

NEWSLETTER

CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue 12

From the Principal's Pen

1st November 2013

Dear Parents/Carers

ASSEMBLY

Ms Kidd's clever Year 4/5 children entertained us in style with an outstanding rendition of a Negro Spiritual singing and percussion item "This Old Hammer." The beat and rhythm, commenced softly and rose to a palpitating, frenzied crescendo, finishing with the death of the hero, John Henry. Every child in the group listened intently and worked harmoniously with their peers to make wonderful music. This item won first place at the Music Festival for percussion under 12 and we all know why! Congratulations Year 4/5, you are Stars, and so is Mrs Stevens for all the back ground training and work with this item.

TEACHER DEVELOPMENT SUCCESS

Castletown School is very excited to learn that our application to become an English Teacher Development School has been successful for 2014 and 2015. Castletown is one of 61 schools throughout the state who have been selected to continue to build and share exemplary learning and teaching. We look forward to networking with other schools the journey of English and Humanities, which are the two areas of focus. Thank you to all our teachers who have participated in the process in the past two years and contributed to the recent successful application.

NUMERO

Mr Weckert congratulated at the Assembly the recent district NUMERO winning teams. Individuals received a special certificate and book prize in recognition of their efforts and talents. The top team, Adam Edwards, Darcy Cruttenden, Sam Johnston and Matt Rogers now go to Perth for the finals against other divisional winners. We wish them all the best and good luck in their competition.

STATE WINNER NEITA

We have received news this week of Mrs Weckert's outstanding NEITA (National Excellence in Teaching Awards) win as one of 6 people achieving the State Award. 1600 people across Australia were nominated by their communities for the Award. The Australian national finals will reduce this to 12 people, and from that number the Australian winner will be announced later this year. Mrs Weckert will be presented with a special certificate and handsome plaque in honour and recognition of her efforts at the next Assembly by the Chair of our School Council, Mr Les Crawley, on behalf of the school community.

CULTURAL EVENT

Reminder of the cultural event "Slice of Vauderville" being performed at the school on Friday 8th November for a cost of \$4.00 per child. Alan Sloggett challenges children's creative thinking with his skills and experience, keeping audiences enthralled with comedy, magic, puppets and ventriloquism. Positive messages abound through the show, for example, healthy eating, playing nicely, the importance of friends and being a good friend.

Envelopes for the event enclosed with this newsletter.

RIBIT READERS (Reading in Bed is Terrific)

"Researchers have suggested a strong reading ability will enable children to absorb and understand new subjects." Children who read for pleasure are more likely to perform significantly better in the classroom according to a recent report published by the University of London's Institute of Education. Children who read for pleasure are exposed to more complex language structures, build rich language and vocabulary. Congratulations to all our Castletown RIBIT readers who are taking the challenge and building their success and self esteem through the joy of reading. 60 students received books to acknowledge their achievement with reading this last Assembly.

CHESS WIN!

The Castletown chess team, consisting of Adam Edwards, Alex Middleton, Thane Barns and Sabastian Parker, came first in the annual Chess Congress held at the Esperance Anglican Community School yesterday. Congratulations to these students.

Pauline Grewar, Principal

Virtue for the Fortnight - Diligence

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CERTIFICATES OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT



Congratulations to the Room 8 students who received a certificate at our Assembly on 26th September 2013 and were omitted from our last newsletter. Well done!

Room 8 Jessica Teede Molly Hodges

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on 24th October 2013. Well done!

EC 1	Cooper Baden-Powell	Jorja Heather
EC 2	Tiffany Blakely	Charlie Liddelov
Room 00	Chanel Binder	Cody Thorp
	Jack Lister-Buttle	Jessika Stubbs
Room 1	Sheanna Henderson	K-leigh Tion
Room 2	Chloe Davies	Adam Edwards
Room 3	Bella Williams	Kris Edwards
Room 4	Danni-Lee Davies	Michaela Lynch
Room 5	Bailey Guest	Jarrold Bogdan
Room 6	Caitlin Desmond	Alissa Kelsall
Room 7	Amber Boydell	Harry Grant
Room 8	Haille Barnes	Finlay McKenzie
Room 9	Dominyk Stubbs	Mason Greep
Room 10	Jakyla Desmond	Brodie Coxall
Room 11	Kai Bellenger	Alexander Balsdon
Room 12	Abby Loffler	Baeleigh Parker
Room 15	Tayla Walker	Prashant Chand
Room 22	Nakita Pirangi-White	Darcy Lay-Jones
	'All the helpful children in Room 22' – from Mrs Paterson	

Danny Clarke



Cleanest Room Award: EC2 and Room 12

THE VIRTUES PROJECT - DILIGENCE

WHAT IS DILIGENCE

Diligence is working hard and doing the best job you possibly can. When you are diligent, you take special care to do things step by step. You think and move carefully to make sure things will turn out right. Being diligent is being industrious, giving all you have to whatever you do.

WHY PRACTISE DILIGENCE?

Without diligence, people act lazy and don't get much done. They act as if what they do doesn't count, rush through it or just do the least amount possible. Diligence helps you get things done with excellence and enthusiasm. Diligence leads to success. When you are diligent about the things you do, people rely on you and trust you to give your best effort.

HOW DO YOU PRACTISE DILIGENCE

You practise diligence by deciding what you can do and then giving it all you have to give. You treat each action as important and do things carefully, one step at a time. You don't rush through things. You give them your full attention. Diligence takes patience. When you work hard, you can accomplish wonderful things.

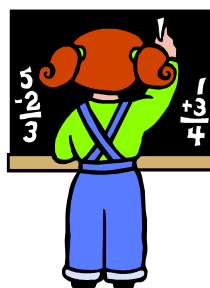
SIGNS OF SUCCESS

You are practising DILIGENCE when you.....

- Pay attention to what you are doing
- Do things carefully, step by step
- Practise to the point of excellence
- Give your absolute best to what you do
- Work hard
- Don't give up



Lesley Mather, Associate Principal



ROOM 3 – 9 WORD CHALLENGE

Last newsletter word – Superhero

This week's challenge is provided by Alanna Foster

D	T	O
S	A	B
R	A	C

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



SCHOOL CANTEEN

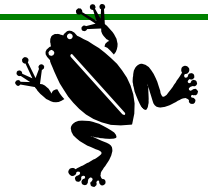
Volunteers are always needed to assist in our Canteen. Please contact Janice at the Canteen or phone 9071 3148

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.





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

Rm 22: Imogen Hine, Charlie Richardson, Blake Ferguson

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

EC 1: Riley Anderson, Jai Bennier, Ollie Creedon, Addi Daw, Stephen Kirby, Molly Pechar, Meela Schmidt, Harvey Tate, Harry Templeton, Mia Walter, Rhiannon Willis

EC 2: Aemelia Stevenson, Emily Crawford, Coen Fels, Isaac Francis, Jack Hallam, Jordan Unwin, Sarah Locke, Taj Neill, Zoe O'Sullivan, Jaxson Meyer

Rm 4: Casey Shearer

Rm 5: Deegan Daw

Rm 10: Brodie Coxall

Rm 22: Tailiah Bain

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 80 Nights

Rm 4: Olivia Kipling

Rm 7: Ben Haclin

Rm 8: Mikayla Brennand

Rm 9: Rahn Curtis, Mason Greep

Rm 11: Izaak Norwood

Rm 22: Darcy Lay-Jones, Jaya Schmidt

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 100 Nights

EC 1: Jayme Ammon, Cooper Baden-Powell, Lachlan Burton, Isabelle Cox, Jack Muir, Cayde Nell, Millie Pedretti, Chloe Seivwright, Regan Shunhun, Ashton Spencer, Teliah Timms, Layne Varea, Noah Clements

EC 2: Amber Sellars, Alice Terrell, Ella Roper, Paige Skelton, Jada Walter, Tiffany Blakely, Molly Sellars, Seth O'Donnell, James Powell, Jaiden Hillbrick, Charlie Liddelow, Cambel Hobson

Rm 4: Olivia Kipling

Rm 5: Bailey Guest

Rm 7: Mikaela Muir

Rm 10: Thalia Thring, Anella Fissioli, Julius Rickerby, Libby Savory, Ella Smith, Dylan Anderson, Levi Wagenknecht

Rm 11: Kai Bellenger, Zac Ponton, Tyson Tietjens, Holly Paxton, Kaci Bennett

Rm 12: Spencer Favies, Alys Godridge, Madison Hunt, Abby Loffler

Rm 22: Shae Nesbitt, Joel Edgar

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 120 Nights

Rm 5: Rani Hotker

Rm 11: Bree Boydell

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 150 Nights

Rm 3: Cody Mack

Rm 4: Casey Haclin

Rm 6: Ruben Wakeham, Paige Scolaro

Rm 9: Seraya Bain

Rm 11: Bree Boydell

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 180 Nights

Rm 6: Isha Cook

Rm 8: Molly Hodges

Rm 9: Sophie Garvey, Eloise Fels, Yasmin Nadason

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 200 Nights

Rm 3: Maddie McGrinder

Rm 5: Monisha Nadason

Rm 6: Isha Cook, Ari Smallman, Hannah Johnston

Rm 7: Sydney Milling

Rm 9: Sophie Garvey, Yasmin Nadason, Katie Crawley

Rm 10: Fraser Cleghorn

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 220 Nights

Rm 6: Hannah Johnson, Juliette Zani, Ari Smallman



Dates to Remember.....



Thursday 7th November:

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Friday 8th November:

Monday 11th November:

11th – 15th November:

Tuesday 12th November:

Assembly (Room 5)

Facebook & Website Meeting

Incursion – 'A Slice of Vaudeville'

Remembrance Day

Book Fair

ESHS Farm Day

Around the Classrooms.....



Room 11 and 12 have been having a ball unpacking the exciting puzzles, musical instruments and construction kits bought by the P&C! As well as the obvious outcomes of building, music making and constructing they have been practising many virtues such as cooperation, creativity, responsibility and thankfulness. We are especially thankful to the P&C for providing us with these lovely resources!



Jessica Maguire



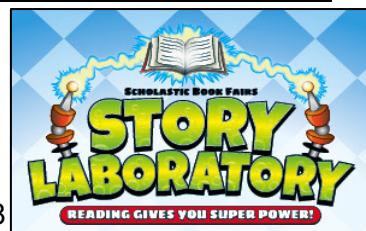
Yr 6/7 Artwork

Gypsy Edwards



BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be held in the School Library from Monday 11th November – Friday 15th November. It will be open from 8.15am – 3.30pm (Monday – Thursday) and 8.15am – 1pm (Friday). Volunteers are needed to help make our Book Fair a success. If you are available to help, even for an hour, that would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Fiona Nadason for a place on the roster – 0418 773 368



FACEBOOK AND WEB SITE MEETING

You're invited to a Facebook Parent Information Session to find out how we are going to use facebook at Castletown PS in conjunction with our new webpage.

Date: Thursday, 7th November 2013

Time: 3.15pm

Venue: School Library



A light afternoon tea will be provided.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Walking School Bus

Would you like more fresh air and exercise with your morning school run? Castletown PS parents are keen to start a Walking School Bus. If you would like to take turns in walking with a group of kindy and primary students to school just fill in a survey at the front office & place it in the Walking School Bus box. Telephone Corrianne Rossouw on 9071 0756 for more information.



Basketball Fixtures for Round 1: Friday 1st November and Monday 4th November

Friday/Time		Ct 1	Ct 2	Ct 3	Ct. 4	Bye	
F 3:50	Gender/Grade	Girl's Twilight	Girl's Twilight	Boy's Gatorade	Boy's Gatorade	GT	BG
	Fixture	Cyclones v Typhoons	Twisters v Hurricanes	Barons v Kings	Dukes v Knights	Tornadoes	

Monday/Time		Ct 1	Ct 2	Ct 3	Ct. 4
M 5:30	Gender/Grade	Girl's Bluehaven	Girl's Bluehaven	Boy's Powerade	Boy's Powerade
	Fixture	Galaxies v Meteors	Comets v Stars	Bullets v Torpedoes	Rockets v Bombers
M 4:40	Gender/Grade	Boy's Converse	Boy's Converse	Boy's Converse	
	Fixture	BMW's v Mustangs	Corvettes v Mercs	Monaros v Porsches	
M 3:50	Gender/Grade	Girl's Vans	Girl's Vans		
	Fixture	Dragonflies v Grasshoppers	Crickets v Beetles		