

NEWSLETTER

CASTLETOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Issue 3

From the Principal's Pen

20th March 2015

Dear Parents/Carers

FACTION CARNIVAL

Our Faction Carnival was the highlight of the term, if not for the year, with three days of outstanding sportsmanship and activities including jumps, long distance runs, relays, ball games and team events and more. Team spirit and barracking from parents created a wonderful atmosphere and spurred on our athletes who gave of their best. Four young writers from Room 6 have essentially captured the days with their description of the carnival.

Congratulations to our winners and champions and congratulations to all our students for "having a go" and their eager participation and enthusiasm in events.

Our special thanks go to Mr Weckert and Mrs Mather for the superb organisation of the Carnival, to our sponsors for their support, to the numerous parents who helped in a myriad of ways throughout the carnival and to Mr Polmear for the immaculate presentation of our grounds and for his many extra hours of work to showcase our oval and grounds, and lastly but not least, to our teachers for their dedication to training and supporting our students.

A real team effort from our school and parents has resulted in a resounding success story. Well done Castletown, and we now look forward to our Interschool Competition shortly.

BIKE WEEK CHECKS

Tuesday morning saw a large line up of parents and students with assorted bikes and helmets ready for the bike inspection from our Road Wise representatives, Rob Dummermuth, Garry Wilson and Jill Fitzpatrick. Thank you to our representatives and to parents and students for taking the opportunity to ensure they were Road Wise and Road Ready.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

Mr Les Crawley was unanimously re-elected Chairperson for 2015 and Mrs Terri Tholstrup secretary.

Mr Crawley welcomed our two new representatives Mrs Marnie Fels and Mrs Sally Cox to Council.

One important item brought forward for discussion was uniform. In order to align our school with Esperance Senior High School Uniform Policy it was decided:

- Shorts are to be no shorter than mid-thigh length. There has been a tendency for some students to wear very short shorts in line with some sporting organisations. Parents are reminded our uniform does not include short shorts.
- Leggings are to be used as leggings and are not a substitute for track pants. They are certainly encouraged for girls during winter months and for dress occasions, but are to be worn under skirts or shorts for extra warmth.

We ask parents to continue to support our uniform policy and ensure your child's uniform conforms to the above requirements.

BUILDINGS

Good news! 26 reverse cycle air conditioners will shortly be installed throughout the school by a local contractor. How relieved we will be when 42 degrees hits us again (hopefully not).

MESSAGE TO PARENTS

Next week our school will be visited by the Department of Education's Expert Review Group. This Group will conduct an enquiry into teaching to assist us to develop ways to improve the learning environment for our students. They will be here for up to two days, interviewing staff and talking with parents and students. They look forward to hearing your views. If you would like more information please contact Mrs Grewar.

ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to Mrs Rose's Year 5 children for brightening our day with the beautiful song "We are the World". Michael Jackson would have been so proud! We know you will, as adults of the future, make our days brighter and always give a helping hand. Thank you Year 5 for your inspirations.

Pauline Grewar, Principal

Oral Reporting/pupil free day Wednesday 25th March 2015

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Or click on the link on the webpage.



Success Satisfied!



Castletown Primary's 2015 Athletics carnival was greeted with near perfect weather for the 3-day event. Tuesday kicked off with our Cross Country 1000m event in the morning and was followed by our Throwing and Jumping events. On Wednesday we held our Junior Primary Carnival. The day started with our Marching and the **Cygnnet** Minions got yellow off to a flying start. Their big beady eye certainly caught the judges' eye, as they went on to win the Marching Shield on both days. The junior 75m sprints and 200m were fiercely competed. Students then took part in rotation participation activities including long jump, flag races, obstacle course, tug-of-war, water torture, sack races, sprints, relays and team games. The day finished with our relays and circle ball, and for the first time Year 3's competed in leaderball. **Cygnnet** finished the day on top, winning the junior carnival.

On Thursday we were challenged with some warmer weather but this did not slow our senior students down. With some changes to events this year, we had Year 5 and 6's running 100m, 200m and 400m which was a tough ask in the conditions. All students competed hard and we had some fantastic finishes and also some great displays of sportsmanship. With a short break students then moved into their fun rotation activities completing running relays, jumps, flag races, obstacle course relays and tug-of-war. If only we had the water torture game to cool off! The day concluded with our relays, flag races and leaderball, with the Year 6 girls relay needing a photo finish for the top 3 places. When all the points were added together from across the 3 days, it was **SUCCESS** who came out triumphant.

OVERALL POINTS

1st **Success** 924 2nd **Cygnnet** 882 3rd **Parmelia** 851 4th **Challenger** 843

Cygnnet won Marching



The Athletics Carnival was only a success due to the community involvement of parent helpers (so valuable), cooperative teachers, leadership from our faction captains and councillors and active participation from our students. Well done ALL!

OUR JUNIOR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

'Sounds of Sports Day' by Year 3 / Room 6

Sounds of Sports Day

Girls cheering, boys running, crowd screaming, runners sweating. They're the sounds of Sports Day!

Medals hanging, hands clapping, parents watching, balls bouncing. They're the sounds of Sports Day!

Students marching, Success pulling, Mascots dancing, Cygnnet shouting. They're the sounds of sports day.

By Alicia



Sounds of Sports Day

Success shouting, Challenger chanting, Parmelia clapping, Cygnnet dancing. They're the sounds of the Sports Day.

Girls cheering, boys jumping, buckets spilling, mascot marching. They're the sounds of the Sports Day.

Judges deciding, medals given,

Parents helping, Starter banging.

They're the sounds of the Sports Day.

By Tiffany

Sounds of Sports Day

Medals hanging, Crowds sitting, Mouths slurping, Captains dancing. They're the sounds of Sports Day.

Teachers helping, Medals given, Parmelia jumping, Girls finishing. They're the sounds of Sports Day.

Crowd chanting, parents cheering, judges clapping, starter banging. They're the sounds of Sports Day.

By Alice



Sounds of Sports Day

Teams chanting, mascot dancing, winners sweating, starter banging. They're the sounds of Sports day!

Boys tugging, girls pulling, ribbons hanging, decorations waving. They're the sounds of Sports day!

Captains screaming, medals hanging, Yellow winning, blue losing. They're the sounds of Sports Day!

By Chlc



2015 Championship Medallion Winners						
	GOLD			SILVER		
Year 1 Boy	Jai Wood	Cygnnet	28	Hamish Middleton	Parmelia	13
Year 1 Girl	Regan Ainsworth	Success	31	Talia Godridge	Success	17
Year 2 Boy	Ben Gibson	Cygnnet	26	Benjumen Kloeden	Cygnnet	15
Year 2 Girl	Rustana Humphrey	Success	23	Evie Rickerby	Cygnnet	21
Year 3 Boy	Sydney Nelson	Success	21	Dylan Walker	Cygnnet	19
Year 3 Girl	Alice Terrell	Parmelia	28	Chloe Seivwright	Parmelia	21
Year 4 Boy	Travis Shearer	Challenger	34	Marshal Walker	Success	21
Year 4 Girl	Anella Fissioli	Challenger	24	Eloise Fels	Challenger	16
Year 5 Boy	Koltyn Tholstrup	Parmelia	53	Johnny Clarke	Parmelia	23
Year 5 Girl	Molly Hodges	Parmelia	53	Brianna Timms	Success	23
Year 6 Boy	Shaquille Nelson	Success	53	Kaden Brown	Challenger	29
Year 6 Girl	Paige Scolaro	Challenger	34	Tina Barz	Parmelia	26

We would like to thank the following medallion and ribbon sponsors for their fantastic support.

- *Bruce Malloch Gallery*
- *Crawley Family*
- *Curtis Family*
- *Esperance Communications*
- *G & P Stewart*
- *Hodges Family*
- *Johnston Family*
- *Nadason & Associates*
- *Rach's Relaxation Retreat*
- *Ramsell Family*
- *Southern Suspension & 4 x 4 Centre*
- *Twilight School of Surf*





CERTIFICATES OF MERIT

Congratulations to all students who received certificates at our Assembly on 19th March 2015. Well done!



EC 1	Jai	Ashley	EC 2	Destiny	Aaron
Room 00	Connor Jaiden	Juliette	Room 1	Tilly	Hayden
Room 2	Cherry	Latisha	Room 3	Brooklyn	Sebastian
Room 4	Nakita	Amber	Room 5	Alex	Ashton
Room 6	Lockie Tiffany	Jack	Room 7	Bree	Luke
Room 9	Jayden	Lylah	Room 10	Addsion	James
Room 11	Jackson	Mason	Room 12	Kayde	Eden
Room 15	Jordan	Jaydn	Room 22	Blayden	Kyndra
T & E Award	Room 22				



ORAL REPORTING

As per our policy on reporting to parents, oral reporting takes place on Wednesday 25th March 2015. 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 has been sent home. 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.



BIKE WEEK – A great response with 35 checks at Castletown Primary School – mostly bikes and helmets with a few scooters and skateboards. This makes it a very worthwhile event. Thank you to all parents and students for supporting this event.



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.



A Message from the Early Childhood P&C - Early Childhood Easter Hat Parade and Raffle

This will take place on Wednesday 1 April from 2pm. Easter raffle tickets will be sent out early next week. Thank you for selling these tickets and supporting the EC P&C. Please return sold and unsold tickets to your early childhood classroom or to the canteen by Tuesday 31 March. More tickets are available from the front office. Those early childhood students who would still like to donate an Easter egg for the raffle; please return them to your class by Thursday 26th March. *Thank you for your support. Early childhood P&C committee*



Dates to Remember

Monday 23rd March
Wednesday 25th March
 Thursday 26th March
 Thursday 26th March
 Friday 27th March
 Thursday 2nd April



GRIP Leadership (Yr 6 Councillors)

Oral Reporting (pupil free day)

Visit by Andrew Embley (former West Coast Eagle player)

P&C AGM – 3pm, Library

Interschool Athletics – Nulsen Primary School

Assembly – Room 6

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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.

