

Castletown Primary School

Term 3 Newsletter Issue No 7

Dear Subscribers Name

Welcome to our Issue No 7. It has been a little quieter with the Year 6 students on camp this week.



Attendance at school

Developing the habit of going to school every day is vitally important so your child does not miss out on important ideas and skills they need for future learning.

Why is going to school regularly so important?

At school, many concepts are taught in a sequence. Missing school means missing out on learning which can often make it difficult to catch up later. Learning is cumulative so if children miss a day, it is harder for them to catch up. This is particularly important in the early years when essential foundation skills are being taught. Missing half a day of school each week equates to one month of missed learning each year.

Going to school every day helps children learn the important life skill of 'showing up' – at school, at work, to sport and other commitments.

Research from the Western Australian Telethon Kids Institute shows that every day at school counts towards a student's learning. Students who attend more, generally do better at school and in life.

What can you do?

You can help by arriving and collecting your children on time; making sure they get nutritious meals and enough sleep; and making appointments with doctors, dentists and specialists and making holiday plans during school holidays and not during the school term. Please contact the Principal if you have been considering taking a holiday during the school term.

If your child is absent for any reason, you do need to inform the school. This can be done by using SeeSaw, our online absentee form located on the home page of our website and on our app, writing a note, phoning the school or by informing your child's teacher before or after the absence.



Assembly hosted by Room 9

Our PP-2 Assembly on Thursday 6th September was hosted by our Year 1 students from Room 9.

It was a musical extravaganza with every student playing an instrument using drums, triangles and/or tambourines.

They also sang a very important safety song "Click, Clack -----" reminding all students and parents to buckle up their seatbelts when travelling in a car.

The class also shared 10 facts about dinosaurs that they have learnt throughout the term. Did you know that dinosaurs are not lizards? Also, that the Tyrannosaurus Rex was the King of the Dinosaurs!

A very entertaining assembly by Room 9.





Merit Award Winners

Congratulations to our Merit Awards Winners.

EC1 – PP	Sophia Hay	Noah Bancroft	
EC2 – PP	Kate Ashman	Phoenix McMullen	
EC6 – PP	Teleah Haigh	Sophee Arnold	
Room 9 – Year 1	Ruby Child	William Wright	
Room 10 – Year 2	Graciella Burgess	Noah Ryan	
Room 11 – Year 1/2	Marli Browning	Sefton Peaker	
Room 12 – Year 2	Ainn Permito	Lola-Rose Ridgway	Mackenzie Dixon
Room 21 – 1	Willow Burgess	Millie Tracey	
Room 22 - 1	Dakota Dowell	Saffia Redman	



Ribit Readers

Congratulations to the following students who have read 80 nights:

Room 3	Justine Ramsell
Room 22	Shelby Armstrong, Khloe Charles, Dakota Dowell

Congratulations to the following students who have read 100 nights:

EC2	Teal Dell'Agostino
EC6	Aaliyah Meredith, Eva Smith, Jacob Black
Room 2	Jesse Walter
Room 3	Kupa Henning, Deeanna Coussens
Room 10	Tayah Whitehead
Room 11	Brody Oliver, James Boast, Mila King
Room 13	Savanah Durrant, Kasey Walsh
Room 14	Jace Dell'Agostino, Nick Terrell, Ashlee Henderson
Room 21	Michael Nguyen
Room 22	Oilly Munzer, Tiffany Humphrys

Congratulations to the following students who have read 150 nights:

Room 2	Aaron Prosser, Shaylee Oliver
Room 14	Emelia Ashman

Congratulations to the following students who have read 180 nights:

Room 10	Felicity Myers, Alyssia Bain, Dhakota Houston, Lacey Zani
Room 14	Eli Rickerby, Olivia Stephen

Congratulations to the following students who have read 200 nights:

Room 11	Xavier Doherty, Remy Schmidt
Room 21	Emma Bailey



Year 6 Camp

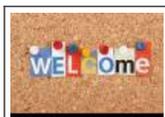
Our Year 6 students are on School Camp this week in Albany at Camp Quaranup.

They are engaged in a number of different learning opportunities including team-building, physical activities and visiting historical sites around Albany including the Albany ANZAC Centre, the Whaling Station and the Natural Bridge.



Some photos from the School Camp





Kindergarten Welcome Session

This week, our 2019 Kindergarten students have started attending "Welcome to Kindy" sessions led by Mrs Weckert. These sessions are designed to introduce our school in a friendly and welcoming manner, providing a safe and supportive environment and hopefully reducing the 'beginning school' stress some children

experience.

The children will attend a "Welcome to Kindy" session this term, followed by 3 Kindy Orientation sessions next term.



[Click here](#) to view a gallery of photos.



NAIDOC Wongutha Excursion

Rooms 3 and 5 went on an excursion to Wongutha CAPS last Friday, 31st August, to participate in NAIDOC activities with the Wongutha students. Students from Esperance PS, Nulsen PS, OLSOTS and Esperance Christian School also attended.

Students moved through rotations of rock-wall climbing, face painting, story-telling, Aboriginal art, music and drum playing, food tasting and damper making. Students also went on a train ride.

[Click here](#) to see a gallery of the excursion.



Father's Day at Kindy

Last week our Kindy Dads were invited to come to Kindy for the morning as part of their Father's Day Celebrations. The Dads joined in with their children in different activities such as playdough and construction. They were "shaved" by their child and a tie was created for Dad to wear. The morning finished with a muffin and a coffee or orange juice.

[Click here](#) to view a gallery of photos from the Kindy Father's Day morning.



Parent Night

Last Thursday, 30th August, many parents braved the cold and blustery weather and attended our Parent Open Night.

Students were able to show their parents what they have been learning and their progress over the past three terms.

Many families took the opportunity to partake in a yummy sausage sizzle cooked by our P&C and Year 6 parents.

We held our Castletown Primary School Paper Plane Challenge. There were many different planes created by our students, all with their own special features.

Winners of the Paper Plane Challenge

Overall Winner - Josh McDonald
Overall Second Place - Dylan Walker

K-PP - Teal Dell'Agostino
Year 1-2 - Nash Laird
Year 3-4 - Eli Rickerby
Year 5-6 - Dylan Walker

Most Spectacular Flight - Chloe Seivwright

Teacher - Miss Ebbott
Parent - Mr Desmond

[Click here](#) to view a gallery of our Paper Plane Challenge.



3D Printers

The school has recently purchased 3 Flashforge 3D printers to enhance our STEM and Technologies programs. The catalyst for this purchase was from our PEAC students attending a 3D printing course at Esperance PS last term and enthusiastically encouraging us to purchase a 3D printer for the school. All students will be able to use the printers to design 3D models for printing.



P&C Colour Fun Run

We're two weeks out from our School Fun-Run!

We hope students are working hard towards their fundraising goals!

The date is the 13th of September. Parents are invited to come and watch the fun unfold.



Class run times are as followed.

- Years 5 & 6 - 1.45pm
- Years 3 & 4 – 2.00pm
- Years 1 & 2 – 2.15pm
- Kindy & Pre Primary – 2.30pm

Group A students are invited to attend. They will need to be signed in at the School Office with their parents and make their way across to be at their classes by 2.15pm

Each class will arrive at the main oval 5 minutes prior to their time slot. Students have 15 minutes to do the course as many times as they wish.

After they finish each student will be able to cool down and watch the following group with an Icy Pole that is kindly donated by Pink Lake IGA's Community Chest.

What do students need to bring?

- Cheap white T-shirt or any old light-coloured shirt.
- Water bottle
- Hat
- Towel
- Optional Students with blonde or light hair might wish to coat their hair in coconut oil as it's said to stop the food colouring from staining their hair for a couple of days/weeks. It will eventually wash out.

- Optional bandana or thin scarf to cover little noses or mouths

Please label all student's items clearly.

Important note for Parents with Children with Allergies or Asthma

The coloured powder that is being used is made of Corn Starch and food grade quality food colouring. A Safety Data sheet is available on request by emailing tiana.gilchrist@hotmail.com, alternatively a printed copy will be available at the School Office leading up to the event.

Volunteers will not be spraying colour directly into students' faces.

The course has been designed so there will be bypass points for students who are unable to be exposed to the colour powder at all. We ask that these students be dressed in a bright coloured shirt so they are easily identified in the sea of white shirts.

Fundraising

Did you know that you can WIN a \$30,000 Ultimate Family Experience by setting up your student profile online and raising \$1 online? Just head over to schoolfundraising.com.au. Once you've created your page there are some great things you can do. You can sign up for online fundraising, pick your target prize, become a fundraising superstar and even nominate your favourite teacher, student and volunteer for a School Spirit Award. I hope you'll help us recognise the people that make our school what it is!

If you're having any trouble setting up your student profile or fundraising online, please get in touch with the Fun-Run team on 1800 FUN RUN.

One other great thing to do while you're in the profile is to look through the CUA Health Hub, which is designed to benefit your whole family.

Thank you for supporting us with your fundraising efforts. The P&C is looking forward to using the funds raised to improve the facilities and equipment throughout the school.

Sitting back and watching the fun not exciting enough? Why not volunteer!!!

We need a small army to make the day as successful as possible. Please contact tiana.gilchrist@hotmail.com to find out how you can get involved.

P&C News

The canteen are still looking for volunteers to assist with food preparation for lunch orders. [Click here](#) for more information.

The P&C are looking for feedback on how they will be able to improve our canteen. They are asking if you could please log on to the link below and have your say.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5LJH7HJ>

Please [click here](#) for our new uniform flyer

Coming Events

Community Events

Welcome to our Community Events Page

Yours sincerely

Castletown Primary School