

NEWSLETTER

CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue 13

From the Principal's Pen

15th November 2013

Dear Parents/Carers

ASSEMBLY

Ms Last's Year 4 conducted our Assembly with poise, confidence and a degree of maturity well beyond their years. The excellent clear diction of the announcers and speakers needs mention and applause. Thank you Year three and four, you were outstanding!

The item our students performed was an inspirational team building song, sung in two parts and unison, sweetly and in tune with the uplifting music. The messages of teambuilding such as working together, creating a dream and making it reality with shared values and people pulling together as one, were sung with enthusiasm. Selected readers preceded the song with how the class works together as a team and demonstrated their commitment to the rhetoric.

NEITA PRESENTATION

Mr Les Crawley, Castletown School Council Chairperson, presented Mrs Weckert with the prestigious State Award for NEITA at the assembly. Mrs Weckert is one of 6 winners in the state, having been selected from 1500 applications across Australia. (NEITA National Excellence in Teaching Awards) The school community nominated Mrs Weckert for her outstanding contribution to education at Castletown over her years of teaching in the early years. We are all proud to have Mrs Weckert at Castletown school. Latest update! Mrs Weckert has now won the next round of NEITA and is in an elite number of teachers to go for the finals.



EMERGENCY DRILLS

Staff and students were suitably surprised with an emergency drill last week as part of our routine practices and preparation for emergencies such as bush fires. Students responded extremely well, conducting themselves under supervision by class teachers quickly and quietly to the main assembly area on the oval. Well done everyone!

NUMERO NEWS

Congratulations to Adam Edwards, Darcy Cruttenden, Sam Johnston and Matt Rogers for competing in the State Numero Competition in Perth this week. Well done!



REMEMBRANCE DAY OBSERVANCE



One minute's silence was observed by the school as part of the commemoration of Remembrance Day honouring soldiers of all wars but particularly the two World Wars. The one minute silence was preceded by Year 7 student Sarah Butler reading the inspirational poem "In Flanders Field" by John McCrae. Thank you Sarah.

FIRST AID

Two of Mrs Baldwin's ECE classes have recently had a visit from St John Ambulance who are running a special First Aid Focus school program. The students learnt about emergency calls and ringing 000 and many other important first aid points.

As a result they have won a first aid kit for the school, valued at more than \$300.

Pauline Grewar, Principal

BRIGHT LIGHTS

Congratulations to Caitlin Parker (Yr 4, Rm 6) for winning Numero-ED Silver Challenge No.16





CERTIFICATES OF MERIT and CERTIFICATES OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT



Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on 7th November 2013. Well done!

EC 1	Cayde Nell	Isabelle Cox		
EC 2	Molly Sellars	Ben Spencer		
Room 00	Taylor Midgley	Nathan McLean		
Room 1	Cydney Merkel	Campbell McKenzie		
Room 2	Thane Barnes	Matilda Bourke		
Room 3	Liam Reeves	Trinity Steel	Taia Farnham-Offer	
Room 4	Tyson Gibson	James Gidgup	Zac Fletcher	Alex Beeby
Room 5	Dakota Clifton	Henco Maree	Lachlan Walter	
Room 6	Ben Ryl	Taj Stewart	Lachlan Fetherston	
Room 7	Cameron Casini	Chellana Desmond		
Room 8	Angus Drake	Cassandra Libo-on		
Room 9	Lily Spencer	Katelyn Read		
Room 10	Ethan Pedretti	Amber Francis		
Room 11	Regan Henley	Izaak Norwood		
Room 12	Beau Bailey	Sydney Nelson		
Room 15	Jessica Maguire	Nike Green	Ryley Major	

Cleanest Room Award: Room 11



Reading In Bed Is Terrific

The Home Reading program **RIBIT**



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

EC 6: Blayden Coussens, Bailey Martin

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

EC 6: Evie Rickerby, Ella-Rose Lindholm, Hayden McKeown, Bree Durrant, Makenzie Tate, Cyrus Plunkett

Rm 1: Casey Brown

Rm 6: Riley Davies-Mele

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 80 Nights

Rm 1: Nikkita Sharpe, Yochanan Holeong, Brooke McDonald, Darby Smith

Rm 3: Kira Dart

Rm 5: Deegan Daw, Brianna Timms

Rm 6: Kai Varea, Elle Johnston

Rm 7: Jack Balsdon, Jason Lawrence

Rm 10: Amber Francis

Rm 12: Ryan Edgar



Congratulations to the following children who have read for 100 Nights

Rm 1: Yochanan Holeong, Sheanna Henderson, Darby Smith

Rm 4: Jonte Meyer

Rm 6: Tess Walker, Makayla Williams

Rm 7: Luke Whitehurst, Levi Meyer, Zara Guest

Rm 11: Lachlan Smith, Dylan Walker

Rm 12: Vaughan Clarkson-Jones

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 120 Nights

Rm 3: Jordyn Rogers

Rm 5: Sophie Hallam

Rm 6: Marissa Dattani, Hannah McDowell

Rm 7: Mikaela Muir

Rm 11: Taliah Walsh



Congratulations to the following children who have read for 180 Nights

Rm 3: Kiara Whitehurst

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 200 Nights

Rm 5: Bella Walter

Rm 10: Fraser Cleghorn

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 220 Nights

Rm 6: Livinia Florisson

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 250 Nights

Rm 6: Livinia Florisson

Dates to Remember.....

Reminder!

Monday 18 th November:	PP – Yr 1 Swimming commences
Monday 18 th November:	P&C Meeting – 3.15pm
Thursday 21 st November:	Assembly Rm 10
Thursday 21 st November:	Kindy/Pre-Primary Induction Meeting - 7pm
Thursday 21 st November:	Family Science Show – 7pm (undercover area)
Wednesday 27 th November:	Parent 'Thank You' morning tea

Around the Classrooms.....

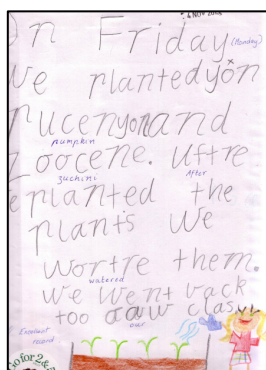
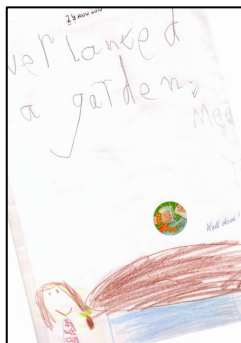
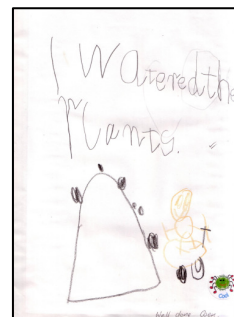
Room 3 has been very busy exploring poetry. We are creating poems about Christmas using the letters of our names to start each line.



We have also been exploring the use of terracotta clay. We are using it to make 3 ornamental terracotta terrace houses.



EC5 - The children in the Early Childhood Centre have been busy gardening. We have learned about the needs of plants and we have recorded what we did in our Science Journals.



Artwork by Isabelle, Molly, Emily, Anastazia, Tahkiya, Tamati and Megan

Facebook and Web Site



Our Facebook page and Web Site are 'up and running' with great success. Thank you to Julie Fetherston for her wonderful work in getting these organised. Thank you also to Sonya Hennessy for the great photo. To see more of her photos visit the link below.

www.facebook.com/shennessyphotography

Could parents who have not completed their web/facebook permission forms please do so and return to the School Office or your child's teacher. Extra forms are available if you require one.

Laurie Palmer, Associate Principal

THE VIRTUES PROJECT – LOYALTY



WHAT IS LOYALTY?

LOYALTY - is staying true to someone. It is standing up for something you believe in without wavering. It is being faithful to your family, country, school, friends and ideals – when the going gets tough as well as when things are good. When you are a **loyal** friend, even if someone disappoints you, you still hang in there with them. **Loyalty** is staying committed.

WHY PRACTISE LOYALTY?

You can not count on **disloyal** people to stay friends, because when problems happen, they go away. They often change their minds about what they believe in to be important. When you practise **loyalty** people know they can count on you. People who are worthy of your **loyalty** can trust that they will never stand alone. With **loyalty**, you build friendships that last forever.

HOW DO YOU PRACTISE LOYALTY?

You practise **loyalty** by committing to a person, or a belief. Choose your friends carefully, so you can be friends for a long time. If someone tries to use your **loyalty** for a bad purpose, or hurts you over and over, you need to decide if it is right to go on being **loyal**. Stand up for your family and friends when others act unjustly. When you are **loyal** you are worthy of trust.

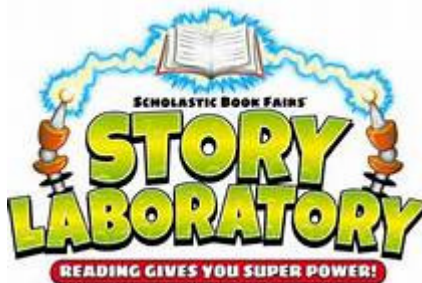
SIGNS OF SUCCESS

You are practising **loyalty** when you.....

- Stand up for people and ideas you believe in
- Are a faithful friend through good times and bad
- Don't allow **loyalty** to lead you into trouble
- Don't let others come between you and your friends
- Are **loyal** to yourself



Lesley Mather – Associate Principal



BOOK FAIR – A huge thank you to our co-ordinator Fiona Nadason, and all our wonderful parents for organising and conducting a very successful Book Fair.

The winners of the colouring competition are:

Kindy / PrePrimary, Molly Pechar

Year 1-2's, Lily Spencer

Year 3-7's, Brianna Timms.

Congratulations to these students.

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.

ROOM 3 – 9 WORD CHALLENGE

Last newsletter word – *Broadcast*

This week's challenge is provided by Kennedy Holdaway

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Monday 25 November 2013

Ambulance Centre, 10:00-2:15

Free for grandparents and carers who want to find information on how can you help keep themselves and their grandchildren injury free?

Child Car Restraint checking available

Morning Tea and Lunch Provided

Jill Fitzpatrick 0428 855 593

Grandies' Big Day Out

