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From the Principal's Pen

6th February 2015

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to our 2015 school year at Castletown. What a smooth start to the year we had on our first day Monday with lots of happy, smiling faces and eager students. We welcome a number of new families to our community from various parts of the state.

Student numbers are approximately 560 at this point of time including 66 new Kindy children. With the Year 7 students moving to High School this year our staff changes are minimal. It is with pleasure we welcome Mr Adrian Moore, formerly from Leinster Primary School, to Castletown. Mr Moore is a very experienced teacher who taught at Castletown some years ago and is known to some of our staff and no doubt to some parents. We also welcome staff from Walmsley Street, which has closed down this year, Mrs Jan Archer (teacher) and Mr Richard Jackson (Education Assistant) who join our staff.

Our outstanding start to the year was due to the extraordinary background preparation and organisation that has taken place over the last few weeks by our teachers and office staff who have worked long and extra hours to ensure a successful commencement of our school year. Congratulations and thank you to our wonderful staff.

Term 1 being a short term of 9 weeks will be extremely busy with preparations for NAPLAN in early Term 2 for some classes and our Faction Carnival and Interschool Sports Carnival towards the end of the term.

As part of our reporting to parent policy, parents will be asked to attend a meeting with their child's teacher within the first three weeks. Classroom philosophy, behaviour and curriculum expectations including homework will be communicated to parents and they will have opportunity to ask questions. Our Parents and Citizens are keen to have a classroom parent representative on the committee this year to communicate resource needs of classes and students. It is hoped at class meetings that a parent representative will be chosen to attend meetings throughout the year.

Our school curriculum priorities again focus on literacy and maths for 2015. RIBIT ("Reading in Bed is Terrific") continues to be a major strategy to promote reading across the school.

School Improvement days last Thursday and Friday were productive, successful, professional learning and planning days. On Friday 30th January, 6 Mallee schools joined with Castletown in our Teacher Development School delivery focussing on professional learning communities and effective teaching and learning strategies.

2016 will be our school's 50th Anniversary. We are inviting a committee early this year to commence planning for the big event. If any parent or community member would like to be on the committee and help with planning please contact the school on 09071 5599.

Pauline Grewar, Principal

Dates to Remember: Monday 9th February: Faction Captain Voting
Thursday 12th February: Assembly – Room 7
Monday 16th February: P&C Meeting – 7pm at front office

Uniform Shop is open 8.30am – 9.30am Thursdays only (8.30-8.50am on Assembly Days)



LIBRARY THANK YOU - A VERY BIG "THANK YOU" to Jen Sage for making and donating 38 library bags for students to utilise in order to borrow books from the library.

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Welcome back to Term 1, 2015

Bus Children

Parents, please ensure you have informed the school in writing if your child will be catching an Early Bus, whether regularly or irregularly.



FACTION CAPTAINS

On Monday 9th February students will vote for Faction Captains. The result of this vote will be announced at the assembly on Thursday 12th February.

Year 6 students who wish to nominate for a captain, or vice-captain, will give a short speech to students in Year 4 - 6 in their faction.

Lesley Mather
Associate Principal

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Our first School Council meeting for the year will be held in the library at 3.15pm on Monday 16th February. At that meeting the agenda will include discussions and endorsement of the School's Plans for 2015.

There is a vacancy for a parent representative position on the council for 2015. The function of the School Council is to take part in the establishing and reviewing from time to time the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions. Being on the Council is an effective way of knowing your school and participating in important educational decision making.

Interested parents are invited to complete a nomination form and forward to Mr Les Crawley through the school or email direct to Mr Crawley on Leslie.Crawley@education.wa.edu.au by Friday 13th February.

CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINEE 2015



Name.....

Nominated by..... Seconded by:

Date.....

Esperance Junior Cricket Association's Registrations are open!!! For In2cricket, T20 Blast and U13's

Saturday Mornings for all grades at Ports Oval, Greater Sports Ground

Ages: 5-13 years old boys and girls of all abilities Come down and join in the fun!

Contact: esperancejuniorcricket@gmail.com for further details or the following program coordinators:

In2cricket: James Ramsell – 0427 553 988, T20 Blast: Shane Tobin – 0418 557 397, U13's: Trevor Ayers: 0431 944 079

ABSENTEE FORM ONLINE

You can now notify the school online if your child is absent for the day

1. Go to our website - www.castletownprimaryschool.wa.edu.au
2. Hover over General Info and click on Forms.
3. Click on Absentee Form.
4. Complete the form and click 'submit'.

Your child is a **winner** if they attend school every day. Attendance rates of less than 90% can have an impact on your child's precious learning and education.



Please DO NOT send your child to school with food containing nuts or nut products.



** Canteen Helpers **

If you would like to help in the canteen, please fill in the form below and return it to the canteen as soon as possible. Helpers are required Monday to Friday between 9.30am and approx 12.45pm. You can come in once, twice or however many times you would like each term. Some people choose to come in on a weekly basis. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at the canteen, on 9071 3148.

Thank you, Janice Spencer, Canteen Manager



CANTEEN HELPERS FOR 2015

NAME: PHONE NO:

ELDEST CHILD: ROOM NO:

PREFERRED DAYS: TIMES PER TERM: weekly / one / two / three times per term

