

NEWSLETTER

CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue 8

From the Principal's Pen

13th August 2013

Dear Parents/Carers

ASSEMBLY

Mrs Richardson's Year 2 children delighted us with their enthusiastic delivery of the poem "The Spider and the Fly". Mr Spider tried every trick under the sun to lure the fly to his web, but Mr Fly was not so silly as to succumb to his charm and invitations. Beautifully spoken with excellent articulation and intonation and dramatic gestures, our Year 2 children were able to capture the audience's attention with ease. The virtue of the week, 'Creativity' was expertly demonstrated by Mrs Richardson with the wonderful costuming created and made for the poem, for example, spider legs of black stocking stuffed with paper, remarkable many eyes of the fly and the spider on top of their little black hats.

NATIONAL TREE DAY

To celebrate National Tree day on 31st July, Mr Ron Taylor from LEAF spoke to our students at the assembly on the importance of trees and how to care for them. His very interesting talk engaged our students fully and helped them to understand and appreciate the significance of trees in our environment.

There was keen competition for a class to take over the planting of two trees donated by LEAF and these were duly installed in the front garden which has native species only. Mrs Thorp and Mrs Liddelow's Year 2 class had the honour of planting the trees and were very excited about the entire ceremony. The trees are in an area which is regularly watered and perfect for the establishment of these young plants.

WELCOME to Our NEWEST STAFF MEMBER

A special welcome is extended to our newest staff member Ms Danae Leske. Ms Leske is in her early teaching career and is keenly looking forward to teaching our students and being part of Castletown Primary School.

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK

Thank you again to Ms Jenna Mather for organising an exciting celebratory Science Week, with many interactive activities and experiments for students to engage in and test their scientific knowledge and skills.

A whole school challenge will see each class competing to grow the tallest seedling within seven days. Choosing any variable they want classes can have lots of fun and discussions on the growth of the plant.



BORDER CONTROL VISIT (West Coast Eagles)

They are coming again! We will see them on Thursday August 15th when the "Big Men" will take over from our Assembly and talk about football and show us their style. Welcome to teams 1 and 2 and special guests, Ross Glendinning and Glen Jakovich. Out with your EAGLES gear and show the flag.

MUSICA VIVA CULTURAL EVENT

On September 12th and 13th Musica Viva will be presenting a performance by Adam Hall and the Velvet Players at Castletown. We have been most fortunate to gain sponsorship for the event. The normal cost of \$7.70 per student has been reduced to \$5.00. "Adam Hall and the Velvet Players capture the spirit of American Jazz in the 50's. The performance explores the melodies and toe-tapping rhythms of jazz, blues and rumba styles using well known tunes and original works."

This forward notice is given to parents for planning purposes.

NAIDOC WEEK/ASSEMBLY CHANGE

Due to NAIDOC WEEK, now in week 9, our week 8 Assembly will now transfer to week 9. This is to enable the school to celebrate NAIDOC week. We are very privileged to have Mr Sonny Graham as special guest speaker for this Assembly.

FAREWELL and WELCOME

Farewell to Mrs Joy Bates who has been a valued cleaner at our school for some time and Welcome to Mrs Angie Duncan who has recently commenced as a cleaner.

Pauline Grewar, Principal



CERTIFICATES OF MERIT and CERTIFICATES OF OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT



Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on 1st August 2013. Well done!

EC 1	Molly Pechar	Stephen Kirby
EC 2	Emily Crawley	Isaac Francis
Room 00	Matt Dowsett	James Young
Room 1	Jasmin Carter	Kian Greentree
Room 3	Taj Munzer	Aaron Jarvis
Room 4	Mikayla McLean	Aidan Armstrong
Room 5	Bella Walter	Izak Saillard
Room 6	Caitlin Parker	Aiden Mayfield
Room 7	Jack Balsdon	Hayley O'Donnell
Room 8	Breeanna Midgley	Jaymi Lane
Room 9	Katelyn Read	Sophie Garvey
Room 10	Ella Smith	Rhylan Cowcher
Room 11	Kaci Bennett	Zac Ponton
Room 12	Ryan Edgar	Alysa Godridge
Room 15	Riley Desmond	Breanna Smith
Room 22	Isabelle McLeod	Logan Brown

Cleanest Room Award: Room 5

Travis Shearer



Reading In Bed Is Terrific

The Home Reading program **RIBIT**



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

- EC 1:** Rhiannon Wills, Mia Walter, Harry Templeton, Harvey Tate, Meela Schmidt, Molly Pechar, Stephen Kirby, Addison Daw, Ollie Creedon, Jai Bennier, Riley Anderson
- EC 2:** Aemelia Stevenson
- EC 3:** Lauritz Barnes, Kyndra Bellenger, Jordan Miller, Dane Bailey, Claire McCrea, Casey Reeves, Benjamin Kloeden, Ben Gibson, Aylah Reeves, Anastazia Lay-Jones
- EC 6:** Makenzie Tate, Ella Rose Lindholm, Hayden McKeown, AJ Landers
- Rm 4:** Ella Wakeham
- Rm 7:** Holly Goodwin (2nd time)
- Rm 8:** Molly Hodges (2nd time)
- Rm 22:** Sianna O'Sullivan

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

- Rm 1:** Shannyn Jones
- Rm 3:** Caitlyn Muir, Monique Woodbury
- Rm 4:** Ella Wakeham, Hannah Johnston
- Rm 6:** Imogen Champion, Aiden Mayfield
- Rm 8:** Mikayla Brennand

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 80 Nights

- Rm 1:** Sheanna Henderson
- Rm 4:** Sally Wilson-Hilton
- Rm 6:** Tess Walker, Jordan Major, Marissa Dattani
- Rm 7:** Holly Kiel
- Rm 8:** Codee Walter, Cassandra Libo-on
- Rm 22:** Imogen Hine, Tailah Bain, Leanna Kirwan, Bronson Hebb, Blake Ferguson, Fraser Florisson

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

- Rm 1:** Jasmin Carter
- Rm 3:** Cody Mack
- Rm 5:** Brianna Timms, Sophie Hallam
- Rm 6:** Paige Scolaro
- Rm 22:** Jaya Schmidt, Daniel Spencer, Fraser Florisson, Leanna Kirwan, Ellie Mansell, Tailah Bain

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

- Rm 3:** Kiara Whitehurst
- Rm 6:** Kaden Brown, Isha Cook, Ruben Wakeham

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

- Rm 6:** Livinia Florisson, Juliette Zani, Ari Smallman



Dates to Remember.....



12th – 16th August:
Thursday 15th August:
Monday 19th August:
22nd & 23rd August:
Monday 26th August:
Thursday 29th August:

National Science Week
Assembly (Rm 00)
P&C Meeting 3.15pm
Music Festival
Yrs 5-7 Swimming commences
Assembly (Choirs)

THE VIRTUES PROJECT - CREATIVITY

WHAT IS CREATIVITY?

Creativity is the power of imagination. **Creativity** is a way to develop your special talents. It is seeing something in a new way, finding a different way to solve a problem. **Creativity** is using your imagination to bring something new into the world.

WHY PRACTISE CREATIVITY?

Without **creativity**, life would be boring. There would be no inventions or advancement in the world. We wouldn't have cars, planes, computers, dance or music. The arts bring joy to the world. Sciences bring cures for disease and new ways to get things done. **Creativity** helps us to be all we can be.

HOW DO YOU PRACTISE CREATIVITY?

You practise **creativity** by developing your gifts to the fullest. Find out what interests you and what you are good at. Learn and practise, so your talents will get better and better. Do ordinary things in **creative** ways. Expose yourself to beauty in nature and in the arts. Be open to inspiration. Remember to take time for dreaming.

SIGNS OF SUCCESS

You are practising **Creativity** when you.....

- Discover your gifts
- Use knowledge and training to develop them
- Think of new ways to make things work better
- Use your imagination
- Take time for dreaming
- Do things in your own **creative** way



Mrs Mather – Associate Principal

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK – 12th – 16th August

Castletown Primary School is celebrating National Science Week this week. Science is a very important part of a student's education. It can be interesting, fun and hands on. During Science week there are multiple activities and experiments for students to be involved in. Following is a timetable for our recess and lunch time Science activities.



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Recess	Plate Tectonics (Earth Space Science) Years 4-7			Foamy Fountain (Chemical Science) Years K-3	Rolling a can with static electricity (Physical Science) Years K-3
Lunch		Lava in a cup (Chemical Science) Years K-3		Foamy Fountain (Chemical Science) Year 4-7	

Other Events to look forward to during Science Week:

- * Front Office Display
- * Science Lab Display
- * Whole School Classroom Science Challenge (9th – 16th August)
- * National Science Week colouring in competition (Due back on 16th Aug)

Whole School Science Challenge

Each class is competing against each other to grow the tallest seedling (plant). The classes have been supplied with the equipment, then as a class they choose which variable they would like to change to try and increase the height of their plant. The classes have 7 days to grow the tallest plant.

Miss Jenna Mather

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.



National Literacy and Numeracy Week 2013

In celebration of this national event Castletown students were engaged in a variety of Literacy and Numeracy activities across the year levels.

A number of classes invited parents and grandparents to join them in a range of learning activities across the curriculum linking Literacy and Numeracy to other learning areas including art, music and geography.

During lunch the school library was open and students across the year levels were encouraged to play a selection of literacy games, including Scrabble, phonic jigsaws and Blurb. The great number game Numero was played with many students in different year levels playing with each other. It was wonderful to see the older students supporting the younger students with the games.

Read Around Australia is a national event that involves schools reading the same story at the same time. This year's book was Herman and Rosie by Gus Gordon and was read to 150 students in the school library with each student mesmerised by the illustrations and story line.

Finally on Thursday the whole school dressed up as their favourite book character and looked incredible at the school assembly.

There were many princesses, pirates, witches and Harry Potters. Even some of the teachers were dressed up as their favourite characters.

Thank you for the support, *Mrs Nicola Rose*



Room 10 has been on excursion as part of Science week and their Water Works Program. First was a water journey, looking for how the Water Corporation manages water in our town.

Next was a water walk along the Kepwari track. Water issues were discussed and beautiful views, flora and fauna appreciated. Last stop was 'The Met' (Esperance Bureau of Meteorology) where Mr Cliff Spencer gave a weather show and tell. The children saw some very fancy weather instruments and were highly impressed with the size of Mr Spencer's weather balloons. A great start to Science Week Room 10!

Around the Classrooms.....



What are you and your children really drinking?

There are often large quantities of sugar and kilojoules (energy) in soft drinks, cordials, energy drinks, sports drinks and flavoured mineral waters. In actual fact, a 600ml bottle of coke contains 13 teaspoons of sugar! Drinking too many of these sweetened drinks can lead to a variety of health issues such as obesity, tooth decay and weak bones.

Ultimately water is the best drink to quench your thirst. The best thing is that water doesn't come with all the extra sugar and kilojoules that are found in sweetened drinks and fruit juice drinks. So encourage your children to not only take their own water bottle with them to school but to fill it up as often as they like. Parents and guardians can also do this at work!

Thirst Quenching Tips

- * Water is the best thirst quencher. Carry a water bottle everywhere with you!
- * Sweetened drinks and drinks high in sugar contain mainly empty kilojoules, in other words energy but no nutrition.
- * Offer plain low-fat milk instead of cordials and fruit juices.
- * Dehydration and thirst will affect concentration levels.

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



COMMUNITY NOTICES

42nd ANNUAL ESPERANCE MUSIC FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 22ND
FRIDAY 23RD
SATURDAY 24TH
AUGUST

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