

Castletown Primary School

Term 3 - Email Newsletter No 4

Dear Subscribers Name

Welcome to our Issue No 4 newsletter.

Many of our students are performing at the Music Festival from Thursday to Saturday. We wish them well in their performances and are proud of them all for participating. We will have a special article about the Music Festival in next week's issue.



NAPLAN Online Readiness Test

You may have heard that NAPLAN Online was introduced in 2018, with 274 Western Australian schools participating. Our school will be transitioning to NAPLAN Online in 2019.

NAPLAN online will provide better assessment, more precise results and faster turnaround of information. Your child's results will be returned to the school faster, within a few weeks rather than a few months.

This trial, called the School Readiness Test (SRT), will enable us to assess our technical readiness to implement the new online assessments. In addition it will give us a chance to try out the new national online assessment platform in a real-life classroom environment.

During August, all students in Years 3 and 5 will participate in a trial of the assessment platform, by undertaking one or two online readiness tests that include examples of the new NAPLAN online questions. Each test will take about 45 minutes to complete.

Participating in this trial is important as it will help us ensure we have adequate internet connectivity, and whether students have access to a sufficient number of devices for NAPLAN Online testing. During the trial, our teachers will have the opportunity to practise managing the classroom logistics for an online assessment and the new test administration processes.

The readiness test has not been constructed to assess curriculum knowledge, but rather to provide students with an opportunity to experience the *types* of questions that will be included in the new online assessments. As such, reports will not be provided.

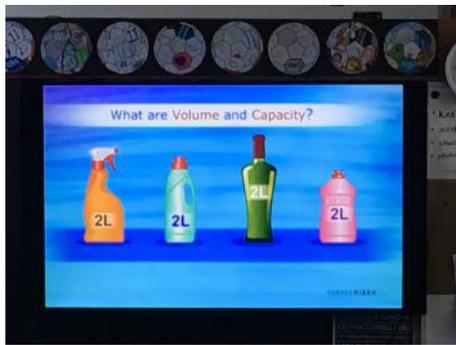
Participation in the SRT is a key step to ensuring a successful NAPLAN online experience in 2019.



New TVs in Classrooms

Two of our classrooms have had a large screen TV installed that can project from their classroom computer or iPad to the screen. Teachers can use these to facilitate their lessons providing a large screen so that all students can see.





Combined Student Leaders Morning

On Wednesday, 15th August Student Leaders from Esperance PS, Nulsen PS and Our Lady Star of the Sea joined the Castletown Primary Student Leaders for a combined Student Leaders morning with Mr Weckert.

Two students from the High School came and spoke to the students about their experiences as Student Leaders.

The Student Leaders were involved in some team-building activities and then worked together in their schools on the roles and responsibilities that they undertake at their respective schools. Students shared this with the other schools.

The students then began discussing and planning a combined event that could be held at each school for a community project.





Australian Army Museum of Western Australia visit

On Tuesday, 14th August Graham McKewan from the Australian Army Museum of Western Australia came and spoke with students from Years 1-6. He talked about the life of a soldier from his own experience - how he enrolled, what he had to do as a soldier and the living conditions when away on duty. He showed the students different medals and explained why they were awarded.

This special visit is part of the release of the Call II Duty app that is being held in Esperance on the 24th and 25th of August.





Science Week 2018

We have had an exciting and busy time with Science Week 2018.

The National Science Week theme was "Game Changers and Change Makers" and we explored the theme of "Flight".

Students have been participating in STEM activities at lunchtime making paper helicopters, hoop gliders and popstick catapults. The galleries below have some photos of students participating in the STEM lunchtime activities.

[K/PP Photo Gallery of STEM activities](#)

[Year 1-3 Photo Gallery of STEM activities](#)

[Year 4-6 Photo Gallery of STEM activities](#)

Some classrooms have been exploring the history of flight and learning about other aspects of flight and flying machines.

On Friday, each class will have a Paper Plane Challenge and will determine a class representative for the Parent Night Castletown Primary School Fly-off! Parents are encouraged to practise making paper planes too as we will have a Parent Challenge as well.

These are some photos of EC6 practising throwing paper planes.



Grandparents' Afternoon

Students in EC6 and EC2 invited their grandparents to school on Friday afternoon.

EC2 and EC6 invited their Grandparents to come to school as part of their HASS program.

The grandparents brought items from the "olden days" to share with the students.

The students then shared afternoon tea that they had cooked earlier in the day, with their grandparents.

[Click here to see photos from the afternoon](#)



Special Canteen Menu

Special Canteen Menu - [Tuesday 21st August](#)

Pre orders due back to the canteen [Friday 16th August](#)

[Click here for menu](#)

Soup for this Friday is Cauliflower and Bacon!



Book Week

National Book Week is the 18th-24th August. The theme for this year's Book Week is "Find Your Treasure".

Students will be engaged in activities celebrating the joy of books!

A Dress Up Day will be held on Wednesday, 22nd August. Students are encouraged to come dressed up as their favourite book or character.



K/PP Fundraiser

Kindy and Pre-Primary Students have been getting creative in our latest P&C Fundraiser.

Students in Kindy and Pre-Primary have each designed their own template in class for a plate that can be ordered through the Early Childhood P&C. The cost per plate is \$28. Plates can now be viewed in your child's class. Money raised will stay within the Early Childhood area.

Other items are available if Castletown Primary School students or siblings wish to also do these at home. They will be available for collection at the front office. We have limited copies of each so get in quick as it will be first come first served.

If you decide to order please return the template with correct money to your child's classroom for Early Childhood students or front office for the remainder of the school by Week 5 the 17th of August. Any order not paid in full will not be sent away for processing.

Prices per item, for all items are as followed:

Pictureplate \$28

Pictureclock \$32

Small clock \$28

Water bottle 600ml \$28

Mug \$22

Water bottle 400ml \$22

2019 Calendar \$18

Remember you can order as many copies of the same item as you like, they make beautiful keepsakes and make amazing Christmas gifts for all those proud relatives. So why not get your Christmas shopping out of the way early this year.

Any questions please don't hesitate to email Tiana at tiana.gilchrist@hotmail.com



Coming Events

Community Events

Welcome to our [Community Events Page](#)

Thank you for reading our newsletter.

Yours sincerely

