

NEWSLETTER

CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue 10

From the Principal's Pen

17th August 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

ASSEMBLY ITEM

Miss Mather's Year 6 entertained us with an interesting fun item with Dr Seuss's poem "Places To Go." Striking Dr Seuss top hats in white and red set the scene for the audience. Choral speaking parts were multiple and varied adding highlight and colour to the ideas that whirled through the poem; ideas such as "get on your way", "succeed," "move mountains", "you can do it," reinforcing the theme of succeeding if you are prepared to challenge yourself. A lengthy and difficult poem was beautifully mastered with the choral speaking. Well done Year 6 on your item and your messages and well done on conducting the assembly with finesse.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Several important items were discussed at our last meeting. Mrs Stephanie Wierobeij, our Registrar was guest speaker on the One Line Budget to explain some of the processes and operations of the budget so members could have a clearer picture of the total funds. Mr Laurie Palmer, Associate Principal, explained to members the targeted setting and results of our Literacy and Numeracy Smart Targets for Term 2 and Term 3.

Two other items raised were uniform expectations and general policy discussions on this, and the current parking problem for parents.

BOOK PRESENTATIONS

Book week came rather early for our Kindy children with a book presentation from our Town Library representatives Mrs Jane Arnold and Mrs Louise Morrison. Promotion of reading in the early years has been one of the library goals, and with the financial assistance of Rio Tinto every Kindy child in the state receives a beautiful library package with a delightful book to read, this year the book being "Possum and Wattle" by Bronwyn Bancroft. All our children were delighted and surprised to receive their gift.



GOOD NEWS OF A CHAPLAIN

Youth Care representatives have been seeking a suitable chaplain for the school for some time. We are now fortunate to be able to have Mr Jake Meadley, Esperance Senior High School chaplain for one day a week until the end of the year. Mr Meadley will be working particularly with our Year 6 students who are graduating to Secondary School at the end of the year, developing relationships and ensuring a smooth transition for 2016.

Mr Meadley likes to be known as "Mr Jake" to students.



Virtue for the Fortnight - Diligence

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Or click on the link on the webpage.

There is a feverish air at Castletown with the impending Music Festival on the horizon. Students are keenly practising their percussion items, and choirs are singing with exuberance and passion to prepare for the big event. An impressive 4 bus loads of students will go to the Festival on Thursday 20th for their percussion items and a further 3 bus loads on Friday 21st for the choir items. Additionally other small groups of instrumental players will be presenting items. This is an extraordinary representation of our school at the Festival. We wish all our competitors the best of luck in their competitions and know that they will impress our community with their skills and talents in music. A “special thank you” to Mrs Stevens for her outstanding standards she has been able to achieve with our children through her efforts and dedication to music.



NATIONAL QUALITY STANDARD

What is the National Quality Standard?

“The National Quality Standard sets a new national benchmark for the quality of education and care services. It will also give services and families a better understanding of what a quality service is. This will enable families to make informed decisions about services providing education and care to their child.”

All schools with early childhood education programs up to year 2 in Western Australia are required to meet the National Quality Standard and to demonstrate how they are making improvements for students where applicable. There are seven key areas of the national benchmark for quality education which include educational programs and practice, children’s health and safety, physical environment, staffing arrangements, relationships with children, collaborative partnerships with parents and leadership and service management.

Staff has conducted an internal audit over a period of many months and have come up with a plan of action for improvement, which will be presented to parents in the near future.

Pauline Grewar, Principal

CERTIFICATES OF MERIT



Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on 13th August 2015. Well done!!



EC1	Jarryd	Ellie-Rose
Room 00	Jasmin	Taj
Room 2	Latisha	Christopher
Room 4	Koopa	Lachie
Room 6	Koby	Taj
Room 9	Anastazia	Cyrus
Room 11	Charlie	Aaliyah
Room 15	Tina	Makayla



EC2	Lockie	Lauren
Room 1	Jayden	Savannah
Room 3	Rhylan	Liah
Room 5	Katie	Montanah
Room 7	Lachlan	Maddison
Room 10	Harry	Molly
Room 12	Joseph	Jake
Room 22	Zavier	Claire

THE VIRTUES PROJECT – DILIGENCE

WHAT IS DILIGENCE

Diligence is working hard and doing the best job you possibly can. When you are diligent, you take special care to do things step by step. You think and move carefully to make sure things will turn out right. Being **diligent** is being industrious, giving all you have to whatever you do.

WHY PRACTISE DILIGENCE?

Without **diligence**, people act lazy and don’t get much done. They act as if what they do doesn’t count, rush through it or just do the least amount possible. Diligence helps you get things done with excellence and enthusiasm. Diligence leads to success. When you are diligent about the things you do, people rely on you and trust you to give your best effort.

HOW DO YOU PRACTISE DILIGENCE?

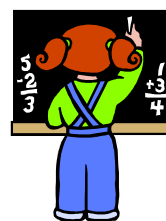
You practice **diligence** by deciding what you can do and then giving it all you have to give. You treat each action as important and do things carefully, one step at a time. You don’t rush through things. You give them your full attention.

Diligence takes patience. When you work hard, you can accomplish wonderful things.

SIGNS OF SUCCESS

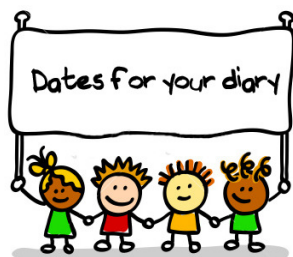
You are practising **diligence** when you.....

- Pay attention to what you are doing
- Do things carefully, step by step
- Practise to the point of excellence
- Give your absolute best to what you do
- Work hard
- Don’t give up



“The trouble with opportunity is that it often comes disguised as hard work.”

Lesley Mather – Associate Principal



Tuesday 18th August
 Thursday 20th – Saturday 22nd
 Friday 28th August
 (Please Note. Students **do not attend school on this day**)
 Monday 24th – Friday 4th
 Friday 4th September

Early Childhood P&C Meeting EC2 @ 3.15pm
 Music Festival
 School Improvement Day for Teachers Only
 Year 4,5,6 Swimming Lessons
 Swimming Carnival



Spellathon

COMING SOON !!!! WEEK 7

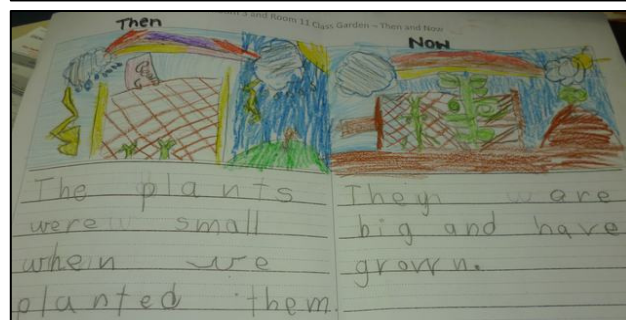
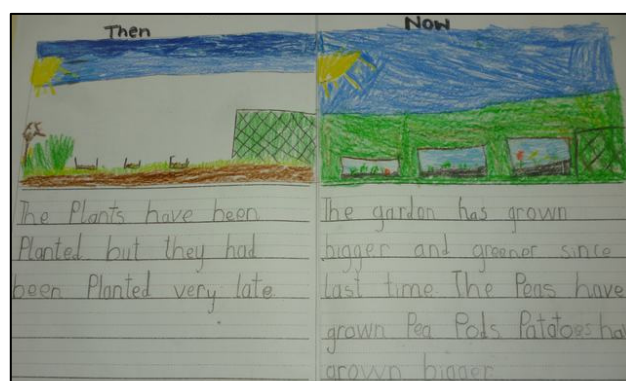
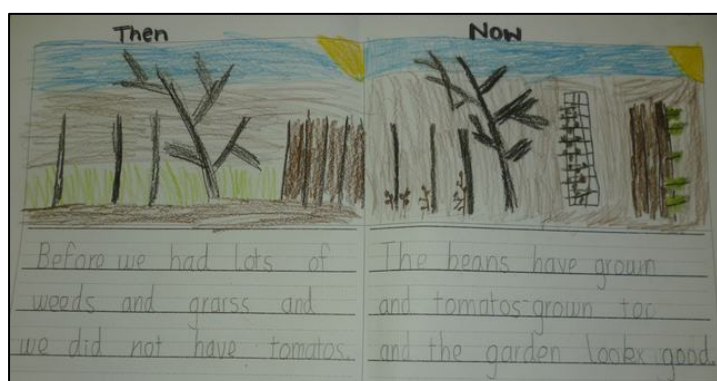


Around our School - In the Classrooms and Out in the "Vegie Patch"

Room 12 have been learning about the Lifecycle of a Butterfly.



Room 11 and Room 3 have been working in the "Vegie Patch" and drawing what they have observed. They compared what the garden looked like when they first planted seeds and now with their plant growth. They recorded the comparisons in their "Then and Now" art work and writing.





Reading In Bed Is Terrific

RIBIT

The Home Reading Program



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

Rm 3: Chad Rm 5: Tyson Rm 22: Claire

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

Rm 3: Corey, Chad Rm 4: Lachie, Amber Rm 6: Jack, James
Rm 7: Mitchell, Cambel, Harrison Rm 12: Bradley

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 80 Nights:

Rm 3: Chad Rm 7: Lachlan, Mitchell, Cambel, Poppy, Teliah
Rm 9: Macey-Jane
Rm 10: Makenzie, Harvey, Addison, Evie, Jordan, Will, Molly, Ty, Manyah
Rm 12: Justine, Cambel, Holly, Elliott, Kayde, John Rm 22: Jarek

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

Rm 00: Monisha Rm 1: Holly Rm 3: Chad Rm 6: John
Rm 7: Cambel Rm 9: Jack Rm 22: Nate

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

Rm 3: Molly, Chad Rm 5: Montanah
Rm 7: Bree, Isabelle, Madison, Kai, Alicia

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

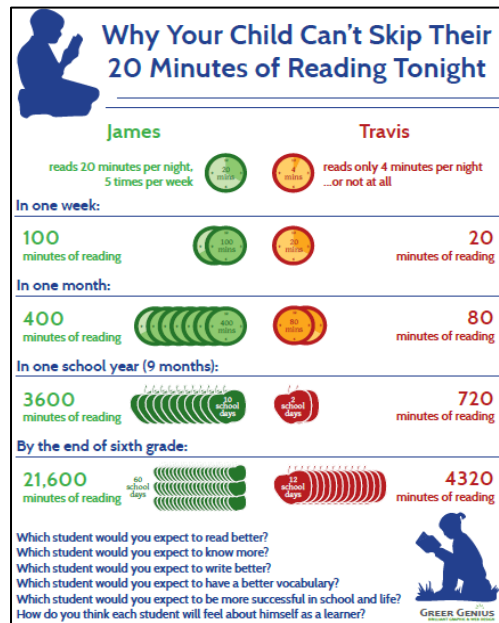
Rm 3: Seraya, Chad Rm 4: Sophie, Tailah, Katie
Rm 9: Taj, Meela

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 180 Nights:

Rm 3: Bailey, Ruby Rm 5: Layne Rm 6: Cooper

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 200 Nights:

Rm 2: Brianna, Cherry, Sydney Rm 5: Izaak, Alyssa



ABSENCES	If your child misses...	that equals...	or...	From Kindy to year 12 that adds up to...	Which is the equivalent of attending until:	Attendance Rate
	1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	1 month a year	nearly 1 ½ years	part-way through year 11	90%
	1 day per week	40 days per year	2 months a year	over 2 ½ years	part-way through year 10	80%
	2 days per week	80 days per year	4 months a year	over 5 years	the end of year 7	60%
	3 days per week	120 days per year	6 months a year	nearly 8 years	the end of year 4	40%



Dr Chris Harris Dental Colouring in Competition for Dental Health Week
Congratulations to Felicity of EC6 and Ashley of EC1 for being 1st Prize winners!!



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.



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



COMMUNITY NOTICES

community & parent workshop

UNDER YOUR INFLUENCE
Guiding teenagers into a life free of alcohol & drug problems

7pm Thursday 20th August
St John Ambulance centre
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