

NEWSLETTER

CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue 11

From the Principal's Pen

1st September 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

ASSEMBLY ITEM

We were treated to a re-run of the Festival choir songs with our fantastic Junior and Senior Choirs conducted by Mrs Stevens. Our brilliant pianist, Mrs Irene Melbourne, with our wonderful music teacher and outstanding students made this assembly very, very special. Thank you choirs for your magnificent singing.

CHAPLAIN

Mr Jake Meadley, our new school Chaplain, was introduced to the school by Mrs Grewar. We are delighted to have Mr Meadley as our Chaplain. Mr Meadley is also Chaplain for Esperance Senior High School and is keen to join in with the transition of our Year 6 students to High School next year.

CELEBRATIONS FOR CASTLETOWN

The Music Festival activities dominated our school throughout the 20th and 21st August and led us to outstanding celebrations and successes in music, thanks to Mrs Stevens for her passionate and inspiring teaching of music throughout the school.

On Thursday the Year 4-6 classes all performed on stage with percussion items, each a lively, exciting and exhilarating performance. The adjudicator was very impressed with all the items and the teamwork and talents of the children. Highest mark and first place was Mr Moore's Year 5 with 89 points.

Senior and Junior choirs on the Friday were again outstanding items with beautiful singing and presentation. The Senior Choir won their section with 88 points and the Junior Choir won their section with 89 points. A wonderful highlight for Castletown and well deserved!!



CONGRATULATIONS FROM SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Our successful book fair in May, which the P & C conducted, raised over \$6000 and resulted in the school gaining 34, 2015 Children's Book Council of Australia Short Listed Titles to the value of over \$700. This was a special bonus. These books will be enjoyed by our students. A congratulatory letter has been recently sent to the school along with the books.

LITERACY AND NUMERACY WEEK (31st August – 4th September)

At Castletown we have literacy and numeracy week every week with a daily two hour block of time each morning and a numeracy block from recess to lunchtime. During the literacy block students are exposed to explicit teaching of reading, writing, speaking and listening. Examples of learning opportunities include modelled reading and writing, shared reading, interactive writing and guided reading. In the numeracy block effective lessons are designed to provide learning experiences across mathematical strands that target the numeracy needs of students.

For a highlight for Literacy and Numeracy week Castletown has chosen to focus on Spellathon as well as some classes inviting parents in to their room for activities.



LITERACY AND NUMERACY INVITATION – you are invited to join Rooms 5, 6 and 7 in Maths activities and games. All family members are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

Thursday 3rd September 9.30am – 10.50am



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EC 3 & 4: 9071 7862

Canteen: 9071 3148

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Website: www.Castletownprimaryschool.wa.edu.au

Face book: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Castletown-Primary-School/303902659738629>

Or click on the link on the webpage.

Virtue for the Fortnight - LOVE

SPECIAL COMBINED SCHOOL COUNCIL / P & C MEETING 21st SEPTEMBER - 3.15 PM

Mrs Jane Rowlands, Literacy and Numeracy State Wide Services Consultant conducted a "Visioning Session" with staff recently at the School Development day, revisiting our vision. Staff articulated their vision of the school after much discussion and collaborative talk time.

It is vitally important for parents as partners of the school to have an opportunity to state their vision of their school for their children. A special meeting for this with Mrs Rowlands has been organised for September 21st. All welcome to come along and have a say.

Pauline Grewar, Principal



Thursday 3rd September
Friday 4th September
Monday 7th – Friday 18th
Thursday 10th September
Thursday 17th September

Spellathon
Swimming Carnival (Years 4, 5 & 6)
PP & Year 1 Swimming Lessons
Assembly (Rm 15)
Parent Open Night



CERTIFICATES OF MERIT



Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on 27th August 2015. Well done!!



EC1
Room 1 Aaysha
Room 3 Courtney
Room 5 Molly
Room 7 Daphne
Room 10 Jada
Room 12 Mia
Cleanest Room Award: Hamish

Eli
Jaxon
Blake
Tito
Vaughan
Lauritz
Bradley
EC6



EC2
Room 2
Room 4
Room 6
Room 9
Room 11
Room 22

Savanah
Aiden
Jaya
Hayley
Rhiannon
Deagan
Bailey

Nick
Jack
Brodie
Tim
Jaxon
Hamish
Hayden



WANTED: T&E would appreciate any unwanted cardboard or cardboard boxes.

Please drop off to Room 8 if you can assist. Thank you.

Mrs Linden

THE VIRTUES PROJECT – LOVE

WHAT IS LOVE?

LOVE - is a special feeling that fills your heart. You show love in a smile, a pleasant way of speaking, a thoughtful act or hug. Love is treating people and things with special care and kindness because they mean so much to you. Love is treating other people just as you would like them to treat you – with care and respect.

WHY PRACTISE LOVE?

Without love, people feel alone. When they feel they don't matter to anyone, they become unhappy. Sometimes they act angry and don't let others get close. Everyone wants to be liked. Everybody likes to be loved. When you are being loving, you help others to feel important. They become gentler and kinder. Love is contagious. It keeps spreading.

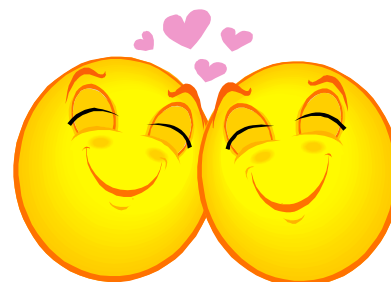
HOW DO YOU PRACTISE LOVE?

Love is putting yourself in someone else's shoes and caring about what they feel. It is accepting them, loving them just as they are. You can even be loving to people you don't even know, just by caring about what happens to them and sending good thoughts. Sharing is a way to show love. Love is thinking about how you want to be treated and treating others the same way.

SIGNS OF SUCCESS

You are practising **love** when you.....

- Treat others as you would want them to treat you
- Say kind and loving thoughts
- Share your things and yourself
- Show affection
- Think loving thoughts
- Take good care of the things you love



"Love is the only force capable of transforming an enemy into a friend"

Martin Luther King

Lesley Mather – Associate Principal



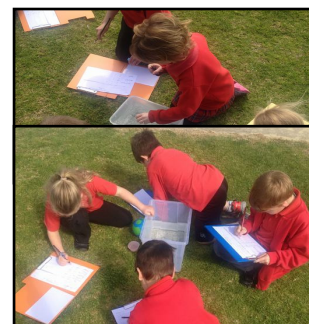
Around the Classrooms

ESPERANCE MUSIC FESTIVAL



Science Week with Room 9

Science is one of Room 9's favourite subjects! During Science Week, Year 2 students in Room 9 conducted experiments to investigate a range of objects to discover what items sink in water, what objects float and explain why. Students predicted then observed different objects to see whether they floated or sank and then recorded their findings. Students also inquired and identified ways to change an object that sinks into one that floats (for example, reshaping plasticine from a 'ball' of plasticine into a 'boat shaped' shape).



EC1 and EC2 are learning about **Sea Animals** and all things related to the sea. EC2 have studied sharks, fish, whales and the sea horse. EC1 have studied different sea animals such as the dolphin, sea horse, turtle and fish. We have enjoyed learning lots of interesting and amazing facts about these sea creatures. We cannot wait until next week to see what we are going to learn about. We are proud of our different pieces of work displayed in the classroom.



Shire of Esperance
Government Organization

*Congratulations Cameron (EC1) for your initiative and enthusiastic writing to the Editor.
Well done Cameron!!*

Big Writer of the week

Shire of Esperance
1 hr · 12

Best letter to the editor ever! Thanks Cameron.

Playground pleases

I LOVE the new playground near James Street and I give it five stars.
Thank you to the shire for designing it.
I like it very much, especially the spinner because I play on it with my family.
I also liked the surfboard.
This playground makes me feel good about living in Esperance.

Cameron Devenish, 6



UPCOMING EVENT
Thursday 17th September
PARENT OPEN NIGHT





Reading In Bed Is Terrific

RIBIT

The Home Reading Program



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

Rm 3: Blake

Rm 5: Deegan

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

Rm 5: Katie, Tyson

Rm 6: Jackson, James

Rm 7: Rebecca, Jada

Rm 9: Bella

Rm 10: Lauritz

Rm 12: Darcy, Bradley

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

Rm 3: Matilda, Dylan, Torin

Rm 5: Spencer

Rm 6: Chloe, Lachlan

Rm 9: Joshua

Rm 10: Emily, Megan, Jordon

Rm 12: Mason, Tay

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

Rm 3: Devon, Dylan, Daniel

Rm 5: Jorja

Rm 6: Holly, Regan

Rm 7: Vaughan

Rm 9: Tyler

Rm 10: Jordan

Rm 22: Hayden

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

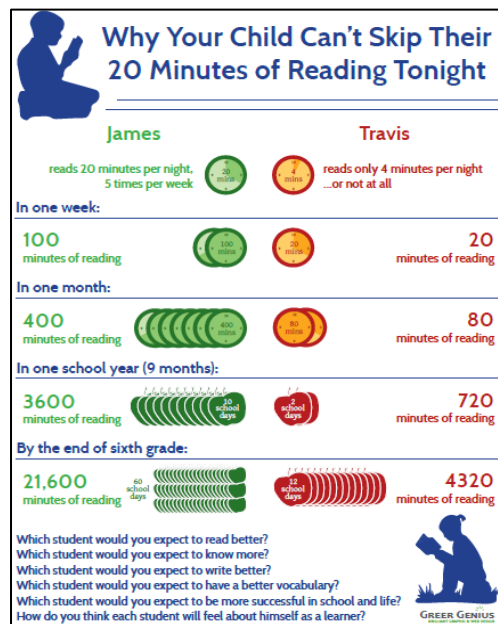
Rm 3: Dylan

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

Rm 7: Alicia

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

Rm 3: Ruby, Bailey



| 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% |

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

AMPHETAMINES COMMUNITY PRESENTATION

'What is really going on in the community?'

Themes include:

- current usage rates
- the harms of amphetamines
- how to access help services

It's free to attend, and no registration is required.

7.30 – 8.30pm Thursday 3 September 2015

St John Ambulance Centre

For more information call 9071 0757

FOSTERING

it's not just the child's life that changes

Foster carers are urgently needed for kids in your neighbourhood, and you can help!

You can be male, female, single, a couple, married, with or without children, working full or part-time, or even retired.

There are lots of ways that you can help - looking after children for short periods or for a long term placement, or even just on the occasional weekend.

As a foster carer, you play an important role in the lives of children in need.

It's not just the child's life that changes - your life will also change as you experience the rewards and challenges of fostering.

Call Fostering and Adoption Services, Department for Child Protection on free call (08) 9022 0700 or visit www.childprotection.wa.gov.au to find out more.



PARENTING SURVEY

How do you parent?

Researchers at the University of Western Australia are looking for parents with children ages 8 to 12 to complete a short survey with their child. This survey will be looking at how different styles of parenting and are related to children's sense of self.

The survey can be done at home, over the internet and takes about half an hour (15min parents, 15min child).

Participants are given the opportunity to enter a draw to win one of twenty \$50 Coles/Myer vouchers.

To participate go to:

tinyurl.com/howdoyouparent

For more information contact

Kate - 0411 811 212

Note: This survey is related to the last semester, but they are not participate in the current survey not you also participated in

VACSWIM OCTOBER 2015

Enrolments now open

12pm (40 mins/day) 29 September to 9 October 2015

1pm (35 mins/day) 5 to 9 October 2015 (limited entries)

Enrolments close Sunday 25 October 2015

Enrol online now at www.vacswim.wa.gov.au

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ESPERANCE ANGLICAN WILDFLOWER FESTIVAL "Mallee Meanderings"



15 - 19 SEPTEMBER 2015

9am - 4.30pm

Anglican Parish Centre

Car Andrew & Windich Sts