guest appearance from DJ Mr Jake down at ECE.

Well done to all our parents for keeping our kids going through a long school term! I wish all our families a fun and relaxing holiday period and safe travels to those who are getting away.

David McLaren
Deputy Principal

Deputy's Desk - Curriculum

"Toss the Boss" Update

As you are hopefully aware, Mr Baker was saved from being 'tossed' last week due to the weather. A new date will be confirmed after the holidays. If you would like to donate to the Goldfields-Esperance Surf Life-Saving club as part of this fundraiser, we have a donations tin in our school office.

School Photos

Our School photos will be held in Week 4 – Monday 9th August (Kindy Groups A only), Thursday 12th August and Friday 13th August. A timetable for the school photos will be in the first newsletter in Term 3. We anticipate the parent envelopes arriving for the start of Term 3.

Year 4-6 Swimming Lessons

Year 4-6 Swimming Lessons will be in Weeks 7-8 of Term 3 with the Swimming Carnival on Friday 10th September. Paper Forms for this will come out early next term. Payment for swimming lessons will close by Friday 20th August. No late payments will be accepted after this date.



Reports

A reminder to parents to please ensure that their email address is current with the school so that the reports are sent to the correct address. Once you click on the link for your child's report, it is important that you do download the report to your device as the link expires after 4-6 weeks. If you can't find your report, please check your junk mail folder as some email providers send the email to there.

Julie Fetherston
Deputy Principal

Room 4 Assembly

Last week's assembly was presented by Mrs Baldwin's Year 2 class. The students have shown interest in the ocean, and the need to save our sea creatures from harm and possible extinction. Their excellent item included the dangers of plastic in the ocean, and how we can address this problem. Super Reader was hilarious as usual, and Mr Jake presented the Aussie of the month to Decan.



The PBIS Rewards draw was a little different, with Mr McLaren setting up a connect game for the six kids drawn out to play off and see who got to spin. Amazingly, there were two "Fly the Pies", with Lacey pie-ing Mr McLaren and Arlie pie-ing Mr Baker.

Lastly, we held the grand final of the school's Paper Scissor Rock championship. Sixteen students who were the Castleteams winners played off, and Jaxton was the ultimate winner. He played off against the staff champion, Miss Stokes, and beat her too.



Merit Award Winners

Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners at our assembly.

Room	Year	Award Winners	
EC5	PP	Phoebe Pitchers	Maxwell Skinner
EC6	PP	Hazel Nelson	Ronin Swann
Room 1	1	Olivia Crocker	Bridgette Forrester
Room 2	1	Olivia Richardson	Lincoln Brensell
Room 3	1	Emersyn Unwin	Emmett Buckley
Room 4	2	Sophie Skinner	Jack Kenny
Room 5	2	Rowan Harrison	Kayden Smith
Room 6	2	Trixie Nievaart	Lucas Maher
Room 7	3	Rosie Holst	Koen Walker
Room 8	3	Max Macalpine	Jacob Waldock
Room 21	3	Evie Thomas	Spencer Bower
Room 13	4	Olive Shillington	William Wright
Room 14	4	Jordy Chapman	Liam Schultz
Room 22	4	Lillian Douglass	Maddelyn Sinagra
Room 9	5/6	Holly Young	Noah Ryan
Room 10	5/6	Emelia Ashman	Kye Altham
Room 11	5/6	Chloe Burnett	Zane Hill
Room 12	5/6	Dhakota Houston	Nick Terrell



Year 5 Students

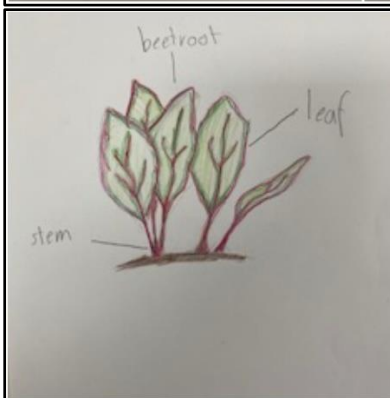
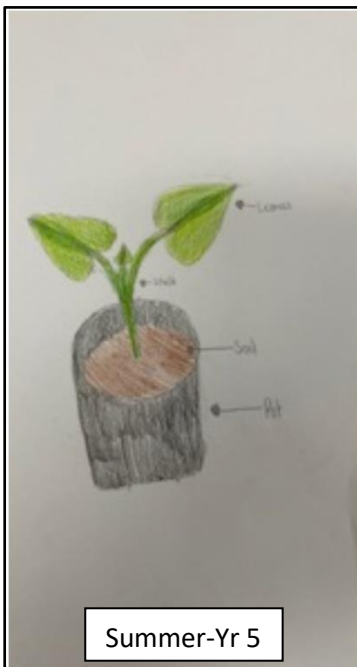
In the Zone Performance and Workshop

The Year 5 students were lucky enough to travel to the Civic Centre this week to watch an incredible performance, and participate in a Hip Hop workshop. The performance involved a combination of Hip Hop and other styles of dance, with a unique piece of technology which he used to create music. He told a range of stories through his performance including the dangers of gaming, war and pollution. After the performance, some students were invited on stage to have a go at using the equipment to create music for the performer to dance to. Following this, the Year 5's participated in a dance workshop. They were shown a range of stretches and dance moves including the 'Janet Jackson', 'The Prep' and the 'TLC'. The students really enjoyed the whole experience and I'm sure we will be seeing some of those cool dance moves happening at the disco next week.



Room 9

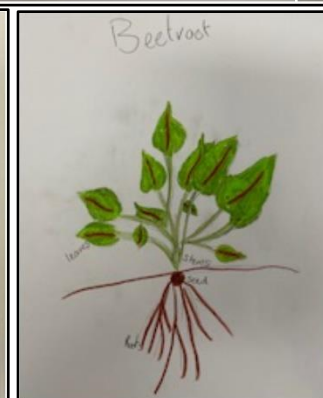
The Year 5/6 cohort have established Clubs on Fridays. The Garden/Mindfulness Club have planted some seeds and seedlings earlier in the term. Last week, the students were asked to draw what the plants were beginning to look like. Here are their depictions.



Quinn-Yr 5



Sefton - Yr 5



Rachel-Yr 6



Zane-Yr 6

Sport

Our 12 best long distance runners represented our school last Friday in the annual Interschool cross country. The girls' team came away with the overall team win, with Alyrah Stokes coming in first place for the fastest individual girl time. Our boys' team came in second place overall. All athletes performed amazingly well after months of training in the lead up.



Horse Tales in the Library!

There has been much horasing around in the Library these past few weeks! We have lots of horse books in the library both fiction and non-fiction and it was great to showcase the various books with a 'hands on' and personal display. Students have learnt about race horses, horses in war, dressage, show jumping, caring for a horse, working horses and horses that heal.

Jordy and Ella Chapman's dad Neil, rode Cardinal Colours to victory in the 2002 Perth Cup. Students were fascinated by the very light saddle he rode compared to the saddles that Olivia & Mikaylah Stephen ride in dressage and show jumping.

Thanks to the Stephen and Chapman families who have generously contributed so much to create this display.



Kabar Indonesia. (Indonesian News)

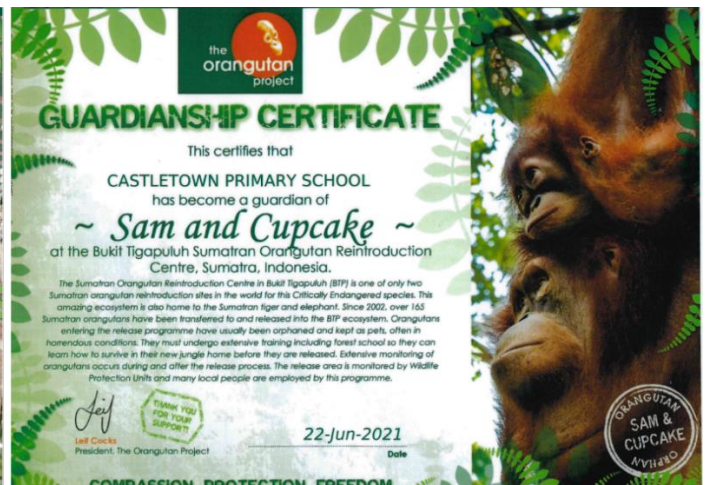
All year levels have been working so hard this semester. The Kindy and Pre Primary groups have been acknowledged with a certificate for their work and commitment with the ELLA (Early Learning Language Australia) programme.

Our biggest news is that we have finally become Guardians of not only one but two Orangutans! Their names are Sam and Cupcake.

In 2013, female Orangutan Sam was rescued from appalling conditions in a Malaysian zoo. After initial care at the SOCP Orangutan Quarantine Centre in North Sumatra, she was soon transferred to the Bukit Tigapuluh (BTP) rehabilitation and release program in Jambi. Despite her tough start in life, the BTP wanted to give Sam every chance to live in the jungle. They knew this would be a long journey since she had spent her whole life in captivity. Sam was housed in a pre-release enclosure and began her rehabilitation journey. This included being given forest foods such as fruits, leaves and termites to eat and foliage to learn how to build a nest. She could also watch and learn from other Orangutans nearby climbing in the canopy and foraging as they participated in forest school outings. Then, in 2015, they were surprised and excited to discover that Sam was pregnant. However, Sam's pregnancy changed everything. Despite her progress and plans to release her in the near future, Sam would be too vulnerable to return to the wild while pregnant and for some time after the baby's birth.

Little Cupcake was born in June 2015 and Sam has been a devoted and attentive mother. She has successfully nursed baby Cupcake and introduced him to solid food by first chewing it and then passing it to Cupcake to eat. Cupcake is an active, cheeky and adventurous little boy! The pair have been working towards freedom and a new life, by learning the skills they'll need for independence and survival in the wild.

Our guardianship of Sam and Cupcake will help them to find their jungle freedom by supporting jungle school training, food and medical costs and intensive post-release monitoring to ensure that they are both safe and thriving in their true jungle home.



Sampai Jumpa!
Ibu Florisson

Art Gallery

Students from across the school have been working with edicol dye and black text to create colourful wild flower designs. These wildflower painting artworks have been done by the year 1 students in room 2.

Olivia

Levi

Eli



Lincoln

Ted

The year 5 and 6 students have produced Rebecca Cool inspired figures using an applique process.



In order from left to right:
Top - Heidi, Lachie, James,
Middle - Isabelle, Olivia, Anaya
Bottom - Lilly, Isla.

RIBIT

Congratulations to the following RIBIT readers

Room	Year	100 Nights
6	2	Lacey Hawke, Savannah Hogg, Addison Robins, Flynn Sylva
9	5/6	Izzabella Scott, Charlotte Beardsmore
21	3	Mali Isramongkonpan



VOLUNTEERS PLEASE



We are looking for parents, family and community members that would like to volunteer at our Breakfast Club. If this is something you may be interested in being a part of, please contact the school on either 9076 2800 or email castletown.ps@education.wa.edu.au

A Message from the Health and Wellbeing Team

Act Belong Commit

If you access the website <https://www.actbelongcommit.org.au/> you will be able to complete a self-assessment on how involved you are in mentally healthy activities.

This website also has a great ideas for resources to support members of our community to be mentally healthy.

How involved are you in mentally healthy activities?

Here's an online tool to help you assess where you're at and inspire you to Act, Belong and Commit to improve your mental health and wellbeing.

[Start self-assessment](#)



P & C

On Monday the 19th of July our first day back at school our canteen lady Addie Timms will be away, so the Canteen **will not be open that day**. Apologise for any inconveniences this may cause.

Dates to remember

Friday 2 nd July 2021	2.30pm Mini Assembly Years 1 to 6 – to present Outstanding Achievement awards Reports sent out Last Day of Term 2
Monday 19 th July 2021	First Day of Term 3 for Students and Teachers

Community News

Please [click](#) here to view our community events page on our website.



Government of Western Australia
WA Country Health Service

Esperance Population Health will be offering clinics for the **CHILDHOOD INFLUENZA**

VACCINE for primary school aged children (5yr olds to Yr 6) during the Term 2 school holidays.

Bookings essential, please phone **90710400** for an appointment.

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JUNIOR / SENIOR ROUND
SATURDAY - SUNDAY
JUNE 26 - 27

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Sunday 27 June
Adults \$20
Kids under 16 free

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DIAMOND DESIGNS, BULLY'S YAMAHA, HUSQVARNA, KTM, GASGAS, healthway, MOTUL, PIRELLI, WMC, etc.

www.motorcyclingwa.org.au - events@motorcyclingwa.org.au - 08 9371 5333

Esperance One & All Community Program

July 2021

FREE For all ages and abilities

Mon 12th
Tues 13th
Wed 14th
Thurs 15th

Healthy Participants Only! Please stay at home if you are feeling unwell.
BYO Drink Bottles Clearly labelled – Morning Tea provided

PLEASE ARRIVE 10 MINUTES EARLY TO REGISTER ON THE DAY

Futsal (Indoor Soccer)
Monday 12th July
10am-12pm @ Indoor Stadium

Ninja Kids Exercise
Tuesday 13th July
10am-11.30am @ Noel White Centre

Kids Movie (AboMinable)
Wednesday 14th July
10am-12pm @ Civic Centre

Games Galore & Brick Club
Thursday 15th July
10am-12pm @ Civic Centre



For more information please contact
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SCHOOL HOLIDAYS PROGRAM JULY 2021



day	date	time	workshop	ages	cost MEMBER / NON-MEMBER
MON	JULY 5	9.30-11AM	IMPROV COMEDY FOR KIDS	8-12 YRS	\$20/\$30
TUES	JULY 6	10AM-12 1PM-3PM	MINDFULNESS WITH CLAY SEWING SCRUNCHIES	8-12 YRS	\$20/\$30
WED	JULY 7	10AM-12 1PM-2.30PM	COLLAGE MANDALA DECORATE BOOMERANGS	9-12 YRS	\$20/\$30
THURS	JULY 8	10AM-12	ANIMAL MASKS	8-12 YRS	\$20/\$30
FRI	JULY 9	10AM-12	SHIELDS	8-12 YRS	\$20/\$30
WED	JULY 14	1PM-3PM 1PM-3PM	WINTER MUG IN CLAY ANIMAL IN RAKU CLAY	8-12 YRS	\$20/\$30
THURS	JULY 15	10AM-12 1PM-3PM	FLORAL WREATH IN WATERCOLOUR WHALES IN WATERCOLOUR & INK	6-12 YRS	\$20/\$30
FRI	JULY 16	10AM-12 1PM-3PM	CIRCLE WEAVING FISH ON WOODEN BOARD	9+ YRS	\$20/\$30
				6+ YRS	\$20/\$30
				6+ YRS	\$20/\$30
				8+ YRS	\$20/\$30

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