

## Newsletter 3, Term 1

### 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

What a busy school this is! There is so much happening, that it is sometimes hard to keep up. Here are a few things on the go right now.

**Board Election:** The election of four parent representatives for our School Board is now open. We received six nominations, and it is most encouraging and inspiring to see this level of interest in our school. We also received six nominations for the three vacant staff positions. This is something I'm not used to, as I've usually had to go seeking candidates to fill these positions. Castletown Primary School's future is assured!

**Library Renewal:** Sally Castledine and her team of enthusiastic parent volunteers have created an amazing transformation in our library. Students will soon be able to start using the library again, and they are sure to be excited and captivated by what they find in there.



**Shed Clean-out:** Now that our Deputy Principal Laurie Palmer has retired, he has found the time to get into sorting and clearing out the huge sheds at the rear of the school. There are many old desks, chairs and other outdated items which are no longer needed, and parents have begun picking up some useful things for home or shed. For example, I have found the old student desks make great shelving units – just cut off the steel legs at the height you want your shelf, and stack them on top of each other. A tek screw with the hollow leg over that ensures they don't move.

**Year 6 Fund-Raising:** a very enthusiastic team has commenced a few activities to raise funds to offset the Year 6 camp cost in September. This includes a Mothers' day raffle with a host of terrific prizes, a kids' disco here at school on Friday April 3, and a sausage sizzle at Bunnings on Sunday May 3<sup>rd</sup> (make sure you save your Bunnings shopping up for that date).



#### Other News:

**Coronavirus:** Information on this topic, and the school's response, was sent out in a separate email yesterday, and can be accessed via our school's [website](#).

**Media:** Recently we were visited by local ABC reporter Laura Birch. Laura came to find out about our terrific Indonesian program, which has started off very well. Our teacher Mrs Florisson recently attended a conference in Sydney for Early Language teachers, as our program extends from Kindergarten to Year 6. I can see that her enthusiasm is rubbing off on the Castletown students!

**Signing In and Out of School:** If you have visited our school recently, you will have found that we have introduced an electronic sign in/out facility. This is to enable parents and carers of K and P students to do so at the early years classrooms, rather than come to the front office to do this.

**Holiday Request:** May I remind families that you must obtain authorisation from the principal if taking children out of school during the term for more than two days, for any reason other than medical issues. We have a form to be completed for this, and there needs to be a reason provided as to why the absence cannot be avoided, such as work commitments. Cheap airfares or a relative's birthday, for example, are not acceptable. This actually also enables us to keep a check on who might be travelling overseas, important information given the Coronavirus problem.

**Maths Book Invoices:** Recently some families were sent invoices for iMaths books which we have introduced this year. Some have advised us that they have paid, and that the book has been brought to school. We apologise for this, as there have been some difficulties in tracking who has paid through the various payment channels and options. It is very important that all children have this book, as it will form the basis of our classroom maths programs, and those without it will be disadvantaged. This program has a clever facility also, as it can provide higher and lower level activities for students if relevant.

**School Grounds After Hours:** I would like to clarify that entry to the school grounds after hours is prohibited to unauthorised personnel. Unfortunately, we have sustained some damage from vandals in the early years area in recent weeks. Parents who are on site with their children are fine, but I must warn other people, in particular past students, that they may find themselves being spoken to by police and blamed for things they didn't do, if they are seen on site after school hours. I ask all our families to spread this message, and I encourage parents and nearby residents to report any suspicious behaviour in the school grounds to the police if you have concerns.

**Condolences:** And finally, I wish to extend sincere condolences on behalf of the Castletown school community to the family of Mr Jake Williams, who passed away in a tragic work accident on Tuesday. Jake's two children attend our school, and he was well liked and regarded here as a wonderful person and father.

Best Wishes

Tim Baker

## **Deputy's Desk - Student Services**

### **Student Bicycles**

It's great to see lots of healthy and active students riding their bikes to school. The main bike rack area can be quite crowded so please encourage your children to think of everyone when they are placing their bike and moving in and out.

Our main bike rack area is going to be locked during the day, however a bike lock is still recommended. If you or your child needs to access the bike racks during the school day, a key can be borrowed from the Front Office.

### **Book Frenzy**

Today, students were given the chance to come and collect any of the old books from the Library to take home. It was a fantastic sight to see so many kids delighting in their collected stack of books to take home. Apologies to any households who have a family of kids arriving home this weekend with a giant pile of old books and no room on the bookshelf to house them. There is no obligation to keep them 😊.

David McLaren

Deputy – Student Services

## **Deputy's Desk - Curriculum**

### **Athletics Carnival**

Next Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding our Athletic Carnival events. Thank you to all our parent volunteers who are assisting us over the two days. Students received a slip today with their events on it and the Program has been sent out with this newsletter. Parents are encouraged to come along and cheer for their child and their faction. The canteen will be open (please pre-order with [Quickclig](#), or through a paper order by Monday) and the Lucky Bean van will also be there for coffee support! ☺

Thank you to Mr Pansini who has been doing most of the organisation behind the scenes for our carnival and to all our teachers who have supported him with this. Team Work in action!

### **Whole School Assessment**

Our main whole school standardised assessments for the beginning of the year have now been completed. Teachers will now use this data and information to help identify areas for improvement and focus for classes and identifying students requiring additional support and extension.

Julie Fetherston

Deputy Principal – Curriculum

### **Year 3 Bunnings Incursion**

On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, Rooms 6,7,8 and 21 participated in a sustainability workshop run by Louise Morrison from Bunnings. The children learnt about Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. They made a little worm farm to take home and Bunnings donated a worm farm for the Year 3 classes to use.





## **EC3 HASS**

Students in EC3 during HASS completed an outdoor learning session. The students drew pictures of what they observed in their environment as part of our unit of study where we have been learning about how we belong in different areas of the world around us. The students demonstrated virtues of diligence, excellence and perseverance while completing the task as well as employing the virtue of self-discipline as the kindy students were using the play equipment for their science lessons.



## **Room 11 Assembly**

Today Room 11 held court during the assembly for the trial of Goldilocks. Their amusing skit brought many laughs but also demonstrated their learning in persuasive writing as opposing counsel presented their cases for proving the innocence or guilt of Miss Goldilocks with numerous evidence exhibits and key witnesses. Well done Room 11 on such an entertaining assembly.



To view a gallery of photos from the assembly, [click here](#).

The saga of Mr Baker's tie took a new turn today at the assembly with Mr Baker snipping a hole in Mr McLaren's shirt! This ongoing pre-determined 'drama' was explained at today's assembly as being an example of learning to not retaliate when something happens to you and learning to use your words instead. This is a key message we are wanting our students to learn in dealing with conflicts in and out of the classroom.



## Merit Award Winners

Congratulations to our Merit Award Winners at our assembly.

Room	Year	Award Winners	
EC3	PP	Dreshawn Nelson	Morgan Guest
EC5	PP	Liam Timms	Alex Knox
EC6	PP	Levi Pratt	Amelia Dhue
Room 1	1/2	Braxton Miller	Miley Lear
Room 2	1	Lincoln Humphreys	Lacey Browning
Room 3	1	Savannah Hogg	Zac Haberley
Room 4	2	Julian Butcher	Maxwell MacAlpine
Room 5	2	Lily Wooldridge	Violet Hill
Room 6	2/3	Samuel Sullivan	Ava Burnett
Room 7	3	Braxton Hartley	Olive Shillington
Room 8	3	Seth Patton	Kaylee Vermey
Room 21	3	Mitchell Whiting	Marli Browning
Room 13	4	Jack Mackenzie	Harmony Black
Room 14	4	Scarlet Pugh	Tyson Walker
Room 9	5	Oliver Rose	Neil Hamman
Room 10	5	Ashlee Henderson	James Butcher
Room 11	6	Demi Hunter	Jake Powell
Room 12	6	Jessie Hennessy	James Guest
Music		Zavier Oliver	James Woosnam





## Virtues Recipient Winners

Year	Virtue	Recipient
PP	Respect Kindness	Brooke Liam
1	Helpfulness Enthusiasm	Tyler Kateri
2	Kindness Diligence	Heidi Cooper
3	Helpfulness Diligence	Coby Kyle
4	Responsibility Diligence	Dhakota Harmony
5	Friendliness Helpfulness	Hayley Kael
6	Excellence Respect	Aaron Taj



## Indonesian Class Award



Congratulations to Room 10 for winning this assembly's Indonesian Award for "recognising the names of fruits in Indonesian, buying and selling fruits and foods both online and in our warung".

## Aussie of the Month Award

Our February Senior Aussie of the Month was Ryan Gilmore. Ryan was chosen after he stopped in the middle of his running race to help fellow classmates up after they had tripped. He then continued running and placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the race!



## P&C Information

Come along and join us at our next meeting (AGM) - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 3.15pm in the library.



### PROFILE

## CASTLETOWN P&C

### WHAT WE DO

Join us at our meetings to discuss fundraising and decisions made at the school. No time? Like our Facebook page to keep updated, and read about us in the school newsletter or school website.



### CANTEEN

#### **Open Thursday and Friday with a seasonal menu**

Volunteers are welcome and receive a free meal for themselves on the day they volunteer. Kindy to Year 6 can order lunch (orders are collected and distributed back in the classroom). Drop in your order before school or via [www.quickcliq.com](http://www.quickcliq.com)



### UNIFORM

#### **Open Wednesday 8:15 to 9:15am or online anytime**

Volunteers are welcome for this 1 hour a week commitment. Order uniforms at school or via [www.quickcliq.com](http://www.quickcliq.com). Orders can be delivered to your child's classroom. We also sell a range of second hand uniforms (and we accept uniform donations too!).



### BANKING

#### **Open Friday 8:15 to 8:45am**

We run a Commonwealth Bank student banking program, from the room next to Room 14. Banking is processed weekly and children receive prizes for every 10 donations, no matter how small. New students can sign up at any time.



### BOOKS

#### **Book Club and Book Fair**

The P&C encourage reading by coordinating the Term 1 and Term 3 online Book Club for parents and carers to purchase books for their children. In Term 2 and Term 4 the P&C host a Book Fair in the school library, with hundreds of new books for sale for children.



### EVENTS

#### **Colour Fun Run, Easter Egg Raffle and more**

We run market stalls for Mother's day and Father's day, the Easter Egg raffle and tie it in with the school run Easter hat parade, we hosted our inaugural #PandCDayWA sundowner! We hold sausage sizzles, raffles, colouring in competitions and our Colour Fun Run.



### CONTACT

#### **Contact us**

#### **Lunch orders & uniforms online**

#### **Facebook**

#### **Menu**

#### **Volunteer rosters**

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

<https://signup.zone/jADWJZwNoqPmL6sLy>



### Dates To Remember

Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Athletics Carnival – 1000m, jumps and throws School Board Parent Election ends
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1-6 Athletics Carnival
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March, 3.15pm	P&C AGM in the library – All welcome
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Interschool Athletics Carnival at OLSOTS
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Room 4 Assembly

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