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## CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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From the Principal's Pen

7<sup>th</sup> February 2014

Dear Parents and Carers

A warm welcome back to all our parents, carers and students for 2014, a year that promises to be very exciting and challenging. We trust all our children had an enjoyable and restful holiday. We know they are all looking forward to the school year, renewing friendships and renewing their thirst for learning. This was borne out with the visits to classrooms at the beginning of the week to meet and greet our students.

We are delighted to welcome to Castletown new staff members for 2014.

- Ms Ellen Watson is our exchange teacher from England teaching Pre-Primary.
- Mrs Margaret Churchland joins us as a 0.2 FTE Associate Principal and 0.8 FTE teacher in Year 4/5, tandem teaching with Mr Russell Palmer.
- Ms Jessica Happé who taught at Esperance Senior High School in 2013, is with us teaching Year 4.
- Mr Cliff Willumsen and Mrs Carolyn McCallum, well known relief teachers, have each joined us for 0.6 FTE positions.

Re joining us for 2014 is Mrs Rae Maguire, Mrs Sharna Lovejoy and Mr Brent Moss.

Our student numbers have increased to 599 students, with an intake of some 15 students last week. We extend our special welcome to all our new incoming students and their families. A very special welcome is extended to our 64 new Kindy children and their parents.

Thank you to all our wonderful teachers, education assistants, office staff, cleaning and gardening staff for their outstanding efforts to prepare our school for a brilliantly smooth first day back at school.

Our educational focus will target programs to ensure all students have success and opportunities to achieve at national standards and beyond. Our focus as a Teacher Development School specialising in English and Humanities will be English. In addition, Mathematics has become a high priority for our school with planned resources and professional learning matching our needs.

In addition to our scheduled events such as sports carnivals, ANZAC day, WA week and other significant days, this year will be the opening of the Capsule buried in Castletown grounds in 1988 to commemorate Australia's bicentenary. It is now 25 years after the event. There are many people in our community who will have connections with this, who will be keen to recall and revisit the work produced by the students of that era. The timing and planning of the event is yet to occur. If we have any interested parents or community members who would like to be on the committee for the Capsule Opening please contact the school as soon as possible. We would appreciate your support and suggestions.

### Reporting to Parents

As part of the Reporting To Parents Policy at Castletown, teachers schedule a meeting with parents in the first two to three weeks of Term 1 to discuss their class expectations and policies. School and parent partnerships benefit students in a positive way. The meeting provides opportunity for parents to ask questions and find out how to support their child at the home level, as well as finding out what is going on at the class level. Notes from your teacher will be sent home to advise of meeting times.

### On Entry Assessment for Pre-Primary students

The program is mandated in Term 1 of each year to identify essential early skills in Pre-Primary children in literacy and numeracy. Each child is tested individually by the classroom teacher. The results inform the teacher and parents of the child's current skills and understandings and assists in providing information on what parents and teachers can do to support the child's learning. Your child's teacher will provide further information on this at the class meeting.

Welcome back to Term 1, 2014

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## Creative Club

What an amazing group of dedicated parents we have! The Creative Club is already back at work helping out teachers with resources for our children. We really appreciate the background support and assistance we receive from these inspiring ladies. Thank you!

*Pauline Grewar*, Principal

### Early Bus Children

**Parents please ensure you have informed the school in writing if your child will be catching an Early Bus, whether regularly or irregularly.**



## Faction Captains

On Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February students will vote for Faction Captains. The result of this vote will be announced at the assembly on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February.

Year 6 and 7 students who wish to nominate for a captain will give a short speech to students in Year 4 - 7 in their faction.

Due to both Year 6 and Year 7 students being eligible to be Faction Captains in 2014 there will only be Captains with no Vice Captains. That is, a Year 6 and 7 captain, girl and boy, for each faction.

Lesley Mather  
Associate Principal



**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February: 3.15pm - P&C Meeting in the Library – All Welcome**  
**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March: 7.00pm - Annual General P&C Meeting in the Library**

### Dates to Remember:

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February: Faction Captain Voting  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February: 3.15pm – **School Council** Meeting in the Library  
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February: Active After School Sport commences (Athletics) 3-4pm  
Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February: Camp Quality Puppet Show - free

**Uniform Shop Open 8.30am – 9.00am Thursdays only (8.30-8.50am on Assembly Days)**

## ABSENTEE FORM ONLINE

You can now notify the school online if your child is absent for the day

1. Go to our website - [www.castletownprimaryschool.wa.edu.au](http://www.castletownprimaryschool.wa.edu.au)
2. Hover over General Info and click on Forms.
3. Click on Absentee Form.
4. Complete the form and click 'submit'.

Your child is a **winner** if they attend school every day. Attendance rates of less than 90% can have an impact on your child's precious learning and education.



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



## \*\* Canteen Helpers \*\*

If you would like to help in the canteen, please fill in the form below and return it to the canteen as soon as possible. Helpers are required Monday to Friday between 9.30am and approx 12.45pm. You can volunteer for one, two or however many times you would like each term. Some people choose to come in on a weekly basis. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at the canteen, on 90713148.

Thank you.

Janice Spencer, Canteen Manager



### CANTEEN HELPERS FOR 2014

NAME: ..... PHONE NO: .....

ELDEST CHILD: ..... ROOM NO: .....

PREFERRED DAYS: .....

TIMES PER TERM: weekly / one / two / three times per term (please circle)

