

Email Newsletter 3, Term 4 2018

Dear Subscribers Name

Welcome to our third newsletter for Term 4, 2018.



Principal's Message

Dear Parents

I wish to thank and congratulate Mr Weckert for the fine job he did to lead our Numero Team to place third in the recent state-wide competition held in Perth. Students Ryan Thomas, James Powell, Isaac Francis and Blayden Coussens were fabulous ambassadors for Castletown PS and competed with determination, pride and integrity. Well done team and it was a pleasure to share a few pizzas with you to celebrate it.



This year we have again provided a significant learning and social experience for our 2019 Kindergarten students. Many thanks to Mrs Weckert for leading this fabulous program. Feedback from parents has again been positive and it is well understood that each of our new Kindergarten students is happy, confident and excited about commencing school next year.

Many parents are wondering about class placements and teachers for 2019. I wish to advise that we are working on this at present and fully expect to have this available before the end of term. In that context, the rumour that we are just rolling up same classes for 2019 is not correct. A particular complicating factor at present is the number of students leaving town and the numbers enrolling. The transiency factor is quite high (numbers out versus numbers in) but overall our student population of 2019 is oscillating around 504 students (K-6). Forming appropriate classes for 2019 is a strong focus for the school.

The 2018 school year is rapidly coming to an end and all staff are supporting every student to be positively engaged in their learning and to complete 2018 to the best of their ability.

Should you have any queries or concerns then please contact me at the school.

Colin Brand
Principal



Numero Triumph

Castletown's Mathemagic Marbles have achieved the best result ever for our school, placing third overall in the AFG Interschool Numero Final in Perth.

The team, consisting of Ryan Thomas, James Powell, Isaac Francis and Blayden Coussens, showed outstanding consistency across the 4 different events of the card game placing third in 3 of these events. The students have trained hard under the tuition of Mr Weckert this term in preparation for the final, refining their game strategies and giving each student a specific role in the team events.

Numero is owned by the Alzheimer's Association and by simply playing the game you are not only building mathematical understanding but supporting people with dementia.

Mr Weckert
Associate Principal



School Survey

Castletown PS is continually striving to improve. To assist us with this, we are seeking Parent feedback through a survey. Each family has received an email with a link to the survey. We would encourage everyone to complete it. The results will be anonymous and is compiled by a third party.



Assembly Room 6

On Thursday, 15th November, Room 6 hosted a very Grinchy Assembly.

Christmas came early to Castletown at last Thursday's Assembly when Room 6 led the assembly. But Christmas was in danger of being cancelled with the Grinch stealing all the presents! With a toe-tapping musical extravaganza, including a wardrobe malfunction for the Grinch, Room 6 kept us entertained and looking forward to Christmas...



Merit Award Winners

Room 7 Year 6	Brianna Barnes	Rebecca Hall	
Room 8 Year 6	Kaci Bennett	Isabelle Cox	Katherine Husbands
Room 6 Year 5/6	Room 6		
Room 4 Year 5	Riley Brown	Ellen Greenwood	Hailey Horton
Room 5 Year 5	Chayse O'Shea	Finn Vinson	
Room 2 Year 4	Jake Powell	Sheridan Spencer	
Room 3 Year 4	Jacob Hill	Keeley Clarkson-Jones	
Room 1 Year 3	Drahymien McAleese	Ava Neill	
Room 13 Year 3	Jayden Arnold	Lilly Blacker	Jarryd Timms
Room 14 Year 3	Benji Lear	Jordyn Miller	Shikira Munzer



Ribit Readers

Congratulations to the following students who have read 80 nights:

Room 1	Jazmin Unwin
Room 3	Mia Ager, Demi Hunter, Mietta Styles
Room 7	Kaylee Allison

Congratulations to the following students who have read 100 nights:

Room 1	Oliver Rose
Room 2	Shaylee Oliver, Bo Lowdon
Room 3	Georgia Durdin, Jackson Goodwin, Zander Desmond, Allira Bratten, Kupa Henning
Room 8	John Ramsell, Monique Cave
Room 14	Jordyn Miller, Lillianah Williams

Congratulations to the following students who have read 150 nights:

Room 3	Deanna Coussens, Daniel Blakely, Mason Cowcher
Room 5	Isaac Francis, Ollie Creedon, Addison Daw
Room 10	Blake Brensell, Charlie Wooldridge

Congratulations to the following students who have read 200 nights:

Room 3	Keeley Clarkson-Jones, Destiny Fels, Eden Yetman
Room 5	Isaac Francis, Evie Rickerby, Nate Thomas
Room 7	Layne Varea
Room 10	Felicity Myers, Alyssia Bain
Room 13	James Butcher
Room 14	Emelia Ashman, Ashlee Henderson, Ellie-Rose Weckert, Olivia Stephen

Congratulations to the following students who have read 250 nights:

Room 10	Lacey Zani, Evah Robbins, Dhakota Houston
Room 14	Isabelle Critchell, Eli Rickerby



Pre-Primary Sports Day

On Wednesday 14th November, children participated in three sport rotations including: running race, flag relay and an obstacle course to show the skills they have learnt this year in sport. Families came to watch and stayed for morning tea after the events. The morning was very well organised by the Wednesday DOTT teachers Mrs Lovejoy, Mrs Gallop and Mrs Maguire and the Education Assistants and was enjoyed by all on a beautiful

morning.

Miss Eloise Young

Pre-Primary Teacher



ESHS Music Concert

On Tuesday afternoon, 6th November, students at Castletown were treated to a variety of songs played by the visiting extraordinary Esperance Senior High School Senior Band and the Guitar Ensemble.

Students listened intriguingly to the intricate and moving pieces of music which was led and conducted by Music teachers, Mr. Oversby and Miss Lemon.

You could hear a pin drop in the audience when High School students demonstrated their musical talents and abilities and Castletown students and teachers alike couldn't help but bop along throughout. Previous Castletown students were given the opportunity to demonstrate what they had learnt since leaving primary school and inspired current students to continue to practise their own instruments or to begin taking one up!

As the rain fell, the High School students set the scene as their beautiful music filled the Undercover Area. Miss Lemon asked many questions about musical instruments and which 'family' they belonged to which many students were able to name and describe. It also gave students a chance to see what instruments are available for them to learn- particularly beginning at primary school. A range of musical pieces from all around the world- including France and Scotland- added culture and class to their performances.

Thank you to the Esperance Senior High School instrumental music students and teachers for visiting Castletown Primary School to share and display your fantastic musical talents and instruments. It is evident you practice a lot and dedicate much of your time and efforts with the incredible precision and collaboration in which you played.

Miss Jacqui Tonkin

Year 6 Teacher



Dress Up Day for Telethon

On Thursday, 15th November, our Student Leaders invited the staff and students to dress up as "What they want to be when they grow up." There were footballers, photographers, dancers and many more. Participants paid a gold coin donation with all funds raised to be donated to Telethon.

[View Gallery](#)



Year 3-4 PALS Project

Castletown Primary School successfully applied for PALS funding in 2018 and the grant was completed during Term 4.

PALS is an initiative of the Department which encourages Western Australian schools to develop projects that promote reconciliation in their local community. PALS commenced in 2004 and is based on the core attributes of:

- Partnership between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people;
- Acceptance of difference as unique and to be respected;
- Learning more about ourselves and each other, and,
- Sharing a common journey along the path of healing and reconciliation towards a more harmonious and optimistic future.

Every Year 3 and Year 4 class had a garden pot to decorate then plant out with Australian plants. Each class constructed their own plan to paint on to their pot using different art techniques and patterns.

Mr Bocka very kindly helped support with the garden pots and guided us with the plant placement. All the children and staff enjoyed their learning experience.

The year three and four teaching staff would like to acknowledge and thank the PALS funding.

Ms Michelle Holthouse
Year 3 Teacher





Book Fair

Castletown P&C had a very successful Book Fair with total sales of \$8354. This meant our school received \$3341 worth of books and resources for Library, RIBIT (100 nights of reading) and classrooms.

Thank you to students, staff, parents and carers who supported our Book Fair and thank you to Janice and volunteers from the canteen for the specials throughout the week.

Well done to the students who participated in our colouring in competition with 10 winners receiving a \$11 voucher to spend at the Fair. Thank you Mr Weckert for judging the children's work.

The P&C would like to thank Mrs Leeson for her support and assistance during the week. A big thank you to the many amazing volunteers that generously donated their time and came along to help out with the running of the fair, Addi Timms, Hailee Schmidt, Danielle Critchell, Sharon Miller, Bec Florisson, Karly Humphrys, Kristy Roper, Nat Myers, Kellie Guest, Jo Ramsell, Sarah Nolan, Michelle McGregor, Sally Cox, Sandra Prosser, Tiana Gilchrist, Marnie Fels, Dominique Woosman, Hazel Burgess, Lillian Allison, Georgia Warner, Tanika Anderson, Sarah Knox, Suzie Styles (who also made the awesome decorations), Tracy Riggs, Claire Abraham, Emma Green and Year 6 students.

For anyone that ordered books at the fair they should be delivered to your classroom very soon.

I hope you all enjoy your new books.

Jen Sage, Book Fair Coordinator

Year 6 Parents

A reminder to our Year 6 Parents to please return their sheet indicating how many seat reservations are required for our Graduation Assembly on the 11th December to the school office by Friday 30th November. Thank you.

Canteen News

The School Canteen will be having a special Christmas Canteen Menu for Tuesday, December 4th. Please place your order by Friday 30th November. [Click here](#) to view the menu.

Event Quick View
Thu 6th December <u>Whole School Presentation Assembly</u>
Tue 11th December <u>Graduation Assembly</u>
Thu 13th December <u>Last day for Students</u>
Fri 14th December <u>Staff Development Day</u>

Community Events

Welcome to our Community Events Page

Yours sincerely

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Newsletter Coordinators