

NEWSLETTER

CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

INSPIRE, EDUCATE, SUCCEED



Issue 10

From the Principal's Pen

5th September 2013

Dear Parents/Carers

ASSEMBLY

We were treated with a superb concert from our Junior and Senior Choir students singing the items they presented at the recent Music Festival. We can all be very proud of their efforts along with the six classes who performed percussion items. Our performances were awarded outstanding marks and comments from the adjudicator. The compere commented that Castletown is known as the Gifted and Talented school in music. What an impression Castletown has made with music in the community! Congratulations to all students and to our fantastic music teacher, Mrs Stevens, who has modelled our vision statement, "Inspire, Educate and Succeed", with extraordinary success and panache. A special thank you also to our very supportive parents who ensured their children were beautifully dressed and presented for their performances.



ASSEMBLY CHANGE WEEK 8 – Assembly week 8 has been cancelled and will now be week 9 for NAIDOC week, followed by final assembly in week 10.

SCHOOL FUNDING CHANGES 2014

Most parents and community members are well aware of last week's announcement of changes to the way that schools are resourced. There has been quite an amount of media attention in this regard and also discussions in education circles on the ramifications for schools. What will this mean for our school?

On Tuesday 20th August we received information about a new model of funding for the school based on the recent report prepared for the Department of Education on funding options for schools by Professors Stephen Lamb and Richard Teese. The model aims to give schools maximum flexibility and autonomy with control over all the main financial elements of school budgets, including teacher salaries, and will be phased in over a period of two years. The key goal of the new funding model is to provide schools with flexibility in planning and resource deployment.

Changes have occurred with funding of some elements of our School Grant for 2014, but staffing ratios to students remain the same. Further details on the changes will be clarified at our next School Council meeting.

A WIN FROM BOOKFAIR!

Thanks to the amazing results from our Book Fair, in which our parents sold some \$6000 worth of books. Scholastic Book Fairs has acknowledged this feat with an unexpected gift to the school of \$800 worth of books across all age levels, written by best selling authors for 2013. Such a lovely collection is really appreciated and will be well promoted and used throughout our school. Thank you again to our very hard working parents who conducted the Book Fair for our school.

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Congratulations to the students from Castletown Primary School who distinguished themselves at the TOM Competition at Esperance Senior High School on Sunday. Their ideas and cohesion as a team were impressive and even more so was their ability to put across to the audience their storyline with spontaneous enthusiasm and persuasion.

Our talented students working with such challenges were - Language Literature ("The Rosebuds") Monica Dellaca, Jamee Stewart, Sam Johnson, Kassidy Topping, Hannah McBride, Abigail Shafi and Bondarenko

Social Science ("The Wolfgang") Adam Edwards, Thomas Callow, Sarah Butler, Ruby Hodges, Anna Smith, Sally Wilson-Hilton and Olivia Kipling

Special thanks to Mrs Rose and Mrs Wolfenden for training and encouraging our students for this major event of the year.

Virtue for the Fortnight - Manners

CULTURAL EVENT

As outlined to parents previously, Musica Viva will be presenting concerts to our school on the 11th and 12th September. The cost (subsidized to the value of \$2.50) will be \$5.00 per student. The Concerts promise to be energetic, exciting and interactive performances from high quality professional musicians. Envelopes will be sent home for this event.

Pauline Grewar, Principal



CERTIFICATES OF MERIT



Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on 15th August 2013. Well done!

EC 1	Meela Schmidt	Harry Templeton		
EC 2	Jaxson Meyer	Aemelia Stevenson		
Room 00	Ailee Winmar	Stephanie Kouw		
Room 1	Nikkita Sharpe	Shannon Jones		
Room 2	Kacey Garvey	Payden Hartley		
Room 3	Monique Woodbury	Karma McGill		
Room 4	William Peucker	Shari Rogers		
Room 5	Kaydence Puckey	Alley Tietjens		
Room 6	Tess Walker	Braden Nell	Kai Varea	Ari Smallman
Room 7	Cherry Rickerby	Luke Whitehurst		
Room 8	Cassandra Libo-on	Courtney Websdale		
Room 9	Lachlan McGrinder	George McCrea		
Room 10	Tayla Warren	Fraser Cleghorn		
Room 11	Tyson Tietjens	Katie Casini		
Room 12	John Ramsell	Jillian Nichols		
Room 15	Riley Desmond	Paige Johnston	Shyanna Russell	
Room 22	Ellie Mansell	Darcy Lay-Jones		



Cleanest Room Award: EC3 and Room 7



National Science Week 2013



Castletown Primary School participated in National Science Week and had an 'exploding' good time. Students from all over the school participated in recess and lunchtime experiments that 'shocked' and 'wowed' the crowd. Many students were able to share their science knowledge with others during these sessions. Room 3 had the privilege of listening to Dr Chris Smith talk about different aspects of science through an online program called Centra. Some of the junior classes went on an excursion to the weather station to obtain a better understanding of how the weather for each day is decided. All classes participated in the whole school seedling challenge with each class changing one variable. The winners of the challenge and the colouring competition were announced at the last assembly. The overall of the challenge winners were the Administration team.

EC1 and EC2 took out the class prize for the challenge with rooms 5 and 7 coming a close second.

The week was exciting and we look forward to National Science Week next year.



TOMS

Our school is very proud of 14 students, from Years 5, 6 and 7 who worked diligently in two teams to solve a Language Literature challenge and a Social Science challenge. Each group worked cooperatively demonstrating their creative and critical thinking skills as well as their performance skills. The groups presented their solutions to a panel of judges and an audience of family and friends. They should be very proud of their efforts individually and as a team.

The Language Literature Team was asked to create a picture book telling a story of the team's creation.

The Social Science Team explored moral and ethical issues that cause people to keep secrets, then find out what

happens when three people who keep a secret with a common theme are perceived when their secrets are discovered.

A huge thank you to Mrs Mel Wolfenden who was a facilitator for our Social Science team and Mrs Nicola Rose was facilitator for the Language Literature team.

"The Rosebuds"

"The Wolfgang"



Dates to Remember.....



Friday 6th September
Monday 9th September:
Thursday 12th September
11th and 12th September:
Thursday 19th September
Sunday 22nd September
Thursday 26th September

Yrs 5-7 Swimming Carnival
Yrs 2-4 Swimming commences
Parent Open Night
Musica Viva
Assembly NAIDOC Week
Year 6 Camp
Final Assembly – EC1 and EC2



Reading In Bed Is Terrific

The Home Reading program **RIBIT**

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

EC6: Tamati Simon, Jayden Read, Xavier den Engelsen
Rm 00: Grace Mullins,
Rm 8: Jessica Teede,
Rm 22: Tyler Lenderink, Fraser Florisson, Daniel Spencer

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

Rm 00: Stephanie Kouw, Jacob Wagenknecht
Rm 1: Tyler Fissioli
Rm 7: Olivia Hilton
Rm 8: Miranda Mears, Ruby Cowcher
Rm 10: Tayla Warren
Rm 12: Tyler Hawkins
Rm 22: Marshal Walker, Sianna O'Sullivan

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 80 Nights

EC 1: Noah Clements, Layne Varea, Teliah Timms, Ashton Spencer, Regan Shanhun, Chloe Seivwright, Millie Pedretti, Cayde Nell, Jack Muir, Isabelle Cox, Lachlan Burtor, Cooper Baden-Powell, Jayme Ammon
Rm 00: Stephanie Kouw, Liam Saillard, Shaj Varea,
Rm 1: Ben Livingston, Mecheala Walding
Rm 3: Karma McGill,
Rm 6: Makayla Williams, Alissa Kelsall
Rm 9: Ruby Davies-Mele, George McCrea
Rm 10: Chloe Gidgup, Hayden Ryan, Libby Savory, Ella Smith, Dylan Anderson, Levi Wagenecht, Sienna Jamieson, Harry Dowsett
Rm 11: Kai Bellenger, Mitchell Green, Zac Ponton, Lachlan Smith, Dylan Walker
Rm 22: Marshall Walker, Joel Edgar, Molly Hennessy, Charlie Richardson, Shae Nesbitt, Chad Howells

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 100 Nights:

Rm 00: Liam Saillard, Shaj Varea
Rm 1: Mecheala Walding, Jess Kirwan
Rm 3: Jordyn Rogers
Rm 6: Jordan Major, Marissa Dattani
Rm 7: Holly Kiel, Koltyn Tholstrup,
Rm 9: Lachlan McGrinder
Rm 11: Katie Goodwin
Rm 22: Charlie Richardson, Bronson Hebb, Imogen Hine, Molly Hennessy, Blake Ferguson, Tyler Lenderink

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 120 Nights:

Rm 9: Seraya Bain
Rm 22: Tailah Bain, Leanna Kirwan

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 150 Nights:

Rm 3: Maddie McGrinder, Molly Hodges
Rm 6: Isha Cook,
Rm 7: Holly Goodwin,
Rm 9: Yasmin Nadason, Eloise Fels
Rm 22: Leanna Kirwan

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 180 Nights:

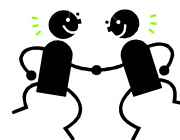
Rm 6: Ari Smallman, Juliette Zani, Livinia Florisson
Rm 22: Sianna O'Sullivan





CAMP PAYMENTS - A friendly reminder to Year 6 parents. Camp payment and forms are due by Friday 6th September

THE VIRTUES PROJECT - MANNERS



- When asking for something, say "Please."
- When receiving something, say "Thank you."
- If you do need to get somebody's attention right away, the phrase "Excuse me" is the most polite way for you to enter the conversation.
- If you bump into somebody, immediately say "Excuse me."
- When an adult asks you for a favour, do it without grumbling and with a smile.



WANTED – Donations of peahay and / or soil for the Early Childhood garden
Contact Adele Baldwin in EC5

ROOM 3 – 9 WORD CHALLENGE

A	L	S
N	E	H
P	T	E

Last newsletter word – Tolerance

This week's challenge is provided
By Lucy Wilson



From The P&C

ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE Castletown Primary Federal Election Polling Station Saturday 7th September

Please support the Early Childhood P&C Sausage Sizzle being held in the new undercover area adjacent to the polling station in the Science Room, by spreading the word to bring some loose change along when coming to vote !
Sausage Sizzle, Tea, Coffee, Cold Drinks and Lolly Bags

The Fussy Eater – If you are feeding fussy children you are not alone. Many children are fussy eaters. It is also common for parents to have ideas on the types of, and how much, food their children should be eating. Sometimes parents resort to feeding their children unhealthy foods.

- If a child refuses to eat food, they are not hungry
- A child will eat when they are hungry
- A healthy child will not starve to death by refusing food
- Avoid the "battle" at mealtimes. Any uneaten food, take it away and offer it later
- Do not offer alternative and favourite foods when the food offered is not eaten

This information was provided by Healthy Kids: Eat Well, Get Active. For further information please visit <http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.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.



COMMUNITY NOTICES



2014 Esperance Senior High School Enrolments – Transition Day is fast approaching. If you wish to enrol your child for 2014, enrolment forms are required as soon as possible.

VacSwim Enrolments - now open. Enrol online at det.wa.edu.au
Enrolments close Monday 9 September 2013 for October Programs



Esperance Dental Therapy Clinic - As you are all aware we have moved into our new Dental Clinic and the final phase of the move is for all of our records to be placed on a computerised system. To achieve this we must send all of our records to Head Office in Perth for a few weeks to be put into their system. As a result from the 18th September until 21st October the clinic will be treating emergency patients only....The clinic will be closed for the duration of the October school holidays 30th September until 11th October ...and week 1 of term 4 when staff will be undertaking training. For any emergency treatment during the school holiday closure please contact a private dentist.

If you require any further information please contact the Clinic on 90711781.

Kind Regards, Belinda, Deb and Sue ☺

