

NEWSLETTER

CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue 12

From the Principal's Pen

18th September 2014

Dear Parents/Carers

ASSEMBLY

As part of our NAIDOC week celebrations our special guest, Pastor Sonny Graham, welcomed us to country and talked briefly about his own Ngadju country. A magnificent book "Ngadju Kala", Ngadju fire knowledge and contemporary fire management in the great western woodlands was presented to the school.

Sonny also introduced his nephew, Mr Clarence Green, to the assembly. Mr Green has been appointed to Castletown as the new Aboriginal Education Officer.

Our Pre/Year 1 students from Mrs Weckert and Ms Holhouse's classes amazed us with the facts they read about wild animals, reading difficult words and sentences with expression and clear diction. The children conducted the Assembly with confidence and maturity well beyond their years. The audience was then entertained with a popular song "Going to the Zoo", inviting us to come and see all the animals, but we did not need to go as all the animals were there on stage dressed in their costumes for us to see. The dress up of wild animals was quite spectacular as were the antics and the singing. Thank you Pre/Year 1 students for the magic you gave with your Assembly item. We really enjoyed it.

The Junior Choir sang an Aboriginal song with actions as part of the celebrations. Mrs Stevens conducted a quiz and talked about the meaning of each of the Torres Strait Islander and Aboriginal flags.

NAIDOC ACTIVITY

Thank you to Wongutha Caps students and teachers for visiting Castletown to conduct cultural activities with our students last Thursday, which included spear throwing, damper making, storytelling and face painting. Wongutha Caps spontaneously joined in football with our students at lunchtime showing how well they kick the ball and helping our boys out with a few tips. It was an opportunity for showing mutual respect and awareness of Aboriginal culture.

PARENTS' NIGHT

What a stupendous evening we had with a huge parent rollup to see our children's magnificent work and talk about their learning journeys. Parents' Open Night, a highlight of our school year, was again very successful with many positive comments from parents and students alike. Thank you teachers and students for your efforts.

Thank you also to Mrs Emma Green and the band of volunteers from ECE who helped out with the enjoyable and delicious sausage sizzle.

NAPLAN RESULTS

Our results are overall as expected in numeracy and literacy. Individual report forms for Year 3, 5 and 7 students have been sent to parents this week. Parents are encouraged to discuss and clarify results with their child's teacher if there are any concerns.

NUMERO

Congratulations to all our enthusiastic mathematicians who participate at the Civic Centre against other schools. Thank you Mr Weckert. Our teams came 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 6th, 7th and 8th. Congratulations to the winning team, 'Into the Negatives', consisting of Matt, Ethan, Kate and Anna, who will compete in Perth next term. Well done to all teams!

AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION

Congratulations to those students who participated in this competition. Seven students were awarded Credits and the remainder were awarded Proficiency status.

Pauline Grewar, Principal

Term 4 commences Monday 13th October

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Or click on the link on the webpage.

Dates to Remember



Friday 19th September
Wednesday 24th September
Thursday 25th September
Friday 26th September
Monday 13th October
Friday 17th October

Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off
Early Childhood P&C Meeting 3pm
Assembly – Room 00
Last Day of Term 3
First Day of Term 4
Pupil free day – Esperance Show Day



CERTIFICATES OF MERIT



Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on 11th September 2014. Well done!

EC 1 Addison Makaela
Room 00 Matilda Grace
Room 3 Mitchell Lachlan
Room 5 Tailah George
Room 7 Taliah Travis
Room 9 Teliah Poppy
Room 12 Rustana Ben
Room 14 Kaden Kyron
Room 22 Katie Daphne

EC 2 Hamish Keeley
Room 2 Sheanna Ben
Room 4 Izak Justin
Room 6 Courtney
Room 8 Vaughan Logan
Room 10 Jaiden Mitchell
Room 13 Faith Benjamin
Room 15 Amy Callum



Cleanest Room Award: Room 7



Congratulations to the following student who received a certificate at our Assembly on 28th August 2014. Well done!

Room 8 Jaya

Reading In Bed Is Terrific

RIBIT

The Home Reading Program

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

EC3 : Harlan, Mason
Rm 22: Jack, Monique, Alice, Chloe, Jackson, John, Lachlan, Madison

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

EC3 : Darcy, Dylan, Kayde, Sam, Liesl
Rm 2: Kate **Rm 6:** Levi **Rm 22:** Hannah

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

EC4 : Landon **Rm 2:** Lachie **Rm 4:** Tina
Rm 7: Rhylan, Devon, Travis
Rm 8: Andrew, Charles, Demi, Dylan,
Rm 11: Jake, Xavier
Rm 22: Katie, Kaci, Hayley

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

Rm 00: Zach, Jayden, Zac, Matilda, Thomas, Kristen, Sally, Miki, Abigail, Hannah, Payden, Casey, Anna
Rm 4: Cody **Rm 5:** Cassie
Rm 6: Cassandra, Zara **Rm 7:** Leanna
Rm 9: Poppy, Tyson, Teliah, Lachlan
Rm 11: Logan **Rm 15:** Cooper

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

EC4 : Charlie **Rm 5:** Ruby, Chloe
Rm 6: Jack **Rm 8:** Ellie

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

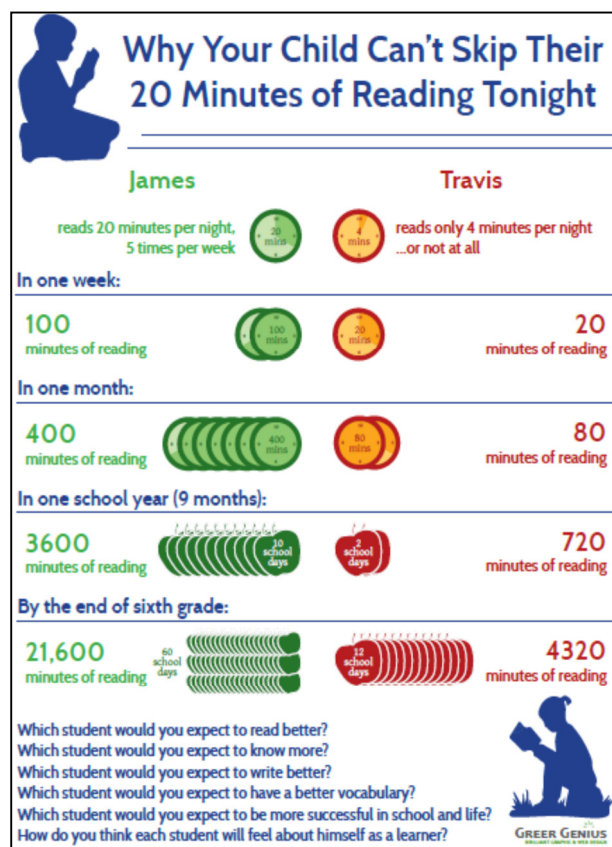
Rm 6: Cherry

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

Rm 8: Jaya

Congratulations to the following children who have read for 200 Nights

Rm 2: Michaela **Rm 4:** Maddie **Rm 5:** Tailah **Rm 7:** Seraya **Rm 8:** Katie



PARENT SURVEY

Castletown Primary School surveys its parents every two years to gain parent opinions and views on the School's performance. This year the parent survey opens from *Monday 15th September* until *Friday 26th September*. We encourage all parents to have their say in this anonymous survey by completing it online. If you prefer a paper copy please collect one from the School Office. A different survey can be completed for each child that attends the school. Information gathered will be used to make school improvements and refinements. Results will be reported to the School Council.

The link to complete the survey is: <http://www.schoolsurvey.edu.au/s/USsxf9DQ>



Castletown Primary School has been participating in Jump Rope for Heart this term. The Heart Foundation's Jump Rope for Heart Program is an exciting and non-competitive program which encourages children to become more active through skipping, learning new skills and raising vital funds for heart research and community health programs. **Tomorrow, Friday the 19th of September**, is our 'Jump Off' day. Students will be treated to a special skipping performance by the Heartbeats from Esperance Primary School and will then spend 45 minutes rotating through a variety of exciting skipping stations. Sponsorship forms and monies need to be returned to school by Wednesday the following week. This year students have also been given the option to submit their donations online at www.heartfoundation.org.au/jumpropeforheart.

Students, please remember to wear your joggers, hats and bring a water bottle.

Let's enjoy being active for a great cause!



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – A reminder to all students and parents to bring your donations for Operation Christmas Child to your class teacher by Friday 26th September. The boxes will then be packed and sent to underprivileged children in third world countries. For further information, contact Gillian Florisson on 0439 712 228. Come on Castletown – let's make a difference!



EARLY CHILDHOOD SPORTS DAY Wednesday 17th September

The beautiful spring day began with a spectacular march by all our ECE Pre-Primary children waving flags of their factions as they came onto the oval. A large number of parents and grandparents joined in the day with applause then accompanied children to their various stations to support them in their fun activities. These included many different ball skills, including egg and spoon race, flag race, bean bags in hoops, soccer ball skills and many more.

Thank you to all our teachers, teacher assistants, counsellors and parent helpers who made the organisation look simple and thank you for training these little athletes.

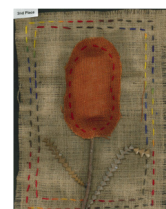
Thank you also to Mr Polmear for the immaculate grounds and running tracks.

A day to be remembered by all!



Well done to **Room 11** students for their beautiful artwork displayed at the Wildflower Festival. Congratulations to Jake and Claire for receiving 1st place and AJ and Aylah for receiving 2nd place
(L-R) Jake and Claire, Aylah and AJ

Around the Classrooms.....



Humpty Dumpty – The Real Story

Humpty was sitting on his wall drinking a cup of tea. He got up to get a cookie and he slipped on a banana instead. Then he went flying and he tripped on a rock. Then he fell off his wall and he split in half when he hit the ground. When all the king's horses and men couldn't put him together, they took Humpty to the castle and turned him into scrambled egg.
By Lachie

Humpty Dumpty was on a wall. He liked it on the wall. Then he fell off, SPLAT! All of the king's horses and the king's men came. They put him together with glue. He was impressed.
By Leanna

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Humpty's Dangerous Job

Humpty Dumpty had a new job, but it was dangerous and his job was a motor cyclist. The first time he ran out of control. He fell in pieces and the king's horses and king's men came to fix him up and they did it. Humpty Dumpty never did it again and he lived happily ever after.
By Blake

Humpty Dumpty wanted to be a tightrope walker. He slipped and fell. He cracked on to the concrete. They said "Oh well, we will eat him instead, with bacon and eggs..."
By Katelyn

VIRTUES PROJECT – EXCELLENCE

WHAT IS EXCELLENCE?

EXCELLENCE - is doing your best. It is giving your very best to any task you do or any relationship you have. Excellence is effort guided by a noble purpose. It is a desire for perfection. The perfection of a seed comes in the fruit. When you practise **excellence**, you bring your gifts to fruition.

WHY PRACTISE EXCELLENCE?

Excellence is the key to success. People who don't practise **excellence** just do things half way. Usually they don't have very exciting or fruitful lives. Doing your best helps you find out what talents you have. You may discover something no one has ever thought of before. When you practise **excellence**, you can make a difference in this world.

HOW DO YOU PRACTISE EXCELLENCE?

When you practise **excellence**, you are not content to give less than your best – to big things and little things. You give careful attention to every job, and to the people you care for. You learn from your mistakes, so you can do better next time. Day by day, you strive to improve. We can't excel at everything. Discover your own talents and give them your best.

SIGNS OF SUCCESS

You are practising **excellence** when you.....

- * Give your best to whatever you do.
- * Set noble and realistic goals.
- * Don't try to do everything.
- * Give your best to relationships.
- * Remember to plan and practise.
- * Develop your special gifts.



5 Ways to Get Your Family Active!

Explore ways to be an active family. Explore local parks, go bushwalking, walk and camp as a family, take a walking tour of the community, bike ride together and play with your kids.

Take part in community events. Help organise fun events in your community, volunteer for a litter clean-up or a working bee. It's great to create opportunities to be involved in the community.

Support your children's choice of activities. Some kids go for organised games, others prefer less structured activities like riding their bike or skateboard. Whatever their choice, praise them for their efforts.

Give gifts and presents that encourage activities. For birthdays and Christmas, give bats and balls, frisbees, bikes or skipping ropes. Make it easy for your children to stay active.

Develop a family 'action' plan. As a family, decide what activities you'd like to do. Choose physical activities you enjoy doing together. Write down your plan for all the family to see.

This information was provided by the Heart Foundation Australia. For further information please visit <http://www.heartfoundation.org.au>



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



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.



Esperance Basketball Association

The 2014/2015 season starts next term. The Committee has advised that many players from last year have not returned their basketball uniforms and ask that these be returned urgently so the current season uniforms can be organised.

If you have a uniform, please drop it off to your school office or contact Anne Dwyer on 0427 713 845 for other arrangements.

Looking forward to a good season!

The Esperance Basketball Association Committee

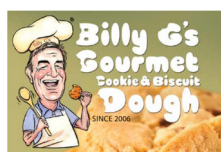


The Dental Therapy Centre will be open during the school holidays on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of both weeks. For any emergency treatment during the closure (Mondays and Tuesdays) please contact a private Dentist. We will re-open on Tuesday 14th October.

All appointments are now sent to the given home address, so please contact us and change your details if you have recently moved. We can be contacted via phone 90711781 or email

EsperanceDTC@dental.health.wa.gov.au

Thankyou Sue, Belinda and Deb ☺



BILLY G'S GOURMET COOKIE DOUGH FUNDRAISER REMINDER

Have you placed your cookie dough order? Final date to place orders has been extended to **Friday 19th September**. Please return completed order forms to the canteen with payment (cheques need to be made payable to Castletown Primary School P&C). Spare order forms available from the School Office. Any queries please ring Naomi Kipling 0409 917 149.

VACSWIM December/January school holiday swimming lessons Enrolments are now open. With swimming pools and beaches part of the Western Australian lifestyle it is important for every child to learn to swim and develop essential water safety skills. VacSwim's December/January school holiday swimming lessons are held at approximately 150 locations across the State and are conducted by qualified instructors.

For information and to enrol, visit education.wa.edu.au/swimming. For further information, telephone VacSwim on 9345 4007 or email vacswim@education.wa.edu.au.

