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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. 1, Term 2, 2019

Dear Parents

Welcome back for Term 2! We have a very busy term ahead with NAPLAN Assessments, the Federal Election Booth 18 May, significant assessments and Semester 1 Reporting, fundraising events, school dentist visit, Book Fair, hosting Kidsafe and lots more! We regularly send emails and post to our Facebook Page and Website to give best and timely information to everyone.

Planned Works With great support from the School Board, extensive works have been initiated to renovate classrooms and remedy the substantial storm water and drainage issues at the school. Initial works currently in place will result in mould and asbestos free classrooms, new carpets laid and improved ventilation. I wish to thank everyone for your patience and support as these works in Rooms 1-8 will take another 2 weeks to complete.

School Board The next meeting of the Board is Wednesday 15 May. Members of the Board are working on a variety of projects including;

- Developing policies for Managing Behaviour, Healthy Eating and Uniforms
- Reviewing the 2017-2019 School Business Plan and the extent to which the school met the defined targets
- Developing the 2020-2022 School Business Plan that will give focus and direction for the future
- Preparing a Master Plan for the school's infrastructure and buildings, including writing submissions for Government funding to make substantial improvements

Due to retirement, relocation and other interests, there will be a number of fixed term vacancies for positions on the Board. Please consider putting yourself forward to contribute to this very important role and function in our school.

ANZAC Day Last Friday we held a commemorative service at the school. I wish to thank and acknowledge our Student Councillors for the very respectful and dignified manner in which they organised and hosted this traditional event.

Further, the playing of the Last Post by Mr Peter Jackson and the contribution of Mr Scott Lawrence and Mr Bob Funneman, from the Esperance Lighthouse Troop, was poignant and deeply appreciated by our school community.



P&C – Nature Play Committee: They have completed a terrific draft concept plan for the development of the Year 1-3 Nature Play Area. The school is currently consulting with students and staff about the proposal and this has generated a lot of excitement and a keen desire to see the project developed. Congratulations committee members – you have done a great job and thanks to Mrs Styles for managing this complex process.



The Easter Raffle and Parade was a highlight for the whole school in the last week of Term 1. Well done to Mrs Ryan and her supporters for organising and hosting this fun event and for encouraging all students K-6 to participate.

A Mothers' Day Stall was set up this week and all classes were supported to purchase a suitable gift for Mum. The items were lovely, a good price and students really enjoyed the opportunity provided.

Many thanks to all of our volunteers - you give so much to support our P&C to make a difference for our school.

Curriculum Focus Significant assessments in Literacy and Numeracy have shown solid progress across the school from Term 1 to Term 2. Our whole of school consistent approach to pedagogy and assessment is supporting teachers to work collaboratively and to more effectively use very good data to inform planning for improvement.

Scheduled Parent Meetings Each year, the school has a pupil free day to schedule parent-teacher meetings. This provides opportunity for parents to have individual meetings with their child's teacher to discuss progress and achievement and any areas of concern. Usually they are held on the same day as other Esperance schools – 2017 in Term 1, 2018 in Term 2 for example. This year Esperance PS went back to Term 1 and Nulsen are holding them in Term 2.

This year, as a consequence to the building works and disruptions, and the NAPLAN schedule being extended over 2 weeks because of access to online assessment for the first time, Castletown PS wishes to push back to very early Term 3 to hold our proposed meetings.

We intend to hold them on Wednesday 31 July. This is in week 2 of Term 3. All students will have received their Semester 1 Reports and these will provide very specific context for meetings with class teachers.

Queries/concerns you may have could include; how well is my child achieving, has she/he made adequate progress, to what extent is it good enough, how are they going with attitude, behaviour and effort, are there any surprises etc.

Importantly, teachers and parents can agree on how best to support students to make very good progress in Terms 3 and 4, to reach milestones and targets and to align efforts to ensure continued effective home/school partnerships.

Please remember that in Term 1 this year we provided excellent information to parents around Australian Curriculum focus in all Learning Areas, Classroom Policies that outlined expectations, behaviour management, routines and procedures and held open parent meetings to outline and discuss these. Feedback was excellent and by having our planned individual meetings with parents in week 2 of Term 3,

after Reports are handed out, it will be terrific to have positive and professional meetings that are useful to all of us.

We appreciate your support and assistance and look forward to sharing a busy and exciting term of learning at Castletown Primary School.

Colin BRAND
Principal



Deputy's Desk - Curriculum

Welcome back to Term 2.

NAPLAN Online

Next week our Year 3 and Year 5 students will be completing NAPLAN online. Our test schedule is from Tuesday 14th May until Friday 24th May. Most of our assessments should be completed within the first week allowing plenty of time for catch-ups for students who are absent. Students will begin with the writing assessment (on paper for Year 3 students and online for Year 5 students) followed by reading, language conventions and numeracy. Since Semester 2 last year we have been providing opportunities for our current Year 3 and 5 students to familiarise themselves with the online nature of the assessment. Teachers have been supporting students to ensure that they are able to complete the assessments to the best of their ability. Our assessment times are 9am and 11.15am and we have reminded our students (and any parents who may be at school during this time) to continue to be respectful and mindful of those students completing the assessment and peacefully moving around the school.

Brightpath

This term for Brightpath writing our Pre-Primary students will be focusing on Oral Narratives; our Year 1, 2, 4 and 6 students will be focusing on Persuasive Texts and our Year 3 and 5 students on Narrative Writing. Students have completed their initial work samples that teachers will now mark online and then the teachers are provided with teaching points to assist in moving students further in their writing. We look forward to seeing their progress at the end of the term.

K-7 Maths

As part of our whole school maths program we have recently purchased a subscription to the K-7 Maths website. K-7 Maths was developed by the well-known Australian math educator Peter Nowland. The K-7 Maths program has scope and sequences for teachers to follow ensuring all maths concepts are addressed in the year, a number of activities that encourage students to investigate and use their maths knowledge and develop the four math proficiencies of understanding, fluency, problem-solving and reasoning.

Reporting to Parents

At the end of this term parents will receive an emailed copy of their child's report. It is imperative that your details are regularly updated with the School Office to ensure that we have your current contact information. Parents who do not have an email will receive a printed copy.

Teachers are busy planning, teaching and assessing within the different learning areas to ensure they are able to inform parents of the achievement and progress made by their children this semester.

Kindergarten Enrolments

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2020 are now open. For more information, click the following link:
<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/enrolling-in-school>

Mrs Fetherston
Deputy Principal - Curriculum

Kindergarten/Pre-Primary POL News

In Kindy we have been listening for the initial sounds in our names and in other words. The focus has been 'm' for mum this week, leading in to Mother's Day this weekend.

The Pre-Primary children have been continuing to learn their letters and sounds. This week for Science we experimented making volcanoes, for the letter 'v'. The children in EC6 painted pictures from the story "Koala Lou" by Mem Fox for the 'k' sound. We have also have been talking about our families for HASS.

Mrs Beth Brown
Pre Primary Teacher



Year 1/2 POL News

A chilly welcome back to another busy Term!

There have been changes to our timetable since coming back to school this term. Classroom teachers are sure to make you aware of any changes to your child's classroom timetable.

Whole School Sport will commence again this week, in Week 2. Please remind your children to wear their faction t-shirt which will contribute to team points and faction comradery.

As we enter the Winter months the students are now eating their lunch in their classrooms, monitored and supported by their classroom teachers.

We are very excited to have Canteen back this term. The students are off to a very organised start, ordering and collecting their lunches each day. Thank you to the Canteen Manager and Committee for an inspiring and healthy menu!

On Friday of week 1, we hosted our Castletown PS ANZAC Service. The students conducted themselves in a professional manner and displayed virtuous behaviour. We are especially proud of James Woosnam and Heidi Hurrell for their respectful laying of the wreath.

Miss Eloise Young
Year 1 Teacher



Years 3/4 POL News

The Year 3 and 4 students have had a great start to Term 2. We have had a busy first two weeks as the Year 3 students have been preparing for NAPLAN testing which begins next week and Room 12's Year 4's have been busily practising their assembly item ready for Friday.

This term the students will be learning more about the popular maths game, Numero and competing against their peers. Playing Numero can assist students with their mental computation and increases their confidence in the classroom.

The Year 3 and 4 students have been engaging in their latest STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematical) project. The Year 3's will be completing the project "The Long Walk" where they have started learning about the lifestyle of a refugee child and had to compare it to their own lifestyles. They have also completed sketches of their own shoes.

The Year 4 students are completing the STEM project, "Honeybees" and have been learning about the role of bees as pollinators. They have been using the Scratch programming software to create animations to demonstrate their understanding of the lifecycle of flowering plants, the process of cross-pollination and the role of bees in this process.



Mrs Madison Wickstein
Year 4 Teacher

Year 5/6 POL News

It has been a great start to Term 2 with everyone looking relaxed and refreshed from holidays, including the teachers!

Focus for our classes this fortnight is **Peacefulness**. This means being calm on the inside and taking time daily to reflect and show gratitude. Peace is giving up the love of power for the power of love. Each class has been actively demonstrating this daily in class and in the playground.

It was an exciting start to the week for our Year 6 students receiving their stunning 2019 school leaver shirts and jackets. They look amazing and each student is proudly wearing them. Thank you to our wonderful Year 6 Mums who assisted with sizing and the ordering process. Castletown Primary school was able to assist parents with a GST free price, the school paying the GST with the bulk order.



The Year 5 students have been busily preparing for NAPLAN that will be conducted over the next two weeks. This year the testing will be conducted online.

This term, Year 6 classes are focusing on Persuasive texts that tie in nicely with the national election later this month. Year 5 classes will become story tellers as they focus on writing creative Narratives.

Mrs Nicola Rose
Year 6 Teacher

Assembly hosted by Room 12 – 10th May

Congratulations to Mrs Dellaca's Year 4 Class for the very entertaining and educational Assembly they presented today. Room 12 very cleverly transported the audience off to 'Poetry Land' for a dynamic lesson in Literature. In a very fun and interesting way the students introduced the concepts of rhyme, alliteration and onomatopoeia. Each of the items performed by the students demonstrated these literary aspects within the context of an introduction, poem or a song. A highlight was the hilarious poem they so confidently delivered called 'Aliens Stole My Underpants'. Room 12 finished their very engaging assembly with a tribute song to a popular children's author 'Theodor Geisel' who is well known for his work writing and illustrating more than 60 books under the pen name Dr Seuss. This song was called 'Happy Birthday Dr Seuss'. As Dr Seuss once said: 'Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened'. And today Room 12 made something wonderful happen.

Well done Room 12! Your Assembly was a credit to you all.

Mrs Teresa Brand
Deputy Principal

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Certificates of Merit

Room 9 Year 6	Casey Reeves
Room 21 Year 6	Benjumen Kloeden
Room 10 Year 5	Allira Bratten
Room 11 Year 5	Jorja Winfield
Room 12 Year 4	Riley Davies
Room 14 Year 4	Alice Navarre
Room 13 Year 3	Dhakota Houston
Room 1 Year 3	Briana Casey
Room 2 Year 2/3	Sophie Goodwin Shanaye Rolton



Virtues Winners

Year	Room	Student	Virtue
3	2	Graciella	Excellence
4	14	Ava	Helpfulness
5	10	Noah Bronte	Respect Persistence
6	9	Blayden	Respect



Room	Year	Students
13	1	50 nights – Remy, Dhakota, Lacey, Kady
5	2	50 nights – Coby Guest
10	5	50 nights – Ashley, Jesse, Allira, Mason, Regan, Daniel, Keeley, Madison, James, Kupa, Maddison, Aaron, Dylan and Kupa. 80 nights – Tilly, Deeanna, Destiny, Ashley, James and Mietta.
9	6	50 nights – Isaac, Manaia, Evie 80 nights – Coen

Student Councillor's Report

On the 3rd May Castletown Primary School held a wonderful Anzac Service. This service was filled with commemoration and respect. We would like to thank the following for supporting us to make this day possible.

- The Councillors for setting up and running this service
- Heidi Hurrell and James Woosnam for laying wreaths with our Head Boy, Isaac Francis and Head Girl, Mia Walter.
- Mr Brand for helping and supporting everyone on the day.
- The Esperance Light Horse Troop for coming to our school and showing us bravery and skills.
- Mr Peter Jackson for playing the Last Post.

We really appreciate everyone that helped.

Mia Walter and Isaac Francis

On 8th May we had Fill Your Day with Colour. We thank those who participated, you played your part well. On the day we raised \$648 and were very proud of it. Without your help we couldn't raise so much money. You all looked absolutely amazing and you definitely filled the school with pizzazz. You made everyone feel bright and bubbly with your array of colours. Thank you again for your support

Emily Crawley and Lylah Heather



P&C News

Canteen News

Due to unforeseen circumstances our Canteen Manager, Shaun Maddock has resigned. Our goal, with the help of volunteers, is to keep the canteen open on Fridays while alternative arrangements can be made. We will be open weekly on Fridays.

Mother's Day Stall



This week we held a Mother's Day stall in the undercover area. Items were so popular that our Co-ordinator, Fiona Ryan had to make 4 extra trips to stock up supplies! Thank you to our volunteers who assisted with the stall.

Woolworths Earn and Learn

We are participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn, 1st May to 25th June 2019. A collection box for your stickers is located at Woolworths and in the school office. Fiona Ryan has once again kindly offered to co-ordinate this fundraiser. To help Fiona out there are sheets available to put your stickers on before putting these in the boxes provided. Spare sheets are available at the school office.

Dates to Remember

Mon 13 th May	P&C Meeting
Tues 14-24 th May	NAPLAN
Wed 15 th May	School Board Earbus Visit
Fri 24 th May	Assembly Room 4

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