

NEWSLETTER

CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue 2

From the Principal's Pen

6th March 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to Mrs Dixon's Year two students for their lovely sweet singing of "Does Your Dad Snore?" This was a fun song elaborating on people who snore and what to do for them to stop the snoring. Perhaps a peg on the nose, perhaps a little kick to turn them over, but for some people there are no solutions at all as we all know! A commendable effort to remember all the words and the tune in just a few weeks. Well done Year two to show how you can reach your challenges with apparent ease. Year two is shaping up to be a great year for you.

NAPLAN NEWS

All students in years 3 and 5 will sit the NAPLAN test in week 4 of term 2 commencing Tuesday 12th May. NAPLAN is a national assessment used for assessing students' skills and knowledge in Language Conventions, Writing, Spelling, Reading and Numeracy. Individual child reports become available in late August. Please see the accompanying 'Information for Parents' brochure (*Yr 3 and 5 students only*).

HELPERS

Some parents may not wish to be part of meetings at P & C but would like to be involved in the school in some way. There are many avenues to be able to assist your child's school without going to meetings. You may be able to give an hour or so to assisting with the Book Fair held twice a year. You may be able to do some baking for special days such as the Sports Carnival. Just an hour or two occasionally of voluntary assistance in a range of activities can be a great help to the P & C. If you are a parent who could volunteer some time occasionally, please email Marnie Fels, our P & C Treasurer with your expression of interest: marniefels@bigpond.com

LETTERS AND SOUNDS

A "Letters and Sounds" information session for Year 1 parents was offered recently by Ms Michelle O'Sullivan, our Learning Support Co-ordinator, for parents to gain some background knowledge of the program and to be able to support their children with reading and sounds. Parents attending gave very positive feedback about the session. It is possible another session will be held later in the year for those parents who want to know more or who were unable to attend the initial session.

BIKEWEEK 2015

It's time to get on your bike and be a part of the annual BikeWeek - School Safety Check. Volunteers from the local RoadWise committee will be at Castletown Primary School bike racks on Tuesday 17th March from 8:15am to provide complimentary safety checks on bikes and helmets. All students who participate go into a school prize draw; parents and carers are welcome to join in and go into the overall Esperance BikeWeek prize draw.

Previous events have proven worthwhile in preventing unwanted spills by ensuring bikes are road worthy and helmets are correctly fitted. This event is part of the fun filled Esperance BikeWeek events. For more information go to www.facebook.com/EsperanceBikeWeek



ORAL REPORTING

As per our policy on reporting to parents, oral reporting takes place on March 25th 2015 (Wednesday). This means suspension of the normal school timetable on this day. Students do not attend school unless with parents for the oral interview. To access interview times with your child's teacher, parents are asked to make the booking online. An information sheet on how to do this will be sent home next week. If you have difficulties, please see the office ladies to organise your time(s) for interview with your child's teacher. The online booking system trialled last year was extremely successful.

This interview will be a report on literacy, numeracy and behaviour. Personal goal setting with your child for the remainder of the term and beyond will also be discussed.

Oral reporting has been acknowledged as a most effective means of communication between parents, students and teachers.

Pauline Grewar, Principal

Virtue of the fortnight - Consideration

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www.Castletownprimaryschool.wa.edu.au

Face book:

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

Or click on the link on the webpage.

Dates to Remember Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th March
 Tuesday 17th March
 Thursday 19th March

Please update
 your Term Planner



Wednesday 25th March
Thursday 26th March

Faction Carnivals
 Bike Safety from 8.15am
 Assembly – Room 2



Oral Reporting (pupil free day)
P&C AGM – 3pm, Library

CHILD SAFETY RESTRAINTS

Is my child as safe as they can be?

Your child is safest in a correctly fitted child car restraint. Child car restraints are designed to provide the best available protection to your child. Wearing a restraint is law and requires that children:

- **from birth to the age of six months** be restrained in a rearward facing child restraint (e.g. infant capsule)
- **from six months until the age of four years** be restrained in either a forward facing child restraint or booster seat restrained by a correctly adjusted and fastened seatbelt or child safety harness.
- **from four years until the age of seven years** be restrained in either a forward facing child restraint or booster seat restrained by a correctly adjusted and fastened seatbelt or child safety harness.



Children **over the age of seven years** can be restrained in an adult seatbelt, as the law currently allows.

Jill Fitzpatrick | SDERA Regional Consultant | Esperance

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CERTIFICATES OF MERIT



Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on **26th February 2015**. Well done!



EC 1	Jessie	Cameron	EC 2	Jesse	Daniel
Room 00	Alley	Tagen	Room 1	Molly	Izabella
Room 2	Brianna	Codee	Room 3	Katelyn	Daniel
Room 4	Leanna	Cassie	Room 5	Jorja	Jaiden
Room 6	Alice	Ryan	Room 7	Jada R	Alex
Room 9	Macey-Jane	Coen	Room 10	Jordon	Ty
Room 11	Tilly	Zander	Room 12	Georgia	Mason
Room 15	Riley	Ashley	Room 22	Ben	Tom



T & E Award: Room 4

THE VIRTUES PROJECT – CONSIDERATION

WHAT IS CONSIDERATION?

Consideration is being thoughtful about other people and their feelings. It is thinking about how your actions affect them and caring about how they feel. It is paying attention to what other people like and don't like, and doing things that give them happiness.

WHY PRACTISE TRUTHFULNESS?

When people behave selfishly and don't practise **consideration**, other people hurt. If we play music too loud, or forget someone's birthday, or leave things around that people can trip on, we are being **inconsiderate**. When we are **considerate**, others know they are important to us. We bring them happiness, and they feel like making us happy too.

HOW DO YOU PRACTISE TRUTHFULNESS?

Consideration begins by noticing what people need and thinking about how your actions are affecting them. You care about how they feel. You act if other people are just as important as you are. You do little things to bring happiness to others. In giving a gift to someone, think carefully about what would please that person. Give tender attention to people who are sad.

SIGNS OF SUCCESS

You are practising **consideration** when you.....

- Respect other people's needs and feelings
- Consider others' needs as important as your own
- Stop and think how your actions will affect others
- Put yourself in other people's shoes
- Give tender attention
- Think of little things to bring others happiness



Lesley Mather – Associate Principal

Around the Classrooms.....

In Room 11 we have been learning about the ocean and animals that live under the sea. We researched seahorses in Science. Here are some of the things we found out.

- * Seahorses hold tails when they are babies. – Demi
- * Daddy seahorses keep the babies in their pouch. – Asha
- * Seahorses live in warm water. – Kayne
- * Baby seahorses are as small as a jellybean. – Ben B
- * Seahorses lay more than 1000 eggs. – Mason



Room 12 have had an awesome start to Year 1 for 2015. We have been super busy and working well in all learning areas. In particular we would like to share with you the work we have displayed in our room about "turtles". We have been drawing our own turtles to add to our wonderful writing!

Reading In Bed Is Terrific

RIBIT

The Home Reading Program



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

Room 1: Holly
Room 5: Montannah, Layne
Room 7: Kai, Bree, Alicia

Room 2: Koltyn, Lilly, Sydney, Cherry, Brianna
Room 6: Cooper, Dylan
Room 15: Ari, Marissa, Hannah, Alanna, Riley



URGENT – Outstanding Health/Medical forms:

Please return outstanding forms to the office as soon as possible.

Asthma Students MUST bring their puffers for sports days. All Medical forms are required to be returned prior to next week's Faction Carnival.

Thank you.

Canteen Helpers (Junior and Senior Athletics Carnival)

Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th March 2015

Are you available to help in the canteen on either day? Could you help all morning, or for an hour or so? If you can help, please fill in the form below and return to the canteen as soon as possible.

Thank You.

Janice Spencer



Help in Canteen on 11th or 12th March 2015

Your Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Eldest Child: _____ Room Number: _____

Date: Wednesday 11th March or Thursday 12th March

9.30am–12.30am, 9am–10am, 10am–11am, 11am–12noon, 12noon–1pm

(Please circle the time & date you are available to help)



Dear Parents

There have been some subtle changes to Scholastic Book Club to make ordering easier for parents.

LOOP is a **NEW** option for parents to order and make payments.

Castletown Primary School is now active for parents to order and pay for Book Club orders online.

All orders will be delivered to school and classes, you will not need to fill out any forms or receipt numbers.

You do not need to send anything to school.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Nicola Rose at school.

Introducing

SCHOLASTIC

Book Clubs **LOOP** for Parents



NOW
AVAILABLE
AS AN APP!

LOOP is the NEW Scholastic Book Clubs **Linked Online Ordering and Payment** platform for Parents.

If you want to pay by credit card for your online Book Club order, our new platform makes it easy! It eliminates the need for paper order forms plus your online order is submitted to the school safe and sound.

Log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or download our **NEW** iPhone and iPad app from the App Store!

- ♦ For a quick start, just click on ORDER in the top menu or REGISTER first to save your details for next time
- ♦ Select your school and your child's class
- ♦ Add your child's first name and last initial (so the school knows who the book is for)
- ♦ Enter the item number from the Book Club brochure
- ♦ You can order for multiple children at once if they attend the same school
- ♦ All orders are linked directly to the school for submission to Scholastic. Books will still be delivered to your child's classroom if you order by the close date
- ♦ There's no need to return paper order forms or payment receipt details to your school!

For a quick how-to-order video, log-in to www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP and click on HELP in the top menu.

Fruit Salad... Yummy Yummy!

Fruit salad is a great idea for Crunch&Sip*, full of colour, flavour and nutrients.

Why not chop up your child's favourite fruit and pop it into a sealable container. Don't forget a fork!



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

It's time to...

RIDE

16th-22nd March 2015

...for bike week



For further information go to www.facebook.com/EsperanceBikeWeek



Esperance Soccer Association

2015 Registration forms are available at the Office.

Closing date 8th March



Esperance Netball Association

Registration forms available at the office.

Closing date 6th March

Registration day this Saturday 10am - 12pm at the Outdoor Netball Courts Clubrooms.



360 ALL STARS
Date: Tuesday 12th May 2015
Cost: \$5
AT THE CIVIC CENTRE

1HR WORKSHOPS FROM TOP PROFESSIONALS

★ CIRCUS	3:30 PM
★ BASKETBALL FREESTYLING	3:30 PM
★ BMX FLAT-LANDING	3:30 PM
★ BREAKDANCING	4:30 PM
★ BODY PERCUSSION & JUNK DRUMMING	4:30 PM
★ LIVE LOOPING & BEAT BOXING	5:30 PM

Live 360 Performers Show Wednesday 13th May 2015
Tickets Available Civic Centre

FOR WORKSHOP BOOKINGS AND MORE INFO CALL VICKY OR MICHELLE
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