

NEWSLETTER

CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

INSPIRE, EDUCATE, SUCCEED



Issue 11

From the Principal's Pen

26th September 2013

Dear Parents/Carers

NAIDOC ASSEMBLY and CELEBRATIONS

It was a special pleasure and privilege to have Elder Sonny Graham join in our Assembly with the "Welcome to Country" followed by the Dream Time story of the eagle and the wild turkey, with its moral of sharing and not bullying. Every time we travel over Dempster Head towards Twilight, we will remember the hole in the rock and how it was formed. Mr Graham has spent many years previously at Castletown as an Education Officer, where his influence and modelling of reconciliation will be long remembered. It was a joy for all of us to sing in both Aboriginal and English languages "We are One" cementing bonds



between all people in our community. Thank you Mr Graham.

Ngadju dancers from Norseman entertained us with dances and stories from their culture, enlightening us with Aboriginal customs and beliefs. We were presented a range of dances including the welcome dance, and dances which enacted the affinity to the land and the environment. The dancers, all of primary school age, related well to our students who appreciated their accomplishments and talents.

RETIREMENT

Mrs Suzanne Hay retires this week after some 28 years with the Department of Education, where she has worked in the capacity of teacher and librarian. Mrs Hay has enjoyed her many years at Castletown where she has worked on a daily basis with students, staff and parents to encourage and support reading and literature. A "book worm" herself, she is looking forward to more time to pursue her pastimes in retirement. We wish her every happiness in the future, and thank her for her contributions.



PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT

Finally our circuit equipment for the oval has arrived and will soon be erected for all our children to experience. The junior area is now almost finished with the super size sand pit in operation, and the cubby house is being made by courtesy of "Men in Sheds". Special thanks to two of our fathers, Terry Bailey and Rob Mele who have done a "mighty" job with the excavation, sand and the bricklaying. Well done also to our parents for the initial organisation of the works and to the P & C for donating a further \$2000 to support the earthworks and setting up of the circuit equipment.

"TAKE THE CHALLENGE"

Congratulations to Mrs Tolman's year 3 class who took the challenge when offered at the end of term 1, and continued to strive to make improvements in health and physical education with lots of daily fun activities. "Take the Challenge" aims to promote healthy lifestyle behaviours in students in each developmental stage. Modules used are linked to the health and physical education learning area and is funded by Healthways and Population Health. For their efforts year 3 received a large class pack of skipping ropes, several footballs and a pump. This should encourage them into continuing their healthy lifestyle. Well done year 3!

NUMERO - BREAKING NEWS

Our Numero teams have won first, second and equal third places in the Numero competition. Congratulations to Ash Weckert, the teams and all the teachers who worked to make this win possible. Go Castletown! 1st - Adam Edwards, Sam Johnston, Matt Rogers, Darcy Cruttenden. 2nd - Jamee Stewart, Kate Shearer, Hayley Timms, Kia Mack. Equal 3rd - Jacob Wagenknecht, Lachie Stewart, Ethan Hallam, Nathan McLean, Kasey Garvey, Anna Smith, Ellen Timms and Jayme Haclin.



Pauline Grewar, Principal

MESSAGE TO PARENTS

The Minister for Education has produced a short video message for parents about changes to school funding. The link is

<http://www.premier.wa.gov.au/MINISTERS/PETER-COLLIER/Pages/Video.aspx>.

School Web page and Facebook - The School's Web page is nearing completion. Department of Education policy requires written parent permission before a student's photo or work can be posted on the internet. A student permission form was sent home yesterday to obtain this permission. Parents please return these to school as soon as possible so that our site can be finished. If you have any queries, please contact me at school.

Laurie Palmer - Associate Principal

Virtue for the Fortnight - Courage



Wild Flower Festival

Congratulations to our students from year 2 and year 7 of Rooms 9, 00 and 2 who won places for their stunning artwork in this year's Wildflower Festival.

Kassidy Topping, Kasey Garvey, Dean Bonnet
Ruby Davies-Mele, Yasmin Nadason



CERTIFICATES OF MERIT



*Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on 19th September 2013.
Well done!*

EC 1	Harvey Tate	Ollie Creedon	Rhiannon Willis
EC 2	Katelyn Maguire	Zoe O'Sullivan	Rustana Humphrey
Room 00	Marli Rhodes	Dean Bonnet	
Room 1	Casey Brown	Taj Powell	
Room 2	Thomas Callow	Jayne Haclin	Amber Burstn
Room 4	Jimmy Steel	Connor Lehman	
Room 5	Tyler Hankin	Brianna Timms	
Room 6	Caitlin Desmond	Juliette Zani	
Room 7	Kyron Czapinski	Jessica Raynes	
Room 8	Kira Warren	Ruby Cowcher	
Room 9	Lachlan McGrinder	Katie Crawley	
Room 10	Libby Savory	Vaughan Miller	
Room 12	Tito Puckey	Vaughan Clarkson-Jones	
Room 15	Mikaylah Everett	Ben Smylie	
Room 22	Sianna O'Sullivan	Tailah Bain	

Cleanest Room Award: Room 00 and Room 4



Reading In Bed Is Terrific

The Home Reading program **RIBIT**

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

EC 6: Jake Budrey
Rm 4: Aidan Armstrong

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

EC 6: Ashton Davies, Logan Shanhun, Joshua Bailey
Rm 7: Harry Grant, Jack Balsdon

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 80 Nights

Rm 3: Caitlyn Muir, Connor Middleton
Rm 5: Bailey Guest, Jaydn Thring
Rm 6: Elle Johnston
Rm 7: Mikaela Muir, Luke Whitehurst, Hayley O'Donnell, Jack Kirwan, Latisha Williams
Rm 8: Haille Barnes, Ryan McBride
Rm 11: Luke Bailey, Holly Paxton, Poppy Spencer

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

Rm 5: Jaydn Thring
Rm 8: Codee Walter, Cassandra Libo-on

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

Rm 3: Cody Mack

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

Rm 5: Brianna Timms, Bella Walter

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

Rm 3: Maddie McGrinder
Rm 5: Monisha Nadason

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 200 Nights:

Rm 7: Amber Boydell





WONGUTHA CAPS DAY TRIP Rooms 3 and 4

"Today my class and I went to Wongutha CAPS to celebrate NAIDOC Week. I enjoyed eating the damper; it was fun to make too. I learned how to throw a spear. I wasn't good at it but I still learned. I thought going to the Aqua-Culture was very interesting because when you feed the fish they would jump to get it first."

Written by Olivia Kipling - Room 4



throwing spears and getting my face painted. I learnt about the Aboriginal cultures and had so much fun eating kangaroo and crocodile. I loved Wongutha CAPS."

Written by Jordan Seivwright Room 4



Around the Classrooms.....

ROOM 3 - 9 WORD CHALLENGE

Last newsletter word - Elephants

This week's challenge is provided
By Bryce McDonald

R	R	E
P	S	H
O	E	U

camp

Dorm:

Looking old and tacky yet new and clean
Friends laughing down the firemans pole
The scent of eagle boys on our plate
Yummy pizza in our mouths
Knowing the first day is over, knowing camp has begun

Mountain Bikes:

Blanket of fog and wooded forest
Sound of the gears changing
The scent of grease and oil
Tasting the wind
Feel the bugs hit your face
And the soft thought "it's over"

Confidence Course:

So many obstacles stand in your way
Bundles of laughter while kid's race
Mud I didn't realise it was so stinky!
But so thankful for the water
Feel the breeze
All stinky and wet time to hit the showers

Flying Fox:

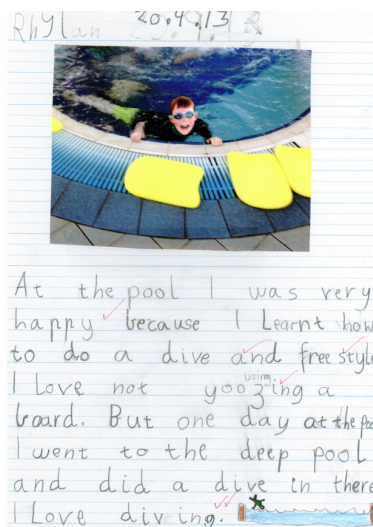
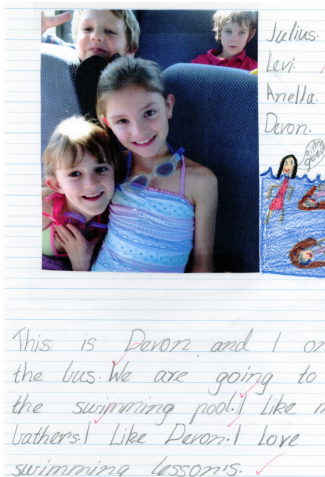
The fear on faces
Sounds of nervousness
Scent of tears down your face
Taste of fear
The feel of metal
For taking the swing of life

Camp Coldits:

So many children lurking in the dark
Rocks kicked by stamping feet
Moist scent of eucalyptus leaves
The taste of dust chunky and gritty
The feel of the whistle
Thinking of the week the thought of tomorrow

Written by Amber Burston Yr 7 Room 2

Room 22 - Swimming Lessons



THE VIRTUES PROJECT - COURAGE



Courage is personal bravery in the face of fear. It is doing what needs to be done even when it is really hard or scary. **Courage** is going ahead even when you feel like giving up. **Courage** is needed in trying new things. It is admitting mistakes and then doing the right thing. **Courage** is the strength in your heart.

HOW DO YOU PRACTISE COURAGE?

Courage helps you do the right thing. When you feel afraid, name the fear and then let it go. Then do what you really want to do. Admit mistakes and learn from them. Keep trying. Stand up for what you know is right even if all of your friends are doing something wrong. Ask for help when you need it. Let **courage** fill your heart.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 15th October - First day back for students Term 4
 Friday 18th October - Esperance Show Day - Holiday

Castletown PS After School Sports Term 4 - Cricket - Parents please note, after school sports on Monday of Term 4 will be held at the greater sports ground. The students will be transported by bus to the sports ground, however they must be collected from the sportsground at 5pm.
 (Wednesday after school sports as per normal.)



**TOMORROW - FRIDAY 27TH - "FREO DOCKERS DRESS UP DAY" -
 DRESS IN PURPLE and WHITE**



Eater - Tips to Encourage your Child to Enjoy Fruit and Vegetables

Food Preparation - Involving children in preparation and cooking they are more likely to want to taste different foods

Tasting - A young child will need to try a food a few times before liking it

Growing - Increase your child's interest in food by growing some vegetables and herbs

Role Model - Monkey-see monkey-do, young children are imitators! So parents and guardians can give a good example by enjoying various fruits and vegetables.

"Remember, parents provide (what, where, when), the children decide (if and how much)."

This information was provided by Better Health Victoria. Eat Well, Get Active. For further information please visit <http://www.betterhealth.vic.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

Gr8STUFF

School Holiday Clinics

Fun **Hilarious**

Clever **Multi-skills**

Boys & Girls

Activities for young people that
 ✓ Motivate
 ✓ Challenge
 ✓ Empower
 ✓ Include

13 & Unders
 Tuesday 8 October
 12.30-4.00pm

Thursday 10 October
 2.30-6pm

Friday 11 October
 12.30-4pm

12 & Overs
 Wednesday 9 October
 12.30-4pm

Thursday 10 October
 9am-12.30pm

\$20 per clinic

Venue: Netball Clubrooms, Jane Street Esperance
 Limited places so get your rego in early!

See the rego form & terms & conditions for information on how to register
 or phone Julie on 0459 785 203 or email hawkecoaching@outlook.com

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Events, Sports & Corporate Coaching, Team Building, Group Facilitation.

Rockin' Robin
 Written by Judith Prior
 Presented by
Esperance SHS
 Esperance Civic Centre
 Fri 25th, Sat 26th October
 7pm

Tickets
 \$25 family
 (2 adults/2 children)
 \$10 adult
 \$5 child or concession
 Tickets from
 Esperance SHS Reception

Junior Golf Clinic

Thursday 3 10:00-4:30 &
 Friday 4 October 10:00-4:00

Esperance Golf Course
 Young people aged 7-18 welcome
 Cost \$50

Information Liz Bott 0427 751 174
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Registration forms available from your school office

