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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. 2, Term 2, 2019

Dear Parents

Another very busy two weeks at Castletown Primary School! A significant impactor on many programs has been the flu and general sickness. This has meant a lot of students and teachers have been absent. I hope everyone is feeling better soon and I appreciate how very supportive and accommodating the staff have been through this tricky period.

**NAPLAN** – Our Year 3 and Year 5 students did really well with access and connectivity to complete assessments on-line for the first time. I wish to give a big thanks to our teachers and especially to Mrs Fetherston for the great work done to prepare our school in a timely and professional manner.

**KIDSAFE WA** – On Tuesday 28 May, Kidsafe WA will be at our school to:

- Run a series of interactive in-class incursions with our Year 2 classes.
- Meet, at 2.30pm with the Principal, P&C President and the Nature Play Committee, in the Staffroom, to assess the safety and standards compliance of the proposed Nature Play Area to be built at the school for our Junior Students. (Congratulations Committee)

**Canteen:** Our volunteers are to be thanked for the enormous efforts they make to support our students. Last Friday our volunteers experienced a number of challenges and did a fabulous job to ensure all orders were met. As parents, it would be very helpful if you could follow the procedures set out to place orders in a timely manner. Doing this late, makes it difficult for everyone and our volunteers deserve to be treated with the utmost respect at all times.

**Boys Dance Project:** Our Year 5 boys have been invited to participate in a very special Tap Dance Program (think Tap Dogs). Led by enthusiastic parent Mrs Ryan and Chaplain Mr Medley, 10 boys will be identified to practice and then perform to a very high standard at an upcoming “Celebrating Excellence in Public Education” event to be held at the Yacht Club on 18 September this year. In just two very exciting sessions we have a team of boys keen and enthusiastic to participate and we look forward to supporting them to strive for excellence and represent Castletown Primary School in what promises to be a showcase event. If it is as successful as we believe it will be, the opportunity will be available for our school community to consider dance as an aspect of the wider curriculum in 2020 for boys and girls here at the school.

**Year 6 Camp:** Planning is progressing well to prepare for the annual Year 6 Camp. A booking has been made for the week of 16 September and both Mr Palmer and Mr Weckert, who are returning to school this week, will



be supporting the development of all things Camp. During the Federal Election last week, a small group of parents and students braved the cold and windy conditions to sell a good number of "democracy sausages" throughout the day in our school's undercover area. Well done to Mrs Ryan and her band of helpers for following through to organise this fundraiser. A meeting of Year 6 parents will be organised very shortly to ensure all things camp are progressing well.

**School Board:** The Board met on 15 May and key outcomes from the meeting included:

- The review of the 2017-2019 School Business Plan is progressing well and all Board members have a keen focus to ensure that the development, this year, of the 2020-2022 Business Plan captures exactly what we want our school to look like and to feel like in 2022 and to also be aspirational and aim to meet national targets and milestones in both academic and non-academic achievement.
- Respective Policy Development Committees are reviewing and drafting contemporary policies for School Uniform, Managing Behaviour and A Healthy/Sustainable School, to give clear and positive direction to our school community.
- A group, led by Tania Wright the Board Chair, is framing an accurate position on the school's buildings, infrastructure, amenity and the functionality and suitability of these. This will include a clear expectation of what is needed to facilitate best teaching and learning in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.



**Manager Corporate Services:** Last week we farewelled Mrs Wierobiej who has retired and moved to Denmark. Mrs Wierobiej will be missed as she gave wonderful service to our school community over a long period of time. The MCS position has been advertised and a merit selection process is currently in place. We give a warm and generous welcome to Mrs Gaebler, who is relieving in this position.



**Book Fair Art Entries:** Our Student Councillors are running an Art Competition for Book Fair Week. Specific options for Kindy to Year 2 classes have been distributed and for the Year 3-6 students the theme is "The Beach" and a free choice is offered to this cohort to interpret the theme as they choose. All entries are due by Thursday 31 May and it is an exciting opportunity to showcase talent and skill. The entries will be mounted on display and will support our P&C, who do such a wonderful job to run Book Fair. Please encourage your child to complete an Art Entry and hand it in on-time to be both displayed and judged as good prizes are on offer.

Should you have any queries or concerns about the school please contact me on [colin.brand@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:colin.brand@education.wa.edu.au) or call 9076 2800 to arrange to meet with me.

Colin Brand  
Principal



## Deputy's Desk - Curriculum

### **Online NAPLAN 2019**

This year our Year 3 and Year 5 students completed the NAPLAN Assessment online. As you may have seen through the media, there were some technical issues with the NAPLAN platform initially Australia wide. At Castletown, we only experienced some technical issues in one of our Year 5 classes for writing. Students that were significantly affected by these issues have been offered the opportunity to re-sit the NAPLAN writing test next week. The parents of these students have already been contacted.

### **STEM Lego Program**

Mrs Liddelow is currently away on leave. With the movement of Room 3 into the Music Room whilst the building maintenance has been on-going, we have been implementing a STEM Lego program in the classrooms instead of music. The students have been designing and creating projects using the various Lego kits we have at the school.

K/PP have been exploring the Early Simple Machines Kit.

Years 1 and 2 have been learning about gears, axles and wheels with the Simple Machines Kit.

Years 3 and 4 have been exploring the We-Do Programmable Lego and the Years 5 and 6 classes have been utilising the Lego Mindstorms.

These photos are from our Early Childhood classes building simple machines.



### **Moderation**

Last Tuesday after school, all our teaching staff met with other teachers in the district at Esperance Primary school to compare and moderate writing samples. Moderation is used at school level and district level to ensure there is a consistency across classes in the grades teachers allocate to students when reporting to parents. This is a great opportunity for teachers to network, share ideas and develop their own professional judgements and learning. Thank you to Esperance Primary School for hosting this event.

### **Brightpath**

All teachers have now finalised the marking of their Pre-Writing samples. Teachers then met with me to review the data from these samples. They have determined class focus teaching points, identified the different groups within their class and the focus points for each of these groups. They have discussed ways in which they can support each group in the development of their writing in the classroom. Later this term, students will complete a post-assessment which will demonstrate the progress students have made after the implementation of this teaching focus.

### **Whole School Sport**

Our Whole School Sport program has started and we would love parent help in the assistance of this program. Our two programs run:

- 11.10am-12.20pm - Years 1-3 and
- 2.00-3.00pm - Years 4-6.

If you are available to assist, please contact the school office.

The photo below shows our Years 1-3 taking advantage of the beautiful weather today with their Whole School Sport.



## **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

If your child turns 4 years old by 30 June 2020  
**ENROL NOW!**  
Closes 26 July 2019  
Phone: 9071 5599 Email: Sally.Castledine@education.wa.edu.au

## **Kindy/PP POL News**

### **Fundamental Movement Skills in Early Childhood**

Fundamental Movement Skills is an Education Department programme used in Early Childhood to maximise the health and wellbeing of individuals, enabling their lifelong involvement in physical activity.

These skills include balancing, climbing, running, jumping, hopping, skipping, catching, throwing and kicking. Being proficient in these enables children to participate confidently in other activities at home and in the community.

The children really enjoy these activities, learning how to share, take turns, be a good sport, cooperate in teams or with a partner and follow rules. These skills also prepare them for their Sports Day.



Wendy Weckert  
Kindy

## **Years 1/2 POL News**

### **Stem**

The Year 1 and 2 Pol have been focusing on their STEM projects this term. The Year 1's have nearly completed their projects called 'My Magnificent Thing.' The aim was to create something magnificent from recycled materials. We have sorted materials, looked at the properties (transparency, water resistance, strength), made a design and used the design for our constructions. The Year 1's are in the process of

reviewing, revising and reflecting on their magnificent thing to see if there is anything they would change next time.

The Year 2 students are just beginning their new project called 'The little Red Hen's Robot Friend' which is linked to their program for Physical Science on Push and Pull Forces. The students will be looking at programming systems that are in the school as well as designing a robot friend to help The Little Red Hen carry her wheat to the mill for grinding using recycled materials.



The Junior Assembly was held last Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Room 4 presented and they focused their program on Natural Resources which they have learnt about during Term 1 for Earth and Space Science.

Eloise Young  
Year 1 Teacher

### **Years 3/4 POL News**

Year 3 students have worked very hard during NAPLAN and their teachers are very proud of them.

Year 3 students have been learning about heat in Science, and brought in items from home that produce heat to share with the class.

Year 4 classes have been working collaboratively and have been consolidating their knowledge of number facts by learning to play Numero. They are now working towards including wild (extra operation) cards!

In Science we have been learning about volcanoes and earthquakes and we have made models with recycled materials.

We have been learning about local, state and federal government and what they are in charge of. We learnt about the electoral process in time for the recent federal election and learnt about how laws are made.

Vanna Dellaca  
Year 4 Teacher

### **Year 5/6 POL News**

Week 4 already, times flies at Castletown Primary.

**Year 5** have just completed a week of NAPLAN and hope our results reflect the hard work put into preparing to complete this task online. Last week, students who have been absent sat a catch up NAPLAN assessments. Skipping is the latest craze at school. For Friday sport (wet, windy and cold day), students had the choice of dancing or skipping undercover. Winter sport rotations start this week.



**Year 6** have been getting outside for some maths activities investigating decimals and measuring.

We have also been creating our own “popping” volcano experiments. Students timed how long the lid of a canister would take to “erupt” due to gases building up. There was lots of “popping off” in the senior area.

### **Have a Go Day**

Last Friday Year 6's participated in Have a Go Sports Day at the Greater Sports Ground. They had a choice of trying a variety of sports offered in Esperance. These included hockey, badminton, squash, tennis, little athletics, yoga and ultimate frisbee. Students had a fantastic time and demonstrated respectfulness and friendliness. It was a great afternoon.

The Castletown students who attended the Squash session certainly learned that the sport is a very high energy consumer. They learned the basic stances and serves of the game and basic rules. They tried out on the automatic ball server and returned serves with improving accuracy. The time was thoroughly enjoyed by all and three of our participants won prizes for their endeavours. A thoroughly worthwhile look and trial of an interesting sport.



For more photos please  
[click here](#) for the gallery.



### **Specialist POL**

#### **Physical Education**

Year 5 and 6 students have started training at lunch times 3 days a week for the upcoming Interschool Cross Country which is on **Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June in Week 8**. The weeks leading up to the event will require students to slowly increase their training and 2 weeks before the race we will have a time trial to determine the 6 best performing boys and girls. When our team of 12 is finalised, we will up the training to another level to ensure that our team gives themselves the best chance possible to perform at their peak in the big race.

Damien Pansini  
Physical Education Specialist

## French

Bonjour tout le monde!

French lessons are going well throughout the school and it is great to hear that many students have been practising with their friends and family over the school holidays. Practising the basics is important as it lays the foundation for more advanced conversations, and allows students to make connections between vocabulary in different situations.

Our focus for this term is *Chez moi*, 'At my place'. Junior classes are learning to speak about themselves and their families, while middle and upper classes are learning to describe their daily routines. Year 5/6 students are also creating a research project to learn about recent events in France, including the recent fire at Notre Dame cathedral.

Brie Garn  
French Teacher



## Assembly hosted by Room 4 – 24<sup>th</sup> May

Room 4 students presented today's assembly and taught us all about the water cycle. The students shared with us what they have learnt about each stage of the water cycle – Evaporation – Transpiration - Condensation – Precipitation. They then presented a song that they have learnt that helped them learn the 4 stages. Their excellent dance moves were led by Koopa-Jayn and all students participated with enthusiasm and exuberance. What a fun way to learn the water cycle. Thank you Room 4!



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## Certificates of Merit

<b>EC2</b> PP	Peter Burgess
<b>EC3</b> PP	Brock Coates
<b>EC6</b> PP	Thomas Balsdon
<b>Room 6</b> Year 1	Eva Richardson
<b>Room 7</b> Year 1	Chloe Peterson
<b>Room 8</b> Year 1	Samuel Sullivan
<b>Room 3</b> Year 2	Olivia Beardsmore
<b>Room 4</b> Year 2	Harrison Arnold
<b>Room 5</b> Year 2	Onali Herath



## Virtues Winners

Year	Room	Student	Virtue
PP	EC2	Adelayde	Co-operation
1	8	Ruby Riggs	Respect
2	3	Lily Ramm	Honesty



## RIBIT Readers

Congratulations to these wonderful RIBIT Readers

Room	Year	Students
1	2	<b>50 nights</b> – Van Haberley
3	2	<b>80 nights</b> – Elizabeth Hirt, Beau Sylva
4	2	<b>50 nights</b> – Jordy Chapman, Danielle Knox, Seth Patton, Shari Rose <b>80 nights</b> – Imogen Hindley, Danielle Knox, Seth Patton, Sophia Rickerby <b>100 nights</b> – Sophia Rickerby
5	1	<b>50 nights</b> – Marli Browning, Theodore Roost, Tanner Creedon
8	1	<b>50 nights</b> – Carter Watt, James Woosnam, Kipp Pace, Leah Robbins, Ruby Riggs, Samuel Sullivan, Sophia Hay, Spencer Bower, Teal Dell Agostino
10	5	<b>50 nights</b> – Ashley Gallop, Jesse Walter, Allira Bratton, Mason Cowcher, Regan Ainsworth, Daniel Blakely, Keeley Clarkson Jones, Madison Gordon, James Guest, Kupa Henning, Maddison Melville, Aaron Prosser, Dylan Rolton, Jesse Walter, Jessie Hennessy, Demi Hunter, Georgia Durdin <b>80 nights</b> – Tilly Chitarra, Deeanna Coussens, Destiny Fels, Ashley Gallop, James Guest, Mietta Styles <b>100 nights</b> – Jesse Walter, Deeanna Coussens, Tilly Chitarra, Destiny Fels
11	5	<b>50 nights</b> – Jackson Goodwin, Chance McKenzie, Shaylee Oliver, Justine Ramsell, John Turnbull, Eden Yetman <b>80 nights</b> – Eden Yetman <b>100 nights</b> – Harvey Paxton
12	4	<b>50 nights</b> – Emelia Ashman, James Butcher, Isabelle Crawley, Eli Rickerby, Oliver Rose, Olivia Stephen, Kasey Walsh, Kael Willis <b>80 nights</b> – Emelia Ashman, James Butcher, Isabelle Crawley, Eli Rickerby, Olivia Stephen, Kael Willis <b>100 nights</b> – James Butcher, Isabelle Crawley, Eli Rickerby, Olivia Stephen, Kael Willis
13	4	<b>50 nights</b> – Evah Robbins, Lucas Nankivell <b>80 nights</b> – Remy Schmidt, Jack MacKenzie <b>100 nights</b> – Jack MacKenzie
14	4	<b>50 nights</b> – Ava Neill, Ashlee Smith and Alice Navarre
	6	<b>50 nights</b> – Isaac Francis, Manaia Marsden, Evie Rickerby <b>80 nights</b> – Coen Fels



## **P&C News**

For the latest P&C News please [click here](#)

Please [click here](#) for latest uniform order form. Uniforms can now be ordered online through QuickCliq. If you are not registered [click here](#) to register.



## **Woolworths Earn and Learn**

We are participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn, 1<sup>st</sup> May to 25<sup>th</sup> 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**

Tues 28 <sup>th</sup> May	KidSafe Program
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> May	
Thurs 30 <sup>th</sup> May	ESHS Year 6 Visit
Mon 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	WA Day – Students do not attend on this day

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