

NEWSLETTER

CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Settling into Kindy 2018

The 2018 Kindy students are off to a fabulous start to their schooling. They have been learning to share, understanding classroom routines and further develop their fine motor skills. The school nurse has visited all classes and introduced herself to the students and conducted a glitter bug lesson with the students to emphasise the importance of washing their hands. Lots of fun has been had painting, building and learning numbers. Well done Kindy students!



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Dear Parents

It's hard to believe, but we are already half way through term 1 and so much has already happened. Mr Brand is currently on extended leave supporting his wife with a personal matter. I will be Acting Principal for the remainder of Term 1 with Associate Principals Lesley Mather and Julie Fetherston supporting the leadership of the school.

Sports Carnival

This year the Athletics Carnival will run over two days, Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st March. Our teachers and Phys Ed Specialist have been preparing students for competitive and fun events that will run across the two days. With Wednesday being the main carnival, we welcome families to come and watch and cheer on our students as they do their best in each event. Space will be available either side of the running track and in the shade on the outer edges of the main oval for parents to view from. Parent support is an integral component of a successful carnival and I encourage all parents to contact our Phys Ed Teacher, Sarah Ebbott, to offer help across the two days. Good luck to all Factions.

On Entry Assessment Program

Students in Years PP and 1 completed the On Entry Assessment Program last week. The main purpose of the assessment is to provide teachers with an opportunity, early in the year, to collect information on the essential literacy and numeracy skills and understandings of each child in their class. This will assist Pre-Primary teachers to develop informed and intentional teaching programs. Castletown PS chose to assess numeracy with our Year 1's to gauge progress and inform teaching and learning programs.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy 2018 will be conducted from 15th -17th May next term. Students will sit assessments for Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and Numeracy. Teachers in Years 3 and 5 are supporting learning opportunities for students to prepare, understand and be comfortable in these test conditions.

Updating Student Records

We are ensuring we have up-to-date, current family email addresses, for the distribution of our paperless newsletter, communications and mobile phone numbers for emergency contact details. I'm sure you appreciate how vital these are in helping us contact you. Again, thank you so much for your prompt response. Your information is critical in positive home-school communication.

Thank you also to the students, parents and carers who have returned their Media and Viewing Consent forms. With ICT a strong focus in our school, it is critical that we manage publications sensitively and accurately.

Year 6 Camp

We were excited to announce to our Year 6 students and parents that the Year 6 Camp will be to Camp Quarunup in Albany in Term 3, 3rd – 7th September. Camps are a great learning and growth opportunity for students and I look forward to seeing this camp come together.

School Board Election

Expressions of interest for five parent positions on the School Board were called for in Week 4 and we had a healthy 13 parents respond. From these, we now have 9 nominations in a ballot for the 5 positions. An election process will run from Tuesday 13th March to Friday 16th March, closing at 4pm. Every parent is invited to come into the school office to complete an anonymous ballot paper. Further information will be emailed today.

Kind regards,

Ashley Weckert
Principal

CERTIFICATES OF

Congratulations to all students who received certificates at the Assembly. Well done!

EC 1 Ayden Leah
EC3 Harrison Onali
Room 1 Jasper Hailee
Room 3 Jackson Eden
Room 5 Bree Isaac
Room 7 Cambel Ariana
Room 9 Harrison Jordy
Room 11 Mila Quinn
Room 13 Bjay Riley
Room 22 Alexander Kaylee

EC 2 Ellie Koen
EC6 Aaliyah Maxwell
Room 2 Ashley Jessie
Room 4 Ashton Meela
Room 6 Jaxon Katie
Room 8 Grace James
Room 10 Tayah Lacey
Room 12 Kye Briana
Room 14 Eli Olivia



Cleanest Room Award: Room 12



2018 Athletics Carnival

Our 2018 Athletics Carnival is quickly approaching and we would love your support in making our Whole School Carnival as successful as possible.

The Athletics carnival will be run over two days.

Tuesday 20th March will be whole school Cross Country/Throwing and Jumping events. These are championship events.

Wednesday 21st March will be our whole School Athletics Carnival (Years 1-6).

If you are available to assist on either day or would like more information on the carnival please contact our Physical Education Specialist.

Thank you

Sarah Ebbott
Physical Education Coordinator

Email: sarah.ebbott@education.wa.edu.au



A note from the Community Health Nurse

Welcome to the new school year. My name is Nikee and I am the Community Health Nurse who visits your school.

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing so students may reach their full potential. A major part of my work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program.

Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. The services provided are free and confidential.

If you have a concern about your child's health or development, please contact me on **9071 0400**.

DATES TO REMEMBER



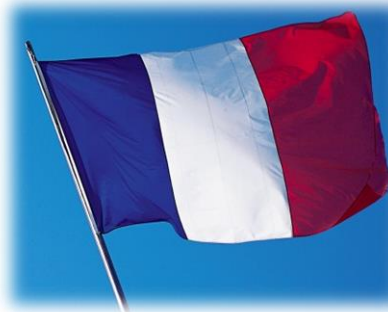
15 th March 2018 -----	Assembly Room 8 (Years 4-6 only to attend)
19 th March 2018 -----	P&C AGM 1.30pm in the Library followed by general meeting
20 th March 2018 -----	Cross Country, Throwing and Jumping
21 st March 2018 -----	Years 1-6 Athletics Carnival
22 nd March 2018 -----	GRIP Leadership - Councillors



*Bienvenue au nouveau Programme de Français pour la
Troisième Année à l'Ecole Primaire de Castletown!*

Hello! Welcome to the new French Program for Year Three at Castletown Primary School!

We have been very busy so far in Term 1! Students were introduced to the country and culture of France, including famous places, people, food and customs. Much enjoyment was had making finger puppets, which we have used to practise French greetings and will continue to use over the course of the year. We have also learnt class instructions and language, which has been reinforced by playing the game *Jacques à Dit* (Simon Says). One of our next activities will be a short recording in French using the iPad app Chatterpix. Join Seesaw now if you haven't already done so to listen to your child speaking French!



P&C NEWS

Our P&C will be holding their AGM on Monday 19th March at 1.30 pm in the Library. This will be followed by a general meeting. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend.

For any further queries please contact Rachel McGrinder on 0427 985 680.



Early Childhood Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

2pm Tuesday 27th March

This is a family and community event.

All Kindy and Pre-primary classes are invited to showcase their Easter hats made in class for the Easter hat parade.

(Kindy Group B students arrive 15 minutes prior and report to their classroom.)

Easter raffle will be drawn.

Afternoon tea will be available for a gold coin donation.
Proudly donated by Early Childhood P&C members



CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL IS REGISTERED TREASURE CHEST FOR SCHOOLS

Castletown Primary School has registered for this school fundraiser. IGA are offering schools in the Esperance district the opportunity, with minimal effort, the chance to earn gold coins for our treasure chest. These coins can then be exchanged for vouchers.

The idea is that when anyone does their shopping at Dempster Street IGA they can ask at the check out to add the value of their shopping to our school's treasure chest. There is no minimum spend and each dollar added is one gold coin and once we reach two thousand gold coins we can exchange it for a \$20 voucher. This voucher can be used in store or alternatively IGA would organise a voucher for a local business to the same value. In-store vouchers can be used by our canteen, class cooking or to buy ingredients for further fundraising eg a sausage sizzle.

Gold coins add up very quickly and our school community is encouraged to shop at the IGA on Dempster Street and nominate our school at the checkout.

To reward customers for participating, there will be a weekly raffle of a \$50 meat pack. They would write their name and contact number on the back of their receipt and place it in the entry box.

How the locals like it™



Community News

The St John Journey
Open Day
Esperance Sub Centre
Commemorating 60 years
10:00am - 3:00pm
17th March 2018

Grab your passport and climb aboard

Hands on interactive workstations

Enjoy an awe inspiring fun packed family day

2 Return Airfares Esp - Per

Delight in a variety of delectable eats & drinks

400 First Aid Kits

Will you complete the journey?

100% of great prizes

WIN

With thanks to:
Rex Airlines; Cliff's; IGO;
Freightlines Group; Southern Ports;
Esperance Shire; Horizon Power; OD's
Wiech Transport; & many more local businesses

WIN

WIN

Winning schools competition entries will be on display



FIDS Fun Day Out
For the whole family

Sensory Play

The ECO Fairies

Stage Combat Workshops!

Craft and Cultural activities

Inflatables

\$2 Entry per person

Free Train Ride

SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2018
10am - 4pm
ADVENTURELAND PARK

FOOD! Available to purchase. Support your local Community Groups who will be providing a great selection of food to purchase.

Bring your water bottles. Soft station available.

NO DOGS PLEASE

Bring your nettles for water play.

Thanks to our MAJOR Sponsors:

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Other sponsors: Esperance Shire, Southern Ports, Horizon Power, Rex Airlines, IGO, Freightlines Group, OD's, Wiech Transport, and many more local businesses.

EDFA YR4 COMPETITION

Esperance District Football Association

Esperance Junior Football Yr4 program kicks off on Saturday 5th May, 9:00am at Newtown Oval.

The Year 4 group participate in a transition year between Auskick and the EDFA U12's (Yr5 and Yr6).

The focus is on having fun and learning the skills and playing the game.

Training and games will be held on Saturday mornings with a few Friday afternoon games scheduled.

FEES :\$80 and registration is via the Esperance District Football Association's website

Register online at <http://websites.sportstg.com/>

All you need is your postcode and an email address. If you have any problems with registration please contact the EDFA office at edfa@bigpond.net.au

For further information please contact Shane Liddelow on 0427715191

HAVE YOU REGISTERED FOR AUSKICK THIS YEAR?

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Esperance Auskick kicks off on Saturday 5th May
9:00am at main Soccer Oval.

Ages - Pre-Primary to Year 3
Registration Fee: \$80

Register online at www.aflauskick.com.au

All you need is your postcode and an email address. If you have any problems with registration please contact the EDFA office at edfa@bigpond.net.au

For further information please contact the Auskick Coordinator Shane Liddelow on 0427715191