

# NEWSLETTER

## CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

HONESTY HELPING LEARNING MOTIVATION ENGAGEMENT



Issue 6

From the Principal's Pen

13<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Dear Parents/Carers

### **INSPIRE, EDUCATE, SUCCEED**

#### **ASSEMBLY**

Western Australia Day Assembly was one of our highlights of the year with our special guest speaker Dr Graham Jacobs, M.L.A. Member for Eyre outlining our early history pre European settlement, including the discovery of the Western Australian coast by the Dutch and the French.

Mr Barter's Year 6/7 students excelled in giving us a special history lesson taking us all back in time to the early beginnings of colonisation where we learnt about the conditions, challenges and tribulations of that period. The students researched the topic, wrote their own play and made their props for the occasion. Congratulations to all these students for their high standard of presentation in the Arts. This drama was definitely popular entertainment "encapsulating experiences of other times, places and culture in a meaningful, enjoyable way."

#### **SCHOOL VISION**

The school has been seeking and exploring a new vision statement over an extended period of time. The students, parents and staff have all participated in a process which enables the school to engage in a journey of "self discovery" that leads to better outcomes for students. The school has been working with presenters from the University of Southern Queensland and from the Department of Education in W.A. to guide us in the journey of the "IDEAS" process (Initiating, Discovering, Envisioning, Actioning and Sustaining). We are proud to celebrate our new vision of 'INSPIRE, EDUCATE, SUCCEED' which represents the beliefs of Castletown and what we represent.

The vision does not replace our current motto, but adds to and enhances it.

We look forward to continued shaping of our school's directions and values with the process.

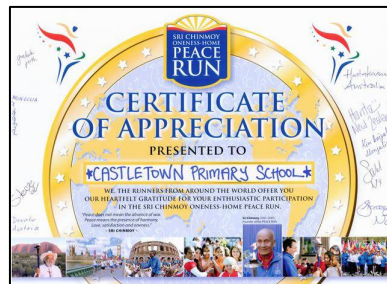
A vision competition is now open for all students, staff and parents to come up with a design for signage for our school frontage. The competition closes at the end of this term.

#### **OUR CHAPLAIN**

Mrs Kerry Ware's position as Chaplain ceases at the end of June and will not be replaced this year due to a change in funding circumstances. We would like to thank Mrs Ware for her sincere dedication in providing pastoral support and care for our students and staff. Mrs Ware has kindly offered to again support and organise the Christmas Shoe Box Appeal early next term.

#### **PEACE RUN**

Castletown warmly welcomed the World Peace Runners on Friday afternoon after their Nullarbor to Esperance run. They shared with us their message of peace, introduced each other as people from many countries and in return Castletown shared with them a wonderful peace song – Thank you Mrs Stevens! Their journey is part of the 15,000 km torch relay around the continent and part of the world's longest relay run – a remarkable effort!



#### **YR 7 TRANSITION MEETING**

The School Council and P & C are jointly hosting a meeting for all interested parents on the Year 7 transition that is to take place in 2015. It is important for **all** parents to understand the considerations necessary for a successful transition, and the opportunities that will become available before transition to assist our students to become more skilled and empowered to manage aspects of change. *Please calendar this important date.*

**SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER – Ms Cathy Bamblett, Principal, Esperance Senior High School**

Yr 7 Transition meeting: **3.15pm, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June**, Castletown Primary School Library.

#### **PARENT SURVEY**

A copy of the parent survey is enclosed with this newsletter. Please return by Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June. Thank you.

#### **CULTURAL EVENT – 24<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

"Camp Quality" will present a free puppet play focussing on how to deal with children who have cancer. Yrs K – 3 at 1.00pm and Yrs 4 – 7 at 2.15pm. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Virtue for the Fortnight - Cooperation



Our school has recently undertaken training for Asthma First Aid and Routine Management and updated our policy. We are asking parents who have children with asthma to ensure that they have an updated Asthma Care Plan signed by the treating doctor and that their child's medication provided is clearly dated and in the original labelled container, spacer and mask if required should also be supplied.

### TEACHERS' CAR PARK

Student and parent safety is of paramount importance, so it would be appreciated if parents would not use the Teachers' car park for parking or walking children through. Thank you.

### 2014 ENROLMENTS FOR KINDY, PRE- PRIMARY AND YEAR 1

If your child is now attending Kindy or Pre-Primary and intending to attend Pre Primary or Year 1 in 2014 at Castletown, parents are requested to ensure your child's student records are updated and the Application for Enrolment is completed at the Office by **Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2013**.

For new students to the school, parents are required to provide your child's:

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| Birth certificate            | Immunisation records                       |
| Proof of residential address | Legal Access documentation, if applicable. |

### KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS 2014

Parents are encouraged to enrol their child for Kindergarten in 2014 this term, and may now do so at the office.

*Pauline Grewar, Principal*



### CERTIFICATES OF MERIT



*Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on 6<sup>th</sup> June.2013. Well done!*

<b>EC 1</b>	Regan Shanhun	Cooper Baden-Powell	
<b>EC 2</b>	Ella Roper	Jada Walter	
<b>Room 00</b>	Shaj Varea		
<b>Room 1</b>	Jess Kirwan	Dyllan Young	
<b>Room 2</b>	Grace McKenzie	Ben Loffler	Sharna Kelsall
<b>Room 3</b>	Kiara Whitehurst	Kennedy Holdaway	
<b>Room 4</b>	Jasmin Andersen	Casey Haclin	
<b>Room 5</b>	Rani Hotker	Damon McCracken	
<b>Room 6</b>	Makayla Williams	Riley Davies-Mele	
<b>Room 7</b>	Latisha Williams	Aidan Frazer	
<b>Room 8</b>	Codee Walter	Aiden Hine	
<b>Room 9</b>	Arabella Tate	Mason Greep	
<b>Room 10</b>	Chloe Gidgup	Sienna Jamieson	
<b>Room 11</b>	Luke Bailey	Holly Paxton	
<b>Room 12</b>	Daphne Barnes	Tyler Hawkins	
<b>Room 15</b>	Amy Parkins	Libby Phelps	
<b>Room 22</b>	Logan Upton	Charlie Richardson	

Cleanest Room Award: EC 2



### Dates to Remember:

17 <sup>th</sup> June:	Year 7 Transition Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup> June:	Fun Run Sponsorship forms to be returned by this date
19 <sup>th</sup> June:	P&C Meeting, 3.15pm <b>**note change of date**</b>
20 <sup>th</sup> June:	Assembly (Rm 12)
20 <sup>th</sup> June:	Fun Run commences after Assembly
20 <sup>th</sup> June:	Student Council go to Nulsen Primary School
28 <sup>th</sup> June:	Parent Survey return date



### The P&C thank all who supported our May Book Fair.

We had a successful book fair with \$6,361 worth of books purchased. This allows our school to receive \$2,226 worth of books back from Scholastic. These books will go to the Library, the Literacy Program and all year levels. A big 'Thank You' to all our helpers:

Rachel McGrinder, Deb Shearer, Pam Hoult, Joanne Ramsell, Leah Hodges, Treena Cook, Mel Smith, Marnie Fels, Sara Sellars, Naomi Kipling, Stacey Sharpe, Emma Green, Jenny Sage and Alicia Cole.



*Fiona Nadason, Book Fair Coordinator*



**EARN & LEARN:** Please return your Earn & Learn sheets to school as soon as possible. Thank you.



## ***Congratulations to the following children who have read for 20 Nights:***

- Rm 5:** Lachlan Walter
- Rm 6:** Riley Davies-Mele, Taj Stewart, Ben Ryl
- Rm 7:** Christopher Dickerson, Ruby Cowcher
- Rm 12:** Jillian Nichols
- Rm 15:** Tayla Walker, Cody Woodward, Ethan Hallam, Kia Mack



## ***Congratulations to the following children who have read for 50 Nights:***

- Rm 3:** Karma McGill, Lachlan Sellars,
- Rm 4:** Alanta Robinson-Lunn
- Rm 6:** Jonte Meyer, Jevan Tholstrup, Caitlin Parker, Paige Scolaro, Alissa Kelsall, Kaden Brown, Jordan Major, Imogen Champion
- Rm 7:** Levi Major
- Rm 8:** Codee Walter, Ryan McBride, Cassandra Libo-on, Aiden Hine, Haille Barnes
- Rm 9:** Katie Crawley, Seraya Bain
- Rm 10:** Harry Dowsett, Ethan Pedretti, Devon Fontanella, Sienna Jamieson, Ella Smith, Julius Rickerby
- Rm 11:** Kai Bellenger, Katie Goodwin
- Rm 12:** John Ramsell, Spencer Davies
- Rm 15:** Ruby Hodges, Kia Mack, Mikaylah Everett



## ***Congratulations to the following children who have read for 80 Nights***

- Rm 4:** Alanta Robinson-Lunn, Jevan Tholstrup
- Rm 6:** Casey Haclin, Lachlan Fetherston
- Rm 9:** Sophie Garvey, Yasmin Nadason, Eloise Fels, Katie Crawley

## ***Congratulations to the following children who have read for 100 Nights***

- Rm 3:** Maddie McGrinder
- Rm 5:** Monisha Nadason
- Rm 6:** Livinia Florisson
- Rm 7:** Amber Boydell, Sydney Milling, Holly Goodwin
- Rm 9:** Sophie Garvey
- Rm 10:** Fraser Cleghorn

## THE VIRTUES PROJECT – COOPERATION

### WHAT IS COOPERATION

**Cooperation** is working together for the good of everyone. It is a willingness to respect others and follow rules which keep everyone safe and happy. **Cooperation** is being helpful to one another, sharing the load. It is joining others in order to do something that can not be done alone.

### WHY PRACTISE COOPERATION?

Without **cooperation**, people disturb others. They don't care about the rules, and they don't seem to care about others. When we work together, we can often accomplish more than each of us could do alone. When we **cooperate** we can do great things.

### HOW DO YOU PRACTISE COOPERATION?

Being **cooperative** is being willing to go along in order to get along. We are respectful of the rules. We consider other people's needs. We look for ways to be helpful, and we ask for help when we need it. **Cooperation** helps us bring together the ideas of many so that a new idea can come to light. Working together, we can make any place a safe and happy one.

### SIGNS OF SUCCESS

You are practising **cooperation** when you.....

- Work well with others
- Freely offer your help and ideas
- Follow the rules
- Do your part to keep a safe, happy environment
- When you disagree, do it peacefully
- Ask for help when you need it





# Around the Classrooms.....

## Year 6/7 Science

In the upper school Science classes the students will be starting a project. They will be designing their own zoo and looking into which animals can live together and what their habitats are like. The students also need to research the ecosystems and food chains of the animals in their zoo. The students are very keen to get started and are showing huge enthusiasm towards this project. We look forward to seeing the students' final products.



EC1 and EC2 are exploring and learning about "space" this term. The solar system proves an abundance of learning opportunities for all our children with an amazing and complex network of planets, stars, moons, asteroids, and even mysterious black holes.

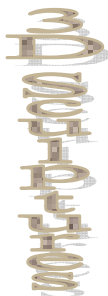
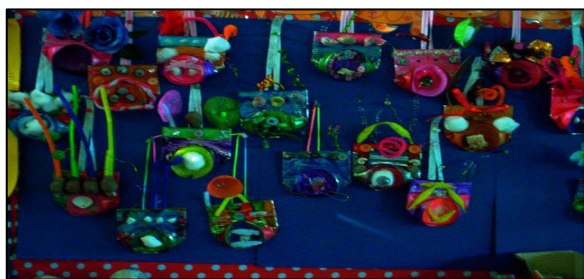
We are going to infinity and beyond in our rooms every day.

Our classrooms have turned into colourful, dynamic and fun places to be in. They are rich with science, technology, language, art, engineering and maths content! You should see some of the scratch art and fantastic stories that have been written. The famous quote is "one small step for a man; one giant leap for mankind".

*From Miss Holthouse & Mrs Weckert*



Room 7 have been making 3D sculptures out of tin cans and found collage materials. They look amazing!



In the Early Childhood Centre (ECS) we have been exploring 'Caring for Pets'. We have been looking after two budgies which we have named Tweety and Pigeon. We thought we had two girls but one has developed a blue cere! The children are very excited and wonder if these two love-birds will have babies!

Anastazia, Lay Jones, EC3

Mia Walter, EC1

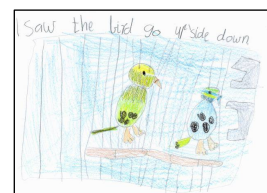
Paige Skelton, EC1



Elora Milverton, EC6



Charlie Liddelow, EC2



**CRAZY HAIR DAY - Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June - Gold Coin Donation**

All proceeds go to the Year 7 Garden



## Healthy Schools Project - Keep Your Body Moving!

The human body is designed to move. Modern technology however, has reduced our opportunities to move. Less movement can lead to weight gain and some health conditions such as heart disease, diabetes, depression and some cancers.

### Tips for Getting Active

- \* See movement as an opportunity not an inconvenience
- \* Walk or ride to school
- \* Use the stairs
- \* Encourage active play
- \* Park further from your destination (including school!)



(This information was provided by NSW Health. For further information please visit <http://www.healthpromotion.com.au>)

Please DO NOT send your child to school with food containing nuts or nut products.



## SCHOOL CANTEEN

Volunteers are always needed to assist in our Canteen. Please contact Janice at the Canteen or phone 9071 3148.

**Remember to Crunch'n'Sip**

**Drink Water and eat 5 veg 'n' 2 fruit each day for a healthy diet.**  
The Canteen proudly uses Brumby's preservative free bread.

